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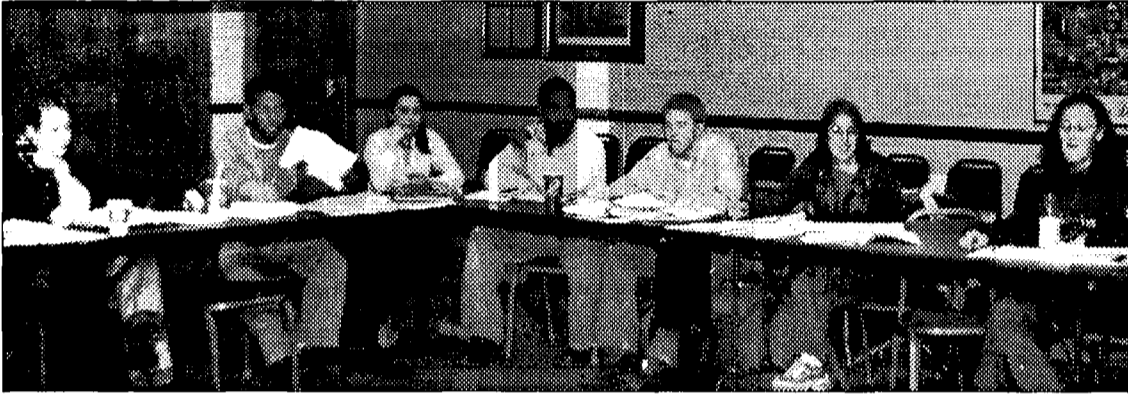
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## COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES

# Members debate changes

## Constitutional changes create new councils



PAMELA LOCK/The Observer

Council members met Monday to further discuss the restructuring of the Student Union Constitution. Changes include the formation of a Residential Programming Council.

By MATT BRAMANTI  
News Writer

Student leaders from the Council of Representatives met Monday evening to discuss issues related to the proposed student union constitution and student body president Jeremy Lao's upcoming report to the University's

Board of Trustees.

Leaders continued to debate the creation of a programming body to coordinate events on the campus and dorm levels.

Under the proposal discussed Monday, a Campus Programming Council would have representatives from each dorm, and would create campus-wide events, fulfilling

a role similar to that of the current Student Union Board.

In addition, a Residential Programming Council would coordinate in-hall events, assuming the Hall Presidents Council's responsibilities in that area. An executive cabinet would oversee the work of both bodies.

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## CAMPUS LIFE COUNCIL

# Group discusses campus diversity issues

By ANDREW THAGARD  
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Following Student Body President Jeremy Lao's advice on using the Campus Life Council as a forum for discussion, members debated diversity at Notre Dame during their meeting Monday afternoon.

The debate was initiated when an emotional Leah McGee, a representative from the Diversity Council, criticized what she perceived to be a negative stance taken by The Observer during a series of Viewpoint letters debating the merits of affirmative action.

McGee criticized a column written by Greg Parnell on Jan. 26 that argued against affirmative action and featured a layout with an illustration of Martin Luther King, Jr.

"The Observer supported it by placing a picture of Martin Luther King in the center," McGee said

McGee also said she believes

that The Observer has taken actions that counter the development of a positive attitude toward diversity on campus, citing a response in Monday's "Question of the Day" that included the words "Mexi-can" and "Mexi-can't" in the response and a perceived lack of coverage of diversity events on campus.

"There are a number of instances of insensitivity on the part of The Observer in publishing insensitive materials," she said.

McGee and other CLC members expressed concern that some of the Viewpoint letters demonstrated ignorance of diversity and were hurtful to racial and ethnic groups on campus.

"When something is written under the guise of affirmative action and instead attacks a specific minority group, it cannot be tolerated," said Jordan Bongiovanni, a senator for Cavanaugh Hall and a member

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# Campus ATMs shut down

By WILL PUCKETT  
News Writer

Students reported several incidents of malfunctioning ATM machines on campus over the Super Bowl weekend, reporting they were unable to withdraw money from them.

The malfunctions were reported to have occurred in Reckers, LaFortune and North Dining Hall, primarily on Saturday, although the exact extent of the malfunctions is unknown.

These problems were not part of a planned outage, nor were they part of a system-wide problem, said to Wade Yoder, vice president and chief information officer at the Notre Dame Federal Credit Union.

"The outages were just a set of coincidences, since we don't schedule maintenance on the weekends, and we received no notice that there was a larger outage," Yoder said.

According to Siegfried freshman Matt Brannon, the malfunctions were a large inconvenience.

"I just wanted to get my money out, and I couldn't, which really

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# SMC students experience teaching

By TERESA NOWAKOWSKI  
News Writer

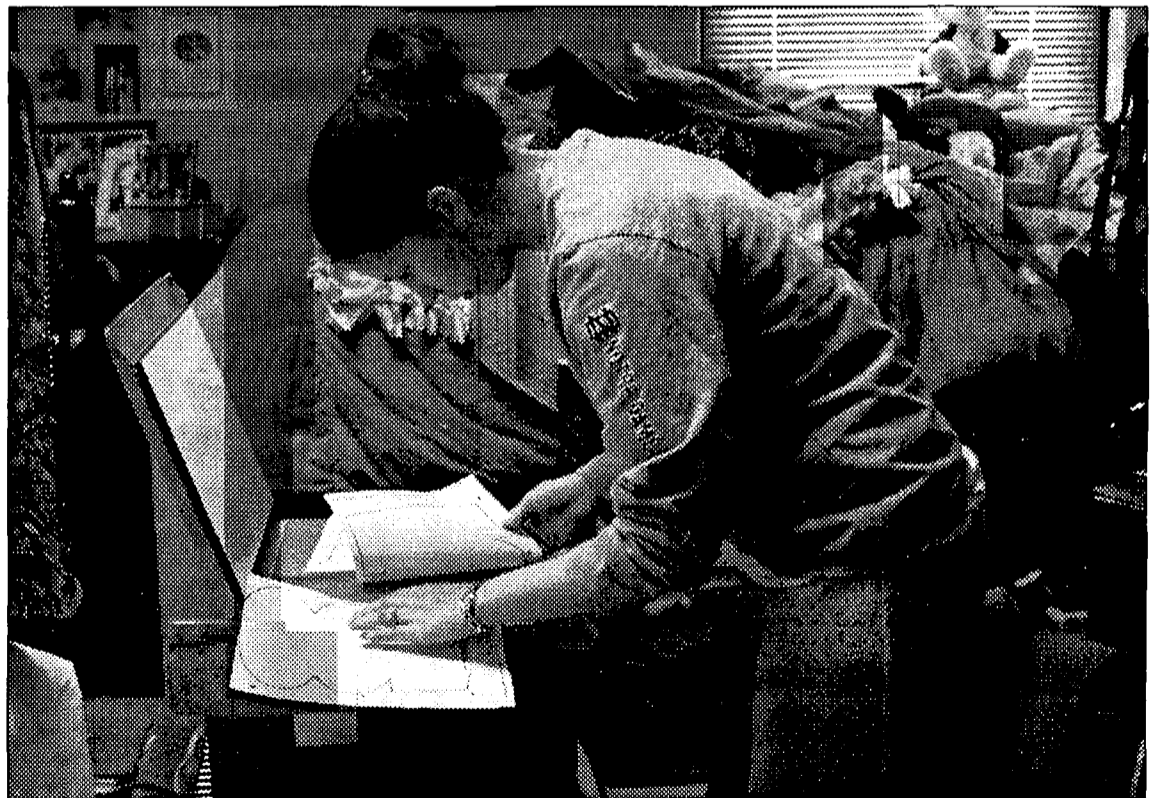
For Saint Mary's students looking toward a future in teaching, the teacher education program at the College provides a rigorous training program designed to heighten experience in the field before graduation.

Student teachers are encouraged to develop overarching "big ideas" in which an important lesson is taught and the technical and normal curriculum requirements are taught within that idea. Students are required to observe and gain experience in the classroom beginning their sophomore year, which leads to greater confidence in student teaching as well as going into the field as a licensed teacher.

This year's teacher education program includes 52 elementary, three elementary-middle school, six middle school-secondary and 23 secondary education student teachers.

Kitty Green, an assistant professor of education and the program director, said that each of the students "have the right motivation and disposition to be great teachers."

Senior Anne Courtney began teaching kindergarten



PAMELA LOCK/The Observer

Jennifer Wagner prepares materials for the classes she teaches. Wagner is a participant in the teacher education program at Saint Mary's, which emphasizes experience in the field.

at Darden Primary Center this semester.

"A student teacher must have the right temperament," she said. "Not just anybody can be a teacher; you have to be open to so much."

A different disposition is

required when observing and teaching in middle school versus high school. Junior Lindsay Downs has been observing in the classroom and finds that with "older kids, you're allowed to be more yourself," which leads to an increase in security

and trust. Lindsay Evans, a senior student teacher placed with 9th and 12th graders at Clay High School, said that younger students typically exert higher immaturity levels, thus leading to

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INSIDE COLUMN

# Lamenting half-time

It has come to our attention that MTV is deeply and fundamentally incapable of putting on a halftime show.

We will pass over, for the moment, the rather injudicious wardrobe change effected on Janet Jackson by our friend Justin. For the moment, our attentions will be directed at a more pressing issue, of greater cultural import, and of wider scope in its commentary on — nay, indictment of — American culture.

Let us recall the cast of characters which filled that wooden "O" Sunday night: we saw, as mentioned, Ms. Jackson and Mr. Timberlake. We were presented with two rappers, one of whom does not profess to own a last name and another who insists on changing his bi-annually. We endured Mrs. Simpson — or is it Lachey? And lastly, we were visually and aurally assaulted by the all-American badassness of Mr. Rock, whose act's only redeeming quality may have been the post-menopausal aggressiveness of its drummer.

On their own, these entertainers — let us rephrase that, "professionals of the entertainment industry" — each merely leave us wishing for a real artist to fill the void they occupy. But when such a lineup is presented as the entirety of the night's musical output, it is not only we who shudder: Nature herself abhors such a vacuous display of bad taste and artistic incompetence.

Those who seriously value popular music for its potential as an art form have long since learned that MTV will merely provide them an outlet for repressed masochism. MTV glorifies two things: MTV and the current fad. If your product does not tithe at the altar of popularity it is tossed out onto the trash heap; if it sold well last month, then the market is exhausted and it is time for something new and equally mindless.

What is most disturbing, however, is not that MTV could produce, and CBS air, such a display without a single musician in the lineup (with, perhaps, the exception of the aforementioned drummer); no, what fills us with trepidation are the screaming mobs which surrounded Messrs. Combs, Haynes, Timberlake and Ritchie and Misses Jackson and Simpson, eating up their every offering as if it were the latest chapter of divine revelation. These paragons of democracy are skilled beyond belief in doing exactly as they are told, enjoying everything they are instructed to enjoy, and voting with their dollars to ensure that no Billboard Top Hits list in the foreseeable future will be dominated by artists with any measure of articulation or idea content in their music.

We greet with open arms the announcement that the Super Bowl has learned its lesson and will leave MTV to run its own competing programming. We only wish that it had been the debacle of the halftime show as a whole, rather than a celebrity wardrobe malfunction, which brought that decision about.

*The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Matthew Smedberg at smedberg.1@nd.edu*

## CLARIFICATION

In the Jan. 29 edition of The Observer, senior Joe Dickman was quoted as proposing to the Student Senate "... the possible forming of a University club for homosexual students." However, Dickman proposed a club to promote dialogue between gay and straight students. The Observer regrets the error.

## QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE SUPER BOWL MOMENT?



**Tony Jannazo**  
Junior Fisher

"Janet Jackson."



**Neil Vargas**  
Junior Fisher

"I don't know. I was sleeping."



**Colin Kerrigan**  
Junior Fisher

"When Viniterra missed two field goals."



**Ray Kilway**  
Junior Fisher

"Boob!"



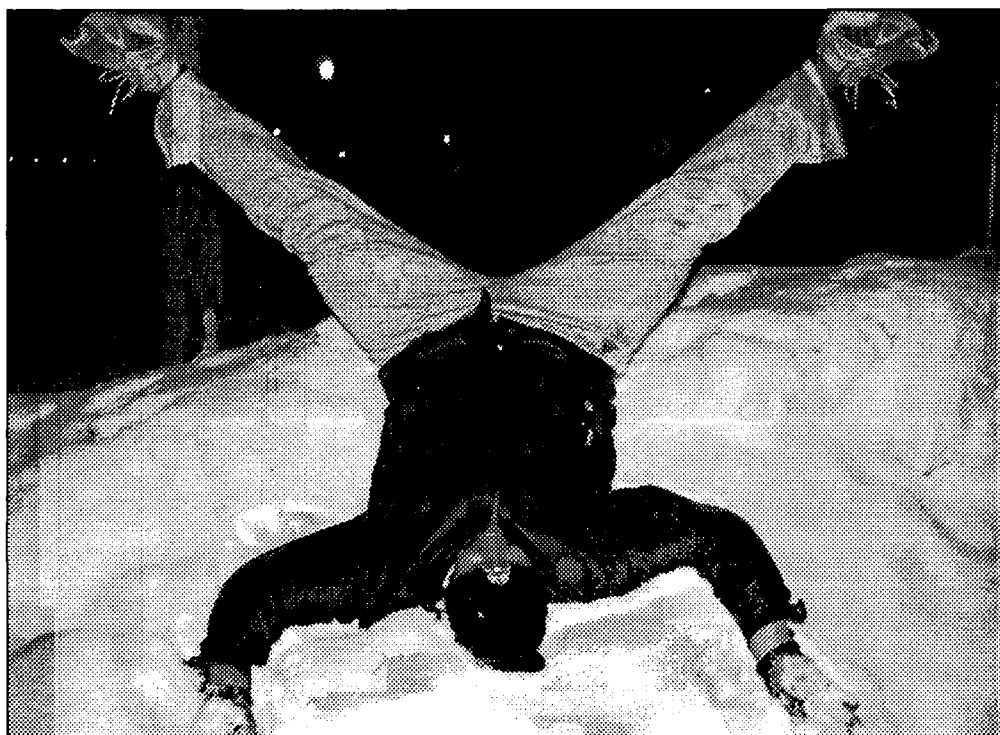
**Pedro Engel**  
Freshman Morrissey

"The half time!"



**Daniel Negret**  
O'Neill Freshman

"Janet Jackson's surprise appearance."



PAMELA LOCK/The Observer

**A student is thrown into a snow bank outside of Badin Hall during a snowball fight. Students all over campus have been taking advantage of the winter weather and enjoying the snow.**

## OFFBEAT

### Camel roams Sweden road during snowstorm

STOCKHOLM, Sweden — It took some convincing before police would respond to reports of a camel on a southern Sweden road in the middle of a snowstorm.

"We were somewhat doubtful at first," said police spokesman Sten-Ove Fransson in Skoevde, 162 miles south of Stockholm, of Friday's incident. "But then more people called, so we were finally convinced that there really was a camel gone astray on the road."

Before police arrived, friends of the camel's owner came and led it back to a

stable, where it has been kept while awaiting a home in a new barn.

Owner Anneli Arvidsson said in a telephone interview that the 22-year-old Siberian camel, Emat, might have wandered off because of the absence of his usual companion, a horse.

"On Friday, the horse had been taken inside the stable and the camel was left alone in the pasture, which probably made him feel lonely," she said.

### Colorado woman survives ride in runaway car

DENVER — A woman was shaken but unhurt after a

wild, 75-mile ride at speeds over 100 mph that began when her brakes failed and her car accelerated out of control.

Police finally stopped the car on Interstate 70 in west Denver by getting a cruiser in front of it, slowing gently till their bumpers touched, then bringing both vehicles to a stop.

"It had a mind of its own," 20-year-old Angel Eck said Sunday. The car "kept accelerating, and my foot wasn't even down on the gas."

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

## IN BRIEF

Learn about careers within the State Department from Ambassador Curtis Kamman today from 4:30 to 5:40 p.m. The information session will be held in 114 Flanner.

Check out the latest installment of NDTV on Cable Channel 3 tonight from 11 to 11:30 p.m. This episode offers highlights of the Keenan Revue, a look at the candidates for student body president, an interview with a student filmmaker, a visit from the Humor Artists and a look at some former attempts by students to climb the steps of the Main Building.

Come cheer on the women's basketball team as they take on Georgetown. The game will take place in the Joyce Center Arena Wednesday at 7 p.m.

Come enjoy the next installment of *Theology on Tap* entitled "Does God Really Listen?" with Lawrence Cunningham tomorrow from 9:30 to 11:30 p.m. in Legends. The night consists of a short presentation followed by plenty of time for questions and honest, straight-up conversation.

The Pasquerilla East Musical Company presents *West Side Story* Thursday through Saturday in Washington Hall from 7:30 to 10 p.m.

Laugh with your friends at *Student Stand-Up Comedy Night* on Thursday at Legends. The events take place from 10 p.m. to midnight.

To submit information to be included in this section of *The Observer*, e-mail detailed information about an event to [obsnews@nd.edu](mailto:obsnews@nd.edu).

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# Dillon Hall sprouts moustaches for charity

By KATE GALES  
News Writer

Groucho Marx would be proud of the men of Dillon Hall, whose 2004 "Stache Bash" encourages each resident to grow facial hair for charitable donations.

The fundraiser, which started Jan. 21, will continue until Feb. 13. Residents will accept pledges for each day of moustache growth, which will be donated to a testicular cancer awareness group.

Assistant Rector Alex Pagnani, however, who is the brains behind the 'Stache Bash, said there are other motives for the fundraiser.

"We're really trying to change public opinion about the moustache," he said. "Ever since Tom Sellack went away, the moustache was going out of style."

Pagnani came up with the idea

of the bash two years ago, when he was an RA at Dillon discussing possible dance ideas.

"It took two years to get this all done," he said. "This year, I got hired to come back as an AR, so we finally managed to convince the hall government to do it. The guys who are the presidents of the hall now were freshmen when we started to throw this idea around; they heard about it back then, but now they can finally grow moustaches."

"It's a good cause — good reason to do it," Pagnani said of the fundraiser. "It's one thing to grow

a moustache to look like an idiot, but it's another thing to do it for a good reason ... [Dillon rector] Father [Paul] Doyle wanted it to be men's cancer to connect to growing moustaches."

According to the Sexual Health Peer Resource Center at Stanford University, men between the ages of 15 and 24 have the highest risk of developing testicular cancer.

Although the disease has a 97 percent cure rate if caught in the early stages, many men ignore symptoms until they have progressed.

"The 'Stache Bash not only helps us raise money for charity," said Tom Draths, who says his

moustache is coming along nicely, "but also gets us all looking as manly as Burt Reynolds."

Dillon strongly encourages each of its residents to support this endeavor. As members of the largest residence hall on campus, they have the chance to make a difference. As an added incentive, prizes will be awarded for the best and worst mustache growth. Additionally, the hall-maintained Web site recognizes two residents each week for their outstanding participation.

"I got into [the event] initially because it sounded fun — you always wonder what you look like with different facial hair going on, but you never want to do it because of that awkward growing stage," sophomore Peter Schroeder said. "Now with 300 guys doing it, we all look goofy, and when I found out it was for cancer, it made it that much bet-

ter."  
"Right now, I'd say the majority of the guys are [participating]," Pagnani said, adding that, "most of the moustaches are god-awful — in a fantastic sort of way."

"We're doing it for charity," freshman Tom Bradley said. "I just don't shave my moustache, but I can't grow much of one, so I just look dirty." He added that his efforts were "for our dance — it's the theme."

Pagnani said he has seen a change for the better already on the campus of Notre Dame.

"A couple of nights ago, I actually had a girl tell me that because of Dillon Hall, she's starting to like guys with facial hair," Pagnani said. "I'm proud that we're converting the women of Notre Dame, one by one."

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# Jablonski-Diehl, Brown attend leadership conference

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Elizabeth Jablonski-Diehl and Sarah Brown attended the Indiana Student Leadership Forum on Faith and Values in Indianapolis this past weekend.

As Saint Mary's student body president and vice president, they were nominated to represent Saint Mary's at the Forum by Georgeanna Rosenbush, director of student activities. In contrast to

regular conferences around the country for residence hall and student activity boards, a conference for executive leadership is difficult to come across, Rosenbush said.

"We've been looking at different leadership conferences for awhile," Rosenbush said. "We thought this one might provide them with the opportunity to network with peers across the state."

Hosted by Rep. Mike Pence (R-Ind.), the forum centered on incorporating faith and values

into event coordination as student government leaders, as well as transferring that to a more personal level before and after graduation.

"At Saint Mary's, we're lucky because we can count on faith and values being pretty consistent across the campus," Jablonski-Diehl said.

The conference opened Friday with a tour of the State House, followed by dinner in the House of Representatives Chamber. Several

state representatives and senators spoke about their experiences of incorporating faith and values into their careers.

On Saturday, the focus was servant leadership through three service projects at a food bank, Good Shepherd Community Center and Wheeler Mission Ministries, a homeless shelter for men.

All colleges and universities in Indiana were invited to nominate student participants. A mix of pri-

vate and public and large and small schools in Indiana attended. The diverse attendance allowed Jablonski-Diehl and Brown the chance to compare the integration of faith and values into student government at the College.

"Saint Mary's is definitely right on track and even serves as an example to other schools," Brown said.

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# ATM

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annoyed me," he said.

Brannon said he attempted to use the North Dining Hall ATM on Saturday and the lower LaFortune ATM on Sunday. Both times, the machines displayed messages saying the transactions could not be completed, despite the fact he had adequate funds in his account.

"It looked the same as it always does, but then it was giving me errors," Brannon said.

The credit union hires a maintenance company to provide immediate service to each ATM if it should malfunction, Yoder said.

"The machines are all set up automatically, so that if anything goes wrong with them, they call the service line and a service crew is sent out within two hours," Yoder said. "If it were to take longer than two hours, we would get a call."

No such call was received this weekend, and Yoder said that, in quickly looking through his logs, the only thing that immediately attracted attention was one ATM that had a card jammed in it. Yoder said one machine in LaFortune has been having trouble with its receipt printer and that may have been a problem as well.

"That receipt printer has been giving us trouble," Yoder said. "It's old and needs to be replaced."

In addition to these two possibilities, there is one caveat that may have trapped some students. Yoder said the maintenance company does not make service calls after 10 p.m. until the next morning. Thus, some students may have attempted to use the machines after service hours, especially on Saturday evening.

Further analysis of ATM logs as to the specific causes of the outages was unavailable, but Yoder expressed confidence in the maintenance company and quoted the uptime of the machines across campus as being from 98 to 99 percent.

"We've been able to increase the uptime of the ATMs drastically ... which really only makes it easier for students, faculty and staff to use the machines when they need to," Yoder said.

The credit union maintains 11 ATMs in a variety of locations on campus and regularly reevaluates where machines should be placed. As part of this, two ATMs were moved from the football stadium to the Joyce Center this year at the conclusion of the football season. The ATM in the Hammes Bookstore is also slated to be moved up to the front foyer from its current location.

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PAMELA LOCK/The Observer  
A student withdraws money from a formerly broken ATM.

# Council

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SUB manager Charlie Ebersol said the new programming body would be more representative of the student body, as well as more efficient.

"Dorm involvement is what this is all about," Ebersol said. "It will be a coordinating body, so that calendars don't overlap."

Lao also addressed his upcoming report to the Board of Trustees. In the report, to be presented at Thursday's board meeting, Lao will ask the University's governing body to establish a programming endowment.

Proceeds from the endowment would be used to fund high-dollar concerts, prominent speakers and other big-ticket events. Lao said board members will see a rough sketch of the proposal, but he vowed to flesh out his plans over the remainder of the semester.

"The endowment proposal will be coming more solidly in May," Lao said. "We want

something where we can guarantee approval."

Student body vice president Emily Chin said she and Lao needed more time to develop the plan.

"We only have one shot at this," she said. "We need to get it done right for the students."

In the meantime, class councils will have access to new program funding. Lao said Father Mark Poorman, vice president for student affairs, has reserved additional money to assist in programming events on the class level.

Lao encouraged class presidents to apply for the \$20,000 in new funding. "You guys have an extra \$5,000 each in your budget," Lao said.

### In other COR news:

◆ Hall Presidents Council co-chair Sarah Keefer announced that the HPC would no longer accept funding appeals from student clubs.

She said frequent requests distracted the body from its mission of coordinating programming in residence halls. "We allocate

money to dorms for dorm events, for the benefit of the residents," Keefer said.

She went on to say that HPC will continue to collaborate with clubs on staffing, promotion and other non-monetary matters.

◆ Senior class president Jazmin Garcia said the class of 2004 will sponsor voter registration initiatives for the remainder of the semester. Garcia said the class will coordinate with the College Republicans, College Democrats and other groups to register voters and supply absentee ballots.

"With the presidential elections coming up, we want to get as many people registered as we can," Garcia said.

◆ Off-campus president Sarah Blake said her council will sponsor an off-campus dinner this Friday from 5 to 7 p.m. at Boracho Burrito. The event will be free to off-campus residents.

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## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

### Britain to probe Iraq intelligence

LONDON — The British government said Monday it was prepared to follow the U.S. lead and investigate the intelligence on which Prime Minister Tony Blair based his decision to join the United States in going to war with Iraq.

Blair was expected to announce on Tuesday an official inquiry in an appearance before a parliamentary committee, just days after a senior judge cleared the government of allegations it distorted what it knew about Iraq's weapons programs to build a case for war.

"Mr. Blair will announce on Tuesday morning some sort of inquiry about the intelligence of Iraq's weapons before the war," a Blair spokesman said on condition of anonymity.

### Pakistani nuke boss sold secrets

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — The admission by Pakistan's nuclear founder that he spread weapons technology to Iran, Libya and North Korea raised questions Monday about whether military figures knew of the transfers.

Officials said for the first time that two former army chiefs have been questioned in the scandal but weren't implicated.

The revelations Monday came as Pakistan completed its investigation that began in late November after Iran provided relevant information to the U.N. nuclear watchdog, the officials said.

President Gen. Pervez Musharraf was expected to announce the results of the nuclear probe in an address to the nation after a period of national holidays ends Thursday.

## NATIONAL NEWS

### Feds accuse man of al-Qaida link

MINNEAPOLIS — A man who authorities say admitted to attending a training camp in Afghanistan at the same time Osama bin Laden was there appeared in court Monday to hear charges that he conspired with the terror network al-Qaida.

Mohammed Warsame answered "Yes" when the chief magistrate judge asked him if he understood the charges against him.

A federal grand jury last month indicted Warsame on conspiracy to provide material support to al-Qaida. FBI agents arrested Warsame in December on a material witness warrant issued in New York.

### Man indicted in kidnapping

MILWAUKEE — A man accused of abducting his family and beating his ex-wife with a baseball bat was charged Monday with kidnapping and attempted homicide.

A federal complaint said David Larsen, 39, told investigators he hit his ex-wife, Teri Jendusa-Nicolai, in the head with the bat after she threatened him with a hammer.

Jendusa-Nicolai, 38, was in serious condition at an Illinois hospital, where she was being treated for blunt force trauma, hypothermia and frost bite, a hospital spokeswoman said.

Larsen was charged in Racine County with attempted first-degree intentional homicide, kidnapping and two counts of interfering with child custody. He was also charged with a federal kidnapping count.

## STATE NEWS

### ABA says defenders overworked

INDIANAPOLIS — Hundreds of Marion County juveniles are wrongly sent to detention because their public defenders must handle too many cases, the American Bar Association says in an upcoming report.

With caseloads numbering as high as 800, public defenders have no time to prepare for trials, the director of the group's Juvenile Justice Center wrote in a preliminary report obtained by The Indianapolis Star.

"A child's access to counsel and the quality of representation he receives is significantly compromised by the caseloads of the defenders," Puritz wrote.

# Ricin found in Senate building

Army biochem lab investigates; multiple tests indicate powder is deadly toxin

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Preliminary tests of a white powder discovered in a Senate office building Monday were positive for the potentially deadly poison ricin, the U.S. Capitol Police chief said.

Two out of three tests indicate ricin, Chief Terrace Gainer said at a late-evening news conference. The third test came out negative, and a fourth, more definitive test was under way, with results expected Tuesday.

Sixteen people who were on the floor where the white powder was discovered on mail were being decontaminated and would be allowed to go home, Gainer said.

"At the moment we're in a wait-and-see position from an analytical point of view in what next steps we may take," he said. That included what, if any decontamination of the Dirksen Senate Office Building would be needed.

Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn., also at the news conference, said no symptoms were reported by those near the powder. "Everybody's fine" and there is "no cause for alarm," he said.

"Nobody is sick, we don't expect anybody to get sick," said Frist, who was a surgeon before his election to the Senate.

The powder was discovered at about 3 p.m. in a mail room near Frist's office on the fourth floor of



Officers from the U.S. Capitol Police check their protective gear Monday as they enter an elevator in the Dirksen Senate Office Building. Crews examined the building after a suspicious powder found there tested positive for the deadly poison ricin.

the Dirksen Building, Gainer said. A congressional official had said earlier the powder was found in Frist's office suite.

Another government official said lab tests were being conducted at Fort Detrick in Maryland, but Gainer refused to give any location.

Authorities do not know if the substance was found on a letter or a package, the chief said.

The Homeland Security Department is monitoring the situation, spokesman Brian Roehrkasse said.

Ricin, derived from the castor bean plant, can kill within days. Twice as deadly as cobra venom, ricin is relatively easily made. It may be inhaled, ingested or injected.

Police found traces of ricin in a north London apartment last January and arrested seven men of North African origin in connection with the virulent toxin that has been linked to al-Qaida terrorists and Iraq.

A package containing ricin was also found at a post facility serving

Greenville-Spartanburg International Airport in South Carolina in October.

An FBI official said the bureau was awaiting the result of tests at the Fort Detrick laboratory before deciding whether to get more fully involved in the case.

Mail to congressional offices has been irradiated since deadly anthrax was found in letters sent to the offices of Sens. Tom Daschle, D-S.D., and Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., in 2001. No one was arrested in those incidents.

## THAILAND

# Bird flu claims two more victims

Autopsies confirm deaths in Vietnam, Thailand; China says virus is spreading

Associated Press

BANGKOK — Asia's bird flu death toll rose to 12 with the announcement Monday of two additional deaths, while China said it suspected the virus has reached poultry in one of its most remote corners.

U.N. officials warned the outbreak was far from over.

The latest victims were an 18-year-old man in Vietnam who died Monday and a 58-year-old woman in Thailand whose death was confirmed Monday to be from bird flu following an autopsy.

"Bird flu remains a serious public and animal health threat and continues to spread," said He Changchui of the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization. "The eruption of new infection cases in Thailand, China and Vietnam shows that the disease is far from being under control."

FAO officials said they believe the disease is spreading in Thailand and Vietnam, but the situation is less clear for China, where investigators may only now be picking up

previously undetected cases.

The U.N. agency announced it was hosting an urgent three-day meeting in Rome beginning Tuesday on the bird flu crisis.

Bird flu has struck poultry in at least 10 Asian countries, but infections in people have been reported only in Thailand and Vietnam.

Doctors in Germany were awaiting test results on a woman who recently returned from Thailand complaining of nausea, dizziness and fever. However, Herbert Schmitz, a virus expert at the Bernhard Nocht Institute for Tropical Medicine in Hamburg, played down chances the woman has bird flu.

The World Health Organization continued investigating the possibility two Vietnamese women caught the virus from a relative in what would be the first human-to-human transmission in this year's outbreak. But WHO said there was no evidence of a new strain that can easily be passed among people.

Witness accounts were not consistent, but WHO investigators say

the most likely centers on a family wedding.

On the day of the wedding, Jan. 3, the groom and one of his sisters prepared a duck. The groom fell ill Jan. 6 and was hospitalized the next day. On Jan. 10, both the sister who helped prepare the duck, as well as the bride — who did not — fell ill. The next day, a second sister got sick.

The groom died Jan. 12 and the bride and two sisters were hospitalized a day later. The two sisters died, but the bride survived.

Investigators could not trace the infections of the second sister or the bride to exposure to birds. Neither human-to-human transmission nor direct contact with sick poultry can be ruled out, WHO said.

Health officials may never be able to confirm what happened, in part because the brother's remains were cremated and because family accounts were conflicting.

No other cases of people catching the virus from other people have been suspected anywhere else.

# Teachers

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difficulty when attempting to manage a classroom.

Managing the classroom is one of the bigger fears that student teachers having. Upon entering the field professionally, senior Lizzie Siefert worries most about developing interesting curriculums while maintaining classroom control.

Like Siefert, many seniors worry about finding a job in the school in which they want to teach following graduation.

"The schools that are more attractive are more attractive to teachers," Courtney said.

Often, teachers have to take jobs in schools that they did not necessarily want. Some teachers also worry that the "big idea" curriculum taught at Saint Mary's is so new and different from that taught in other states, it will not be well received.

However, student teachers' excitement and drive shines through worries they may have.

Senior Mary Kartheiser admitted she had no desire to accompany friends at Heartland on Thursday's nights while she taught at St. Anthony de Padua Elementary School. Instead, she was "excited to be planning the next day's lesson."

Some advice these students would give to other aspiring teachers?

"Appreciate every moment you have in the classroom with the students," said Siefert. Most agree with Evans that, "if you can get one student to change themselves somehow, then you've done something."

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# CLC

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of CLC.

"It's clear that a lot of these comments are coming out of a lack of education," McGee said.

To combat this, McGee said that she and others are working on a proposal to bring before tonight's Student Senate meeting that would form a task force to investigate the feasibility of mandating a semester-long required course for all Notre Dame undergraduates that would focus on diversity.

Members used the remainder of Monday's meeting to view a video recounting a trip taken by Emily Chin, student body vice president, and other Notre Dame students to Nigeria for a conference on increasing dialogue with Africa and to receive updates from the committees.

The RA training and gender relations committees did not meet last week and had no news to report. The CLC purpose committee continued to explore ways in which the

organization could be used more effectively, Lao said.

Wyatt Maxwell updated members on the success of a senior night held at Legends on Thursday that he and the senior privileges committee helped to organize.

"[Senior night] was well received," he said. "[Legends] ran out of Corona and were two handles away from running out of margaritas."

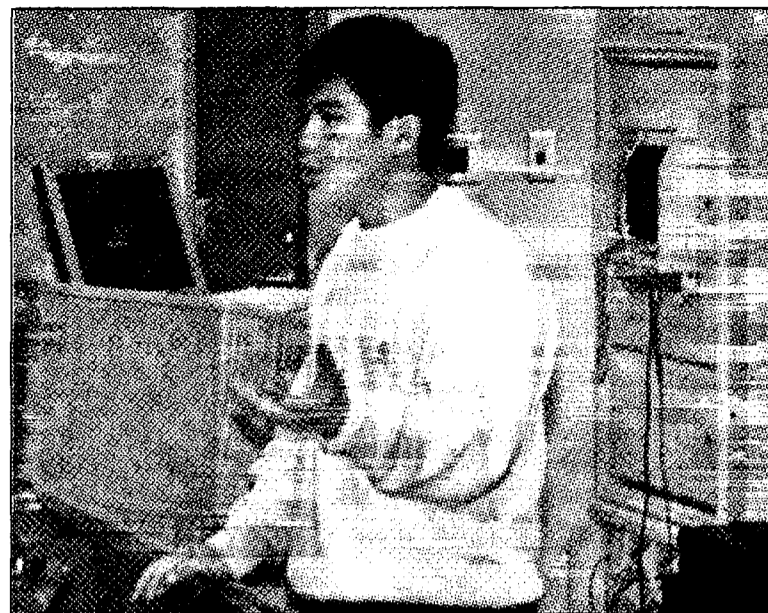
Chin briefed the CLC on progress being made toward providing transportation services to students with temporary disabilities.

"We're continuing to look into increasing services for temporarily disabled students," she said.

Chin cited free scooters available to students with temporary disabilities as proof of the committee's work on the issue but then retracted it after learning students purchased the scooters by students using their insurance and not through the University.

"I must have been misinformed," Chin said. "We were under the impression that the Provost's Office would now take care of it."

Charlie Ebersol, a member of



PAMELA LOCK/The Observer

Student body president Jeremy Lao addresses the Campus Life Council Monday. The group discussed diversity problems on campus.

CLC, blamed poorly cleared sidewalks on campus for some of the injuries and for making it more difficult for students with disabilities to travel.

"It seems like there isn't a real effort being made in the safety of South Quad," he said.

Other members appeared frustrated that the process was not moving quickly enough.

"I was driving last week when I saw a student walking around with crutches during the big snow storm," said Sister Pat Dearbaugh, rector of Cavanaugh Hall. "It's ridiculous, and I'm getting impatient."

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# Mass to honor Stritch

Special to The Observer

A memorial Mass for Thomas Stritch, professor emeritus of American studies at Notre Dame, will be celebrated today at 3:30 p.m. in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart.

Rev. Thomas Blantz, C.S.C., professor of history at Notre Dame, will preside at the Mass, and Rev. Theodore Hesburgh, C.S.C., president emeritus, will give the homily.

Stritch, who died Jan. 22 in Nashville, Tenn., was graduated from Notre Dame in 1934, joined the faculty the following year and remained at Notre Dame for the rest of the century.

A Nashville native, Stritch

came to Notre Dame as a student in the fall of 1930, received a master's degree and joined the faculty in 1935. Interrupted only by four years of naval service during World War II, he made the University his home for the rest of the century.


He taught journalism, English and American studies at Notre Dame, chaired the Journalism Department from 1946 to 1957 and the Department of Communication Arts from 1957 to 1970.

He retired in 1978 and continued to live and work at Notre Dame, publishing a popular memoir, "My Notre Dame: Memories and Reflections of 60 Years," in 1991.

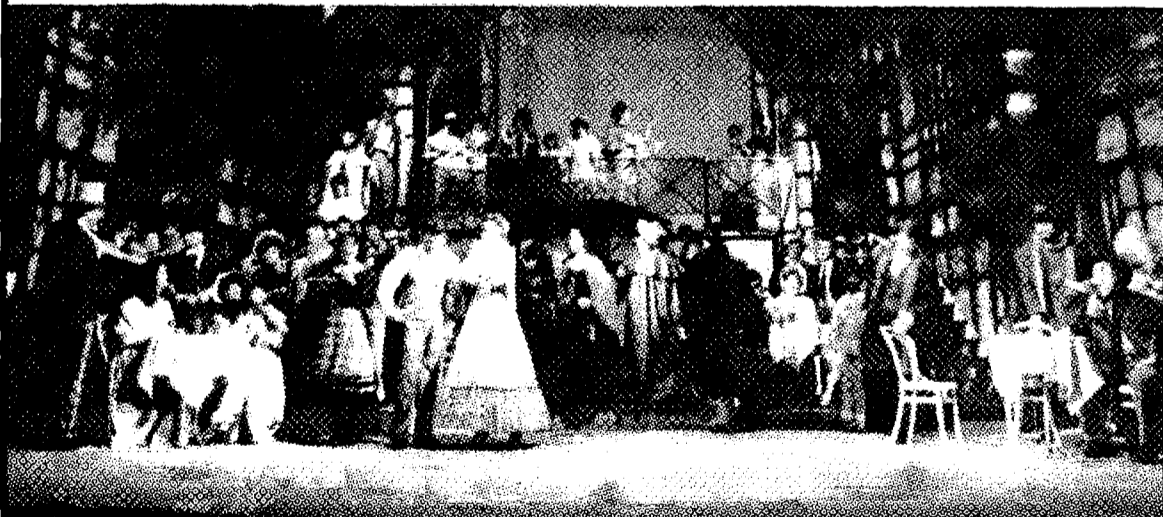
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**IN BRIEF**

**Bush seeks rise in SEC funding**

WASHINGTON — President Bush is seeking a 13 percent increase in the budget for the Securities and Exchange Commission, including \$18.7 million for new staff to work on its huge caseload of corporate and mutual fund misconduct.

The \$913 million request to Congress on Monday for the budget year starting Oct. 1 includes \$20 million that the SEC was unable to spend last year because it couldn't hire new accountants and attorneys fast enough.

Under landmark anti-fraud legislation enacted in 2002 amid the corporate scandals, Congress gave the SEC expanded powers and almost doubled the budget of the traditionally low-profile agency with 3,300 employees.

**ImClone employee testifies in trial**

NEW YORK — Martha Stewart called ImClone Systems headquarters and demanded to talk to founder Sam Waksal to find out "what was going on" with ImClone's falling share price on the day she dumped her stock in the company, a former ImClone secretary testified Monday.

Emily Perret, a former secretary to the now-jailed Waksal, said Stewart was "very hurried and harsh and direct" in the call on Dec. 27, 2001.

The government says the call happened just after Stewart sold 3,928 shares of ImClone stock — the sale that triggered the investigation that now has Stewart on trial for obstruction of justice and securities fraud.

**Treasury to borrow \$177B**

WASHINGTON — The government expects to tap \$177 billion from the credit markets this quarter, which would mark the largest amount ever borrowed in any quarter, the Treasury Department said Monday.

The new borrowing estimate for the January-to-March quarter is bigger than the previous projection of \$160 billion made in November.

"This increase in borrowing is due to lower receipts, primarily from an increase in tax refunds, and higher outlays," the department said. Officials would not provide more detailed information.

**Bowl boosts local businesses**

*NFL's big game brings increased fan business to area restaurants, retail stores*

Associated Press

The New England Patriots weren't the only big winners in Sunday's Super Bowl. Local businesses — both on campus and in the surrounding area — experienced higher-than-usual customer volume during the biggest television event of the year.

CBS said about 143.6 million people watched at least part the game held in Houston's Reliant Stadium, with an average of 89.6 million tuned in at any given moment.

If local businesses are any indication, those people ate and drank — a lot.

The Subway store in LaFortune Student Center delivered eight 6-foot subs for Super Bowl parties on campus, said manager Jim Labella. He said volume rose significantly in the afternoon, but dropped off once the game was well underway.

"Before the game and during the first half, it was really busy," Labella said.

Larry Briggs, manager of Legends, said although Sunday is generally a slow day at the restaurant and pub, the game brought fans in.

"We had some giveaways, and a fair amount of business," Briggs said. "It was up from most Sundays."



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**Legends manager Larry Briggs said the establishment benefited from hungry fans watching Sunday's Super Bowl. The game also brought higher customer volume to other businesses on campus and across Michiana.**

Tim Corbett, manager of the Meijer superstore on Grape Road in Mishawaka, said customer traffic was up significantly on Saturday.

"I'd say about 30 percent higher than normal," he said.

Corbett said the increase was mainly due to customers buying snack foods and beverages for the game.

He also said the store's electronics department got

a boost from customers hoping to see the game on a larger screen.

"We had a sale on 30" TV's and we sold an abnormally high number of those," Corbett said.

Local retailers weren't the only ones celebrating the game. Domino's Pizza sold more than 1.2 million pies during the game, a 42 percent increase over a typical Sunday, said Holly Ryan, a spokeswoman for the 7,300-store pizza titan.

Internet gambling sites also reaped windfalls from the close game, which came down to a last-minute New England field goal.

Christiansen Capital Advisors, a market research firm specializing in the gaming industry, estimated that more than \$375 million was wagered on the Super Bowl through online sports books.

The Patriots won 32-29, but did not beat the seven-point spread.

**U.S. ECONOMY**

**Plants, consumers drive recovery**

*Manufacturing index shows broad improvement; new homes reach record high*

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The economic recovery is showing new signs of staying power, a trio of reports said Monday, with a pickup at the nation's factories complemented by robust consumer spending and construction activity.

The Institute for Supply Management said its manufacturing index rose to 63.6 in January from a revised 63.4 in December. The reading signals a recovery that is broadening across manufacturing industries, although it is still not generating many new jobs, analysts said.

In other economic news, the Commerce Department reported that consumer spending rose by 0.4 percent in December, after a 0.5 percent rise the previous month. The November reading was better than the government previously estimated.

Consumer spending rose solidly in both November and December, better than earlier in the fall when spending was flat.

The government also reported Monday that construction spending in December rose to its highest level ever.

The total value of building projects under way rose 0.4 percent from November to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of \$933.2 billion. Residential projects by private builders led the way, with spending on

those projects also rising to a record monthly high.

Meanwhile, the ISM report offered upbeat news from a sector that was one of the hardest hit by the recession and one of the last to recover.

"The manufacturing sector gained momentum in January," said Norbert Ore, chairman of ISM's manufacturing business survey committee. "Both new orders and production remain quite strong, indicating that the manufacturing sector is experiencing a much-needed recovery."

An ISM index reading above 50 indicates expansion; one below 50 indicates that manufacturing activity is contracting. From March through June, the manufacturing index was below 50, but the new reading marked the eighth consecutive month of expansion.

Economists said the January reading indicates a rebound that is spreading throughout the sector.

"This isn't just some flash in the pan," said Mark Vitner, senior economist with Wachovia Corp. "When you look at all the components it's hard not to come away with a more optimistic assessment of the manufacturing sector."

One of the few exceptions is employment. The ISM index measuring employment settled at 52.9 in January, down slightly from 53.3 in December, a reading that would nor-

mally indicate modest growth in factory jobs, economists said.

But long-term changes in manufacturing — including increased automation and the relocation of factories overseas — appear to be limiting new job creation. The index shows only that more industrial employers are adding jobs than those who are cutting workers, but does not show how many absolute jobs are being added. It appears, however, that some labor-intensive manufacturers like apparel makers continue to cut large numbers of jobs, while more technology-driven manufacturers are adding relatively small numbers of jobs, Vitner said.

"While the sheer number of employers adding is larger, the absolute number of jobs is still declining," he said.

Manufacturers' order backlogs increased in January, a positive sign of future factory activity, ISM said. A sub-index measuring new orders declined to 71.1 in January from 73.1 in December, but the reading still indicates sustained and strong activity.

While many purchasing and supply managers tapped for the report indicated they are experiencing record sales and orders, others say their business has yet to experience a recovery.

"It is obvious that certain sectors are lagging the rest of manufacturing as we start the new year," the ISM report said.

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## Priests should have been contacted

To our readers:

A letter to the editor from Edward Fitzpatrick in the Jan. 29 edition of The Observer criticized Father Richard McBrien and Bishop Daniel Jenky, implying that both McBrien and Jenky were aware of and covered up sexual abuse allegations.

We apologize to both McBrien and Jenky that they were not contacted and given a chance to respond to Fitzpatrick's claims before his letter appeared in print. To

correct this oversight, The Observer printed a letter from McBrien on Jan. 30 in which the Notre Dame professor addressed Fitzpatrick's claims. Today, The Observer is publishing a letter from Jenky, currently the bishop of Peoria, Ill., responding to the original Jan. 29 letter.

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## Bishop responds to assertions

Having been away from Peoria for a week, I was astonished and horrified to read upon my return home, the Jan. 27 letter from Edward Fitzpatrick which asserts that I was somehow a part of a cover-up regarding the conduct of James Burtchaell. I would like to say for the record that in the years when I served as Rector of Dillon Hall (1975 thru the early 1980's), I never had any knowledge of sexual misconduct on the part of Burtchaell. If I had, I would have immediately reported this to my superiors. During that era, Burtchaell was not only the Provost, but he was also a widely admired preacher, teacher and author. I like most others at Notre Dame would never have imagined him to be capable of misusing his ministry. I should also like to say that while we were both religious confreres, we were not close friends. Even the most clueless freshmen at Dillon Hall would have rather quickly noticed that there was persistent tension between Burtchaell and myself regarding all kinds of dorm issues, especially discipline. It was only some years later during my tenure as Religious Superior that I

became aware of allegations being made against Burtchaell. I was a part of both the investigation and the subsequent process of his removal from public ministry.

Even for a publication as notoriously without standards as the Notre Dame Observer, printing unsubstantiated and libelous charges against someone's good name is simply unconscionable. Your complete lack of professional judgment has now enabled some special interest groups here in Central Illinois to gleefully announce: "Bishop Jenky of the Catholic Diocese of Peoria has a history of covering up sexual abuse." You have done me a serious injustice that in the current climate will negatively effect my service as a bishop.

Most Reverend Daniel R. Jenky, C.S.C.  
Bishop of Peoria  
Feb. 2

## Where Have All the True Patriots Gone?

When the New England Patriots won the first Super Bowl after the terrorist attacks of September 11th, many people, especially embittered St. Louis Rams fans, alluded to a government

**Peter Quaranto**

*A call to Action*

conspiracy theory of rallying patriotism. Such groundless rambling ended this Sunday with the Pats' second Super Bowl win in three years, but questions of patriotism continue to hold relevance in our post-September 11th world.

Since the terrorist attacks on that Tuesday morning, our world has never been the same. The question, though, that follows is this: Can we step outside our culture enough to comprehend how our world has changed? I fear that too many of us have neglected to be critical of the forces at work in this new world.

Responding to this changing world, the mass American populace has rallied around the flag and danced to the hit tune "Everybody get together, try to love George W. Bush together right now." Embracing nationalism, perpetuated in "city upon a hill" language and wrapped in a dubious patriotism, the average American has played right into the Fox News "culture of fear." The clearest political consequence has been the current administration's blank check to "shock and awe" the world, as in Iraq, while avoiding the many pressing socio-economic realities that plague our country and

world, such as world hunger and poverty.

The "culture of fear" is perhaps the most alarming of all these trends. In his 1933 Inaugural Address, Franklin Delano Roosevelt said the following, which is often overused in the senior quotes of high school yearbooks, "The only thing we have to fear is fear itself." A society driven by fear is not one that can adequately address the many needs of civil society.

More and more American citizens are beginning to realize these problems, especially with the recent news of faulty intelligence about Iraq, but such citizens often have to face claims that they are anti-patriotic and anti-American. This then brings this discussion back to where it began: questions of patriotism.

In the modern "you're either with us or against us" age, perceptions of patriotism reflect a divided society. For some, patriotism means a faith in and devotion to the goodness of America as the "city upon a hill" to prevail against all evil in this world. Yet for some others, patriotism means a commitment to actively call our country to higher ideals, particularly being a force for peace and justice in the larger world.

As you can probably guess, I subscribe to the latter school of patriotism. American history, when not coated in tall tales of Christopher Columbus finding America, is a history of mistakes and people rising to the challenges of such mistakes to move our country back to its ideals.

In many ways, American history is a sad history. Ours is a country, founded on the genocide of Native Americans and the economics of the slave trade, which has been through and continues to go through battles over racism, women's rights, workers' rights, militarism, systematic poverty and more. Such battles have only given way to justice when citizens have called our country to live up to its ideals, which is showing the greatest respect for our country. Hence, patriotism implies an active cynicism, rather than a blind passivity.

Relating this to our world and the coming presidential election, it is imperative that each of us be critical of the present forces. We cannot allow a "culture of fear" to destabilize and pacify us into blind obedience to state. We have to truly evaluate our times in order to use our gifts and energies to set our country in the right direction.

On Sunday, the New England Patriots showed us that true patriots, when they come together and believe in something, can achieve great things. This year, may we come together and believe great things, not out of fear, but out of hope that a better future is possible.

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*"You cannot escape the responsibility of tomorrow by evading it today."*

**Abraham Lincoln**  
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## Real men of genius at Notre Dame

Today we salute Notre Dame's Real Men of Genius, without whom college would simply not be the same. They are one of a kind. They make us smile, they freak us out, they push the limits of acceptable behavior, and we love them for it. Here is to you:

Mr. Prankster Who Poses As A Pizza Guy. You carry a pizza box. Somehow you come attired in full Papa John issued apparel. You guarantee it hot, and you have the pizza warmer to prove it. Are you really a pizza delivery guy, or did you make a few free throws and win that snazzy number as part of a promotional give-away? You wait until we are really hungry to knock on our door. You come to our party and say, "Hey it's me, the pizza man!" You make us laugh crazy pizza man, and you make us cry when you show us the pizza box in fact contains no pizza at all, but just a few cans of Keystone Light. We do not know you, but believe me when I say that we all love you. Here is to you:

David Barrett

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Mr. Cheerleader with the Spiky Hair. You cheer so hard, but you look so good. Your round-offs are flawless, and trust me when I tell you that you belong on the top of those pyramids. Go Irish? No, Go You! Go you cheerleader man! You are in the choir, and I have heard your voice above the rest. Our passion is contagious, and you truly are the sixth man. Thanks for cheering, for getting me to cheer even when I have lost all desire to do so, and for looking so good in the process. Here is to you:

Mr. Cabbie Who Owns the Company. You pick us up at 4 a.m., even though you have an MD from Harvard and a garage full of Porsches. You do it for the kids. When all your drivers are busy, it is you, the big boss who runs the show, who answers our prayers and brings us home. Thanks for caring, and thanks for cleaning up the mess my roommate left in your backseat on his birthday. You are never out of business cards, and you guarantee the best prices in town. \$3 flag drop? You scoundrel, you have kids to feed and patients to perform on. Here is to you:

Mr. Deion from the Linebacker. You are a legend man, and I will remember the nights we have spent together. You are the king of cool and the sultan of swing. Your rhythm is intoxicating, your cadence unrivaled. On anybody else, a bike helmet and a Bears jersey would look silly. You never get sick of the high five, and we love you for it. You picked the Panthers in October, you raving genius. You are mad I tell you, mad. Thanks for making me dance, for letting us circle around you and emulate your moves. You never stop dancing, and you always make us smile. I'll pick you up tomorrow. Here is to you:

Mr. Metrosexual. In a world where black roll-neck sweaters raise eyebrows, you wear them with grace. Is it okay if you dance with my girlfriend? I would rather you did not. You buy girls drinks and make them uncomfortable. You subscribe to Maxim and the Playboy Channel. You demean women, but we love you anyway. You are our roommate, our friend since freshman year, and we will always have your back. Here is to you:

Mr. Crew Member from Connecticut. You eat lunch at 8:30 in the morning, but make sure to tell the class that you have three-a-days this week and need your nourishment. But do not worry, even if the University does not recognize your varsity athlete status, we all do. So do our friends at Grab & Go. Somehow you are allowed eight sides to my four, but I would not think of holding that against you. You have restored our rowing program to national prominence and catapulted Notre Dame up two spots in the Sears Cup. When I see the number one lit up on top of Grace Hall, I will know whom to thank. Last, but not least, here is to you:

Mr. 30 Year-Old Who Cannot Let Go. You went to school with my dad, but drive up every weekend to party with us and relive those glory days. You bring us Mad Dogs and buy us shots. You reminisce on that day when our women's basketball team finally beat UCONN and you rushed the floor. You were always the craziest. The key is under the mat and the couch is always open. We love you man. Here is to you.

I do not know what we would do without you guys. You are the best. Here is to all of you.

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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## A Superbowl peep show

Like it or not America finds itself at war. Many have criticized our actions abroad as threatening America's "moral authority" around the world. Regardless of one's political views on the War on Terrorism, Iraq, etc. I would like to approach this lapse in "moral authority" in a different light. On Sunday, 140 million people in the United States and millions more worldwide watched this year's Super Bowl as well as the Halftime Show, which will go down as the most controversial ever. Justin Timberlake, while finishing his song with the lyrics "I'll get you naked by the end of this song" proceeded to expose Janet Jackson's bare breast. While Timberlake claims it was a "wardrobe malfunction," CBS and my generation's beloved MTV (both owned by Viacom) have apologized "to anyone who was offended" by the "unrehearsed, unplanned, completely unintentional" actions. Yet MTV's own Web site produced an article entitled "Janet Jackson's Super Bowl Show Promises 'Shocking Moments'" posted last Wednesday, four days before the embarrassing moment. Meanwhile,

MTV has pulled the article from its website (although you can still access it using Google). It is a sad day when the Super Bowl can no longer be a family show.

All of which brings me to America's standing around the world. With millions watching the Super Bowl internationally, what message does the Justin-Janet peep show send to those around the world who wonder for what America is fighting? Are these the 'values' for which the brave men and women of our armed forces are shedding their blood daily? When we talk about the ideals that serve as the cornerstone of this blessed nation, how do we expect to be taken seriously around the world when the perception is that we fight for the right to televise a worldwide peep show? Worse yet, the executives at MTV and CBS do not have the courage to take responsibility for their actions. No wonder public opinion of the media is at an all-time low.

Michael Derocher  
junior  
off campus

## Base Presidential vote on facts, not purely faith

I would like to thank Bill Rinner for his effort to inform — and instruct — the Catholic voting populace. Unfortunately, however, I did not understand some of his argument. For instance, he asserts that Bush "facilitated what Catholic social teaching considers an unjust war in Iraq." I have seen this claim made many times, but I have yet to see it defended. I wish Bill Rinner had bothered to explain in exactly what way or ways the war in Iraq has violated clear Catholic social teaching. There has been plenty of disagreement over this issue among serious Catholic thinkers, so I find it odd for him to make it sound like a matter of accepted fact. The war was declared by competent authority, other means had been exhausted, and the good done has clearly outweighed the harm. Help us out here, Bill; we are not all as fluent in Catholic social teaching as you.

Even if the war was unjust, though, one could hardly claim that unjust war is a core Republican value. Indeed, numerous prominent Republicans have questioned the war, including Senator Hagel, who may well be a strong contender for the nomination in 2008. The world will end, though, before a Democrat is nominated who would support any restrictions on abortion whatsoever. Abortion is the very heart of the Democratic platform; dissent from party policy on other issues can be tolerated, but not on abortion. That is why Senator Bayh, according to some reports, was not chosen to run with Al Gore, though Bayh would have helped the ticket much more than Senator Lieberman did.

It is true, neither party is a perfect example of Catholic values, but that does not mean one is not far worse than the other. I cannot think of a single Republican plank that runs plainly contrary to Catholic teaching. You may suggest the death penalty, or free enterprise, but these are not categorically opposed to Church doctrine.

What is really disturbing is that Rinner seems to be aggressively arguing that how we vote does not matter anyway. "No single vote will ever make you more or less of a Catholic," he claims. What if I vote for a skinhead? What of German Catholics who knowingly supported the Third Reich? An extreme example maybe, but relevant.

The hostility Rinner shows toward people who consult their faith in moments of uncertainty is also alarming. Heaven forbid we should ask ourselves what God would want us to do, when we cannot figure out what to do otherwise. "Listen to your conscience regarding political issues, not your religion," Rinner pontificates. Well, yes, sir! What if, however, our intellect has convinced us that Christ is who He claimed to be, and that the Church is what it claims to be — would we not then be obligated to respect His teachings, as delivered by the Church, over our own views?

Finally, Rinner commands us not to vote based on some "utopian religious view of how America should be that is inconsistent with the reality of the modern world." This seems to be an excellent recipe for not improving the world at all. If civil rights leaders had adopted that attitude, perhaps we should still have lynching.

Ultimately, we all have to decide for ourselves how we vote, as we have to decide how we act in general; and we will be judged for all we do. The Church recognizes this, and provides us with guidelines, for our benefit. We can accept or reject them as we wish. For people like Bill Rinner to insist, though, that it is wrong for the Church to provide such guidelines, or for individual Catholics to consult them, borders on the very closed-minded intolerance he seems to condemn.

Jack Rimmert  
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CONCERT REVIEW

# Mae shows promise with live show

*At a concert in Toledo, Mae and other opening acts rocked fans*

By MAUREEN BUSH  
Scene Music Critic

Luke's Barn was filled past capacity as more than 400 kids packed the tiny Toledo, Ohio venue Jan. 31 to see one of the most well-crafted concerts on the road right now. Mae, the headlining band took up-and-coming artists Copeland, The Working Title, and Slow Coming Day out for a nation-wide tour, hitting almost every major city in the United States.

The show opened with What's the Point, who were celebrating their CD release party that night. These three gentlemen from Toledo had a fast-paced style with vocals and music seemingly representative of the latest trend in "scremo" rock. They put on a decent show and are likely to become more popular in their area, though their music was not particularly consistent with the rest of the musical acts of the night.

Next was Slow Coming Day. This southern California quartet, made up of Orion Walsh on vocals and guitar, Brad Smith on guitar, Dave Stoots on bass and Jason Sheets on drums took the stage and began their set for their first time ever in Ohio. Though Walsh did not say a lot between songs during their seven-song set, the music spoke volumes.

The band had impressive timing, knowing when to speed up and when to back down. "Behind Blue Eyes," the final song on their full-length release, Farewell to Familiar, was an excellent way to end a very good set. Slow Coming Day are incredibly talented and will only improve with time.

The Working Title from Charleston, S.C., was the next band to grace the tiny stage that night. It became evident before their set that lead singer Joel Hamilton was ready for a good time as fans responded to what he was saying during his sound check. Hamilton's unique voice and his rocking acoustic guitar were a very pleasant surprise. They played most of the songs off their EP, Everyone Here Is Wrong.

The night kept improving as Copeland took the stage. Hailing from Atlanta, Ga., Copeland has been gaining national recognition as of late for their newly released music video, "Walking Downtown," off their Militia Group-released, full-length titled Beneath the Medicine Tree.

The band opened their set with intensity and it was incredible how well the music flowed. There was never a dull moment as their full and melodic brand of music kept the audience on their toes throughout the whole set.

The pinnacle act of the night was Norfolk, Va.-based quintet Mae. Made up of Dave Gimenez on vocals and guitar, Zach Gehring on guitar, Mark Padgett on bass, Rob Sweitzer on keyboards and back up vocals, and Jacob Marshall on drums, Mae pulled out all the stops for their first ever nationwide headlining tour.

The sound this band has developed is incredible. Playing like veterans, no two songs were similar, and each song portrayed a different aspect of emotion with its own personality.

They began their set with an unreleased and rarely played song, "Tisbury Lane," then quickly

sped up the tempo by breaking into the spectacular drum beats of "All Deliberate Speed," followed by "Runaway," both from their full-length Destination Beautiful.

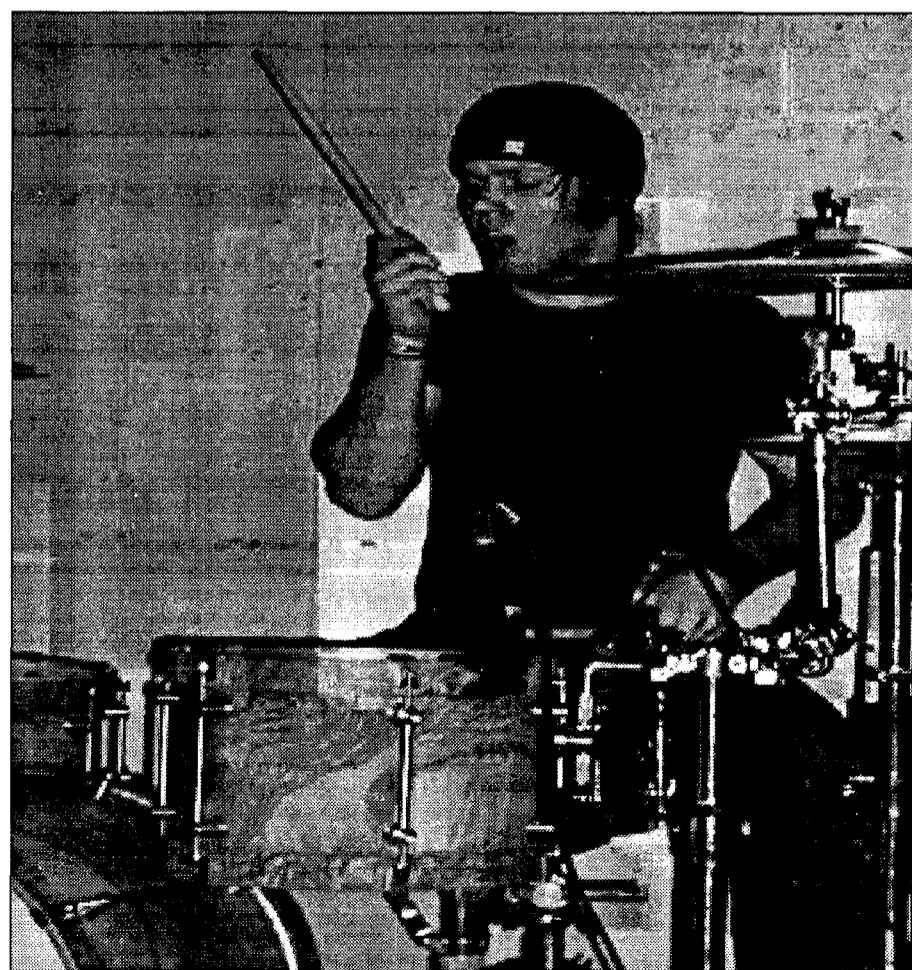
A beautifully crafted piano solo led the band into "Sun," during which technical difficulties ensued. Gimenez's microphone cut out toward the beginning of the song, and the crowd was left with only an instrumental version. The silence did not last long, as everyone in the room raised their voices to fill the void. The microphone was fixed just in time for Gimenez to dedicate "Soundtrack For Our Movie" to all the ladies in the room and then to play their catchy first single, "Summertime."

They then finished up their set with current single "Embers and Envelopes," the melodic "Giving It Away" and fittingly "Goodbye, Goodnight."

Anyone would be hard-pressed to find a band of this caliber. Mae played an excellent show to the well over-capacity crowd in Toledo. If they are this tight on their first nation-wide headlining tour, it will be interesting to see how they will progress to stardom and how quickly it will come. Mae is an incredibly enjoyable band to watch perform. Their live show is one of the best out there, above and beyond expectations.

Every band on this tour had innumerable amounts of talent that shone through quite clearly to the audience. Not only did every band play well, they also stayed long after the show ended to meet their fans. The worst part of this show was that it had to end at all.

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Orion Walsh of the Southern California band Slow Day Coming gave a rousing performance with their seven-song set for their fans at Luke's Barn in Toledo, Ohio.

The Working Title with drummer Ross Taylor, a band from Charleston, SC, performed many songs off their latest EP in an acoustic set.

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**AUTHOR PROFILE**

**From baseball to books:  
a moment with  
John Grisham**

By **JOE HETTLER**  
Scene Writer

John Grisham always dreamed of playing professional baseball, beginning with his childhood days of listening to St. Louis Cardinal games on the radio.

For two reasons, however, he never did. "I played little league ball, high school ball and tried to play college ball, but I was scared of a fastball and couldn't touch a curve," Grisham said. "So that kind of narrows it down."

So Grisham turned to writing novels — his second dream. Sixty million books later, this dream has turned out just fine for the retired lawyer from Mississippi.

"[Writing] was a secret hobby; nobody knew about except my wife," Grisham said. "Once I realized I was actually going to finish ['A Time to Kill'], I thought it would be nice to write full-time — that's a dream come true for anybody."

Grisham's 17th book, "The Last Juror," is available at bookstores today, and the author will be visiting campus Thursday to speak at the third annual Notre Dame baseball banquet. This is Grisham's fifth such event in the past 10 years at various locations.

"They're just wonderful events," he said. "I have a great time, and it's total fun. It's great for the players, because it gives them a lot of attention and raises a lot of money."

Grisham will be the keynote speaker at the event, which starts at 7 p.m. Former Notre Dame player Steve Stanley will also be at the banquet.

Grisham worked as a lawyer for ten years before beginning his first novel. Once he started composing his first book, however, Grisham said he woke up every day at 5 a.m. to write before heading into the courtroom.

As his fans know, Grisham's consistency is one of his greatest abilities. His books have landed him on the national bestseller list nearly every year. After finishing his first book, "A Time to Kill," in 1987, he has produced a book almost every year since, and he has been acclaimed by Publishers Weekly as "the bestselling novelist of the 90s."

His latest book, "The Last Juror," is about a young newspaper owner who exposes the gruesome details of a murder. When the convicted murderer is released from jail, he seeks revenge on the owner of the newspaper and the jurors that put him behind bars.

Grisham said that, though writing novels is never easy, the finished product is usually rewarding. He and his family vacation every summer before he begins a new book, and he usually finishes the novel around Thanksgiving.

"There is no shortage of ideas," Grisham said. "'The Last Juror' is number 17, and [novels] are still fun to write. The words and ideas are still coming pretty fast."

With Grisham's success has come additional pressure, but Grisham thinks that pressure can only help his writing.

"There's always pressure to deliver a good book," he said. "When I start writing a book, I want it to be the best thing I've ever written. Pressure is healthy because it keeps you honest. I'm serious about what I do, and I want to get better."

Writing has not gotten in the way of Grisham's continued love of baseball. From his time as a child working on his parents' farm in Arkansas to working all day as a lawyer, Grisham always has looked forward to listening to the St. Louis Cardinal games on the radio. He used these experiences in his novel, "A Painted House."

"The St. Louis Cardinals were on the radio every night, and that was our only contact with the outside world," Grisham said. "There was no television, so that was the highlight of every day — sitting on the porch and listening to the Cardinals. As soon as I could, I picked up a baseball and started throwing it around the house like any other kid."

Grisham's love for baseball led him to build his own little league ballparks. He is the commissioner of the league in the summer and also travels to his children's baseball and softball games in the spring and summer. Grisham's son, Ty, plays baseball at the University of Virginia — where former Notre Dame assistant Brian O'Connor took over as head coach last year.

Grisham said he and his son have attended thousands of college baseball games and have traveled to Omaha, Neb. for the College World Series on several occasions.

"Over the years, he and I have gone to thousands of college baseball games because that's our favorite sport. That's why I'm coming to South Bend — because I love college baseball," he said.

Tickets still remain for Thursday's event.

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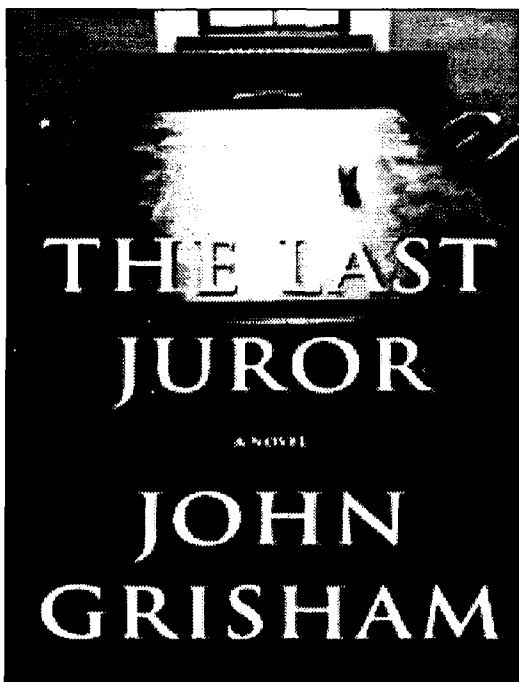


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John Grisham's dream life in baseball was never realized, but his fall back profession as an author is working out.

*"Writing was a secret hobby nobody knew about except my wife."*

**John Grisham**  
author

**MOVIE REVIEW**

**Mona Lisa doesn't smile big**

By **BECCA SAUNDERS**  
Scene Movie Critic

The 1950's, an all-girls school, Julia Roberts, Kristen Dunst, and Julia Stiles — no one expected an Oscar, but this attempt at a female-focused version of "Dead Poet's Society" is much more disappointing than anyone expected.



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**Mona Lisa Smile** hosts a promising cast starring Julia Roberts, Julia Stiles, and Kirsten Dunst, yet the storyline and acting leave much to be desired.

"Mona Lisa Smile," known by most as the latest Julia Roberts film, is a movie with a good message that is nice to watch, but it is far from being called a great and entertaining film.

Set in 1953, Julia Roberts plays the part of Katherine Watson, a liberal, Bohemian professor from California who moves to New England to teach at the prestigious female school Wellesley College. Watson is greeted by snobby girls, strict rules and heavy judgment from her students and the school. The snobbiest girl is Betty Warren, played by Kristen Dunst. Friends and roommates are played by Julia Stiles, Maggie Gyllenhaal and Ginnifer Goodwin. Watson expects to find intelligent and driven women in the students at Wellesley, but instead she finds intelligent girls focused on fitting into the societal mold for woman at that time. Watson then goes forth on her mission to convert the assumptions of the girls, and the film ends with a mix of tears and happiness — big surprise.

Although the costumes are terrific and Roberts' character is inspiring, not much of a message is conveyed in "Mona Lisa Smile." Roberts' character is seemingly contradictory, as she chastises the girls for settling for a life dictated by men, while at the same time she pursues a relationship with the male teacher known for affairs with his own students. While this imperfection does make Watson a bit more real as a character, it works more to make her seem hypocritical.

Watson seems too noble to be so easily drawn into a relationship with the smooth-talking, war-hero Italian professor. The love story element seems thrown into the plot and hurts the cohesiveness of the storyline.

As far as the acting itself goes, Roberts does a generally good job, playing a variation of the same character she plays in most of her movies: the unique, quirky, beautiful (insert profession here).

Dunst and Stiles, the two other major stars in the movie, are simply awful. They are awkward, not believable, and just plain annoying to watch. The motivations of their characters are unclear, and although the script left much to be wished for, the poor-caliber acting by these two is just inexcusable. Gyllenhaal and Goodwin, on the other hand, do a terrific job with their characters. Gyllenhaal shines as the fiery Giselle, and Goodwin is adorable as the quiet Constance. The rest of the acting is summed up in one word: bad.

While "Mona Lisa Smile" is a poor-quality film in many ways, it does maintain some endearing elements. Sitting through it is not painful; it does bring a bit of laughter and a touch of tears to any person willing to invest himself in the storyline. The film, however, by no means deserves to be recognized as a great movie. The only motivation to go see it would be a love for Julia Roberts and a discovery of \$6 on the ground. Otherwise, just rent the good version with Robin Williams.

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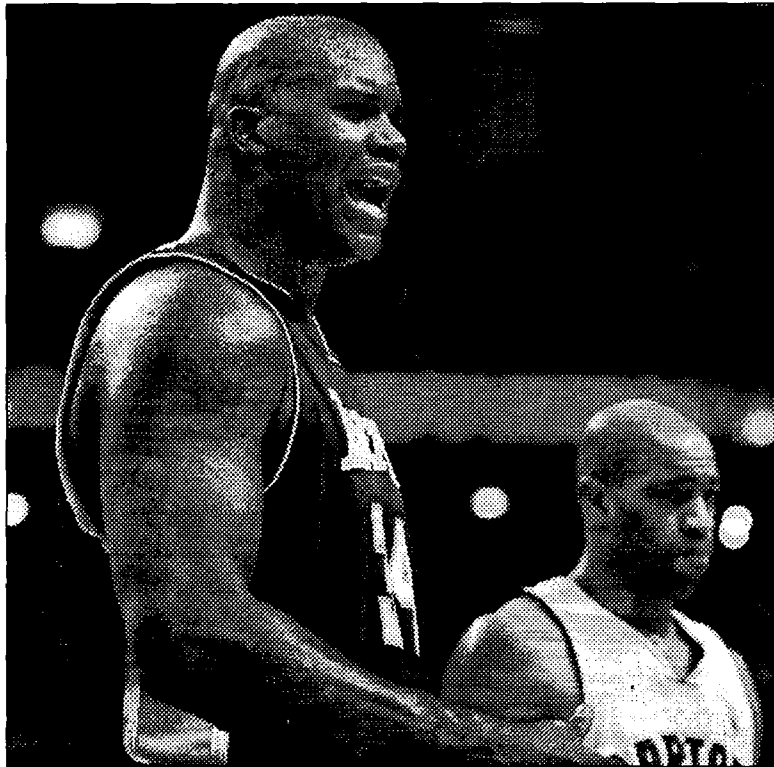
**Mona Lisa Smile**

Sony Pictures



## NBA

## O'Neal suspended one game for criticizing officials



Lakers Shaquille O'Neal argues a call beside Toronto's Vince Carter. O'Neal used profane language to describe the game.

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Shaquille O'Neal was suspended without pay by the NBA on Monday, one day after using obscene language and publicly criticizing the officials during a television interview.

The suspension was announced just hours after O'Neal issued a statement apologizing for the comments he made following the Lakers' 84-83 victory over the Toronto Raptors on Sunday.

O'Neal will serve the suspension Monday night, sitting out a game against the Eastern Conference-leading Indiana Pacers. It will cost him nearly \$295,000.

Lakers coach Phil Jackson called the punishment "rather severe and childish in some ways."

Jackson said he thought a fine would have been appropriate and that the fans would be penalized by not being able to see O'Neal in the Lakers' lone

trip to Indianapolis

"The league is known for its vindictiveness," Jackson said. "But we didn't anticipate a suspension."

O'Neal scored a season-high 36 points against the Raptors in his third game back after missing 12 because of a strained right calf, but was angered by the officiating.

He made that clear in his postgame interview on KCAL-TV — conducted almost immediately after the game.

"My message to [commissioner] David Stern is get some people in there that understand the game and don't try to take over the ... game because people pay good money to see good athletes play," O'Neal said.

When reminded he was on live TV, O'Neal responded with another profanity before the interview continued.

"My comments were made out of frustration in the heat of the moment," O'Neal said in the statement released Monday

by the Lakers. "But I realize that my choice of words was inappropriate and again, I would like to apologize."

The game in Indiana was the second of a seven-game road trip for the Lakers, who played without injured stars Kobe Bryant and Karl Malone, as well as O'Neal.

Jackson said "there was no precedence" for the suspension, but that the team will accept it and move on.

General manager Mitch Kupchak informed Jackson of the news hours after the team was game-planning to get O'Neal the ball early and often against the Pacers, Jackson said.

"I didn't get any satisfaction from their reasoning," Jackson said.

It was the latest in what has been a season full of injuries and drama for the Lakers.

"There's never been anything like this in my tenure," Jackson said of the injuries and Bryant's legal troubles.

## COLLEGE BASKETBALL

## Knight gets into verbal argument with chancellor

Associated Press

LUBBOCK, Texas — Texas Tech coach Bob Knight got into a verbal spat with the university chancellor at a grocery store Monday, prompting a review by school officials.

School spokeswoman Sally Logue Post said she did not know details of the encounter between the basketball coach and David Smith. No one was injured, she said.

Smith declined to elaborate on what happened.

"This is obviously an issue that is internal to the university," the chancellor told The Associated Press. "Right now the athletic director and the president's office at the university are looking into the incident. We'll wait to hear more in the next few days about their review."

Asked whether there was any discussion of removing Knight, Smith said: "I can't comment on any of those things right now."

The No. 19 Red Raiders play

Tuesday night at home against Baylor.

Gerald Myers, the university's athletic director who was instrumental in bringing Knight to Tech in 2001 after he was fired at Indiana, witnessed the encounter, Post said.

The men were getting food around lunchtime at Market Street, an upscale grocery store about two miles from the university, said Dan Sanders, chief marketing officer for United

Supermarkets, which owns the store where the incident occurred.

"Apparently, there was some sort of disagreement," Sanders said. "It took place very quickly."

Neither Myers nor sports information director Randy Farley immediately returned telephone messages Monday night.

While still at Indiana in March 2000, Knight was investigated by the university after former player Neil Reed said

the coach choked him at a practice in 1997.

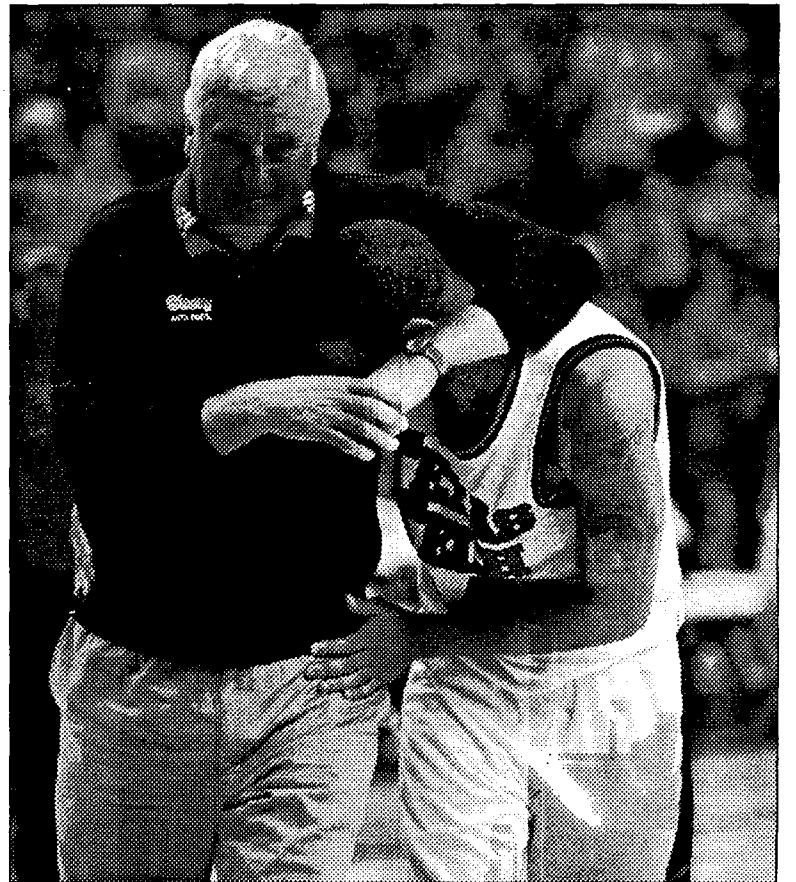
In May 2000, Knight was fined \$30,000, suspended for three games and placed under a "zero-tolerance behavior policy."

In early September 2000, Knight was accused of grabbing a student by the arm, cursing and lecturing him about manners after the coach was addressed "Hey, Knight, what's up?"

In September 2000, Knight was fired from Indiana for violating the behavior policy. Indiana's president Myles Brand, now president of the NCAA, fired him for what Brand called a "pattern of unacceptable behavior."

In late December, Knight went into a profanity-filled tirade after an ESPN reporter asked about his relationship with former player Steve Alford, who was also participating in the interview. He later apologized for the incident.

Texas Tech is 4-2 in the Big 12 Conference this season. The Red Raiders had been unbeaten in the league until last week, when they lost to Texas and Oklahoma State.



Bobby Knight and forward Andre Emmett celebrate a win over Oklahoma last week. Knight had a verbal argument with a university chancellor Monday in a grocery store.

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NCAA BASEBALL

# Former team manager becomes player for Stanford

Associated Press

STANFORD, Calif. — For two years, Cameron Matthews hauled bats and helmets, raked second base during sliding drills, warmed up pitchers and shagged flies in batting practice — all the typical jobs of a team manager.

Whenever Matthews had a moment to spare, he'd hustle to the cage for some swings or practice taking grounders.

Stanford coach Mark Marquess noticed. So did

Matthews' teammates, who have considered him a member of the roster all along.

And now, Matthews gives new meaning to the term utilityman, as a full-fledged player for the Cardinal.

"It's a great story," Marquess said. "I said at the end of the year, 'Do you want to try out?' He came out in the fall and was a player."

Last summer, Matthews played on three different teams to improve his game — a men's team in San Francisco, another

in San Jose and one at nearby De Anza College made up of collegiate players. There were doubleheaders both days of every weekend and scrimmages during the week, and practice, too, if his schedule allowed. He also found time to lift weights at Stanford.

His family barely saw him over the break.

Matthews believed all along he could play for the Cardinal, who have reached the College World Series a school-record five straight years.

During fall ball, he hit .207 (6-for-29) with a home run and four RBIs. He can play several positions and is listed as an infielder/outfielder.

"I knew I could play at this level," said Matthews, who eats peanut butter and jelly sandwiches as a game-day ritual. "I had the confidence building for a while. I'm glad I got the chance to show I could play."

Pulling on the uniform as a player — the team manager wears the same gear — is a much better feeling.

Matthews, from nearby Mountain View, didn't get on the field this past weekend during his team's three-game sweep of Cal State Fullerton to start the season.

He knows that will often be the case. But sitting on the bench sure beats the alternative.

"I've got a ways to go," Matthews said. "I don't think I'm done yet. I've still got confidence — maybe false confidence — that I can help this team on the field."

He certainly saw his share of frustrating times as he tried to prove he can do more than just carry bats from one hitting station to another.

Matthews was a two-sport athlete at Los Altos High School, hitting .361 with two homers and 36 RBIs in his two varsity baseball seasons. He led the team to its first playoff appearance in 15 years. In basketball, he was an all-league selection three times.

So, not making the Stanford team wasn't easy on his ego. Marquess offered him the job of manager because Matthews wanted to be involved in some capacity.

"I was discouraged, but this has been my goal for a long time," he said. "I grew up in this area as a fan of Stanford baseball, and I decided to stick it out."

He even grew up on campus. Matthews' mother, Tracy Schwartz, attended Stanford to get her master's degree in computer science when he was a boy. Matthews' father, Stephen, also has a Stanford degree. When Matthews was about 8, they all lived in student housing, within shouting distance of Sunken Diamond, the school's baseball stadium.

"He just loved living there, and not just because of all the sports," his mom said. "He and my husband used to try to go to one match of each varsity sport. He always looked at Stanford as being kind of a second home. We knew he kind of had a soft spot for it."

Both his parents remember when their son called home with the news that he'd made the team.

"We're especially proud that he has the stick-to-itiveness when it could have been discouraging," his mom said. "With various things, I'd say that's always been a characteristic of his."

Matthews is working toward a double major in economics and archaeology, so he stays plenty busy. Since he is a walk-on player, he doesn't have a baseball scholarship. He relies on financial aid and loans like most college students.

"It's a mixed blessing," his dad said of baseball. "There are a lot of opportunities at Stanford that he has to pass on. He is interested in going to some archaeological digs and he's had to forego a number of opportunities. It's actually a choice between good things."

"He used to get notes on his report cards that he was working too hard on projects."

His teammates don't doubt it. "He's a special guy," outfielder Sam Fuld said. "You just don't see that very often. If you asked me two years ago if I thought he would be a member of the team, I would have said you are crazy."

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NFL

# Indianapolis seeks a deal to limit the costs of the Colts

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — City officials hope they can work out a deal that reduces the cost of keeping the Colts in Indianapolis.

The team's lease at the RCA Dome runs through the 2013 season, but it could exercise an escape clause as early as 2007 unless the city pays the difference between the Colts' revenues and the NFL's median income.

The city would have to begin making payments after the 2005 season and would be required to make payments two of every three years through the end of the lease.

According to 2002 NFL figures, the one-year total would have been \$10.6 million although team owner Jim Irsay has estimated that two-year cost could increase to about \$30 million.

Steve Campbell, a spokesman for Mayor Bart Peterson, said he expected

negotiations on a long-term deal to resume soon after Sunday's Pro Bowl and that the city wanted to find a way that would restructure the money it will owe to the Colts.

"It's either reduce or replace or restructure," Campbell said Monday. "What we want to figure out is a creative way to do this but where the city gets something in return."

After the Colts season ended with a 24-14 loss at New England in the AFC championship game on Jan. 18, Irsay reiterated his desire to keep the team in Indianapolis.

During the past two years, there has been speculation that if the Colts did not get a new stadium, Irsay might move the team to Los Angeles — the country's largest television market without a team.

Irsay has made no such threat publicly although he said two weeks ago that any new contract with Indianapolis should include plans for a new stadium, preferably with a

retractable dome.

"I think, obviously, we have to get to a new stadium eventually," Irsay said. "When you see old domes coming down, I think that is where it is headed."

The RCA Dome's seating capacity of 55,506 makes it the NFL's smallest stadium and it's the sixth-oldest facility among the AFC's 16 teams.

Campbell said Indianapolis officials would discuss stadium plans in conjunction with other projects, such as an expansion of the city's convention center.

So far, though, Campbell said the city has not conducted any stadium studies or even determined possible building sites and that the city would not agree to a contract without knowing the cost.

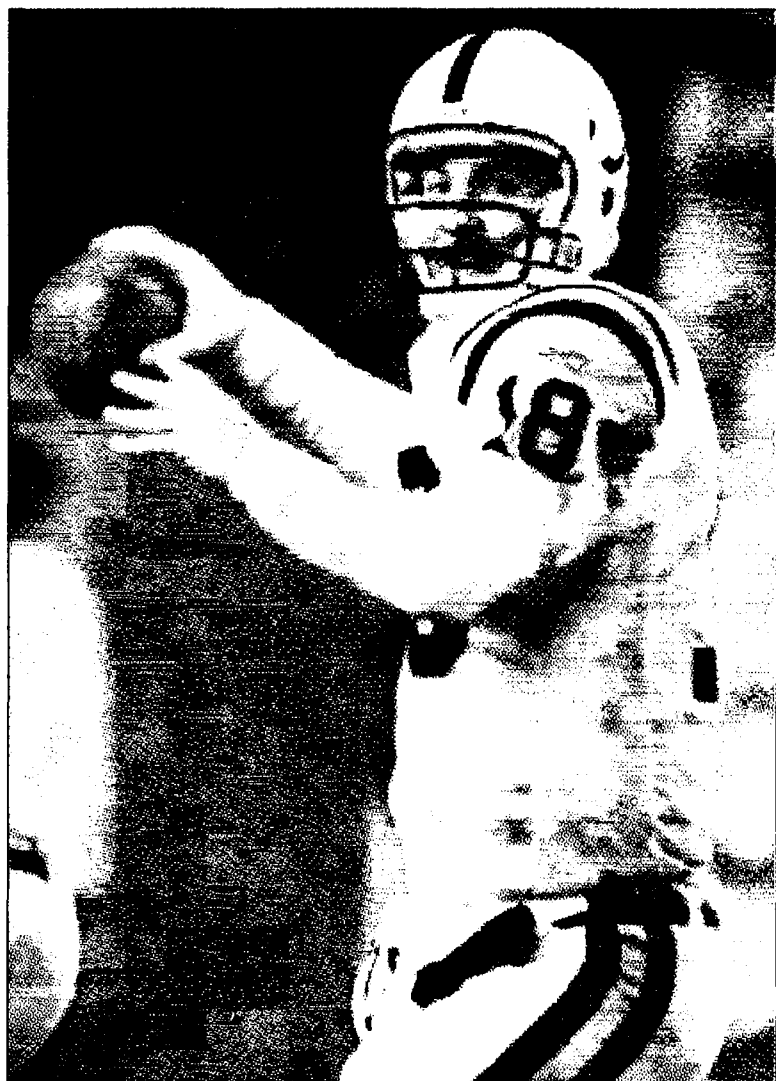
"We're looking at everything — can we expand the convention center? — this is tough stuff," Campbell said.

Either way, it's likely to be expensive.

Campbell said the \$10.6 million figure was only a barometer of what the city might owe the Colts and that the number was likely to increase when inflation and other factors become part of the equation.

With local opinion polls showing opposition to finance a new stadium with tax increases, Campbell ruled out a property tax increase. He said any tax hike would likely be in the form of hotel taxes and those applied to ticket sales.

Irsay and Campbell both said the negotiations were progressing and that they were seeking a deal that benefits



Colts quarterback Peyton Manning looks for a pass during the AFC Playoffs. Officials want to reduce the team's costs.

both sides.

"We could follow the Goldsmith deal to a tee," Campbell said, referring to the deal signed by then-Mayor Steve Goldsmith in 1998. "But we think it's in the best inter-

ests for the team and the city to get a long-term deal. For them, it's about being competitive. For us, it's about keeping an Indiana business here and making sure the taxpayers get a fair deal."

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MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

# Okafor scores 25 points in Connecticut victory

## Calhoun earns 665th career win to place him No. 20 on the all-time win list

Associated Press

HARTFORD, Conn. — Connecticut coach Jim Calhoun was pleased with the way his Huskies handled Syracuse.

Emeka Okafor had 25 points, 11 rebounds and four blocks and No. 5 Connecticut cruised to an 84-56 win over the 18th-ranked Orangemen on Monday.

"That was one of the best combination games we've played," Calhoun said. "We were tough and we were good. And that's a nice combination. Coming down the stretch in February every game is big and you want to start proving things to yourself."

The Huskies (18-3, 6-1 Big East) held the Orangemen to 31 percent shooting.

Okafor had his 14th double-double of the season, and 43rd of his career. Ben Gordon finished with 13 points, 10 rebounds and eight assists for the Huskies, winners of eight of their last 12 meetings with the Orangemen.

Hakim Warrick led Syracuse (14-4, 4-3) with 26 points and 11 rebounds. He had 16 points in the first half, but was held without a field goal for the first 11 minutes of the second half. UConn was able to deny Warrick the ball inside and made him catch it a little deeper.

"He still beat us because he's a terrific player," Calhoun said.

UConn has struggled all year from the line and was last in the Big East (58 percent) coming into the game, but turned in a solid performance. The Huskies made 24 of a season-high 40 attempts (60 percent).

Okafor found himself on the line several times because of physical play inside and hit 7-of-13.

"That's the Big East. I was expecting that going into conference play and that's what I got," Okafor said. "People [are] going to be physical. You just need to need to be physical and strong and stay with it."

UConn led 41-31 at the half and put the game away with a 22-5 run in the first 12 minutes of the second half.

The teams changed leads three times in the opening seven minutes of the first half. Huskies reserve forward Charlie Villanueva hit all four of his free throws on consecutive possessions to give UConn the lead for good at 17-14 with 12:24 remaining.

Villanueva got more playing time after freshmen forward Josh Boone injured his left shoulder and left the game with 5 minutes to play in the first half.

Villanueva and Okafor combined for five of UConn's seven first-half blocks.

The Huskies made just 4 of

22 3-pointers. Gordon had two of them and finished four points shy of his average.

"The guys didn't need me to have a big scoring game," Gordon said. "I just tried to get involved doing other things, rebounding, setting people up. That seemed to work."

The Huskies' post players struggled for much of the peri-

od against Warrick, who had 16 points in the half, nearly all from strong inside moves. He was the only Syracuse player who finished in double figures.

Villanueva finished with 12 points and nine rebounds.

The Orangemen were still without starting point guard Billy Edelin, who sat out for personal reasons. The Huskies

held guard Gerry McNamara to nine points, eight below his average.

"They've stopped everybody; they are a good defensive team," Syracuse coach Jim Boeheim said. "If you do get by, they've got the shot blocker down there."

With the win, Calhoun picked up his 665th career win, pass-

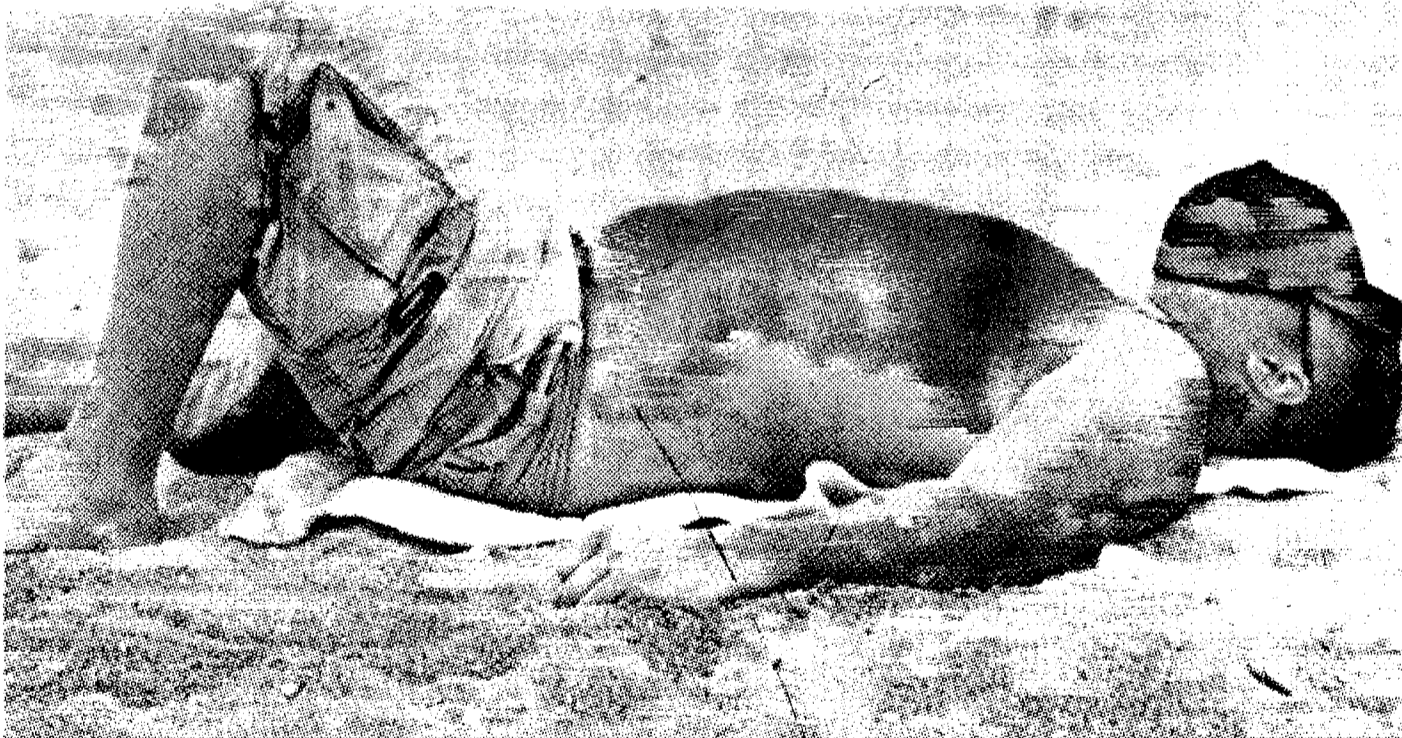
ing Hall-of-Fame coach John Wooden of UCLA for sole possession of 20th place on the all-time win list.

"I'll remember this night," Calhoun said. "To be mentioned in the same breath with John Wooden is incredibly special to me because of who and what Coach Wooden represents."

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# AROUND THE NATION

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## NHL

### Eastern Conference, Atlantic Division

team	record	pts.	last 10
Philadelphia	26-12-11-5	68	6-3-1-0
New Jersey	27-13-10-1	65	6-3-1-0
NY Islanders	25-20-6-2	57	5-2-2-1
NY Rangers	20-23-7-4	51	2-7-1-0
Pittsburgh	11-35-5-3	30	0-10-0-0

### Eastern Conference, Northeast Division

team	record	pts.	last 10
Toronto	29-13-8-3	69	6-4-0-0
Ottawa	28-14-7-3	66	6-3-1-0
Boston	25-14-11-4	65	6-3-1-0
Montreal	26-20-6-2	60	5-4-1-0
Buffalo	23-25-5-1	52	6-4-0-0

### Eastern Conference, Southeast Division

team	record	pts.	last 10
Tampa Bay	27-16-6-3	63	7-1-0-2
Atlanta	21-25-6-2	50	2-6-2-0
Florida	17-22-11-3	48	3-4-2-1
Carolina	17-24-10-2	46	3-6-1-0
Washington	16-30-5-2	39	4-4-1-1

### Western Conference, Central Division

team	record	pts.	last 10
Detroit	29-15-8-2	68	3-2-4-1
Nashville	26-18-6-2	60	6-2-2-0
St. Louis	25-19-7-1	58	2-6-2-0
Columbus	15-27-7-3	40	4-4-2-0
Chicago	13-29-7-5	38	2-8-0-0

### Western Conference, Northwest Division

team	record	pts.	last 10
Colorado	29-11-9-3	70	8-1-2-1
Vancouver	30-15-7-2	69	6-4-0-0
Calgary	26-19-4-3	59	4-5-1-0
Minnesota	18-20-15-2	53	3-3-2-2
Edmonton	20-24-8-1	49	4-5-1-0

### Western Conference, Pacific Division

team	record	pts.	last 10
San Jose	24-13-11-5	64	6-3-0-1
Dallas	26-20-9-0	61	7-2-1-0
Los Angeles	21-15-12-5	59	5-1-3-1
Phoenix	18-18-13-2	51	2-6-2-0
Anaheim	16-23-8-6	46	3-5-1-1

## US Fencing Coaches Polls

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7 Pennsylvania	7	7 St. John's	7
8 Air Force	8	8 Pennsylvania	8
9 Harvard	9	9 Harvard	9
10 NYU	10	10 Temple	10

## MLB



Ivan Rodriguez talks with reporters after signing a four year \$40 million contract with the Detroit Tigers. Rodriguez, who led the Marlins to last year's World Series title, joins a team which lost 119 games last season.

## Rodriguez signs with Tigers for \$40 million

Associated Press

DETROIT — Ivan Rodriguez stared through a window at the snow-blanketed ballpark he will now call home and answered the question many have asked.

Why would he go from the World Series champion Florida Marlins, to the worst team in baseball, the Detroit Tigers?

"The owner showed me respect, and that is the reason I'm here," Rodriguez said Monday after finalizing a \$40 million, four-year contract.

"Everybody is saying I'm going from a World Series team to a losing team, but

I don't think of the Tigers as a losing team. I think the Tigers just had a bad season. It's going to be completely different this year," he said.

The Tigers who haven't had a winning record since 1993 lost an American League-record 119 games last season. They were one loss short of baseball's post-1900 record for futility, set by the 1962 New York Mets.

But thanks to owner Mike Ilitch's checkbook and general manager Dave Dombrowski's leadership, the Tigers appear to have a chance to be respectable in 2004.

Their new catcher is a 10-time All-Star, a 10-time Gold Glove winner and was the MVP of the NL championship series last season.

"If you don't mind for a moment I'm going to soak this up a little bit," said Tigers manager Alan Trammell, who indicated Rodriguez could hit third in his revamped lineup.

It didn't come cheap. Rodriguez gets \$7 million this year, \$8 million in 2005 and \$11 million each in 2006 and 2007, according to contract information obtained by The Associated Press. The Tigers have a \$13 million

option for 2008 with a \$3 million buyout.

Rodriguez would get \$50 million over five years if the option is exercised or \$40 million over four if it's declined.

Detroit has protection against lower back injuries. If Rodriguez goes on the disabled list for five or more weeks, the Tigers would be able to end the contract after two or three seasons.

Scott Boras, Rodriguez's agent, said his client was excited about playing in the AL Central.

"Pudge said to me, 'I know that division. That division could be mine.'"

## IN BRIEF

### Super Bowl ratings up from last year

NEW YORK — An estimated 89.6 million people watched the New England Patriots' Super Bowl victory over the Carolina Panthers, a slight increase from last year's game.

During the fourth quarter, which was capped by Adam Vinatieri's winning field goal, the audience swelled to 98.5 million, according to Nielsen Media Research.

Last year's Tampa Bay-Oakland matchup was seen by 88.6 million people, Nielsen said.

It was the most-watched Super Bowl since the 1998 Green Bay-Denver championship was seen by 90 million people.

Nielsen estimates that 143.6 million people watched at least some part of the game, the most for a Super Bowl. The 89.6 million figure is the average audience size during a given minute and is the number accepted in the industry to convey

how many people watched a program.

### ISU suspends basketball star

TERRE HAUTE, Ind. — Indiana State leading scorer David Moss was suspended indefinitely from the team Monday pending the outcome of a battery charge involving a female student who accused him of attacking her.

Moss, 20, was released on his own recognizance Monday after making his initial appearance in Vigo Superior Court. The judge in the case found probable cause to support a battery charge against Moss.

The sophomore from South Holland, Ill., was initially charged with domestic battery after his arrest early Saturday.

A 19-year-old woman told police officers she had been in an argument with Moss in a university dormitory and that he had choked her, leaving

bruises on her neck. She refused medical treatment.

The 6-foot-5 shooting guard leads the Sycamores in scoring, with 15.1 points a game, and in assists, with 3.3 assists per game. He won the Missouri Valley Conference's Freshman of the Year award last season.

### Purdue schedules Syracuse

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. — Purdue has dropped Cincinnati from its 2004 football schedule and will open the season Sept. 5 against Syracuse in a nationally televised game at Ross-Ade Stadium.

The Boilermakers were to have played Cincinnati on Sept. 18. Instead, they will have a bye that week before playing three straight games on the road.

"The opportunity to play a nationally prominent program such as Syracuse and to get on national television was too good to pass up," Purdue coach Joe Tiller said Monday.

## around the dial

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## Ranked

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think mental toughness is something that last year people questioned our toughness and this year I think we've proven time and time again that we are a very, very tough team."

Now the Irish look forward to a schedule that sees them face just one more ranked opponent, No. 22 Miami, for the remainder of the regular season. After playing so many difficult teams in January, Notre Dame should face an easier stretch in

February and into early March.

The latest string of wins has Notre Dame thinking of a Big East title. But to do so, Connecticut needs to lose one more game. Currently the Huskies are 7-1 in conference play and face two more ranked teams in the regular season. West Virginia, who upset Notre Dame Jan. 17, is tied with the Irish at 6-2.

Notre Dame faces Georgetown at the Joyce Center Wednesday, looking to improve to 10-0 at home this season.

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## Skating

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the Irish had a strong skate, and recorded a personal best for the team. Bridget Purcell and Kristi Allmandinger were selected at team MVP's for the competition.

The Irish will next compete in a field of eighteen schools at the national championships in San Diego.

### Skating

The Notre Dame and Saint Mary's ski club's women's squad captured its second consecutive first place team finish, and third in four races this year in this week's MCSA competition. In Saturday's slalom event, Leigh Hellrung finished first, Alanna Lungren fourth, Molly Butler sixth, Danielle Clements eighth and Rita

Morgan 17th in a dominating team performance. Lindsay May was 26th, Ann Mahoney, 35th, Leslie Schmidt, 39th, Casey Dunne, 43rd and Ana Maria Hernandez, 50th, also competed for the women's squad.

Michigan State, Michigan, Western Michigan, Central Michigan and Grand Valley finished behind the Irish in that order.

On Sunday, the women won a thrilling grand slalom over Northern Michigan by a score of 160.48 to 160.60. Michigan State, Michigan, Grand Valley State and Western Michigan finished third through sixth. Team results were Lundgren, third, Hellrung, fourth, Butler ninth, Morgan, 16th, Clements, 26th, May 30th, Dunne, 34th, Molly Fox, 35th, Lauren Dacey 36th, Mahoney, 40th, Hernandez, 45th and Schmidt, 48th.

## Victory

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More than a few players were 'on' for the Belles against Olivet. Coming off the bench, Bridget Lipke had 11 points and five assists with Anne Hogan dropping in another 12 points.

Guard Katie Miller led the Belles with 15 points on 3-of-5 3-point shooting while Emily Pernotto scored six points and delivered six assists.

Center Amanda Johnston kept the game in reach for Olivet and had a dominating performance inside with 32 points and 12 rebounds. She also shot 14-of-15 from the free throw line

In an effort to stop Johnston in the paint, both Emily Creahbaum and Maureen Bush fouled out of the game early with both players seeing less than 20 minutes on the floor.

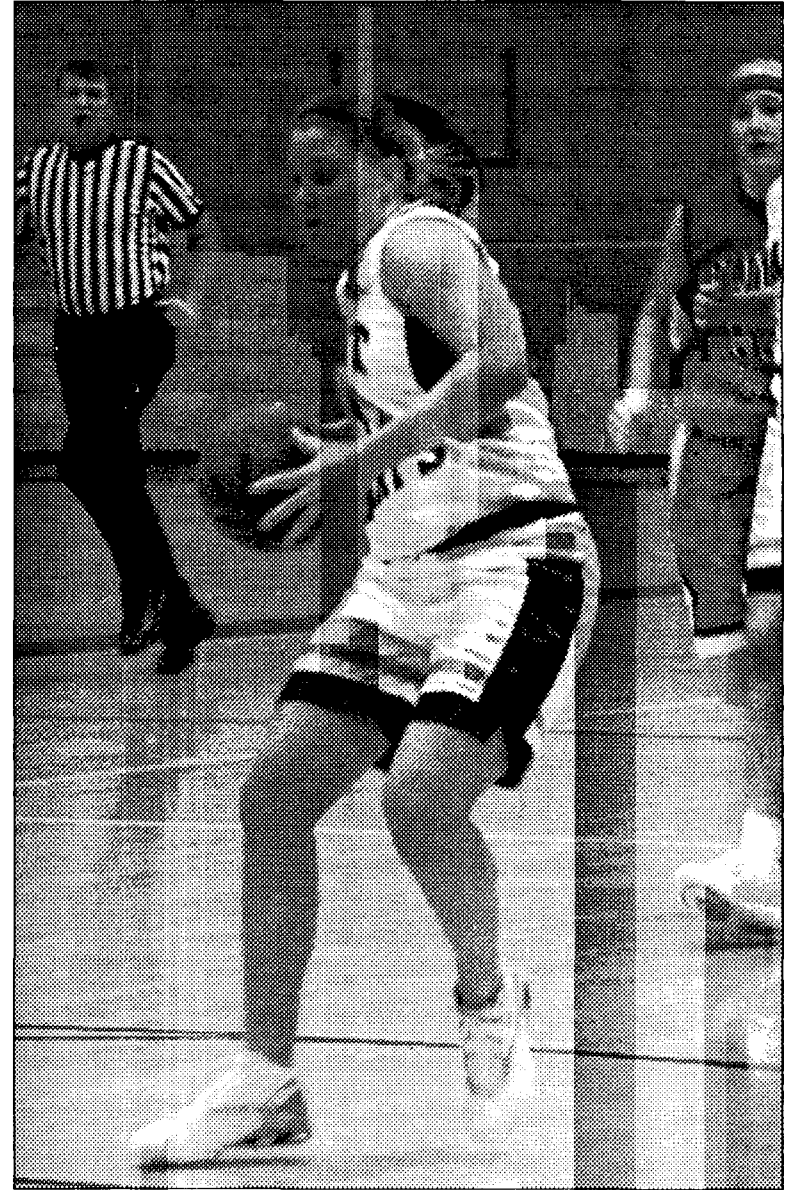
Creachbaum scored 10 points in 15 minutes before fouling out.

The Belles have struggled to make foul shots this season but shot 80 percent at the free throw line against Olivet, an improvement from past games where the team has shot under 50 percent.

After Olivet defeated Adrian College over the weekend, the Belles remained the only winless team in the MIAA.

"Olivet at home was probably our biggest game of the season," Bellina said. "We were able to take care of business and play our best."

Despite the critical win, the Belles still face two of their



STEPHANIE GRAMMENS/The Observer

Saint Mary's guard Emily Pennotto stops to look for a pass. Pennotto finished with six points and six assists against Olivet.

most challenging games this season. (18-2) Saturday.

The Belles will play Calvin (15-3) Wednesday and Hope

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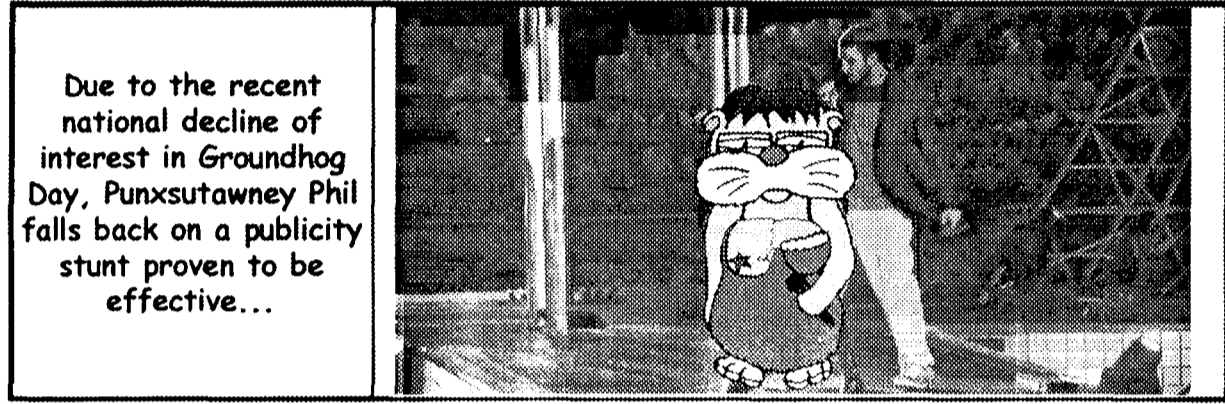
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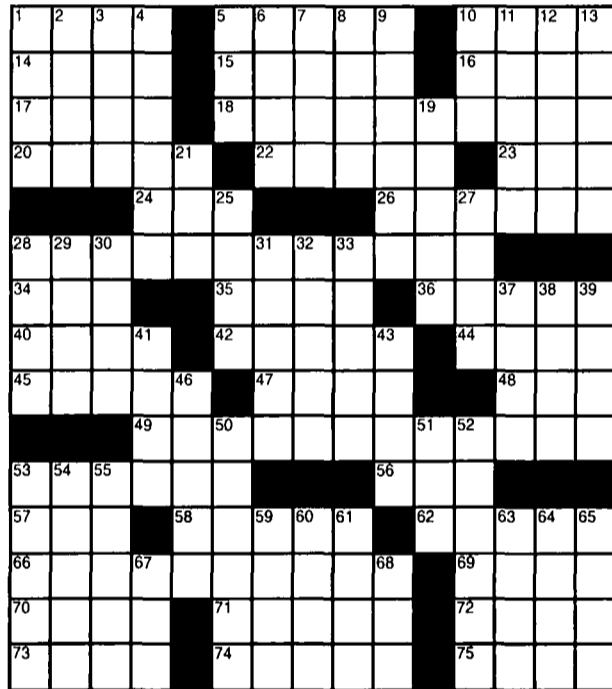
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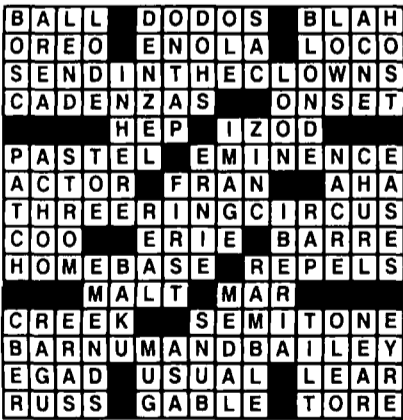
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**ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE**



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**Sharing this birthday:** Fran Tarkenton, Shelley Berman, James Michener, Morgan Fairchild, Henry Heimlich, Paul Sarbanes, Kathleen Kinmont, Blythe Danner

**Happy Birthday:** It's time to chill out and enjoy life. You need to be more accepting of the changes going on around you. You should consider picking up skills and knowledge that would help you understand a little better the high-tech world that you're living in. The more you acknowledge, the better you'll do in the future. Your numbers: 15, 16, 23, 31, 35, 42

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Travel or educational pursuits will lead to romantic encounters. You will be in the mood to get out with friends; mental stimulation will be necessary. \*\*

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Minor health problems will plague you if you haven't taken the necessary precautions. Do not get involved in joint financial ventures or lend cash to friends or relatives. \*\*\*\*

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Travel and love will go hand-in-hand. You will enjoy exotic destinations that will contribute to the romantic mood that will engulf you. \*\*\*\*

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Business opportunities must be taken advantage of. You can make professional changes if you wish. Your mental attitude will enhance your chances for advancement. \*\*\*

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Romantic opportunities will develop through organizational activities. You can make financial gains through group ventures. Time spent with children will be rewarding. \*\*\*\*

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** New love connections will evolve through friends or relatives at family functions. Completing those decorating plans you've dreamed of can beautify your home. \*\*\*\*

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Kindred relationships will unfold through pleasure trips and/or sports activities. You will be in a passionate mood and quite able to use your charm to get your own way. \*\*

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Your original ideas for ways of making extra cash can pay off. You will be creative in your own pursuits. Don't overspend on your lover. Put the money into your own business. \*\*\*\*

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** You may be confused with regard to your financial situation. Refrain from spending on unnecessary items. Unforeseen bills may surface when least expected. \*\*\*

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Self-deception may be an issue today. Take time to re-evaluate as you may be judging your situation wrongly. One-sided romantic infatuations are likely. \*\*\*

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Steer clear of secret affairs or getting involved in other people's problems. You should work quietly behind the scenes or better yet in the privacy of your home. \*\*\*

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Co-workers may be difficult to get along with. Don't be naive. Someone you least expect may be after your job or just trying to get rid of you. \*\*\*\*

**Birthday Baby:** You are a leader. You will be able to get your point across with ease and therefore build a following no matter what you pursue throughout your life. Your confident manner and unique approach to everything you do will be admired.

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

# Moving into the polls

*Five straight wins against ranked opponents gets No. 23 Irish to 13-7*

By JOE HETTLER  
Sports Editor

Twenty-seven days ago Notre Dame lost to Georgetown 76-73 to open up Big East play and dropped to an underachieving 7-6 and 0-1 in the Big East.

With games against ranked foes such as Virginia Tech, Connecticut, Villanova, Miami and Boston College on the horizon, things were not going to get any easier for the Irish. But since then Notre Dame has rallied to beat all five of those ranked opponents and now find themselves not only nationally ranked, but also in the hunt for the Big East conference title.

"I give [the team] an A+ right now because I think if you looked at [our] schedule in the end of December and looked at what January was going to bring and to see six ranked teams on the schedule, and not a lot of easy games in between — every game was critical for us," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said.

Notre Dame (13-7, 6-2) is ranked No. 23 in the latest poll and it is the first time the Irish have appeared in a poll since the third week of the sea-

son. The Irish also have the most losses of any ranked team, but have been recognized for a strenuous schedule that has seen them post a 6-4 mark against top 25 opponents.

That impressive record has also helped Notre Dame earn a No. 12 RPI rating.

After Saturday's most recent victory against a ranked foe, this time No. 23 Boston College, McGraw made a case for her team to be ranked.

"I think we're a top 25 team," she said. "I think [the Boston College] win was very important for us to continue the home streak but certainly to get the win over the ranked team."

McGraw said two of the biggest reasons for Notre Dame's improved play are defense and mental toughness. The Irish lead the Big East in scoring defense, allowing just 50.2 points in league games. The team has also played more physically and mentally focused down the stretch during close games.

"I think this team has grown tremendously throughout this season, and certainly from last year [with its mental toughness]," McGraw said. "I

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*"I give [the team] an A+ right now."*

**Muffet McGraw**  
Irish coach



CHIP MARKS/The Observer

Le'Tanla Severe goes towards the basket against Boston College. Boston College is the fifth top-25 team the Irish have defeated within the past month.

SMC BASKETBALL

# Belles topple Olivet 77-69

By STEVE COYER  
Sports Writer

After seven straight losses against MIAA teams, the Belles needed an answer and fast.

They finally put the question to rest.

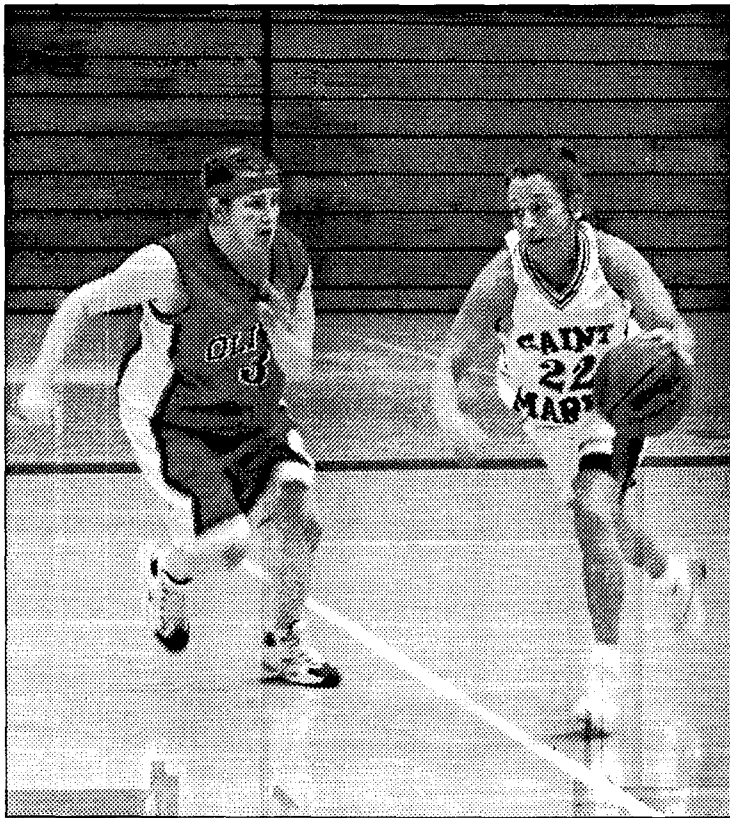
In a decisive 77-69 victory over Olivet College (7-13), the Belles (6-13) brought an end to their conference losing streak and received a timely confidence boost.

The Belles built a 28-24 halftime lead and played a consistent second half with an all-around team effort on their way to the win.

When the starters for the Belles started to tire, the bench came through and contributed a total of 33 points.

"The biggest positive to come out of our loss against Albion was the play of our bench," Bellina said. "The key is to get all 14 players on at the same time."

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STEPHANIE GRAMMENS/The Observer

Saint Mary's guard Katie Miller dribbles the ball past a Olivet defender. Miller finished the game with 15 points.

CLUB SPORTS

# No jump start after Michigan State win

Special to The Observer

**Men's Volleyball**

The Notre Dame men's club volleyball team defeated rival Michigan State Friday in East Lansing, Mich. at the Michigan State Invitational. Backed by strong serving from Nico Lopez and Mike Toomey, the Irish dominated the Spartans in every aspect of the game. Notre Dame jumped out to a quick two games to none lead in the best-of-5 match with scores of 25-17 and 25-18. After dropping the third game, 25-21, the Irish finished the match with a convincing 25-15 win.

Top performances came from setter Brad Weldon, the third starting Irish setter in three tournaments, and freshman middle Joe O'Connell who played in his first regular season matches.

The Irish opened Saturday with a disappointing loss to

Michigan 25-19, 25-15, 25-23. This lull extended into the next match again Miami of Ohio. The Irish won the first game 25-22 before dropping two games, 25-17, 25-20. However, the Irish never blinked and rallied from an 11 point deficit to win the fourth game, 26-24. In a see-saw deciding fifth game, the Irish fell just short, 15-13.

The Irish will next take the courts in two weeks at the Ball State Invitational.

**Figure Skating**

The Notre Dame figure skating team competed in the U.S. Figure Skating Association's Midwestern sectional last weekend. The Irish placed fifth among five schools. Two varsity powers, Michigan and Michigan State claimed the top two positions, followed by Illinois and Wisconsin in a very strong field.

Despite the fifth place finish,

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SPORTS  
AT A GLANCE

NBA

Shaquille O'Neal was suspended after using obscene language and publicly criticizing the officials during a television interview.

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NCAA BASKETBALL

Texas Tech coach Bob Knight got into a verbal argument with a university chancellor at a nearby grocery store.

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NCAA BASEBALL

Former team manager Cameron Matthews has become a baseball player for Stanford.

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NFL

City officials in Indianapolis are trying to work out ways to reduce the cost of keeping the Colts.

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NCAA BASKETBALL

**UConn 84 Syracuse 54**

Emeka Okafor had 25 points in UConn's win over Syracuse.

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