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Abroad students return to life at ND

'Reverse culture shock' poses surprising issues

By JULIE BENDER
News Writer

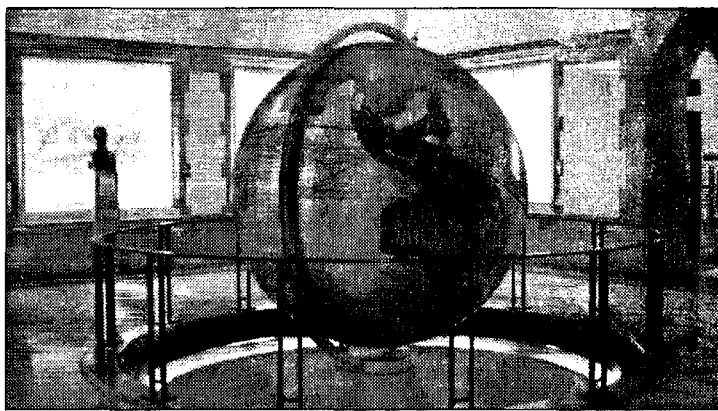
For Notre Dame students who spent a semester away from apple pie, shopping at Wal-Mart or watching the NFL playoffs, returning from studying in a foreign country can pose significant challenges.

This "reverse culture shock" is something international studies programs at Notre Dame say they are aware of and deal with

as students make the transition back to South Bend.

"There is a maturing that goes on, and it is often difficult for students to readjust to their old culture with their new perspectives and the emotional changes that have occurred while abroad," said Julia Douthwaite, associate provost for International Studies at Notre Dame. "Anybody who goes abroad will see the U.S. from a

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RICK FRIEDMAN/The Observer

To help returning abroad students cope with readjustment, Notre Dame organized a variety of transition programs.

CAMPUS LIFE COUNCIL

Members discuss Flex 10

Group considers new meal option

By MADDIE HANNA
News Writer

The possibility of introducing a "Flex 10" meal plan was the primary concern at Monday's Campus Life Council meeting, which also heard progress reports from three task forces.

"This isn't really a call to do anything specific right now, but a call to Food Services to explore and delve into other options," said James Leito, Siegfried senator and member of the Committee on Residence Life that examined the issue.

Currently, the two meal plans offered to on-campus students are the "Flex 14" plan, which includes 14 meals a week and 260 Flex Points, and the "Premium 21," which includes 21 meals a week and no Flex Points. Off-campus students can build their own meal plans by purchasing block meals and as many Flex Points as they choose.

According to the October 2004 Student Government Dining Hall Issues Survey, if given the choice, over 50 percent of students would choose a "Flex 10" option providing 10 meals a week and additional Flex Points.

"When I was a freshman, I thought the dining hall was the

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COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES

Campus government transition debated

Representatives analyze proposals for moving up April 1 presidential turnover date



PAMELA LOCK/The Observer

COR members talk about plans for moving the April 1 turnover date of the student body president to allow him or her a full two-semester term.

By MARY KATE MALONE
News Writer

In their first meeting of the new semester, the Council of Representatives focused their discussion Monday on the transition period for new student body presidents.

Siegfried senator James Leito, a member of the Senate committee reviewing the situation, attended the meeting and led discussion about the need for possible changes to the transition system.

The current system outlined in the Student Union Constitution calls for elec-

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Health Services, Counseling Center plan for move

Summer reorganization not expected to affect services for students

By KATIE LAIRD
News Writer

Health Services and the Counseling Center will relocate in May from their current location near Lewis Hall to temporary housing while renovations occur during the summer.

The Counseling Center will move permanently to the old post office while Health Services will temporarily go to the former security building.

The current co-existence of Health Services and the Counseling Center in the same building made it easier for students to go to their referrals and to maintain confidentiality, said Anne Kleva, health services director. Both offices will be moved to separate buildings when renovation on the cur-

rent Health Services building begins after May, she said.

The Counseling Center will be moved to the old post office building, while Health Services will temporarily relocate to the old Security Building.

While equipment and information are moved, Health Services will close for one to two weeks during the summer and move back into its old building after the renovation is completed in early August, said Kleva.

"It is mandatory for us to close down for one to two weeks in order to move records, pharmacy. ... This is the same amount of time as at Christmas break," said Kleva.

The separation of Health Services and the Counseling Center should not have a significant impact on either

department's service to students.

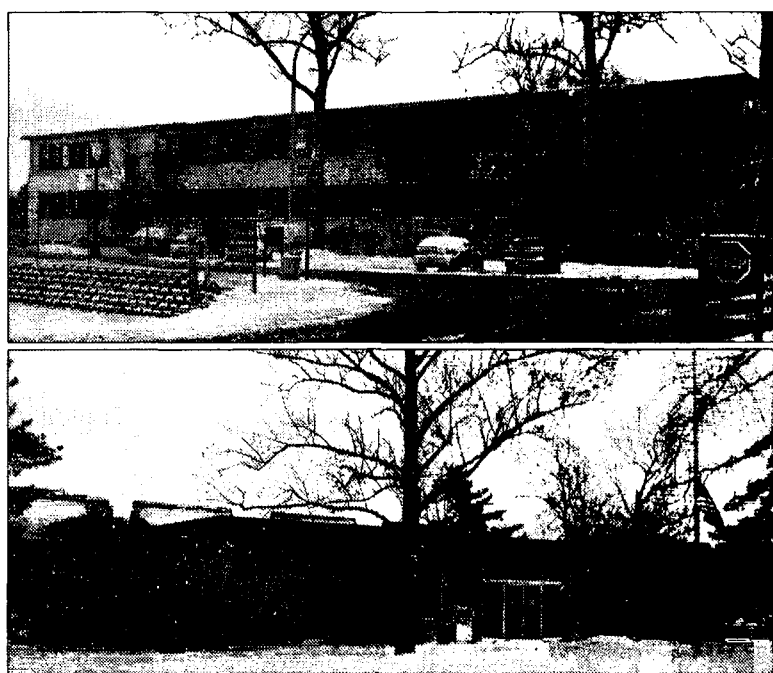
"We are separate departments, we are just housed in the same building," she said.

Susan Steibe-Pasalich, director of the Counseling Center, said she is optimistic about the future changes.

The Counseling Center's temporary relocation to the old post office will make the department visible and easily accessible for students receiving treatment, Steibe-Pasalich said. Because the new space will be much smaller than the existing building, only essential materials will be moved to the temporary center.

A potential problem for the relocation could be that students might be seen walking

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RICK FRIEDMAN/The Observer

Health Services and the Counseling Center will relocate this summer to the old security building and old post office, respectively.

INSIDE COLUMN

No going back

I picked an innocent enough looking seat in my first Friday afternoon economics tutorial — not too close to the front and not surrounded by giggly girls.

But just before the class began, three football players sauntered in and plopped themselves down in the chairs right behind me. And as I began to look around the class, I discovered that to my surprise — and slight horror — out of a 40-person section, I was surrounded by freshmen. I knew fellow seniors might be scarce in Econ 101, but I assumed I'd find at least some other non-freshman business major filling a requirement.

All year long, I'd harbored a secret jealousy of my little freshman brother and the other freshmen I worked with as a peer advisor for First Year of Studies. I told everyone that I would love just one more year at Notre Dame. I filled out applications while pretending I really wasn't graduating in a few short months.

But that Friday afternoon, surrounded by hordes of cookie cutter freshmen business majors — my nostalgia died right then and there.

As the TA started class, I thought back on my college years, first remembering that such large, everyone-takes-it classes did actually exist.

I stared as the athletes proceeded to talk through everything the TA said, once interrupting to ask why the class didn't have Powerpoints and then subsequently declaring that it would be "really hard." I wondered why the grad student didn't tell them to shut up — until it dawned on me that he'd probably already tried and failed at that last semester.

I cringed at the subtle racism of one athlete who, as one girl announced that her name was Alejandra, yelled out "Allez-what?" as if she was speaking gibberish.

After the girl explained that she lived in Mexico, the athlete looked perplexed — he apparently couldn't fathom that actual people came from Mexico or how one might appear at Notre Dame.

And as a girl in back row started a loud conversation with another athlete — apparently having missed the third grade lesson about paying attention in class — I buried my head in my desk.

Don't get me wrong, the Class of 2008 definitely deserves more credit than this.

Some of the freshmen I've advised rank among the most intelligent and thoughtful students I've met at Notre Dame, and I'm sure even these obnoxious people will some day mature into confident seniors.

But as I counted down the remaining minutes Friday afternoon, I realized that, for as much as I'll cry when at graduation and miss even the dining hall food and crowded dorm rooms, I wouldn't trade my closest friends, favorite classes, inspiring professors and Malibu pineapples for bad freshman roommates, Keystone Lights and underclassman naïveté.

When I sat down later that afternoon to read an essay by Immanuel Kant for my "Enlightenment and Its Revolutions" class, I said a silent prayer of thanks for making through the past four years.

As tempting as one more year of 'Backer Long Islands and college care-freeness might be — we've come too far to go back. When that final May day rolls around, somehow, I'll be ready to go.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHERE DID YOU GET YOUR BOOKS FOR THE SEMESTER?



Tara Devine
*McGlinn
sophomore*

"Amazon.com, half.com and the bookstore."



Bridget Osetinski
*McGlinn
sophomore*

"Overdue books from the library and smuggled in from Taiwan."



Joel Steiner
*Sorin
freshman*

"Online from Ebay and NDbay and the Hammes bookstore."



Phillip Hicks
*Dillon
freshman*

"The bookstore."



Annie Laurer
*McGlinn
sophomore*

"Mostly from people going abroad."



Tom Raaf
*off campus
senior*

"Books I need not."



PAMELA LOCK/The Observer

A lone Notre Dame student surveys rows of cars covered with snow in the D-6 parking lot Monday afternoon.

IN BRIEF

RecSports will sponsor the **19th Annual Late Night Olympics** fundraiser from 6 p.m. Friday to 4 a.m. Saturday to benefit the St. Joseph County Special Olympics.

Siegfried Hall will sponsor its **Dance-a-thon** from 9 a.m. to midnight Friday at the Stephan Center.

Student groups will sponsor "**And Still We Rise ... Remembering is Not Enough**," a town hall meeting about Martin Luther King day from 7 to 8 p.m. in the Hammes Student Lounge of the Coleman-Morse Center.

Notre Dame assistant music professor **John Blacklow** will present a concert Wednesday from 8 to 9:15 p.m. in the Leighton Concert Hall of the DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts.

Brian Shanley, associate professor of philosophy at the Catholic University of America, will give a lecture on "**Aquinas' Exemplar Ethics**" from 5 to 6:30 p.m. on the 7th floor of the Hesburgh Library. A reception will follow.

The Center for Social Concerns will sponsor a **Social Concerns Festival** Wednesday from 7 to 9 p.m. in the CSC classroom.

The **hockey** team will play Michigan Tech at the Joyce Center at 7:35 p.m.

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

OFFBEAT

Man in Batman suit climbs onto court roof

A M S T E R D A M, Netherlands — A man in a Batman suit spent several hours on a rooftop balcony atop a courthouse in the Dutch city of Utrecht on Monday, protesting the treatment of fathers in divorce cases.

Police initially said they planned to ignore the man, a member of the group Fathers for Justice, until he came down.

But police spokeswoman Wendy Alberse said the man, whose name was not released, struck a deal to surrender peacefully.

Police offered him a ladder and he climbed through a window to safety, she said.

"He won't be charged, and he has promised not to do it again," Alberse said.

Florida man on lam found inside of TV

BAINBRIDGE, Ga. — A 6-foot man allegedly on the run from Florida authorities since September was found this week curled up inside of a television.

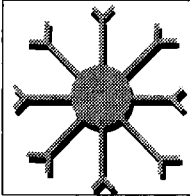
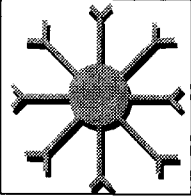
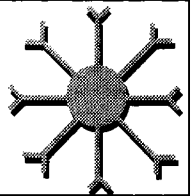
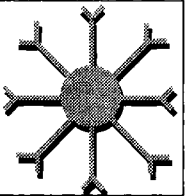
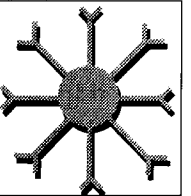
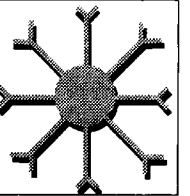
After receiving a tip that Alfred Blane, 45, of Ponce de Leon, Fla., might be in Decatur County, police

went Friday to a mobile home near Bainbridge College, where a woman told police he was hiding under a mattress inside.

Lending the department's police dog, Thomasville officers accompanied the Florida authorities inside the residence. The officers searched the house thoroughly, even checking a freezer and washing machine, said Lt. Tim Watkins of the Thomas County Sheriff's Department.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

LOCAL WEATHER

	TODAY	TONIGHT	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						
HIGH	19	17	34	26	23	27
LOW	16	16	19	16	21	13

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BOARD OF GOVERNANCE

Group plans tsunami relief programs at SMC

By CHELSEA IVERSEN
News Writer

On Tuesday evening, Saint Mary's Board of Governance met for the first time this semester to discuss College President Carol Mooney's inauguration and tsunami relief efforts.

Student body president Sarah Catherine White praised the success of the inauguration.

"Everyone was impressed with Saint Mary's College," she said.

White also said tsunami relief efforts would be one of BOG's major projects and it would be its responsibility to unite the campus toward a significant donation.

BOG members will meet Wednesday to discuss ways to get the student body involved and motivated about relief efforts.

Saint Mary's did not participate in the tri-campus tsunami collection held this past weekend. White explained that with the Inauguration events, Saint Mary's would not have had enough time to make a sizable donation. Instead, motivation and unification of the campus would lead the student body to give generously and collectively to

tsunami relief aids, she said.

"We wanted to wait and do our own big thing," she said.

BOG also approved a \$1,000 grant for 15 students from the Communications, Theatre and Dance department to travel to New York during Spring Break for an educational trip.

After the trip, the students will be required to give a presentation, which will be open to the general campus, describing their experiences and how their trip will benefit or has benefited Saint Mary's.

In other BOG news:

◆ Senior class president Jacqueline Cuisinier reported on many upcoming events for Saint Mary's seniors. A bowling night will be held Feb. 6, and Senior Spirit Week is set for Feb. 20-26.

◆ BOG members encouraged students to nominate their female professors, faculty or staff members to be recognized at the Women Honoring Women Ceremony on March 23. Nominations are due by Feb. 24.

◆ The All School Formal will take place Feb. 5, and tickets are on sale this week.

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More aid could eliminate poverty

Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS — Global poverty can be cut in half by 2015 and eliminated by 2025 if the world's richest countries including the United States, Japan and Germany more than double aid to the poorest countries, hundreds of development experts concluded in a report Monday.

At stake is life or death for tens of millions of impoverished people, it said.

The report spells out the investments needed to meet the U.N. goals adopted by world leaders at the Millennium Summit in 2000 to tackle poverty, hunger and disease and promote education and development, mainly in African and Asian countries.

"What we're proposing is a strategy of investment to help empower the lives of very poor people that lack the tools and sometimes even the basic means to stay alive, much less be productive members of a fast-paced world economy," said Professor Jeffrey Sachs, head of the U.N. anti-poverty effort and lead author of the report.

The investments range from schools, clinics, safe water and sanitation to fertilizer, roads, electricity and transport to get goods to market.

"The system is not working right now — let's be clear," he said. "There's a tremendous imbalance of focus on the

issues of war and peace, and less on the dying and suffering of the poor who have no voice."

According to the report, one billion people live on a dollar a day or less, many of them going to bed hungry every night; life expectancy in the poorest countries is half that in high-income countries. And every month, for example, 150,000 African children die of malaria because they don't have bed nets to keep out mosquitos, a tragedy Sachs called the "silent tsunami."

In 1970, the world's nations agreed to provide 0.7 percent of their gross national income for development assistance, and that figure was reaffirmed by the U.N. conference on financing development in Monterrey, Mexico, in 2002.

So far, only five countries have met or surpassed the target — Denmark, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Norway and Sweden. Six others have made commitments to reach the target by 2015 — Belgium, Finland, France, Ireland, Spain and Britain.

But 11 of the 22 richest donors according to the Paris-based Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development are far from the target and have not set timetables to reach it — including the United States, Japan and Germany.

If all 22 rich countries come up with the money, more than 500 million people can escape poverty and tens of millions

can avoid certain death in the next decade, the report said.

If the countries kept up the 0.7 percent level of aid-giving for another decade, it said, "by 2025 extreme poverty can be substantially eliminated" for the remaining 500 million people surviving on a dollar a day.

"Our generation for the first time in human history really could see to it that extreme poverty on the planet is ended, not just by half but ended by the year 2025," Sachs said.

"We are not asking for one new promise from any country in the world, only the follow-through on what has already been committed," he stressed.

But trying to get the United States and the other rich nations to double or triple the amount of development assistance they give is expected to be an uphill struggle — and the target of a major lobbying effort.

The resources to meet the U.N. goals are definitely within the means of the world's 22 richest nations, Sachs said.

"The required doubling of annual official development assistance to \$135 billion in 2006, rising to \$195 billion by 2015, pales beside the wealth of high income countries — and the world's military budget of \$900 billion a year," the report said.

The United States now spends only about 0.15 percent of its GDP on development aid, well below the 0.7 percent figure, Sachs said.

And still we rise...

UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. HOLIDAY CELEBRATION

TUESDAY, JANUARY 18: TOWN HALL MEETING

7:00-8:00 PM

COLEMAN-MORSE CENTER

REMEMBERING IS NOT ENOUGH

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coolest thing — I could get as much chocolate milk as I wanted — but by the time you're a senior, the dining hall kind of loses its romance," student body president Adam Istvan said.

The survey also found that over 96 percent of students choosing a meal plan select the "Flex 14" and a majority of these students use all of their Flex Points before the end of the semester.

However, the additional meal plan option could present some complications.

According to Leito, the "Flex 10" might change the financial cost of meal plans.

"Since Food Services already counts on students eating fewer than 14 meals a week, [with "Flex 10"] the price per meal could go up or costs might be cut," Leito said.

Istvan added that to reduce dining hall cost, the variety of food offered might need to be reduced.

"That's something Food Services will have to crunch numbers on," he said.

Chief executive assistant Dave Baron also commented on the implications for Notre Dame Food Services employees.

"Any change here [in the meal plan system] would affect the amount of pay given to dining hall workers," he said.

Last week, Student Senate passed a resolution intended to promote further discussion of the plan in Food Services.

CLC will vote on a resolution at its next meeting to send to Father Mark Poorman, vice president for student affairs.

In other CLC news:

♦ Jordan Bongiovanni, Cavanaugh senator and co-chair

of the social concerns task force, said committee members would meet next week to collaborate research on diversity at "Top 20" and peer institutions that compare to Notre Dame.

Bongiovanni also said that the social concerns committee has been communicating with student and faculty groups on campus working towards the same goal of increasing diversity awareness.

The social concerns committee will compile data to send to the Feb. 3 Board of Trustees meeting, which will focus on issues of racial equality.

"We spent a good deal of the first semester doing research, and this is a perfect opportunity to use it," Baron said.

♦ On the topic of campus vending, Leito said Dave Prentkowski, director of Notre Dame Food Services, was impressed with the vending committee's data and planned to solicit 2000 students' opinions via email regarding laundry and vending.

"The most telling numbers are the 16 [or] 17 schools that charge less than us," Leito said. "Several people have told us that vending is considering lowering prices as a result of this research."

♦ O'Neill senator Alex French said the security task force had obtained maps of lighting

around campus.

"We can finally look into that matter better," French said.

Additionally, French said committee members would meet with police officers from three jurisdictions to work on a ListServ informing students of campus security issues.

A program would take place in each dorm discussing fire safety is also in the works, French said.

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into the Counseling Center. "That remains to be seen," said Steibe-Pasalich. "It is a more obvious building. If students are seen ... it's obvious where they're going."

However, she said the counseling center also offers numerous outreach programs and education groups for students to attend, in addition to counseling.

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different perspective, and it can be shocking to return home to the American way of things again."

Due to the regular occurrence of this problem each semester, the Office of International Studies offers some ways to ease the transition for students returning home.

"We offer debriefing luncheons where we reunite the groups of students from the various locations," said Douthwaite. "This way students can touch base with one another and discuss their experiences and struggles while readjusting."

Along with efforts to reunite students who studied in the same location together, OIS has also made efforts to help assist students in the academic realm as well.

"We are trying to encourage faculty to design courses that will build on the cultural experiences gained by students studying abroad. This will help returning students to reflect on their time overseas, and it will also increase the internationalization of the University," said Douthwaite.

In addition to the services provided by OIS, this year the University Counseling Center has also taken steps to ease students back into Notre Dame after their international experiences.

"Students come back [from abroad] changed," said UCC psy-

chologist Andrew Weis. "They go to their study abroad countries geared up and prepared for their experience with many of their cohorts, but when they return and are reintegrated in the University, they often find themselves isolated among students who haven't studied abroad and don't understand or grasp the experience."

In order to help students dealing with reverse culture shock, last semester the UCC created a support group for students to get together and discuss their concerns and experiences, he said.

"UCC staff members found they had many students in their casework who were having trouble readjusting in their return to Notre Dame, so that's where the support group idea came in," he said.

The support began last semester and aims to bring students with similar issues together.

"Support groups differ from therapy groups because they provide more of an opportunity to share experiences with others. Students often think their culture shock experiences are unique to them, but with the support group they find they are not alone in their struggles to readjust," said Weis.

Because readjusting is an ongoing process for returning students, each person has to find a unique way to cope based on individual personalities and experiences.

"My biggest struggle so far has been the weather," said junior Pattie Mackin, who just returned from Perth, Australia. "A few

The move will be accompanied by marketing and publicity and support from professors, faculty and staff members, who often refer patients, said Steibe-Pasalich.

The new Health Services building will have up-to-date furnishings and equipment, including capabilities to handle the newest technology, Kleva said. The staff will be working with various committees to plan the move.

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weeks ago I was in the southern hemisphere, and now I'm in the snow and cold of South Bend."

For junior Meghan Winger another struggle has been the difference in class workload.

"I studied in Fremantle, Australia where we only had one class a week. It's hard getting used to Notre Dame again after having so much time to do work while abroad."

Beth Wernet, who studied in London last semester, agreed.

"The workload and classes where I studied in London are different from Notre Dame, so that's been a change. For me though, the biggest thing has been being back on campus again," she said. "Notre Dame seems the same, but a lot is different, which makes things weird."

Whether it's the weather, the work, dealing with the changes in friends or adjusting to campus again, most returning students said they did have some concerns about returning to Notre Dame, even after just a few months of absence.

But with the UCC support group and planned OIS programs, this semester students have many resources available to help with the readjustment process.

"I definitely plan on taking part in some of these offerings," said Winger. "They sound like great opportunities, and I'd love to get together again with all the people I met while abroad."

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tions to take place the first week of February. The student body president leaves office on April 1.

Leito said the current system with the early April transition fails to provide student government officers a full two semesters to accomplish their initiatives. If the transition date was moved to later in the school year, more time would be allowed for the current president to tackle new ideas and finish projects from the first semester while also giving the in-coming president more time to set up his agenda, he said.

"After April 1 programming for most clubs and organizations on campus becomes very difficult," Leito said. "If the transition date was delayed until after commencement, there would be enough time for the new president to get the budget in order."

Leito emphasized that moving the transition date to later in the semester would not affect the February elections.

"Most likely the date for elections would not change. It would just allow more time for the president-elect to set up his

initiatives," Leito said.

Chief executive assistant Dave Baron was in full support of the idea.

"I think this is a great idea to move the transition date forward. Things that get done well happen during first semester. It is harder to make things happen in second semester because of the April transition date," Baron said.

Student body president Adam Istvan questioned the effect the date change would have on the president-elect.

"One concern of mine is that this will be an awfully long period for a lame-duck president who knows they're going to be president the following year," he said. "It could create possible tension between the current president and the person elected to replace him."

The possibility of moving the transition date back to January was also considered in the discussion. If this were the case, the elections would likely take place in October to allow for a period of transition.

"If the date was moved to the first day after Christmas break, then the following summer could be used to develop ideas already set in place," judicial council president Brin Anderson said.

Leito expressed the need to

research and evaluate how other "Top 20" universities go about transitioning from one president to the next.

"I want to find out when other schools schedule their transitions and why they chose those dates. I want to research to find the most effective method," Leito said.

However Leito noted that there are many steps that would be involved in changing the turnover date.

"The matter still needs to be discussed with the oversight committee. If a possible resolution is made, it will not affect any elections for this year," Leito said.

In other COR news:

♦ The council welcomed new student union secretary Anna Skoien. She replaces Meg Smith, who is studying abroad for the second semester.

"She worked with Meg with diligence and precision and there is no doubt in my mind that she will be an outstanding secretary," Istvan said.

♦ The council also approved sophomore Mark Healey as the new Director of Programming for the Student Union Board.

In a letter to the council, SUB manager Jimmy Flaherty wrote, "Mark is far and away the best candidate for the posi-

tion. He has demonstrated tremendous time management skills."

Healey will occupy the posi-

tion until March 1.

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University of Notre Dame Department of Music

Faculty Recital

JOHN BLACKLOW

PIANIST

J.S. Bach

French Suite in E, BWV 817

Alban Berg

Piano Sonata, Op. 1

Fryderyk Chopin

Barcarolle, Op. 60 – Etude, Op. 10, No. 4

Robert Schumann

Symphonic Etudes, Op. 13

8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, January 19, 2005

Leighton Concert Hall

Marie P. DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts

General admission \$10; faculty / staff \$8; seniors \$6; students \$3
phone 574-631-2800 for tickets

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Abbas orders forces to end attacks

RAMALLAH, West Bank — Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas, under growing pressure to rein in militants, ordered his security forces Monday to prevent attacks on Israel and investigate a deadly shooting of Israeli civilians last week.

But Palestinian security officials were short on details about possible actions against armed groups, and a spokesman for Hamas said his extremist group would continue attacks.

The order by Abbas, approved by his Cabinet, was the Palestinian leadership's first step against militants since six Israelis were slain Thursday at the Karni crossing between Israel and the Gaza Strip.

Soap star dies at 88 of pneumonia

NEW YORK — Ruth Warrick, the darling of the daytime soap opera "All My Children" who launched her career in Orson Welles' classic "Citizen Kane," has died, ABC-TV said Monday. She was 88.

Warrick died at her New York home Saturday of complications from pneumonia, said ABC.

In "All My Children," which debuted in 1970, Warrick played Phoebe Tyler Wallingford, the grande dame of the fictitious affluent town of Pine Valley. She portrayed the meddlesome and over-the-top personality so believably that her fans often had trouble distinguishing between the stylish actress and her fictitious, equally sophisticated character.

Twice nominated for an Emmy for the role, Warrick often talked about how Phoebe Tyler had become an integral part of her life.

NATIONAL NEWS

U.S. celebrations mark MLK Day

ATLANTA — Americans inspired by Martin Luther King Jr. took part in marches and rallies around the country Monday, drawing from the late civil rights leader's message to call for an end to the Iraq war, advocate affirmative action and speak out for gay rights.

In King's hometown, parade spectators lined the streets dancing to Stevie Wonder's "Happy Birthday" and listening to King's speeches blaring over the loudspeakers. Despite Monday's chilly temperatures, thousands of marchers then walked through the Atlanta district where King grew up and preached.

Avalanche search declared over

PARK CITY, Utah — Authorities ended a large-scale search for victims of last week's massive avalanche Monday and said there is a good chance a body found over the weekend was the lone victim.

In northern Idaho, meanwhile, two snowboarders from Gonzaga University in Spokane, Wash., were killed in an avalanche while snowboarding south of Mullan, the Shoshone County sheriff's office said.

A third snowboarder, 22-year-old Sean Forbes, survived and walked to a nearby house to call for help, deputies said.

LOCAL NEWS

Man returns after trip to Sri Lanka

WARSAW — A northern Indiana man well-versed in relief efforts returned home after a trip to Sri Lanka to examine effects of the tsunami on a small region.

Joe Wilkey has spent the last 24 years in development work, having visited more than 100 countries and 14 war zones.

But the devastation brought on by the Dec. 26 Indian Ocean tsunami even gave him pause.

"The scope of this one is huge," he said.

IRAQ

Insurgents kidnap Catholic archbishop

More than 20 people are dead after a series of attacks targeting security forces

Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Insurgents kidnapped a Catholic archbishop and targeted security forces in a series of brazen assaults Monday that killed more than 20 people. A suicide bomber attacked U.S. Marines in Ramadi, where insurgents also beheaded two Shiite Muslims and left their bodies on a sidewalk.

The top U.S. general in Iraq predicted violence during the Jan. 30 national election but pledged to do "everything in our power" to ensure safety of voters. As part of a crackdown on insurgents, U.S. troops arrested more than 100 suspects over the past three days, U.S. officials said.

In Mosul, Archbishop Basile Georges Casmooussa of the Syrian Catholic Church, was seized by gunmen and the Vatican condemned the abduction as a "terrorist act." The 66-year-old churchman was grabbed while walking in front of his church, a priest said on condition of anonymity.

Christians make up just 3 percent of Iraq's 26 million people. The major Christian groups include Chaldean-Assyrians and Armenians with small numbers of Roman Catholics.

The deadliest attacks occurred in three cities in the flashpoint region north and west of Baghdad where Sunni Muslim insurgents are seeking to derail the election.

In Buhriz, 35 miles north of Baghdad, gunmen attacked an Iraqi National Guard checkpoint at the provincial broadcasting center, killing eight soldiers and wounding four. A suicide driver set off a car bomb at a police station in Beiji, 155 miles north of the capital, killing seven policemen and wounding 25 people.

A U.S. spokesman said Marines suffered an undis-



U.S. soldiers patrol in Mosul where a Catholic archbishop was kidnapped Monday. Violence has escalated recently with the approach of the Jan. 30 elections.

closed number of casualties in a suicide car bombing in Ramadi, 70 miles west of Baghdad. Marines sent to check a suspicious vehicle came under small arms and rocket-propelled grenade fire and the vehicle exploded.

"There were U.S. casualties," 1st Lt. Lyle Gilbert said, but declined to give further details, citing security. Later, the U.S. command reported two Marines were killed in action in the province that includes Ramadi but would not say whether they died in the car bombing.

Elsewhere in Ramadi, a predominantly Sunni Muslim city, officials found the bodies of five civilians and one Iraqi soldier. Each

had a handwritten note declaring them collaborators, officials said. Four found together had been shot while two discovered later in the day were beheaded, their blood-soaked bodies left where they died. The notes identified the two beheaded victims as Shiite Muslims.

Shiites have been targets of intimidation because they are expected to turn out in large numbers for the election for a 275-member National Assembly that will appoint a new government and draft a permanent constitution.

About 60 percent of Iraq's 26 million people are Shiites, and their candidates are expected to

win most of the assembly seats. Many Sunni Arabs fear losing the power they enjoyed under Saddam Hussein, and Sunni clerics have called for a boycott of the vote. U.S. officials fear a low Sunni turnout may cast doubt on the legitimacy of the new government.

In a statement Monday, Gen. George W. Casey Jr., commander of the multinational force in Iraq, said about 300,000 soldiers and police from U.S., Iraqi and other foreign forces will be available to protect voters Jan. 30.

"Is there going to be violence on election day? There is, but it's important that we understand what's happening here," Casey said.

Bush plans 'big agenda' for second term

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush said Monday he has "a big agenda in mind" for his second term that begins this week and that four years is going to be a short time to meet all his goals.

"We got to get moving and get some things done before — before people kind of write me off," Bush told CBS News in an interview.

He said he hopes that with his final election behind him, Republicans and Democrats in Congress will work together to pass his legislation. Unity will be the most important theme of his inaugural address on Thursday, he said as he taped separate inter-

views with CBS, ABC and NBC.

"I have a responsibility to try to unite this country to achieve big things for all Americans," Bush told ABC News. "I will say that in my inaugural address, I'm looking forward to the challenge."

He said he'll announce his "big agenda" at the State of the Union address in two weeks, but it will reflect his campaign promises. Those include overhauling Social Security and the legal liability system; improving the tax code, school standards and the budget process; and making health care accessible to more Americans.

Before the State of the Union, Iraqis will hold the first elections for

their new government. Although turnout is not expected to be high as voters face violence at the polls, Bush said the election itself is a success. "Having the vote is a victory for those of us who love freedom," Bush told "NBC Nightly News."

Besides Bush's swearing in on Thursday, the inaugural week festivities include a salute to America's military and several lavish balls. Bush said he doesn't think all the pomp is excessive despite the war and last month's devastating tsunami.

"You can be equally concerned about our troops in Iraq and those who suffered at the tsunamis with celebrating democracy," he told CBS.

ROMANIA

66-year-old mother and baby doing well

Professor becomes world's oldest woman to give birth

Associated Press

BUCHAREST — A 66-year-old professor who writes children's books claims to have become the world's oldest woman to give birth, and doctors said Monday she and her day-old baby daughter were in good condition in intensive care.

Doctors at the Giulesti Maternity Hospital in Bucharest said Adriana Iliescu became pregnant through in vitro fertilization using sperm and egg from anonymous donors. They said she delivered her first child, Eliza Maria, by Caesarean section on Sunday and that a twin sister was stillborn.

"The child is eating a bit of glucose," Dr. Mirela Ranga, a hospital spokeswoman, said Monday. "Mrs. Iliescu is still in intensive care, but she is moving around. She is expected to go see her daughter a bit later."

News of the birth at one of the capital's leading gynecological clinics sparked debate in Romania over the ethics of

women beyond the age of fertility having babies. One church official said it was shocking.

Iliescu sat up in her hospital bed Monday and told Associated Press Television News she was "more than happy" to have given birth. Dr. Bogdan Marinescu, who runs the hospital, said the unmarried professor of literature from Bucharest had undergone nine years of fertility treatments.

A video of Eliza Maria showed her squirming in an incubator. She was dressed in a pink and white bodysuit with a pale pink woolen hat. Doctors said she was breathing on her own.

The child was born more than six weeks short of a full 40-week pregnancy, the hospital said. She weighed just 3 pounds, 3 ounces, less than half the weight of an average newborn and was in the intensive care unit.

Doctors performed the Caesarean section after the smaller of Iliescu's twins died in the womb, Ranga said. That child weighed just 1 pound, 8 ounces, she said.

Marinescu said Iliescu's pregnancy was achieved on the first attempt, and that she initially was carrying triplets but lost the third fetus after nine to 10 weeks.

Globes leave road to Oscars fuzzy

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — A year ago, the Golden Globes brought sharp focus to what ultimately proved to be a predictable Academy Awards season.

This time, the Globes have left the road to the Oscars a fuzzy one.

Potential Oscar front-runners Hilary Swank of the boxing saga "Million Dollar Baby" and Jamie Foxx of the Ray Charles film biography "Ray" came away with lead-acting prizes at Sunday's Globes.

But the Globes were a split decision for perpetual Oscar also-ran Martin Scorsese, whose Howard Hughes epic "The Aviator" won for best drama, yet missed out on the directing honor, which went to Clint Eastwood for "Million Dollar Baby."

Globe wins for underdogs Clive Owen and Natalie Portman, co-stars of the sex drama "Closer," leave the supporting-actor Oscar categories wide open. Morgan Freeman of "Million Dollar Baby" and Cate Blanchett of "The Aviator" had been viewed as more likely favorites.

Add in lead-acting Globes for two other Hollywood veterans, Leonardo DiCaprio as Hughes in "The Aviator" and Annette Bening in the theater farce "Being Julia," and the Feb. 27 Oscars could be an anything-goes scenario across the board.

The Oscars last year followed the Globes' lead to the letter. All four acting recipients preceded their Oscar triumphs with Globe wins, while "The Lord of the

Rings: The Return of the King" followed its dominant night at the Globes with a clean sweep of its 11 Oscar categories, including best picture and director.

Bening won the musical or comedy actress Globe for "Being Julia," playing a gleefully vengeful 1930s stage diva. It was the first awards-worthy role Bening has had since "American Beauty" five years ago, when she was the front-runner, but lost the Golden Globe dramatic prize and the best-actress Oscar to underdog Swank for "Boys Don't Cry."

Not wanting to jinx her Oscar chances, Bening sidestepped a question backstage at the Globes about what she would wear to the Oscars. "Trick question," Bening quipped.

Swank, playing a fighter whose life turns tragic, won the dramatic-actress Globe for "Million Dollar Baby." She downplayed the potential Oscar rematch with Bening.

"I don't really see it as competition," Swank said. "Annette's amazing, and she was so gracious to me five years ago when we were both nominated. She gave me good advice and she was gracious, and she's an inspiration."

"I think it's just unfortunate that things are seen as winners

and losers, because in the end, the performances all speak for themselves and make everyone, I think, a winner. I'm just honored to have my name mentioned with her."

Like Swank and Bening, lead-actor winners Foxx and DiCaprio seem poised as chief Oscar contenders. DiCaprio, who won for dramatic actor, normally would have the inside track at the Oscars, which favors Globe drama winners.

But Foxx, the Globe winner for actor in a musical or comedy, probably will emerge as the Oscar favorite. His role as Charles goes head-to-head with DiCaprio's turn as Hughes for heavy-

duty drama, and his portrayal was an uncannily spot-on emulation of the singer, who died last year.

"It's a beautiful thing for Ray and everything he leaves us," said Foxx, who had a record three Globe nominations but lost the other two, supporting movie actor for "Collateral" and TV movie or miniseries actor for "Redemption."

"The Aviator" was the top Globe winner with three trophies. With its grand scope, weighty drama and vibrant re-creation of early Hollywood, "The Aviator" now is positioned as a possible front-runner for best-picture.

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IN BRIEF

Pets to earn air miles on Midwest

MILWAUKEE — Midwest Airlines is focusing on four-footed customers in hopes of wooing more of the two-footed kind.

Midwest announced a program Monday that gives pets a free round-trip ticket for every three domestic round-trip flights they take with their owners.

By contrast, Midwest's human passengers get free round trips at 25,000 miles — a mileage requirement that frequently requires more than three domestic round trips.

"While in the past their owners have been racking up miles on free trips, all the pets have been getting is a pat on the head," Midwest CEO Tim Hoeksema said Monday.

The promotion follows a similar one announced last week by United Airlines, which is offering pet owners 1,200 bonus miles on up to two round-trip tickets when they fly with their pets before May 27.

President of Comair Inc. resigns

CINCINNATI — The president of Delta subsidiary Comair Inc. resigned Monday, weeks after the failure of an overloaded computer system shut down the carrier's flights nationwide on Christmas.

Randy Rademacher made a personal decision to leave, Comair spokesman Nick Miller said. "I don't want to speculate on the reason for the decision, he said.

Miller said an internal memo from a Delta executive says Rademacher stepped down to pursue other unspecified opportunities. The memo's contents were reported Monday by The Cincinnati Enquirer.

Delta Air Lines Inc., which owns the carrier based at the Cincinnati-Northern Kentucky International Airport, appointed Fred Buttrell, head of the Delta Connection group, as president of Comair.

Comair's approximately 1,100 flights were canceled on Christmas, stranding hundreds of passengers who couldn't arrange other flights. The company blamed numerous passenger scheduling changes because of an ice storm.

Former WorldCom CEO faces trial

Three years after his business collapses, Bernard Ebbers will be tried for fraud

Associated Press

NEW YORK — WorldCom Inc. was in trouble. The stock price was wobbly and Wall Street was asking tough questions. But CEO Bernard Ebbers repeatedly put a positive face on his company, promising sound finances, strong revenue growth and conservative accounting — famously reassuring concerned analysts in 2001 that "we do not see any storms on the horizon."

Federal prosecutors say Ebbers was lying, orchestrating a shell game to cover up his company's financial trouble and stay in Wall Street's good graces. In the summer of 2002, WorldCom collapsed under the weight of an \$11 billion accounting fraud and filed for the largest bankruptcy in the history of American business.

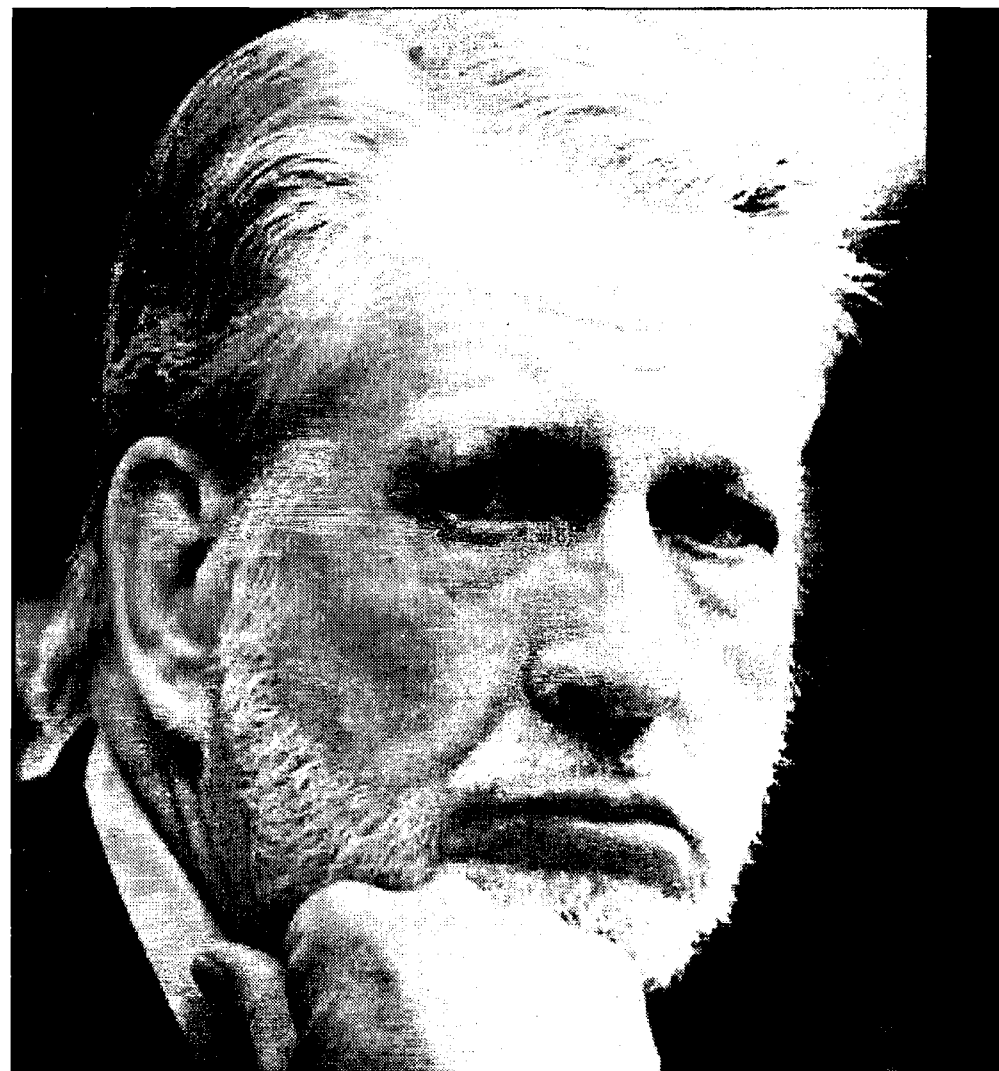
Two and a half years later, Ebbers, 63, faces a criminal fraud and conspiracy trial in New York, with jury selection getting under way this week.

The trial completes a remarkable arc for Ebbers, from visionary who launched a long-distance company with colleagues at a Mississippi coffee shop in 1983, to leader of one of the world's leading telecommunications firms, to accused felon facing possibly years in prison.

While Ebbers has kept a low profile since he was indicted in March 2004, he has always maintained his innocence.

Potential jurors are set to fill out questionnaires Wednesday, with in-court juror interviews set for next Monday. The star witness for the government is expected to be Scott Sullivan, the former chief financial officer of WorldCom, who faced his own trial until pleading guilty in March 2004 and agreeing to testify against his former boss.

Prosecutors are expected to play a June 2001 voice-



Former WorldCom CEO Bernard Ebbers waits for the start of a hearing on WorldCom before the House Financial Services Committee on Capitol Hill in July.

mail message in which Sullivan told Ebbers that a WorldCom internal revenue report "just keeps getting worse and worse."

The defense is expected to argue that Ebbers left the accounting decisions to Sullivan, and that Sullivan was willing to tell the government what it wanted to hear when he made his deal last year.

Unlike other recent white-collar trials, prosecutors do not have — or at least have not tipped their hands publicly — much of a paper trail from Ebbers, who was said not to use e-mail often.

In the 2004 trial of star technology banker Frank Quattrone, for example, prosecutors won a conviction

partly by relying on a series of e-mails they said showed Quattrone deliberately obstructed a federal stock investigation.

The federal indictment of Ebbers does refer to a memorandum he sent in July 2001 to a senior WorldCom officer, asking for information about "those one time events that had to happen."

Among prosecutors' allegations is that Ebbers had an almost frenzied desire from 2000 to 2002 to see WorldCom meet Wall Street's expectations for quarterly revenue and earnings, ignoring Sullivan's pleas to issue earnings warnings.

WorldCom has since emerged from bankruptcy

and now operates under the name MCI Inc., with headquarters in Ashburn, Va.

Manhattan prosecutors will be gunning for their latest high-profile white-collar conviction, hoping to follow wins against Martha Stewart and two executives from Adelphia Communications Corp.

The prosecution is led by David Anders, part of the government team that won a conviction in Quattrone's obstruction trial.

The Ebbers trial is expected to last four to eight weeks. It will be followed closely by some of the tens of thousands of people who lost their jobs or their investments when WorldCom folded in 2002.

Verizon and Yahoo team up for Internet deal

Associated Press

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Subscribers to Verizon Communications Inc.'s high-speed Internet services will be able to access customized and premium content from Web giant Yahoo Inc. under a multiyear agreement that combines the companies' offerings into a single brand.

The deal, whose terms were not disclosed, is the latest example of an Internet provider teaming up with a content company to offer more than just a fast connection. For their part, content providers receive greater exposure and a slice of monthly per-subscriber fees.

Terms of the deal announced

Monday were not disclosed.

Verizon is the second major U.S. phone company to partner with Yahoo. Since 2002, Yahoo and SBC Communications Inc. have been bundling their offerings. Yahoo also has agreements with British Telecom and Rogers Communications, a Canadian cable company.

New York-based Verizon also has a deal with Microsoft Corp.'s MSN to provide content to its customers. Starting this summer, Yahoo will become the preferred partner, said Bobbi Benson, a Verizon spokeswoman.

Verizon-Yahoo broadband will offer premium services such as greater e-mail storage, video and radio as well

as access to a co-branded home page. Subscribers will use the same username and password to log in to all services.

"It's all bundled with the DSL price, much like SBC, so there's no additional cost to the end user," said Steve Boom, senior vice president of broadband access and bundled services at Sunnyvale, Calif.-based Yahoo.

Verizon's broadband offerings start at \$29.95 a month if users sign up for a year. In October, it reported a total 3 million digital subscriber lines, which transports data over regular phone lines. It's also rolling out a service that uses fast fiber optic cable instead of copper wires.

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Free Tibet — a global cause

In recent weeks, there has been an outpouring of support for the victims of the tsunami in Southeast Asia. In the aftermath of a rather bitter election, this union of Republicans, Democrats and Independents reaching out to those in desperate need of our help is truly inspiring.

In addition, these events remind us of an area of the world that is oftentimes neglected in our newspapers and magazines. Understandably, national affairs tend to preoccupy citizens and the media. Those countries that present neither significant economic benefit nor threat to the United States frequently fall by the wayside in terms of the attention they receive from the press, the citizenry and our government.

Tibet is one of these countries. I first learned about the plight of this nation when I was 13 and on a trip to New Mexico with my parents. The streets of Santa Fe were lined with artists, and as I was just beginning a phase where I was obsessed with the '60s and '70s, the free spirited atmosphere of the town, coupled with the gorgeous scenery, made it intensely appealing.

Each street contained nooks, crannies and back allies where you might find a small gem of an art gallery, handmade jewelry store or, in the case of one dusty side road, a tiny store that sold a multitude of Tibetan crafts.

Accompanying these pieces, were T-shirts, signs and bumper stickers that read "Free Tibet."

Like many Americans, I had no idea from what Tibet needed freedom. I also, however, had Bob Dylan's "The Times They Are A-Changin'" ringing in my ears, although I had yet to realize that some of the idealism he inspired had fizzled out around the time "Video Killed the Radio Star" hit the airwaves. I took a pamphlet, and, becoming fascinated by the character of this unique country, began to research the Tibetan situation.

Prior to the Chinese invasion in 1950, Tibet was an independent nation, reputed for its spiritual and peaceful indigenous peoples. Despite a National Uprising in 1959, Tibetans remained under Chinese control, and the Dalai Lama, who functions as the country's spiritual leader and head of state, was forced to flee to India. According to www.freetibet.org, approximately 87,000 Tibetans were murdered as a result of this uprising.

In the years since this tragedy, a total of 1.2 million Tibetans have died at the hands of the Chinese. Human rights abuses include not only these murders, but also a prominent use of torture, beatings, imprisonment, interference with religious practices, a militaristic control over the education of Tibetan children and numerous broken treaties that had guaranteed Tibet a relative autonomy. For the Tibetans, dissent is not meant to be an option.

But what has the United States done to prevent these horrors from occurring?

Well, America has given China "Most Favored Nation Status" despite the nation's unwillingness to stem the tide of human rights abuses on her

shores and in Tibet. Despite the United States' lip service encouragement of negotiations with the Dalai Lama and of milder policies toward Tibetan civilians, this action amounts to a gross permission of not only the devastating oppression of the Tibetan people but that of the Chinese as well.

The Chinese government's abuses reach from its destructive 1950 invasion to those dead or starving in prisons today. In 1995 they kidnapped the 6-year-old Panchen Lama, Gedhun Choekyi Nyima, who remains missing today. Another religious leader, Tenzin Deleg Rinpoche, has been sentenced to death, despite the lack of evidence of his involvement in a 2002 bomb explosion. Four monks are being held in prison for distributing copies of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

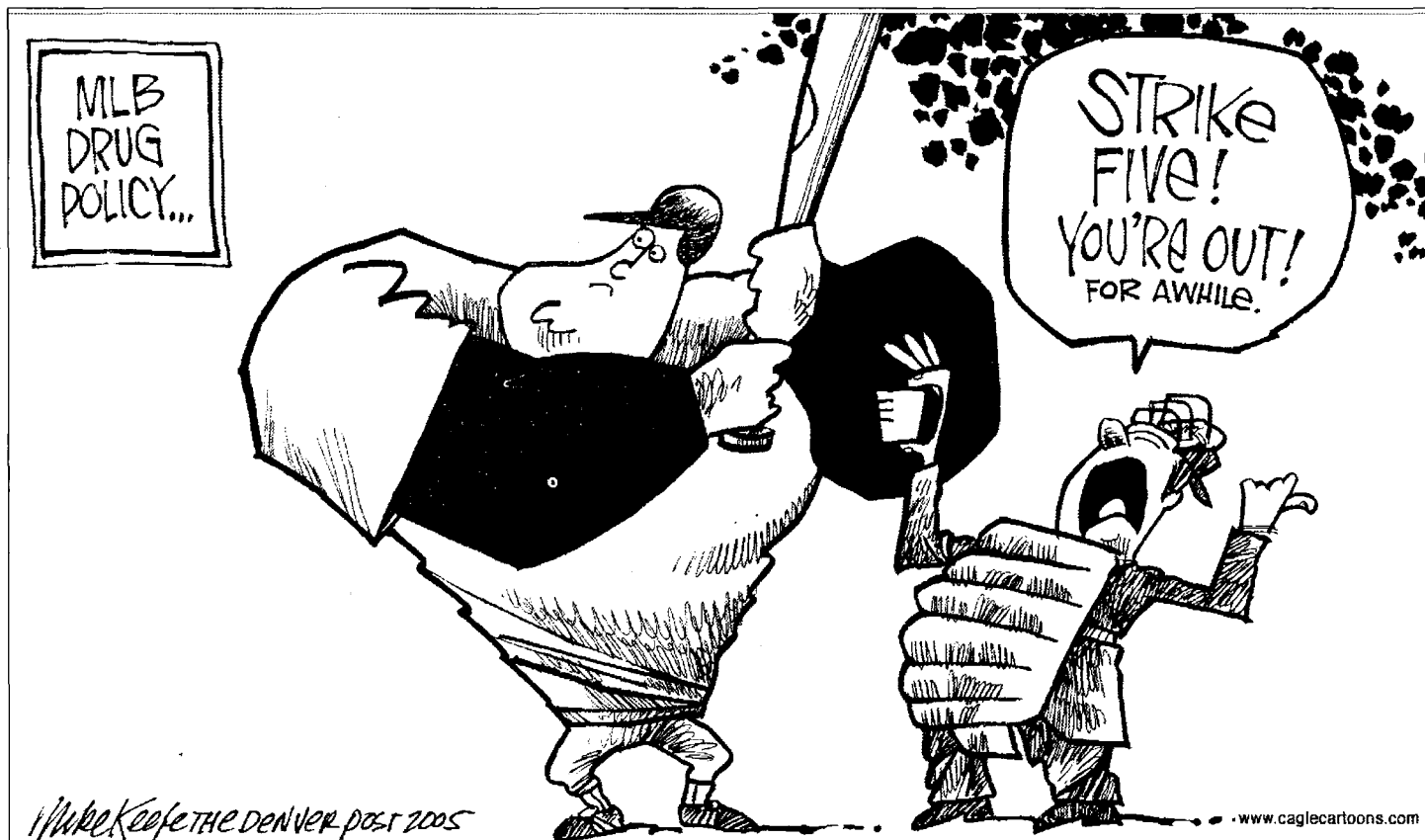
As extreme as these cases may sound, they are only a few of many known examples of human rights violations by the Chinese. To learn more about this cause, visit freetibet.org.

As we have been shown in recent weeks, reaching out to those across the globe can have an incredible impact on their lives. Let these missions of mercy not stop at the devastation of the tsunami but extend to those other nations and peoples who also so desperately need our help.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Words are, of course, the most powerful drug used by mankind."

Rudyard Kipling
author

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Injustice stretches further than race

Monday was Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. It is a day to remember this great man and the things he stood for: equality under the law, unconditional love, non-violent protest and brotherhood amongst all peoples. Beyond that I think Monday was a day that drew us into reflection, not only of inconsistencies and inequities of the past, but of the present and, unfortunately, the future. In the midst of our reflection we must ask ourselves, both as an individual and a collective society, if there is an issue of prejudice that must be addressed.

My reflection brings me specifically to one issue: gay rights in America, or as some might say, the partial rights of gay people in America. It is not difficult to see, with an open eye mind you, how American homosexuals face prejudice in this country. While I admit, the story of gay rights in America has not been plagued with the level of violence or outright refusal of basic rights that the story of civil rights was, it is still very important to bring our attention to the injustices visited upon many gay people. As King would remind us, "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."

More than anything I believe this country is in need of an impassioned call to action to strive for gay rights. I feel it is important because currently there is a sitting president who supports a constitutional ban on gay marriage. Couple that with many other public policies, including the embarrassing "don't ask don't tell" policy of the armed forces, denying gay people the right to openly serve in the military, and common public misconceptions, there is reason for great alarm.

On April 16, 1963, King wrote his "Letter from a Birmingham Jail." In it he addresses influential Birmingham

clergymen who undermined his message and method. Some of the lessons King taught in this powerful text about the struggle for civil rights can and should be applied to today's struggle in America for gay rights.

First, drawing upon teachings of St. Thomas Aquinas, King wrote, "Any law that uplifts human personality is just. Any law that degrades human personality is unjust." In my opinion, the "don't ask don't tell" policy of the armed forces, according to this standard, is clearly unjust. This policy forces homosexuals to deny an aspect of their personality. As the situation stands, many gay people and lesbians are forced to repress a key aspect of themselves in order to fight for their country. It strikes me as sickly ironic that many men and women are fighting for liberty when they cannot openly liberate themselves. If that is not a degradation of personality, I do not know what is.

King also wrote, "An unjust law is a code that a numerical or power majority group compels a minority group to obey but does not make binding on itself. This is difference made legal." The constitutional ban on gay

marriage, if it were to pass through Congress and be signed into law by President George W. Bush, which he has indicated he would do, is clearly indifference made legal. This ban would make it legal to deny homosexual couples the same rights heterosexuals enjoy in marriage. I think it

would be hard to say with a straight face how that would not be a majority forcing a minority to obey a law that is in no way binding to the majority itself. I think it is pretty obvious.

As I said above, I believe America needs a strong call to direct action in the fight for gay rights. King in his letter also addresses why direct action is needed. He outlines why it is not OK to be moderate in the face of prejudice. Many whites during the Civil Rights movement believed in the equality King was preaching but did not agree with his methods, which they believed caused too much of a disturbance. King clearly expresses why they should not hold to that, and I believe this applies to the plight for gay rights as well. King stressed that it was unacceptable to hold to a "negative peace, which is the absence of tension, [instead of] to a positive peace which is the presence of jus-

tice." For those of us who believe homosexuals are not getting their fair share of "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness," it is no longer okay to idly sit by and watch the deterioration of the civil liberties this country is so lovingly built upon. Not only should we desire to cause and create tension, it is the proper thing to cause and create tension. King put it best when he wrote, "Injustice must be exposed to the light of human conscience and the air of national opinion before it can be cured."

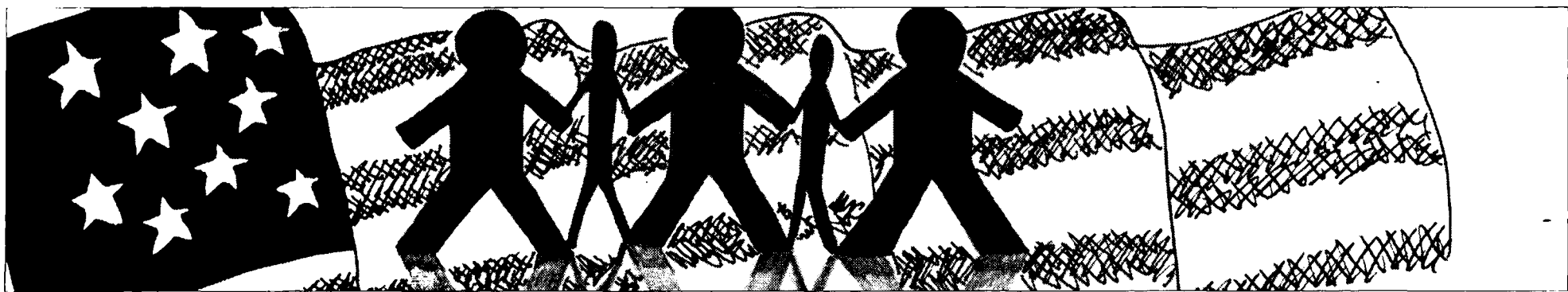
For those who may object and say, "This situation will work itself out," King addressed that issue as well. To those people King writes, "Such an attitude stems from a tragic misconception of time, from the strangely irrational notion that there is something in the very flow of time that will inevitably cure all ills." It is simply not enough to hope it happens. As Dr. King so wisely notes of history, "The people of ill will have used time much more effectively than have the people of good will."

I hope on this day of reflection on the life and message of King, instead of asking yourself why you are attending class you are asking yourself what in this society demands action. King's life and tragic death would be in vain if we continually turn a blind eye to the injustices perpetuated. May we all long for the time when "the deep fog of misunderstanding will be lifted from our fear-drenched communities, and in some not too distant tomorrow the radiant stars of love and brotherhood will shine over our great nation with all their scintillating beauty."

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What does Black History mean to you?



When first introduced to Black History Month as a youth, I received the fairytale version of my descendants who were brought to America. The storyline ran that Africans came as slaves, Lincoln freed them, Martin Luther King Jr. brought about equality and today we can have that "American Dream." Of course this is in no way comparable to the truth of Black History and does not entail the over three hundred years of pain, suffering and struggling of the descendants of the Africans first brought to this country and surrounding islands as chattel slaves.

Black History Month as well as the color of my skin reminds me of the chosen people who suffered the iniquities and pain brought about by human cruelty. Yet in spite of the enslavement, hatred and abuses placed upon them, they fought and prevailed as best they could. There were many people who died so that my peers and I may have opportunities and inalienable rights that were handed from God and not man.

Black History Month is not just a reminder of Black American History, but of American History. The economy and social order that we see today was built off the backs of the free-labor slaves working 14 hours-a-day for almost 200 years as well as the blacks who were (and are still) denied equal wages and opportunities although they were qualified and performed the same jobs.

I hope that in the future we are all, of every race, reminded that the black race exceeded the expectations of their oppressors. Black Americans, were intended as subhuman — three-fifths human to be exact — and servants in this country, meant to affirm the supposed superiority of white Americans. Yet in spite of it all, the perceived "mules" of society have been able to prevail against immense opposition. These triumphs cost the lives, blood, security and hard

work of many Americans.

The struggle has not ended. People assume that because the physical bodies of blacks were emancipated that the mentalities were rehabilitated. We somehow forget that up until 50 years ago the murder, rape, torture and lynching of blacks were pervasive. My grandparents and parents suffered abuses during and prior to the Civil Rights Movement that left them disappointed and heartbroken, yet they were expected to successfully raise me as a black woman in America.

Racism today is veiled in the form of racial profiling, institutional racism and other basic everyday images of black Americans as aggressive people, promiscuous athletes, welfare-abusers and criminals, amongst other things. Yet, again, I am expected to somehow raise children in this society where they will be impacted by the negative images they see of their people through the media and other sources? Until we choose to look at the reality of our social system and the effects that we have on others, it will be impossible to eradicate the existing inequalities of today.

It is my hope and my prayer that we strive individually and collectively to be better humans in search of brotherhood and sisterhood that transcends color lines and connects through the soul. You must learn from the past to reach the future.

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DVD GUIDE

A beginner's guide to DVD, part 3

Video transfers and more

Editor's Note: This is the third in a three-part series on the basics of Digital Video Discs.

By BRIAN DOXTADER
Scene Writer

What is a DVD transfer?

A transfer is the compression of film into digital information that is placed onto the DVD.

What problems hurt transfers?

A transfer is essentially the movement from one exhibition medium to another; a DVD will rarely look as good as film stock when projected. Accordingly, there can be various picture quality problems with DVD transfers.

What is edge enhancement?

Edge enhancement is the artificial sharpening of an image to compensate for the transfer to a digital medium. While this is generally not noticeable on a smaller television, edge enhancement on a larger display will cause haloing. Haloing is a picture imperfection caused by differences in light and/or color. It is comparable to the extraneous light caused by a streetlamp. Generally, it is better if a film is transferred without digital enhancement, but this can cause picture softness.

Another potential problem is compression artifacting or digital artifacting. Artifacts are imperfections in the picture caused by poor compression of the digital information when placed on the disc. They appear as pixilation in otherwise clear prints and are usually noticeable and distracting.

What is picture softness?

Picture softness is the opposite extreme of edge enhancement. In this, the DVD is actually less detailed than the original film print. This is another result of switching between two different mediums. The effect of picture softness is an image that looks slightly out of focus. Again, this is more noticeable on larger displays than on smaller televisions.

Original and remixed Sound

Soundtracks should be clear and free of hiss, pops or crackles. Most studios are able to create clear sound-mixes, although many do not take advantage of surrounds and have most of the soundtrack mixed to the center speaker.

When possible, a studio should maintain the original sound mix as intended by filmmakers. Often, however, they will remix the sound in a different format. Remixed soundtracks almost never sound the same as the original. For instance, James Cameron's "The Terminator" has an optional 5.1 track in addition to the original mono; the differences in these tracks are immediately noticeable. Most frustrating is when studios place only remixed tracks onto DVD's. Steven Spielberg's "Jaws" is available in two separate editions: DTS and Dolby 5.1. Unfortunately, neither version contains the original mono soundtrack.

Restoration

Many older films undergo digital

restoration before DVD presentation. Some companies such as Lowry Digital ("Indiana Jones," "Star Wars," "Citizen Kane") and Criterion have become renowned for their restoration efforts.

Restoration is a complicated and often difficult matter. Unlike straight transfers, the original negatives are usually in unpreserved shape, and, in the worst case scenarios, are completely destroyed altogether. Prints can have scratches, dirt, or tears that degrade the quality of the film, and thus, the DVD. This leads to all kinds of problems: un-restored transfers can range from "good" to "unwatchable", depending on the source materials.

Bringing old films back to life usually consists of (and requires) computerized digital cleaning of the print.

Color prints are often even more difficult since older films used Technicolor's three-dye process. This process created prints that faded over time, so older negatives of such films are colored incorrectly. Restorers thus have to use computers to re-color these films as accurately as possible. This often leads to problems akin to remixed audio: in many cases, the colors won't be exactly the same as originally filmed. The original transfer of David Lean's "Lawrence of Arabia" was color-timed incorrectly, but the newly restored Superbit re-issue has since corrected this issue. Additionally, bad compression or transfers can affect color levels, especially in black tones, which can look either splotchy or faded.

In some cases, serendipity leads to excellent re-issues of older films. For instance, Carl Theodor Dreyer's "The Passion of Joan of Arc" was thought to be lost forever to fire. However, a nearly-complete print in good condition was discovered in a mental institute in the mid-1980s. A complete restoration followed.

Similarly, Criterion had prepared a transfer of Jean Renoir's "The Rules of the Game" when new and better source materials surfaced; the company re-restored the film from this new material. Yet there are still problems with finding good source material. While Kino's edition of Fritz Lang's "Metropolis" is the best and most complete edition available, it is widely known that there are still considerable amounts of footage missing, probably gone forever.

What's Next?

The final word comes in the form of a warning of sorts. The next wave of technology will soon be upon us, and a format war may be brewing, similar to the war between VHS and Beta. Sony (which recently acquired MGM's catalog) is backing its own blue-laser technology, Blu-Ray, while Warner, Universal, New Line, and Paramount are all backing HD-DVD.

While both technologies have their benefits and drawbacks, only time will tell which will emerge as the superior format. In the meantime, DVD is the best commercially available technology and has revolutionized the home theater market for the better.

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MOVIE REVIEW

Scorsese's 'bioepic' brings eccentric millionaire to life



Millionaire Howard Hughes (Leonardo DiCaprio), left, and actress Jean Harlow (Gwen Stefani) arrive at the premiere of one of Hughes' films in "The Aviator."

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Scene Critic

There is a sequence almost two hours into Martin Scorsese's "The Aviator" that is startling, explosive, harrowing and even a little emotional. It is everything that we hope for in film from the man who brought us "Raging Bull" and "Taxi Driver." While the rest of the film doesn't quite reach the grandiose heights of a few key scenes, The Aviator is a majestically artistic and ambitious statement in an age where the word "epic" has come to mean turgidly pretentious Hollywood productions like "Pearl Harbor" or "Alexander."

"The Aviator" is the story of Howard Hughes (Leonardo DiCaprio): film producer, aviation giant, Hollywood playboy and all-around eccentric. The film begins in an expository flashback which attempts to explain some of Hughes' later oddities. It then flash-forwards to 1927 and the set of "Hell's Angels," a film that Hughes produced and co-directed. The film follows Hughes' glory days over a two decade period, from the late 1920s to the late 1940s, noticeably ignoring the hermetic drug-filled conclusion of his life. In its wide scope, there are interesting touches, like the appearance of legendary Hollywood luminaries Errol Flynn (played by Jude Law, hamming it up to perfection), Louis B. Mayer (the last M in MGM), and Jean Harlow (played by No Doubt singer Gwen Stefani).

The acting is all top-notch. DiCaprio turns in one of the best performances of his career, invoking Hughes with an adventurousness and restlessness that he adroitly couples with the mogul's eventual drift into madness. The real stars, however, are the supporting roles, which play out as a "who's who" of contemporary Hollywood. Cate Blanchett has "Oscar-nomination" written all over her with a stunningly accurate portrayal of Katherine Hepburn.

She transcends cheap imitation into a full-bodied performance that allows the audience to accept that she is attempting to play, arguably, the most famous actress of all time. Kate Beckinsale acquits herself surprisingly well as Ava Gardner, Ian Holm adds some nice comic relief as Professor Fitz and John C. Reilly is predictably dependable as Noah Dietrich, Hughes' financial advisor.

Scorsese remains a master of his art. He packs his scenes with vitality and chooses his shots carefully, with an uncanny knack for composition, editing and cinematography. "The Aviator" is a beautiful film, perhaps the best looking film of the year, with wide shots of airplane fields, crowds of people and soaring vistas. Thankfully, Scorsese also manages to shift between intimate and

epic with relative ease, giving "The Aviator" a much better flow and emotional weight than might be expected from such a wide-reaching biopic. There are, of course, moments that rival the director's best work, in particu-

lar the late-film plane crash that remains the film's biggest highlight.

Still, the film is not perfect. Too much is made of Hughes' obsessive-compulsive disorder, and parts of his life are over-dramatized almost to the point of melodrama. These elements add a darkly sinister undercurrent to the film and undercut its intentions. Thus, The Aviator often uncomfortably straddles its commercial ambitions with the darker sensibilities of its director.

Despite these caveats, Martin Scorsese's The Aviator is still one of the best films of the year. Howard Hughes is an interesting man in this broad character-study, and for the most part, the film works. While it may not rival the best work of the director's storied career, he still inflects the film with a humanity and power that is increasingly rare in Hollywood.

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The Aviator



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Writer: John Logan
Starring: Leonardo DiCaprio, Cate Blanchett, Kate Beckinsale and Ian Holm

MOVIE REVIEWS

Great cast chemistry puts film among great company

By CHRIS KEPNER
Scene Critic

"In Good Company" is a new comedy from Paul Weitz, whose past efforts include "American Pie" and "About a Boy." Compared to his earlier comedic efforts, you can certainly expect a level of seriousness from this latest work, which opened in theaters Friday.

Dennis Quaid ("The Alamo," "Cold Creek Manor") stars as Dan Foreman, the 51-year-old head of ad sales for SportsAmerica magazine. He's a good boss, well-liked by his employees and finishing up the best year of sales they've ever had. Enter Carter Duryea, played by Topher Grace ("That 70s Show," "Win a Date with Tad Hamilton!"). Carter is a 26-year-old executive on the rise in the Globecom Corporation, an absurdly large conglomerate that deals in everything from cell phones to breakfast cereal, and which has just purchased SportsAmerica.

Carter is appointed to take over Dan's job, and Dan is demoted to Carter's "wingman." Though everyone thought he would certainly be fired, Carter sees potential in Dan and decides to keep him on. The whiz kid with no prior experience in ad sales is now in charge of the veteran of over two decades.

This creates a very interesting situa-

tion, and Weitz milks the humor from it successfully, but with tasteful discretion. A less talented director could have easily overdone it.

A new twist is introduced when Carter falls for Dan's daughter Alex (Scarlett Johansson), a rather unexpected departure from the old cliché of sleeping with the boss's daughter. Don't let yourself be fooled, however, into believing that this is a romantic comedy. The love affair acts merely as a subplot in the development of Carter and Dan's unlikely friendship.

A couple of lost accounts later, Globecom's bottom-line philosophy forces Carter to make cut after cut in the staff of SportsAmerica, a staff that Dan had been responsible for hiring

and training. They were not only good workers, but his friends as well. Dan offers up his own job to save those of his workers, but Carter quickly reminds him of his desperate

need to stay employed for the sake of his family. With the news of his wife's unexpected pregnancy and a second mortgage taken out in order to send Alex to NYU, Dan simply cannot afford to stop working.

Through all of this adversity, a mutual respect develops between Carter and Dan which eventually blossoms into a special friendship.

For Quaid and Grace, the roles they

In Good Company



Director: Paul Weitz

Writer: Paul Weitz

Starring: Dennis Quaid, Topher Grace, Scarlett Johansson and Philip Baker Hall



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A surprised Dan Foreman (Dennis Quaid), right, greets his much younger new boss, Carter Duryea (Topher Grace) in the film, "In Good Company."

play in the film parallel their film careers. Quaid is the veteran, having appeared in over fifty films since 1975. Moviegoers have known of his talents for some time now, and they shouldn't be disappointed by his performance here.

Topher Grace is the newcomer, the young punk on the scene whose skill as an actor is only beginning to be recognized by the majority of Hollywood.

"In Good Company" is his sixth film

since playing Eric Foreman on the TV series "That 70s Show." His acting in this film is superb and he develops a wonderful chemistry with Quaid, playing off their father/son dynamic.

Despite a couple of stale moments with obvious dialogue, "In Good Company" is a well-written film that is genuinely funny.

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Too much talk keeps 'Coach Carter' from win

By BRANDON HOLLIHAN
Scene Critic

There's a new reason to hate movie trailers, other than the fact that they all look the same and cinemas run thousands of them before the actual film begins. They make it increasingly hard to take Samuel L. Jackson seriously. For example, look at how he's featured in the trailers for 'Basic' and the new 'XXX' film. He's reached a point in his career that if a younger male talked smack to him, you would expect that he could pull out a shotgun, start raving about how great the Bible is, and no one in the audience would bat an eye, as he did in "Pulp Fiction."

That's the greatest problem with Jackson's recent film repertoire: going to one of his movies to hear what he is going to say, rather than what he is going to do. In this instance, "Coach Carter" is a great fit for the star; despite decent amounts of basketball footage, its stance is "less action, more talk."

The film is a biopic of coach Ken Carter of the Richmond High School basketball team, which is based in California's Bay Area. In 1999 he made national headlines by padlocking the school gym and canceling numerous practices and games because, despite a perfect 13-0 record at the time, many of the players did not meet the minimum

2.3 GPA he required in a contract signed by all the players at the start of the season. The message to his players: regardless of what you've been told by media, friends or even family, there is a future after basketball, and you need to take advantage of it. The message inevitably draws backfire from the entire Richmond community, but eventually the coach wins the respect of his players.

Much of this film consists of Jackson lecturing. He throws out statistics regarding academic achievements amongst African Americans, he browbeats his players when they become too cocky on the court, and he even has a straight one-on-one lecture early on in the film with his son (Robert Richard). The lecturing is purposeful, as it tries to show what the real-life Carter is like,

but much of it is tedious. It's a big problem because it isn't really what the audience came for. We want to see the young, cocky athletes transformed into a work force that looks distinctively different

from the film's beginning, but the collective arc of the character ensemble doesn't extend far enough to make this happen.

Part of that problem is attributed to all the negligible side plots that occur in the film, such as the team's trip to a house party in the wealthy suburbs after a big win, one player's (Robert Gonzales) connections to a local gang

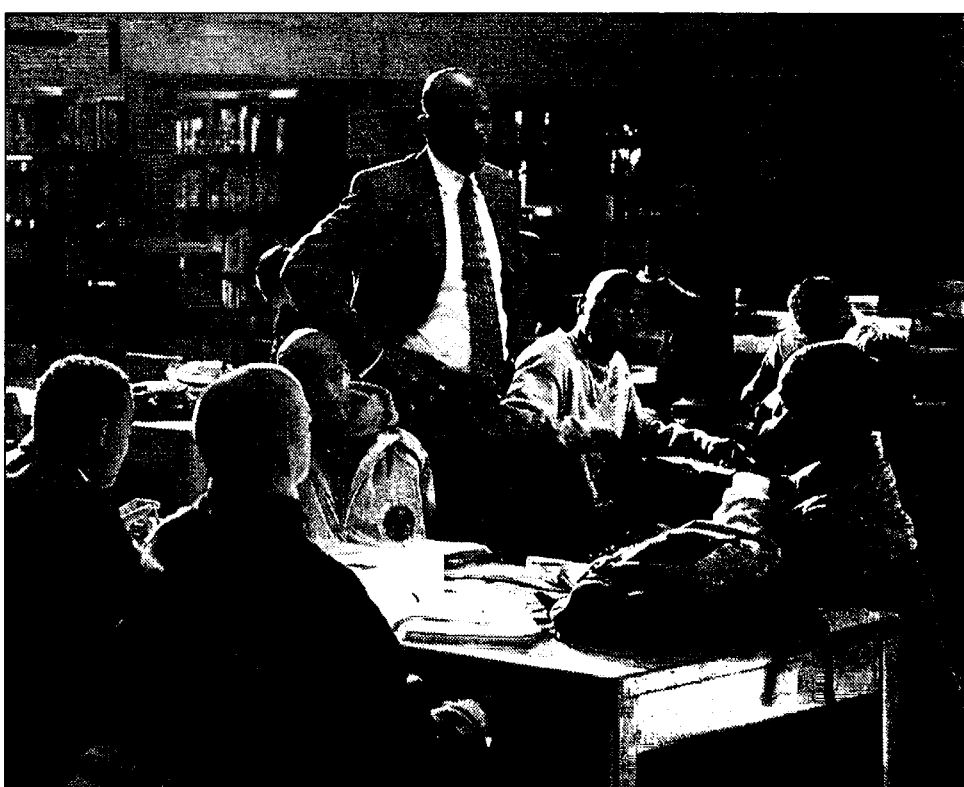


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High school basketball coach Ken Carter (Samuel L. Jackson), standing, encourages his players to improve their grades in "Coach Carter."

and another player (Rob Brown, "Finding Forrester") trying to cope with a relationship with his pregnant girlfriend (Ashanti in her film debut). It's right of the film to depict how these players live, but is it crucial to the heart of the story? Does it help move the film along?

The answer is that it doesn't, considering that "Coach Carter" is about a half

hour too long (136 minutes total). If it had cut out a lot of the unnecessary fluff, it could have been another strong sports film.

See "Coach Carter" if you enjoy Jackson's style of work, but dress comfortably for the long haul.

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Coach Carter



Director: Thomas Carter

Writer: Mark Schwahn

Starring: Samuel L. Jackson, Rob Brown, Robert Gonzales and Ashanti

NBA

Bulls win seventh straight game, edging Knicks 88-86

Raptors get first road win in franchise history against Timberwolves, relying on Donyell Marshall's big game

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The words came out of Kirk Hinrich's mouth almost matter-of-factly, words that no member of the Chicago Bulls would have dared utter for the better part of the past decade.

"We're a good team," Hinrich said, and there was no disputing him after the Bulls ran their winning streak to seven games Monday with an 88-86 victory over the reeling New York Knicks.

Ben Gordon scored on a driving 8-footer with one-tenth of a second remaining for the game-winning points, a basket that prompted coach Scott Skiles to leap into the arms of Tyson Chandler and Eddy Curry.

And after the Knicks botched their last attempt and the final buzzer sounded, the smiles adorning the Bulls were a stark contrast to the long-faced frowns draping the Knicks.

"In this stretch we're just finding ways to win. Last year we were finding ways to lose," Hinrich said, "Hopefully, that's the sign of a good team."

A good team, it was pointed out, is something the Bulls have been the antithesis of since the end of the 1990s, when Michael Jordan left and the franchise sank into an extended period of rebuilding.

Nobody would have dared call the Bulls good in late November, either, after they opened the season 0-9, but the seven straight victories have left Chicago just one game below .500.

"About a month and a half ago I thought we had the makings to be a good team, then we put together a couple of good stretches," Hinrich said. "We have been playing like a good team, we're No. 1 in the league in defensive field goal percentage, and that's a sign of a good team."

Seven straight wins represents the longest winning streak for Chicago since the 1997-98 team won 13 in a row. A member of that team, Scottie Pippen, was in the front row at Madison Square Garden to get a firsthand look at this edition of the Bulls.

Luol Deng led Chicago with 19 points, Hinrich had 14 points, 13 rebounds and eight assists and Andres Nocioni came off the bench to add 13 points and 11 rebounds.

Stephon Marbury had 25 points to lead the Knicks, who lost for the seventh time in eight games and relinquished sole possession of first place in the Atlantic Division.

"It hurts to lose this game. We had them, and to lose at

the end hurts," the Knicks' Jamal Crawford said.

Raptors 100, Timberwolves 91

Donyell Marshall's sharp shooting made the Toronto Raptors a winner in Minnesota for the first time in franchise history.

Marshall made six 3-pointers and scored 22 points, leading the Raptors to a victory over the Timberwolves.

The Raptors beat the Timberwolves for the first time in Minnesota since entering the NBA in the 1995-96 season. They were 0-8 before Marshall, the Timberwolves' first-round draft choice in 1994, shot 6-of-8 from 3-point range and scored 11 points in the fourth quarter to hold off a late rally by the Wolves. Toronto snapped an 11-game road losing streak overall, one shy of the club record.

"I just fell into a groove early, and even when I missed, I still felt good — I didn't miss by much," Marshall said.

Rafer Alston and Chris Bosh worked the pick-and-roll to near perfection as the Raptors raced out to an 18-point first-half lead. Alston scored 18 points and had 15 assists, while Bosh posted 19 points and 11 rebounds for Toronto, which has won four of five.

"I want Rafer to frame that stat sheet," Raptors coach Sam Mitchell said. "Fifteen assists, two turnovers, but only three 3-point attempts. That's the thing we're trying to get him to understand. He's getting better at it. He's listening. As quick as he is, he has to keep pressure on the defense by turning that corner. When he turns that corner, most of the time good things happen."

Wally Szczerbiak led the Timberwolves with 25 points, and Kevin Garnett added 20 points and 14 boards for Minnesota, which fell to 3-7 in January.

"When you're going through difficult times, you have to always keep in mind that things could be a lot worse," Garnett said. "At this point, patience is the only thing we have to grasp. We've just got to continue to work hard."

Minnesota jumped out to a 13-6 lead, but the Raptors surged ahead with a 24-7 run. Bosh and Alston combined to shoot 9-for-10 in the first quarter as Minnesota struggled to shut down Toronto's pick-and-roll offense.

Toronto built its lead to as much as 18 in the second quarter thanks to a major disparity in 3-point shooting. The Timberwolves missed their first 12 3-pointers and were 0-for-7 from behind the arc in the first



The Suns' Leandro Barbosa, right, fouls the Pistons' Richard Hamilton during their game Monday night, which continued Phoenix's losing streak.

half, while the Raptors hit 6-of-8 3s in the first half.

"That was the difference in the game," Szczerbiak said. "We were 1-for-16 on our 3s and they were 10-for-20. That's a tough discrepancy to overcome."

Spurs 101, Wizards 73

Tony Parker and the San Antonio Spurs figured out a way to slow down the Washington Wizards' high-scoring offense.

Devin Brown scored 24 points, Parker added 23 and the Spurs stifled Washington's top scorers in a victory, snapping the Wizards' seven-game winning streak.

The Spurs, who have the best defense in the NBA, limited the Wizards to season lows for points and shooting percentage (31.8 percent). Washington had scored 100 or more points in its last 10 games.

Gilbert Arenas, Washington's high scorer at 23.2 points per game, missed all 12 of his shots from the floor and finished with three points, while Antawn Jamison (20.3 ppg) scored six points on 2-for-8 shooting.

"I just tried to stay in front of him the whole game and stay in his face," said Parker, who guarded Arenas.

San Antonio jumped out to a 21-2 lead, and the Wizards were not able to get any closer than 13 points in their first loss of 2005.

"We lost a tough game in Houston [on Saturday]," said Brown, who had scored only 13 points in his past five games. "We just had to bring more juice tonight, more focus. That's what we did."

Spurs coach Gregg Popovich praised his team's defense, which gives up an average of 85.3 points per game, but said Arenas and Jamison were

clearly off their game.

"When you apparently shoot as poorly as those two did, you have to say it was just a bad night," Popovich said. "It was not just that our defense held them to that."

But Arenas disagreed, crediting the Spurs' defense for keeping the Wizards out of their offensive rhythm.

"Their rotation is so great," he said. "They didn't let us do anything tonight. We couldn't get a good look or an easy look."

The Wizards played without Larry Hughes, sidelined with a broken right thumb sustained Saturday in a win over Phoenix. San Antonio's Manu Ginobili missed the game with a thigh bruise.

"We always said that Gilbert and Larry play so well together," Washington coach Eddie Jordan said. "I don't know if (Hughes' absence) affected Gilbert. He didn't shoot the ball well, but I thought he tried to run the team the right way."

Pistons 94, Suns 80

The Phoenix Suns have lost as many games in the past week as they had all season.

Tayshaun Prince scored a career-high 26 points to lead the Detroit Pistons past slumping Phoenix on, handing the NBA-leading Suns their fourth straight loss.

After opening the season 31-4, Phoenix went 0-4 on its road trip.

"It's time to go home," coach Mike D'Antoni said. "It has been a tough road trip. Obviously, they beat us on the boards; beat us all day; beat us up; beat us in anything you want to talk about."

"When you are a middleweight and they are a heavyweight and you cannot run around the ring, they are going to catch you and pound

you and that's what they did to us," he said.

Prince deflected praise for his best offensive game in the NBA as if he were swatting a shot with his long, lanky arms.

"I definitely have to credit my teammates, especially the guys inside," said Prince, who scored on an assortment of dunks, runners, mid-range jumpers and a 3-pointer. "When they play that way, it just opens things up."

Prince has averaged 20.3 points in his last three games, about eight above his average, and made the game-winning shot Saturday against Philadelphia. In five of the last 13 games, the third-year player known for his defense has scored at least 18 points.

"The last three weeks, he has had a stretch as good as any young player is going to have," Pistons coach Larry Brown said.

The Pistons outrebounded Phoenix 57-41 and had 13 more offensive rebounds.

"That was huge," Brown said.

Kings 86, Clippers 83

Cuttino Mobley is fitting in well with the Sacramento Kings.

Acquired last week in a trade that sent Doug Christie to Orlando, Mobley hit a 3-pointer with 59.6 seconds left to help the Kings beat the Los Angeles Clippers. Mobley finished with 19 points in his second game with Sacramento.

"He gives us another option out there that's going to really help us," Kings coach Rick Adelman said. "We felt that we needed to make a change, and we had a chance to get a proven scorer who was younger than Doug was."

Chris Webber led the Kings with 23 points and 14 rebounds.

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Stars succeed in Australian Open first-round matches

Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia — His hip didn't bother him much, and neither did his opponent.

Andre Agassi, recovering from a torn tendon in his right hip that almost kept him out of the Australian Open, coasted past qualifier Dieter Kindlmann 6-4, 6-3, 6-0 Monday. That moved Agassi into a second-round match with another German, Rainer Schuettler — the man he beat here in the 2003 final.

"There's expectation — high expectation — for me to negotiate this stage of it and get better," Agassi said.

Other title contenders also raced through the first round Monday.

Top-ranked Roger Federer won the first 12 points and hit 54 winners en route to a 6-1, 6-1, 6-2 win over ailing Frenchman Fabrice Santoro. No. 4 Marat Safin had two long streaks — one of 16 points and one of 11 — in his 6-0, 6-2, 6-1 win over 17-year-old Serbian Novak Djokovic.

In her first match back at Melbourne Park since winning in 2003, Serena Williams was intent on intimidating any opponents watching her 6-1, 6-1 victory over Camille Pin.

Meanwhile, two Russians who emerged to win Grand Slam titles in 2004 — the first season since 1998 in which neither Williams sister won a major — also were impressive.

Fourth-seeded Maria Sharapova, who beat Serena in last year's Wimbledon final, opened with a 6-3, 6-1 win over Sesil Karatantcheva of Bulgaria, and U.S. Open champ Svetlana Kuznetsova, seeded fifth, beat American Jessica Kirkland 6-1, 6-1.

In Belgium later Monday, Kuznetsova was identified by Belgian regional sports minister Claude Eerdekens as having tested positive for the banned stimulant ephedrine during an exhibition tournament there last month.

Former French Open champion Carlos Moya was the biggest player upset on the opening day, losing to fellow Spaniard Guillermo Garcia-Lopez 7-5, 6-3, 3-6, 6-3.

But most attention was on

Agassi, who hurt himself last week against Andy Roddick in an exhibition tournament and was in doubt for the Open until Sunday.

The 34-year-old Agassi, trimmer and stronger than he's been in a decade, was ready to push the pain barrier, if needed. But he didn't need to extend himself on Rod Laver Arena, where he feels right at home.

Agassi lost only once in his last four trips to the Australian Open — a semifinal setback last year to Safin — and most of his matches have been on Melbourne Park's center court.

The 1-hour, 38-minute match against Kindlmann was a good workout, and part of a progression to be at peak fitness for an expected quarterfinal showdown with Federer.

"It was great to be on the court for three sets," Agassi said. "But, again, with anti-inflammatories and a little treatment, I think I can for sure get myself to 100 percent."

Agassi, who has won half of his eight Grand Slam titles in Melbourne, will need to be in top form against Federer. Asked if he could upset the 23-year-old Swiss star in the quarters, Agassi said that's further ahead than he's looking.

"To play Roger means I've beaten three more players, so that's something I'd welcome, for sure," Agassi said. Anti-inflammatories to ease the pain would be part of the regimen before and after that matchup.

"Oh, I'm going to have them every day," the American said. "I might have them every day the rest of my life."

Federer's win over Santoro was his 22nd in a row, since a loss at the Athens Olympics.

He was the first man since Mats Wilander in 1998 to win three Grand Slam titles in a single year, and he's hoping to be the first since Pete Sampras to win three consecutive majors.

Sampras added the 1994 Australian Open title to his wins, the previous year at Wimbledon and the U.S. Open. Federer is in line for the same sequence.

Racing to a 5-0 lead against Santoro "set the tone for the rest of the match," said Federer.

"It was a perfect start — I'm

sorry for Fabrice."

Santoro had a bad reaction to an injection in his right wrist on the eve of the match and struggled when Federer turned up the heat.

"It's as if Roger was saying to me, 'Right, that's what I'm offering you today, OK!'" said Santoro, who couldn't really argue. "You get the feeling that in each of his matches he just wants to show straight off who the boss is."

Serena Williams once enjoyed the same aura in women's tennis that Federer has in the men's game. She won four consecutive majors through her Australian Open title two years ago.

In Monday's opening match on center court, seventh-seeded Williams produced 27 winners, including some terrific backhand returns. Pin managed only two clean winners and didn't once hold serve.

The only difficulty Williams encountered in the match was when her right shoe flew off in the second game, but it wasn't much of a handicap. She put the shoe back on, laced it up, and won the point when it was replayed.

After the match, in between talking about fashion and her recent acting gigs, Williams gave her competition something to



Andre Agassi waves to the crowd after his first-round victory over Dieter Kindlmann.

think about.

French Open champion Anastasia Myskina, the first of three consecutive Russian major winners last season, says Serena and Venus Williams no longer have the fear factor in their favor. But Serena's not convinced.

"I don't think there's a player

out there who would see their name against mine (in the draw) and go, 'Oh, my God, yes!'" Williams said.

She doesn't go looking for any feedback.

"I don't hang out — I don't know," she said. "I feel that when I'm at my best, no one can beat me. That's just the bottom line."

WTA

Kuznetsova tests positive

Drug tests taken by U.S. Open champion reveal Ephedrine use

Associated Press

BRUSSELS, Belgium — Svetlana Kuznetsova tested positive for the banned stimulant ephedrine during an off-season charity event, a Belgian sports minister said Monday, but WTA Tour CEO Larry Scott doubts the U.S. Open champion will be penalized.

The Russian was tested during the Dec. 18-19 Women's Tennis Trophy exhibition tournament in Charleroi, said Claude Eerdekens, a regional sports minister. Kuznetsova's backup sample hasn't been tested; rules call for two positive samples before punishment.

"Understanding what I do now, I find it very hard to imagine that there will be anything of any significance resulting from this," Scott told The Associated Press in a telephone interview from Melbourne, Australia.

He said he had tried without success to speak with Eerdekens and called the Belgian's announcement "premature, highly irresponsible and damaging to the sport. It's something that could possibly be a common cold remedy, and the player might be innocent. Yet he's gone ahead and publicly tainted the sport."

Ephedrine is often contained in cold remedies. It also is used in weight-reduc-

ing formulas, and some athletes take it to get a short-term energy burst and to increase alertness. Use of banned stimulants can draw a suspension of up to two years, but the penalty can be reduced or waived if the athlete was using cold medicine.

On Saturday, Eerdekens said someone at the four-person Charleroi event had tested positive but did not identify the player or substance. On Monday, he issued a statement saying it was Kuznetsova.

"We saw it was ephedrine and we saw it was an illegal product," he said by telephone from his home in Andenne. Because the second sample's result isn't known, Eerdekens said, "We do not want to prejudice her innocence."

The minister told the AP that the report he received did not mention that Kuznetsova asked for a medical exemption for ephedrine.

Kuznetsova, 19, is seeded fifth in the Australian Open and beat Jessica Kirkland of the United States 6-1, 6-1 in the first round Monday.

"I've never used any drugs to improve my performance," she said after that victory — and before Eerdekens identified her. "I have not been notified of any positive test, and I think it is unfair that it's come out the way it did."

She also noted she was tested 11 times last season.

Kuznetsova was seeded

ninth when she won her first Grand Slam title in September, becoming the third straight Russian major champion. Her father coached five Olympic and world cycling champions, including Kuznetsova's mother, and her brother won a silver in cycling in the 1996 Atlanta Games.

The test at last month's exhibition event was carried out by regional Belgian authorities and was not commissioned by the World Anti-Doping Agency, the WTA Tour or the International Tennis Federation.

Eerdekens said the regional Francophone government of Belgium had no authority to impose sanctions and would leave it up to the sport's governing bodies.

There never has been a doping offense for a performance-enhancing drug in WTA Tour history. Two players were sanctioned for caffeine, one for cocaine — none since 2002.

"There are a few countries in the world, not many, where the government kind of holds themselves out and says, 'Regardless of your sport's anti-doping program, we have the right to test whenever and wherever we want.' This case highlights the problems with that," Scott told the AP.

"It just shows you the kind of damage a politician can do whenever they use anti-doping for grandstanding or political use in the home country."

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MLB

Soriano agrees to \$7.5 million extension with Rangers

Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Texas — Alfonso Soriano agreed to a \$7.5 million, one-year contract with the Texas Rangers, who avoided salary arbitration with the All-Star second baseman they insist they aren't trying to trade.

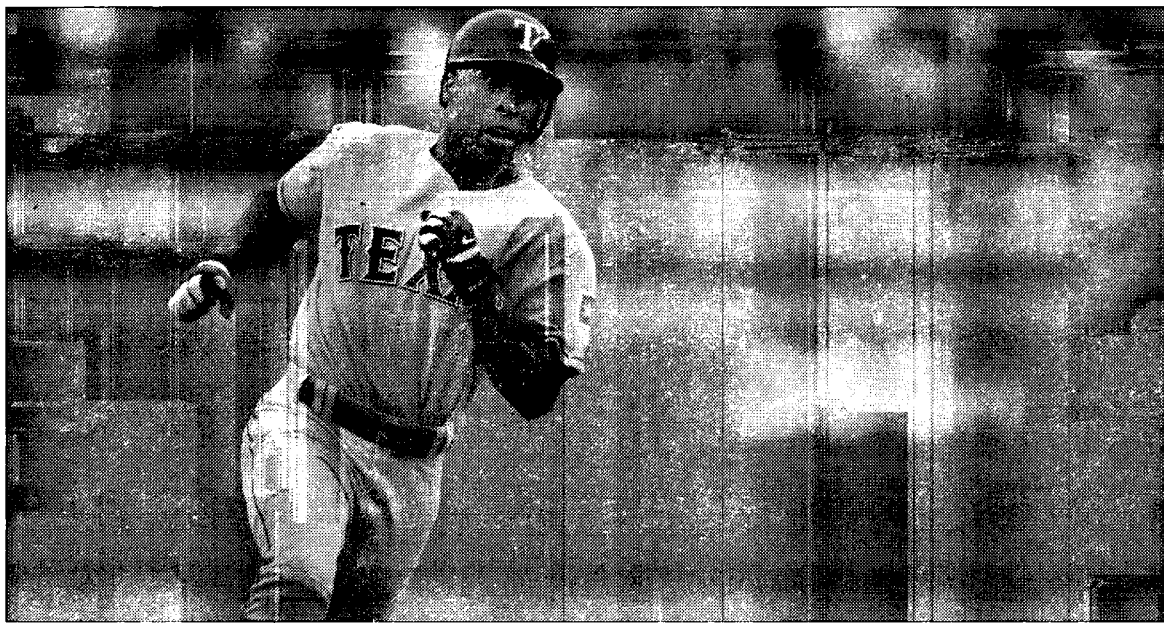
"We've never been looking to move him. If there was an opportunity to make the club better, of course you have to listen," Rangers assistant general manager Jon Daniels said Monday. "It was rumors and speculation, not reality."

Several teams have inquired about a trade for Soriano, but none of the talk has been serious enough to intrigue the Rangers.

Soriano came to Texas last February in the trade that sent Alex Rodriguez to the New York Yankees. While he had an AL-high 23 errors, Soriano hit .280 with 28 homers and 91 RBIs before missing the final 16 games last season with a strained left hamstring.

"I think he's going to have a big year for us," manager Buck Showalter said. "We can forget about a lot of the adjustments he had to make [last season]. ... He's very happy here."

Soriano is getting a \$2.1 million raise from last year, when the Rangers payroll was around \$63 million. The second baseman will be eligible for free



Alfonso Soriano rounds the bases during a game last season. He has signed a multi-million dollar contract extension that will run through the 2006 season.

agency after the 2006 season.

Owner Tom Hicks wants the payroll to remain in the same range as last year, and has no plans to again spend more than \$100 million. His desire, and the team's interest in free agent Carlos Delgado, raised speculation about Soriano being traded.

"Regardless of who it is, we'll listen to all things," Showalter said. "But if it doesn't work for the Rangers, we're not going there."

Texas has two players remaining in arbitration: outfielder Gary Matthews Jr. and right-hander Carlos Almanzar. Players and teams are set to swap proposed salaries Tuesday, with hearings to be scheduled for next month.

Daniels said the Rangers talked to Soriano's agents only briefly about a multiyear deal, but that the primary goal was to get a deal in place to avoid arbitration. He said talks about a

longer contract might be discussed later.

Showalter expects to visit with Soriano when he and other Rangers officials, including Hicks and general manager John Hart, are in the Dominican Republic as part of the organization's effort to have

more presence in the area full of prospects. Hart has been there since last week, and the rest of the group is to leave Texas on Tuesday.

The Rangers are also scheduled to meet with Delgado, who is from Puerto Rico, later this week. Texas is among at least five teams pursuing the left-handed slugger, who hit at least 30 homers in each of the past eight seasons for Toronto.

"I think everybody is intrigued," Showalter said. "Look at all the different risks in the free-agent market; he's a pretty steady guy. We're talking to him. A guy like him, there is a lot of competition."

The Florida Marlins are believed to have offered a \$35 million, three-year deal to Delgado and met with him last weekend. Delgado has also met with New York Mets executives in his native Puerto Rico, and Baltimore and Boston have expressed interest.

Matthews started 77 games, had a team-high eight outfield assists and hit .275 with 11 homers, the second-highest total in his career. Almanzar was 7-3 with a 3.72 ERA

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Jon Daniels
Rangers assistant
general manager

in 67 games.

Marlins' pitcher Burnett returns with one-year contract

Associated Press

MIAMI — Florida Marlins right-hander A.J. Burnett agreed Monday to a \$3.65 million, one-year contract rather than go to arbitration.

Relievers Guillermo Mota and Tim Lincecum also avoided arbitration by accepting one-year deals.

The Marlins, meanwhile, are still courting free-agent slugger Carlos Delgado. He and agent David Sloane met Saturday with owner Jeffrey Loria, and Sloane said he plans to talk with team executives again Tuesday.

Burnett returned from reconstructive elbow surgery last

June and went 7-6 with a 3.68 ERA in 120 innings. His career record is 37-38.

Last year, Burnett was paid \$2.5 million. His new contract allows him to make \$150,000 in performance bonuses: \$50,000 each for 190, 200 and 210 innings pitched.

Mota, expected to be the Marlins' closer, agreed to a \$2.6 million deal that allows him to earn \$275,000 in performance bonuses. He received \$1,475,000 last year, when he went 9-8 with a 3.07 ERA for Los Angeles and Florida.

Spooneybarger received \$350,000, a raise from \$305,000 last year, and can earn \$75,000 in performance

bonuses. He's hoping to come back this year from reconstructive elbow surgery that forced him to miss all of last

season.

The only Florida player still in arbitration is right-hander Josh Beckett. Barring an

agreement, Beckett and the Marlins will exchange proposals Tuesday, and a hearing will be held in February.

Julio Franco re-signs with Braves at age 46

Associated Press

SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Republic — Not satisfied with being the oldest active player in the major leagues for the past three seasons, Julio Franco wants to play until he's 50.

Franco, a 46-year-old first baseman from the Dominican Republic, signed a \$1 million, one-year deal last month with the Atlanta Braves for next season — his 21st in the majors.

"With God's help, I'm going to play in the major leagues until I'm 50 years old," he told The Associated Press in a telephone interview Sunday. "It's a goal that I've set for myself. I

have the physical and mental strength."

Franco, who is hitting .344 in the Dominican winter league, also said he wants to end his career with at least 3,000 hits and then become a manager.

Last season, Franco became the oldest position player in the majors since 57-year-old Minnie Minoso in 1980 — and that was just a pinch-hitting publicity stunt. Franco also became the oldest to hit a grand slam.

Platooning at first base, Franco had six home runs and 57 RBIs, as well as three triples and four stolen bases. He batted .309 with 99 hits in 125 games and 320 at-bats.

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NBA

Bryant to miss at least two more weeks

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Lakers star Kobe Bryant will be sidelined at least two more weeks with a severely sprained right ankle.

Team spokesman John Black said before the Lakers faced the Utah Jazz on Monday night that the NBA's second-leading scorer was examined earlier in the day by team physician Dr. Steve Lombardo and foot specialist Philip Kwong.

A CT scan confirmed there was no fracture.

"Kobe will be re-evaluated in approximately one week," Black said. "He has made improvement. He still can't put weight on his right foot."

Black said there was no target date for Bryant's return.

"We're just saying a minimum of two weeks," Black said. "We'll have a better idea next week."

Should Bryant return in two weeks, he'll miss a minimum of six more games and eight overall.

Bryant, hurt in the first quarter of Thursday night's victory over Cleveland, was

placed on the injured list Saturday — before the Lakers beat Golden State.

"We were hoping for far better, but that's the way it is in this league," Lakers coach Rudy Tomjanovich said regarding Bryant's status. "You can always hope. I'm not a medical guy."

Tomjanovich said he spoke with Bryant early Monday.

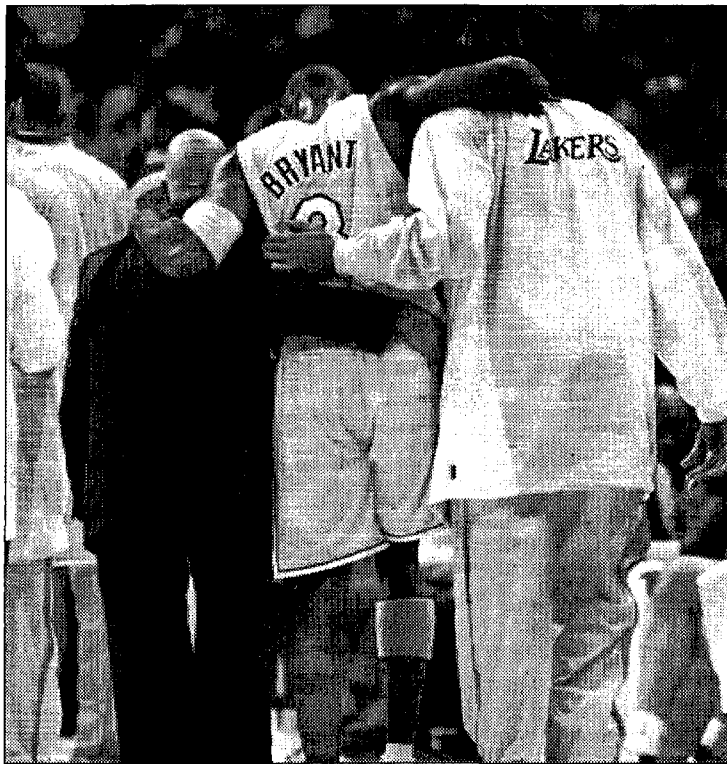
"He said it was still throbbing," the coach said, adding Bryant seemed to be in good spirits.

When asked what the Lakers do differently without Bryant, Tomjanovich replied: "We just run different plays. There's plays where he's the focal point. Obviously, we're not running a lot of them."

Lamar Odom and Caron Butler have picked up the slack since Bryant was injured.

"It could have been more serious," Butler said. "His spirits are high — it's getting better. We're just praying for him, hope he gets better soon."

Bryant, averaging 27.5 points per game, was injured when he landed on Cleveland



The Lakers' Kobe Bryant limps off the court with help from trainer Gary Vitti, left, and teammate Brian Grant on Jan. 15.

forward Ira Newble's right foot while going for a rebound under the Cavaliers' basket.

Rookie Sasah Vujacic started Saturday and Monday in Bryant's guard spot.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Frontcourt dominance helps UConn

Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Jim Calhoun had a right to brag about his young frontcourt.

"People like to say that we have tall guys on our front line," the Connecticut coach said, referring to sophomores Josh Boone and Charlie Villanueva and freshman Rudy Gay. "I like to say we have talented, tall guys on our front line and tonight it showed."

The three combined for 54 points on 21-for-32 shooting, grabbed 27 rebounds and blocked 10 shots as the 16th-ranked Huskies beat Seton

Hall 77-68 on Monday night.

Boone was 8-for-8 from the field and had 20 points and eight rebounds. Villanueva had 16 points and 12 rebounds. Gay had 18 points and four blocks, one more than each of his fellow big men.

Connecticut (11-3, 3-1 Big East) needed all of that because the Huskies went 0-for-6 from 3-point range — ending a 119-game streak with at least one 3 — and didn't get much from their backcourt until the final minutes.

Boone, Villanueva and Gay scored Connecticut's first 28 points of the second half.

"Not getting outside shots makes it a little tougher but you just have to step up," Boone said. "The outside shots will come. It's just a little slump right now."

"There's going to be games when they get 50, 60 points. It's just someone else stepping up and tonight it was the inside guys."

It was Connecticut's 11th win in the last 12 meetings with Seton Hall, which trailed by 15 points in the first half and stayed close despite shooting 36 percent and being outrebounded 46-31.

Andre Sweet had 22 points for the Pirates (8-7, 0-4), who lost their fourth straight and

are off to their worst conference start since going 0-7 in 1985-86.

"We knew their game was mostly dictated by the big men. We know they have good guards but the big men make them go," Seton Hall freshman guard Justin Cerasoli said. "We wanted to take them out of the game and make the guards beat us, and still they scored. They are real good players."

Sweet scored down low to bring the Pirates to 66-63 with 4:13 left. Freshman guard Antonio Kellogg then broke the frontcourt's scoring dominance with a three-point play with 3:47 to go.

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NHL

NHL and NHLPA

will meet

Agreement not likely as lockout continues

Associated Press

NEW YORK — For the first time in more than a month, a group of officials from the NHL and the players' association will meet Wednesday in what could be a last-ditch effort to save the hockey season.

"We think it is appropriate and hopefully useful to engage in these discussions at this time," Ted Saskin, the union's senior director, said Monday. "We are not meeting to present a new proposal and remain committed to reaching a fair deal that does not include a salary cap."

Monday marked the 124th day of the lockout. So far, the NHL has resisted announcing a drop-dead date in which a collective bargaining agreement must be made to save this season. But with 650 regular-season games plus this year's All-Star game, already canceled, it appears that time is short to make a deal.

NHL commissioner Gary Bettman and players' association executive director Bob Goodenow, who have butted heads throughout the process, are expected to sit out this session. The idea to meet in a smaller group was hatched by players' association president Trevor Linden.

Linden, Saskin and outside counsel John McCambridge will represent the players. Calgary Flames part owner Harley Hotchkiss, the chairman of the NHL's board of governors; Bill Daly, the NHL's chief legal officer; and outside counsel Bob Battersman, will be present for the owners.

The NHL is not expected to make a new proposal at the meeting, either.

The sides have not met since Dec. 14 when the NHL rejected the union's proposal — made five days earlier. A counteroffer made by the league also was rejected by the players during that session in Toronto.

The players' association got talks restarted in December, after three months of silence, with a proposal centered on an immediate 24-percent salary rollback on all existing contracts. Owners rejected that plan and countered with a salary-cap structured offer.

The NHLPA is adamant that it will never accept a salary cap. The union's offer featured a luxury-tax and revenue-sharing system. Bettman has said that he has no interest in a luxury tax.

During the 103-day lockout that disrupted the 1994-95 season, an agreement was reached on Jan. 11, 1995, allowing for a 48-game season that began nine days later.

If the season is wiped out, it would mark the first time in 86 years that the Stanley Cup wasn't awarded. A flu epidemic canceled the 1919 final series between Montreal and Seattle. No North American sports league has lost an entire season due to a labor dispute.

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NBA

Eastern Conference, Atlantic

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Philadelphia	17-20	.459	4-6	-
Boston	17-20	.459	5-5	-
New York	17-20	.459	3-7	-
Toronto	15-23	.395	5-5	2.5
New Jersey	13-24	.351	3-7	4

Eastern Conference, Central

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Detroit	23-14	.622	8-2	-
Cleveland	22-14	.611	7-3	.5
Indiana	18-16	.529	6-4	3.5
Chicago	17-18	.486	8-2	5
Milwaukee	13-23	.361	4-6	9.5

Eastern Conference, Southeast

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Miami	28-11	.718	6-4	-
Washington	22-14	.611	7-3	4.5
Orlando	19-16	.543	4-6	7
Charlotte	8-26	.235	1-9	17.5
Atlanta	7-28	.200	2-8	19

Western Conference, Northwest

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Seattle	27-9	.750	7-3	-
Minnesota	19-17	.528	3-7	8
Portland	15-21	.417	2-8	12
Denver	15-21	.417	2-8	12
Utah	13-26	.333	2-8	15.5

Western Conference, Pacific

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Phoenix	31-8	.795	6-4	-
Sacramento	25-11	.694	8-2	4.5
LA Lakers	20-15	.571	6-4	9
LA Clippers	18-19	.486	5-5	12
Golden State	11-27	.289	1-9	19.5

Western Conference, Southwest

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
San Antonio	31-9	.775	7-3	-
Dallas	23-12	.657	7-3	5.5
Houston	20-17	.541	7-3	9.5
Memphis	20-18	.526	8-2	10
New Orleans	5-32	.135	3-7	24.5

MIAA Conference Basketball Standings

team	MIAA	overall
Albion	7-0	15-1
Hope	7-1	14-2
Calvin	6-1	12-2
Kalamazoo	3-4	8-8
Alma	2-5	7-6
Olivet	2-5	7-8
SAINT MARY'S	2-5	7-9
Tri-State	2-5	5-11
Adrian	1-6	4-10

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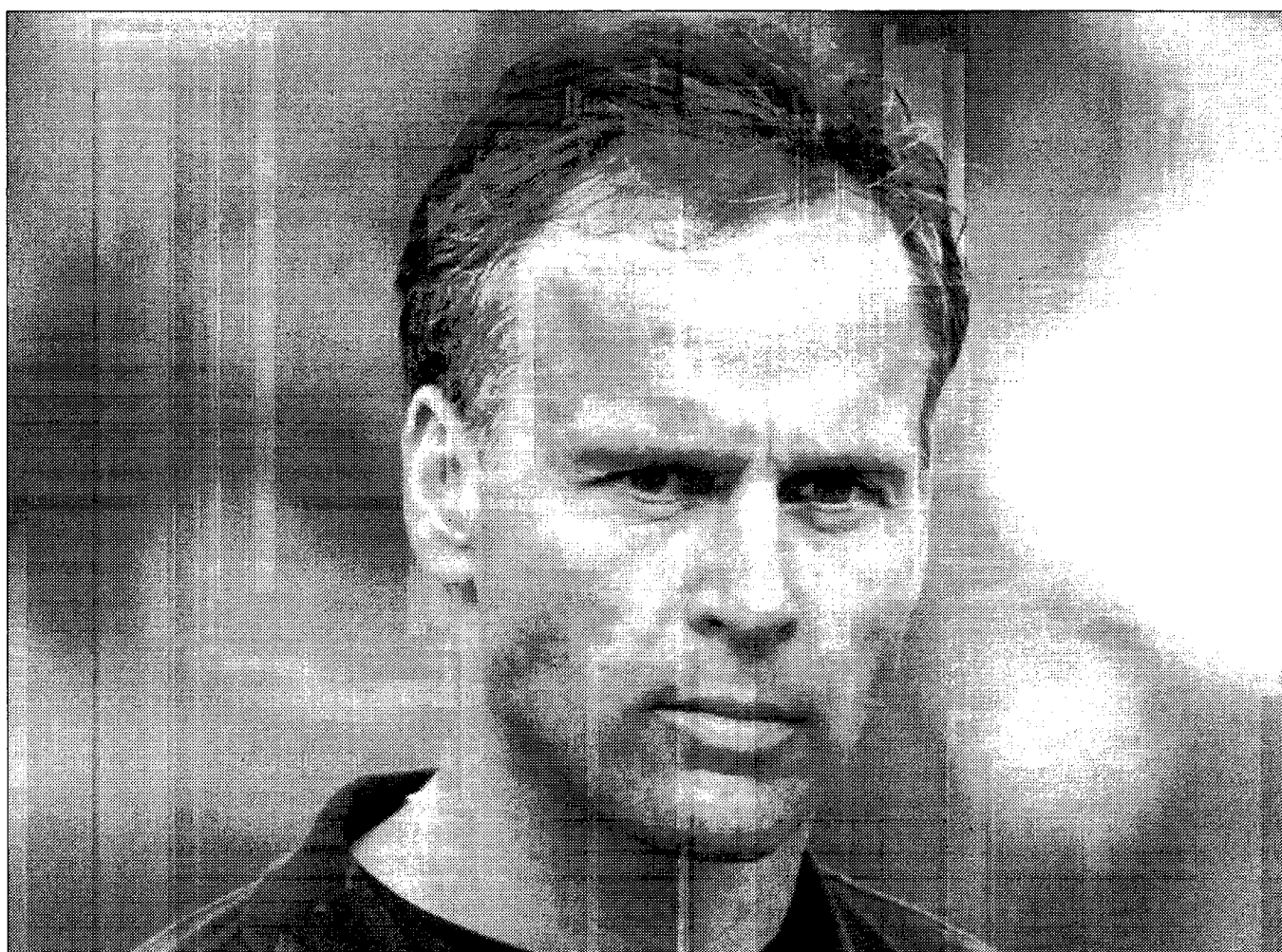
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NFL



Baltimore defensive coordinator Mike Nolan accepted the San Francisco 49ers' head coaching position Jan. 17 and began to negotiate a contract to take over the team that had the NFL's worst record last season.

Niners' new Nolan is coaching legacy

Associated Press

SANTA CLARA, Calif. — Mike Nolan's lineage on and off the field made him an ideal choice to rebuild the San Francisco 49ers.

The Baltimore defensive coordinator accepted his first head coaching job Monday and began to negotiate a contract to take over the team that had the NFL's worst record last season.

Nolan, a longtime coordinator for four teams, is the son of former 49ers coach Dick Nolan, who led the franchise to its first playoff victory during eight seasons in charge of a once-

proud franchise that finished this season 2-14 — tying the worst record in franchise history.

As his resume attests, the 45-year-old Nolan has plenty of experience and plenty of patience — and he'll need both in San Francisco. Nolan will replace Dennis Erickson, fired earlier in the month after going 9-23 in two seasons out of the playoffs.

After wowing 49ers owner John York in an interview Thursday, Nolan flew to York's home in Ohio on Monday to work out a deal.

"[York] had a good strong list of candidates,

and they felt that Mike was the perfect candidate to lead us into the future," 49ers spokesman Kirk Reynolds said.

Nolan, who will be the 15th head coach in 49ers history, didn't return a call to his cell phone seeking comment. York also didn't return calls.

General manager Terry Donahue was fired along with Erickson, and Nolan will have a hand in picking Donahue's successor. York has said he planned to hire a coach with broad powers, supplemented by a general manager who concentrates on salary cap issues.

Nolan is a protege of Dan Reeves, who hired the former Oregon safety for his first NFL job with the Denver Broncos in 1987, then made him one of the youngest coordinators in league history with the Giants.

"It's a good fit," said Giants defensive end Michael Strahan, who played his first four NFL seasons under Nolan. "I loved him back then, and I love him still. I'm glad he's finally getting that opportunity."

Nolan has coached offense, defense and special teams during his time in the NFL.

IN BRIEF

Suspended Pitt guard charged with two accounts

PITTSBURGH — Suspended Pittsburgh guard Yuri Demetris faces burglary and simple assault charges after allegedly entering a former girlfriend's apartment twice through a bedroom window and hitting her with a closed fist, university police said Monday.

Demetris, suspended indefinitely by coach Jamie Dixon after being arrested Sunday, will have a preliminary hearing Thursday. Dixon said Sunday that Demetris would not practice while serving the suspension, but did not mention the player's arrest.

According to the police report, Demetris twice entered the apartment of a 21-year-old woman early Sunday without her permission, each time through a bedroom window. On the second trip, he is alleged to have struck the woman with a closed fist.

In the report, the woman identified Demetris as a former boyfriend.

Demetris does not have a listed number and it was not immediately clear whether he had an attorney.

Ravens close to hiring Fassel, Neuheisel to run offense

BALTIMORE — The Baltimore Ravens are expected to hire former Giants coach Jim Fassel as their offensive coordinator, and former University of Washington coach Rick Neuheisel as quarterbacks coach, The (Baltimore) Sun reported in Monday's editions.

Fassel was a senior consultant with the Ravens this season, working primarily on the development of second-year quarterback Kyle Boller. Fassel hoped to land another head coaching job but did not receive any solid offers and appears ready to accept the task of improving an offense that finished 31st in the NFL this season.

The Sun, citing two sources close to the situation, said an agreement had been reached to make Fassel the replacement for Matt Cavanaugh, who resigned under pressure on Jan. 3.

Robbins arrested, remains in critical condition

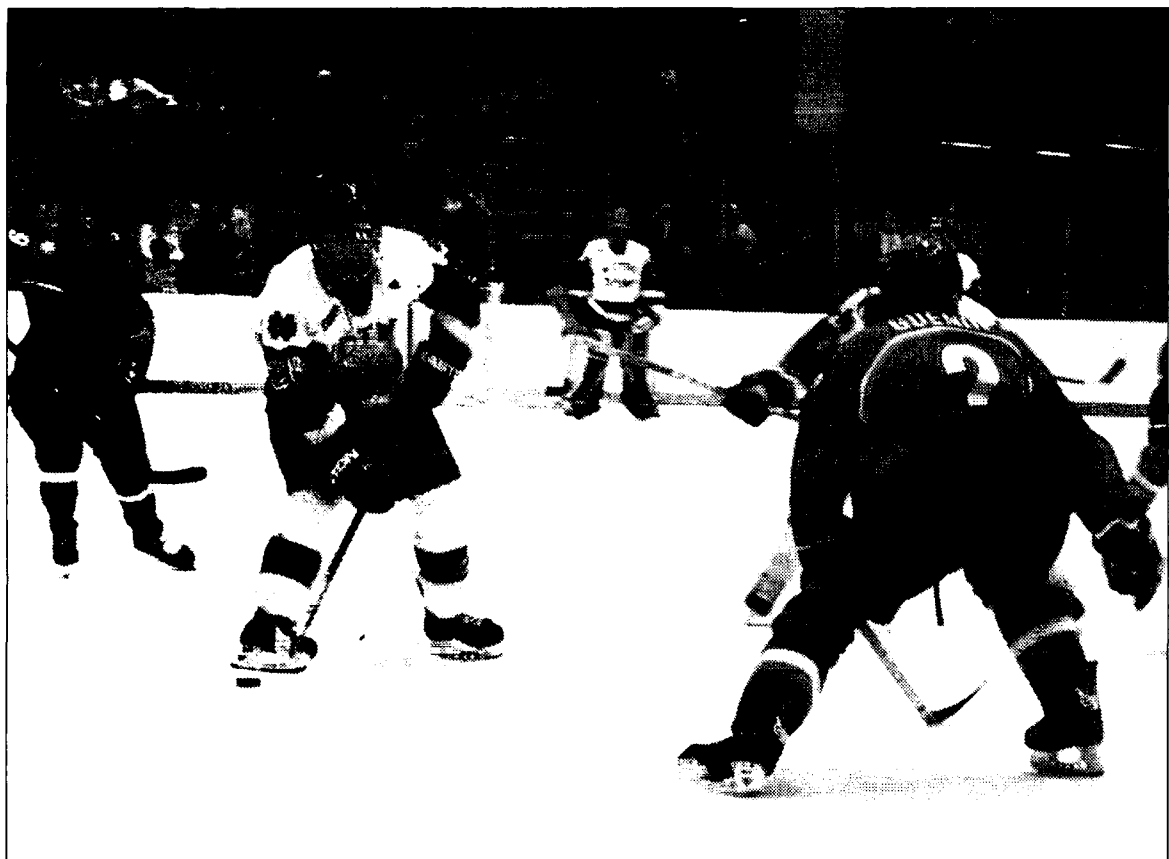
MIAMI BEACH, Fla. — Former Oakland Raiders center Barret Robbins was arrested Monday after being shot over the weekend during a struggle with a police officer investigating a burglary at a South Beach office building.

Miami Beach police spokesman Bobby Hernandez said prosecutors are expected to file formal charges of battery on an officer and trespassing against the former All-Pro, who is best known for disappearing the night before the 2003 Super Bowl.

Prosecutors were not available for comment Monday because of the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday.

Robbins was hospitalized in critical but stable condition, according to his agent, Drew Pittman. Hospital officials declined comment.

Robbins, 31, was shot several times in the torso during a "violent struggle" with a Miami Beach detective Saturday night, Hernandez said.



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Irish right wing Tim Wallace glides into the Ohio State defensive zone on a Notre Dame rush this weekend. The Irish lost both games of the weekend series to the Buckeyes, 4-1 and 3-1.

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been in nearly every game we've played this year, and they've also played all their opponents close.

"I think this is going to be a game between two teams who want to prove there's still a lot of hockey to be played this year."

Tonight's meeting between the Huskies and the Irish will be the first time the two teams have played since the 1993-94 season, when Notre Dame lost 8-6 on Dec. 30 at the Great Lakes Invitational in Detroit.

Prior to the 1980-81 season, Notre Dame and Michigan Tech were both members of the

Western Collegiate Hockey Association. The Huskies and Irish both moved to the CCHA after the 1981-82 season, but Michigan Tech decided to return to the WCHA following the 1983-84 season.

Notre Dame and Michigan Tech have met five times on neutral ice, with the Huskies holding a 3-2-0 advantage in those games.

The Irish faced CCHA opponent Ohio State last weekend in a two-game series at the Joyce Center, falling to the Buckeyes 4-1 on Friday and 3-1 on Saturday. Notre Dame currently sits in last place in the 12-team CCHA with 10 points but is only one point out of a tie for eighth place.

Following this weekend's games against Wisconsin, the

Irish close out their season with 10 CCHA games in a row, so Poulin knows the importance of getting his team's confidence and winning mentality back on track.

To get back in the win column, the Irish have to score goals, and that might prove difficult tonight against Michigan Tech goalie Cam Ellsworth.

Ellsworth stopped 76 of 77 shots in the Huskies' split against Denver, leading his team to a 3-0 shutout of the Pioneers on Jan. 7 and losing a 1-0 heartbreaker on Jan. 8. For his efforts, Ellsworth was named the InsideCollegeHockey.com Player of the Week for Jan. 10-16.

The Irish face off at the Resch

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Sarah Nowak continued to swim well by winning the 100-yard backstroke for the Belles, and Bridget Green finished in fourth as both swimmers helped Saint Mary's secure much needed points. The only other first-place victory for Saint Mary's came in the meet's final event, the 200-yard freestyle relay.

In the meet's finale, Saint Mary's swimmers Korte, Tighe, Nowak and Nelis combined for an outstanding score of 1:46.72.

Last year, the Scots defeated the Belles with a score of 134-97 as they posted two last-second victories to clinch the win. But this time around, the Belles were the ones with the late heroics, winning the last two events of the meet.

The Belles' strong finish

on Saturday allowed them to squeak by Alma by a score of 51-49 for their first conference win of the year and helped them avenge last year's disappointing loss.

This weekend's results improved Saint Mary's to 2-3 on the season, while lifting them out of last place in MIAA. The Belles now stand in a fifth-place tie with Albion, who they have yet to meet.

Lisa Balog was recognized as the performer of the meet at Hillsdale after finishing with two fourth-place finishes in both the 1000-yard freestyle and the 500-yard freestyle.

The Belles will not swim again until Jan. 28 as they prepare to take on third place Kalamazoo College for their second of three consecutive away meets. The Hornets are 2-1 this year.

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meter run and second in the 60-meter hurdles competition.

Freshman

C r y s t a Swayzer finished fifth in the 400, while her classmate Dominique Manning finished fourth in the 60-meter hur-

d l e s .

Sophomore Cassie Gullickson tied for third in the high jump, clearing 5-2 1/4.

The Irish will now shift their focus to next weekend's Notre

"The competitiveness was there ... but the physical performance was not."

Scott Winsor
Irish head coach

Dame Indoor Opener, the first of three consecutive home meets. Notre Dame plans on training through the first of these home meets, as they continue to build toward the end of the season. Despite the

mediocre week-end performance, Winsor was optimistic.

"The competitiveness was there on Saturday," he said. "But the physical performance was not. As long as

we continue with our training, the performance will follow."

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MEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Spartans exact revenge against smaller Irish

Special to The Observer

Notre Dame's men's club volleyball team traveled to St. Joseph's High School in Michigan to battle rival Michigan State.

Playing in front of a packed high school gymnasium, the Irish had a solid effort but failed to defeat the taller Spartan squad. Notre Dame won the previous meeting at its home tournament last semester, and Michigan State was out for revenge.

The first game was even until State went on a 6-0 run to pull away from the

Irish, eventually defeating them 25-21. But Notre Dame still had plenty of fight left in them, and they won the second match 27-25 after rallying to push the game over 25.

Jump serving from Kevin Overmann, Drew Williams and Mike Toomey aided the Irish throughout the match, but it wasn't enough to keep them on top as Michigan State stole a close third game, 25-22, and finished off Game 4, 25-16.

The series for the year is tied 1-1, which will make for an exciting rubber match when these two teams meet again.

MEN'S TRACK

Runners achieve personal bests at Central Michigan

By JOHN EVERETT
Sports Writer

In their first meet, the Irish showed signs of promise for the season ahead as they ran against Michigan State and Central Michigan in a non-scoring affair.

"It was pretty good for the first one back," senior Chip Roberts said. "We had a few personal bests. We've been training pretty hard for the Big East Indoor Championships, and overall this is starting out better than last year."

Roberts was one of those who set per-

sonal records at Central Michigan, finishing third in the weight-throw with a 56-5 1/4 mark (56 feet, 5.25 inches). Freshman Michael Schubert came in second in the shot put, Dave Viken set a personal best in the pole vault and Chris Staron high-jumped 6-5 1/2 feet, also a personal record.

Senior Selim Nurudeen won the 60-meter hurdles in a time of 7.87 seconds and ran the 60-meter dash in his fastest time of 6.85 seconds, qualifying for the national championships in the process.

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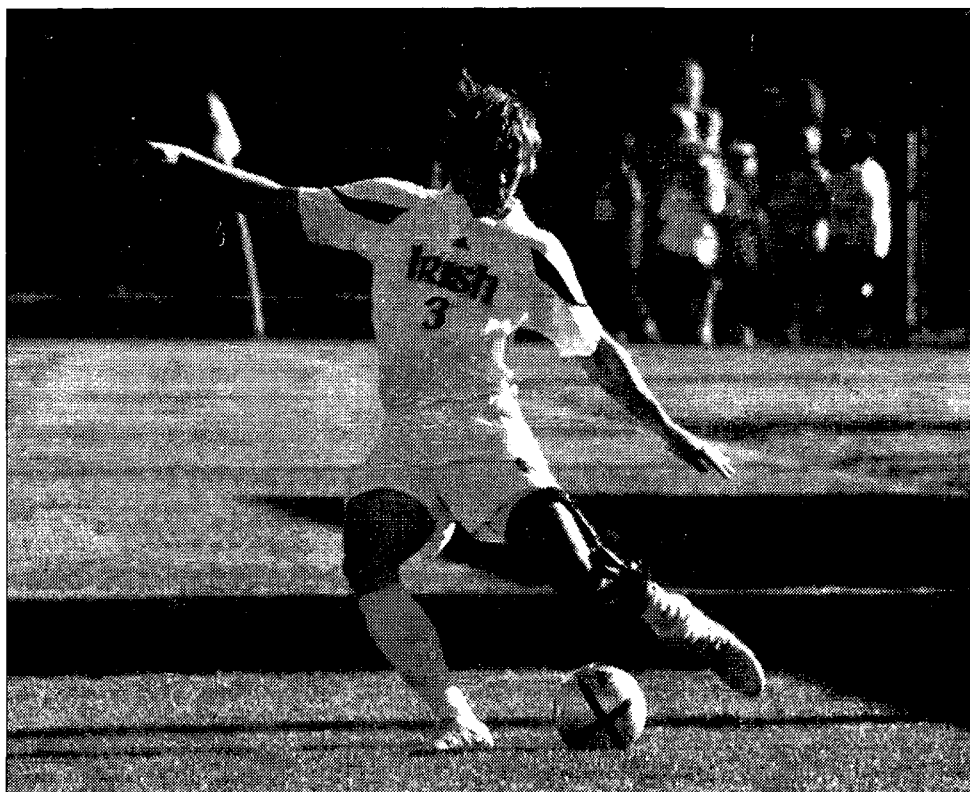
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Chris Sawyer settles the ball during a 4-0 win over Loyola-Chicago Oct. 3. Sawyer was drafted 24th by the Kansas City Wizards in the MLS draft Friday.



Kevin Goldthwaite crosses the ball during a 4-0 win over Loyola-Chicago Oct. 3. Goldthwaite was drafted 17th by the San Jose Earthquakes Friday.

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tion of MLS scouts.

"At Notre Dame, I think our program [is] run it as professionally as possible," Goldthwaite said. "In that aspect ... it prepares us to go to a professional team."

He added that the quality of players in the Irish system allowed them to maintain a high level of play, even in practices.

"The players on the team, those guys all being such good players, playing with them day in and day out helps also," he said.

Stewart pointed out that Clark and assistants Mike Avery and Brian Wiese have been important in developing the talents of this year's drafted players.

"They've been tremendous help [to me] as a player and as a person," he said. "The things I've learned here as a person [as well as soccer] skills."

Sawyer, a goalkeeper who earned All-America honors in his junior year, called Wiese a significant influence on his career.

"In my case ... my goalkeeping coach, Brian Wiese, has been a huge part of my development as a keeper," he said.

The development of the Irish soccer program was an important goal for Stewart during his four years with the Irish, which also marked Clark's first four years as head coach at Notre Dame.

"This program has come a long way and done a complete 180 thanks to all the guys, the Notre Dame family," he said.

"They took it to the next level — every year we want to take it to the next level as a team."

Clark knows that the members of his first Notre Dame recruiting class have done special things with the Irish program.

"All three had outstanding careers at Notre Dame," he

said. "They've been big contributors through their time." But their careers aren't the only things Clark takes pride in.

"They all bring so many little different things, that's something — that Notre Dame helps them really grow up," he said. "The school teaches

"They all bring so many little different things ... Notre Dame helps them really grow. The school teaches them, gives them an education, but I think it gives them a lot more than an education. They grow up as people."

Bobby Clarke
Irish head coach

them, gives them an education but I think it gives them a lot more than an education. They'll grow up as people. ... They'll go out into the world aware of how lucky they've been and a lot of the pluses they've had going for them in their lives."

Academically, Stewart, Goldthwaite and Sawyer graduated in December, a semester ahead of the senior class, in order to be able to train for the MLS preseason — another accomplishment Clark empha-

sized.

"For me that was a positive, not only did they get drafted but they also went out with a degree in their pocket," he said.

"That was, for me, very important. ... There's nothing better than getting paid for a game you like, [but] it's tremendously reassuring to know they've got a good solid degree in their back pocket."

Graduating early, especially with Notre Dame's rigorous academic requirements and the time commitment needed to be a varsity athlete, was an impressive accomplishment for the players.

"All three of them graduated in three and a half years," Clark said. "One of the great things that they were able to get drafted but also graduate early, and that means they can join their respective teams and not have to worry about any more studies."

Goldthwaite said Notre Dame offered the academic support necessary for the athletes to be able to graduate early.

"I definitely had a lot of support, everything we needed," he said. "If we were ever in trouble academically, we were always helped out with tutors

and all."

Although players at this elite level are accustomed to hard work on the field, the academic challenges were rigorous.

"It was tough because we weren't allowed to drop a class," Goldthwaite said. "Our goal was always to be able to get out a semester early."

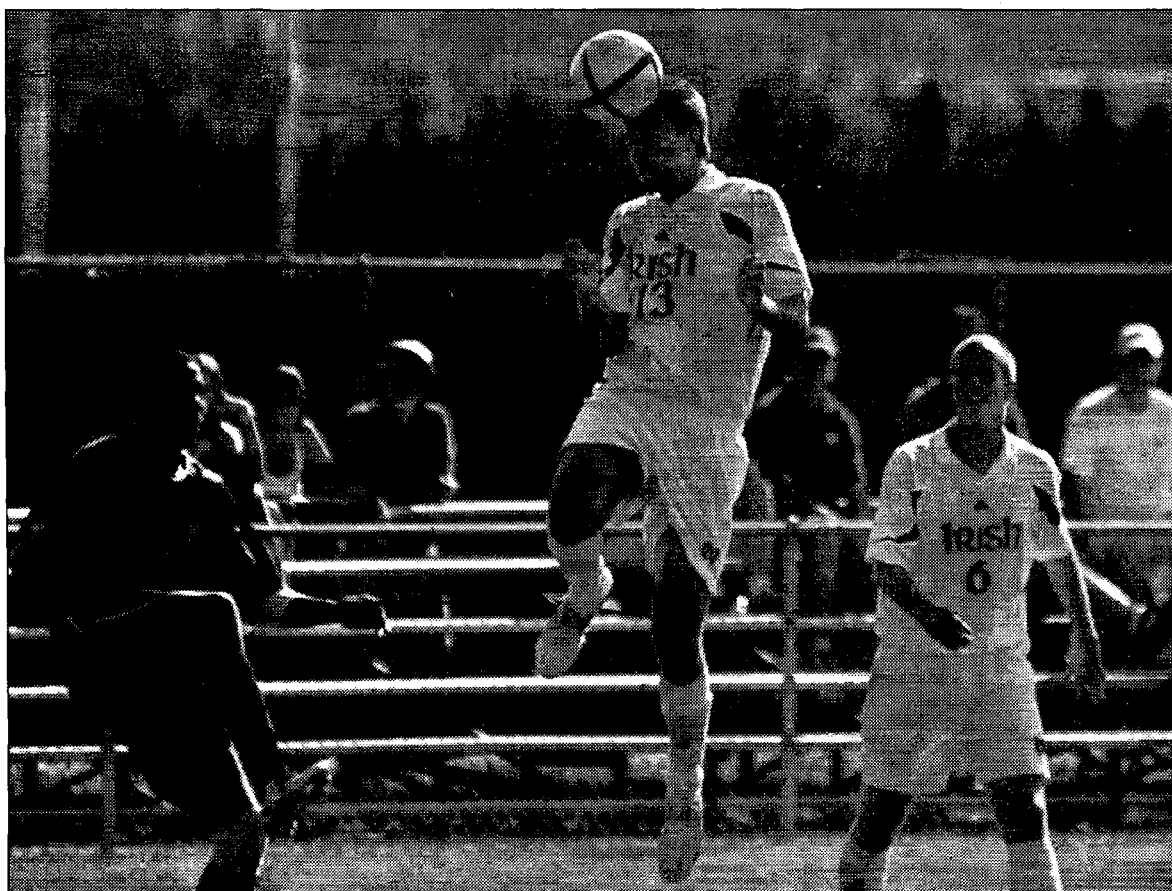
The three will train on campus to prepare for their first preseason as professionals.

"This is a great place, I think they really just don't want to leave Notre Dame," Clark said. "They're coming up to prepare themselves for going into camp."

They are also role models for another generation of players who could look to play at the professional level. However, for now the three former Irish standouts are enjoying the fulfillment of a lifelong dream and the promise of an exciting future.

"It's absolutely amazing," Sawyer said. "This was obviously a goal of mine ever since I started playing soccer — it's sort of one of your dreams and you just want to make the best of it."

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Jack Stewart goes up for a head ball during a 2-1 win over Cal State Fullerton Sept. 12. Stewart was drafted highest out of the three Irish players with the Chicago Fire's 10th overall pick.

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MEN'S SOCCER

MLS teams draft three Irish players

Goldthwaite, Sawyer and Stewart go in first two rounds

By KATE GALES
Sports Writer

It's not unusual for children to imagine themselves growing up to be professional athletes. But to succeed at that most competitive level, it takes talent, dedication and hard work. Only the best will be paid to perform at the sports they love.

On Friday, Jack Stewart, Kevin Goldthwaite and Chris Sawyer proved they belong at

that level. The three captains from the 2004 Irish soccer squad were selected in the first two rounds of America's MLS draft. Their dream of professional soccer has become a reality.

"It's still so surreal," said Stewart, who was picked 10th overall by the Chicago Fire. "It's like your dream is finally coming true. I wanted to be in Chicago ... I'm just stoked out of my mind to be there right now and living my dream."

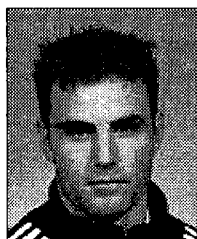


Goldthwaite

Goldthwaite, who was selected 17th overall by the San Jose Earthquakes, echoed similar sentiments.

"Growing up we always watched soccer, you're always playing sports dreaming one day that you could actually be in their shoes," he said. "Now that it's the reality it obviously feels great."

Chris Sawyer, the 24th pick by Kansas City, will join former Irish teammate Justin Dettler with the Wizards.



Sawyer

"He was my roommate sophomore year, so we're very good friends," Sawyer said. "It's great to be going into a team where you can get a feel for what life is like as a professional soccer player."

The three players were freshmen in coach Bobby Clark's inaugural season with the Irish. It is the first time in school history that three Notre Dame soccer players were chosen in the draft, setting an impressive precedent by going in the first two rounds.



Stewart

"It shows that they're obviously made themselves into top players, to go in the top two rounds of the draft," Clark said. "That's the top 24 players in the country."

Although Clark will miss three members of one of the nation's toughest defenses, he looks forward to watching his standouts play at another level.

"I think they'll do well," he said. "They're all first class young men and I look forward to following their careers with great interest."

Goldthwaite said playing at Notre Dame tremendously helped the three to the atten-

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HOCKEY

Irish welcome struggling Huskies

Lowly Michigan Tech opens three-game, non-conference stretch

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Associate Sports Editor

With the kind of season Notre Dame is having, three games in five nights might be just the kind of boost the Irish need heading into the final half of the CCHA season.

The Irish (5-13-5) kick off a three-game non-conference stretch of games tonight, traveling to Green Bay, Wis., to face Michigan Tech (2-17-1). Notre Dame will finish that stretch with a two-game series against Wisconsin this weekend.

The Irish go into tonight's game desperate for a win. Notre Dame has not won a game since its last non-conference match, a 2-1 victory over Rensselaer on Jan. 2.

Since that win, Notre Dame has played four CCHA games, collecting a 0-3-1 record. Irish



RICK FRIEDMAN/The Observer

Irish right wing Tim Wallace skates past an Ohio State defenseman during a 3-1 loss this weekend.

coach Dave Poulin said tonight's game should be a good chance for Notre Dame to step back from the pressures of conference play.

"I think the timing is good for this game, not just because it's a non-conference game but also because of where it falls during the week," Poulin said. "Sometimes you can get into a bit of a rut when you have the same routine, so this should help break that up a bit, and it always helps to play a team you're not used to seeing to break up that routine a bit."

The Huskies come into tonight's game having split their last series to defending national champion Denver on the weekend of Jan. 7-8.

"Their record is misleading just as much as our record is misleading," Poulin said. "We've

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ND WOMEN'S TRACK

Team rests, but athletes place high

By RYAN KIEFER
Sports Writer

Irish athletes captured three first-place finishes at the season opening Central Michigan indoor open this weekend, despite withholding some of their star athletes from the meet.

Sophomore Maryann Erigha won the 60-meter dash with a personal best time of 7.51. Sophomore Okechi Ogbuokiri took the 400-meter crown in 56.87, and Stacey Cowan won the high jump, clearing 5-6 (five feet, six inches) in the finals.

The focus for this meet was on Notre Dame's sprinters, jumpers and throwers. When asked if expectations were met in these areas this weekend, jumps/throws coach Scott Winsor's response was simple.

"No," he said. "But that is partly due to the fact that we trained through this meet. I knew our athletes would not be able to perform at the level they are capable of. I told them just to go out and give whatever they had."

Other highlights from the meet included a career-best weight throw by Meghan Horn of 49-11 3/4, earning her fourth place to go along with her second place performance in shot put.

Tiffany Gunn also had a solid meet, finishing fourth in the 400-

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SMC SWIMMING

Belles fall to Hillsdale, defeat Alma at meet

By JUSTIN STETZ
Sports Writer

The Saint Mary's swimming team was able to walk away with a win against conference rival Alma College this weekend after falling to Hillsdale. The Charges of Hillsdale controlled the meet as they defeated both Alma and the

Belles by scores of 64-39 and 70-30, respectively.

Hillsdale dominated by winning eight of the scheduled thirteen events and streaking to five straight wins to open the meet. Neither Saint Mary's nor Alma could overcome the early deficits, and the Charges improved to 5-2 on the season.

In the 1000-yard freestyle, Lisa Balog

captured fourth place, while Kelly Nelis was able to do the same in the 200-yard freestyle event. The Belles made up valuable ground in the 50-yard freestyle as Nicole Korte finished in second with a time of 26.65, while teammate Kelly Tighe wasn't far behind, recording a third place finish with a score of 27.14.

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Soriano remains a Ranger

Alfonso Soriano signed a \$7.5 million extension to stay in Texas.

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NCAA BASKETBALL

Connecticut 77 Seton Hall 68

Josh Boone shot 8-for-8 from the field and scored 20 points to lead his Huskies to victory.

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Bryant sidelined for two weeks

The Lakers star will sit out for two weeks with a severely sprained right ankle.

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NHL

NHL and NHLPA schedule meeting

NHL and players' association officials will meet Wednesday.

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Irish set marks at Central Michigan

Notre Dame competed in a non-scoring affair over the weekend.

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Taller Michigan State triumphs

The Spartans tied the season series at 1-1 with a win this weekend.

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