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## Election organizers counter apathy



Cavanaugh Hall assistant rector Kate Leahy, left, discusses candidate platforms with students Valerie Aguilar and Stephanie Zurek.

### Judicial Council hopes to increase turnout

By KAREN LANGLEY  
News Writer

To help combat traditional student apathy toward campus government elections, this year election organizers have initiated a Rock-the-Vote campaign-style effort to increase voter turnout.

The Judicial Council, which oversees the elections, will hold primary debates Thursday at 7 p.m. in LaFortune. They will be preceded by a "meet and greet" with the candidates at 6:30 p.m., said Judicial Council president Brin Anderson.

"We are trying to target the student body with publicity. Students will be invited to get involved with the debates, as they will provide the ques-

tions that the candidates will discuss," said Anderson. "After the debates, there will be an 'O.C.' watch with refreshments."

Anderson said she hopes these moves will increase interest in student government campaign issues and ultimately motivate students to vote in the upcoming elections.

"If you walk through LaFortune while the debate is taking place, you have to take the opportunity to step in and inform yourself. We hope that the student body is willing to hold their leaders responsible," said Anderson.

With the student government presidential primary election less than a week away, several students expressed little interest in the student government elections.

"My interest in the election

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## Alleged assault reported at SMC

By CLAIRE HEININGER  
News Editor

A Saint Mary's student was allegedly assaulted by a former boyfriend in her Le Mans Hall room Sunday night, College officials said Monday.

The incident was not a sexual assault, but further details about its nature are being withheld for security and privacy purposes while Saint Mary's Security investigates, College spokesman Melanie McDonald said.

McDonald would not comment

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### COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES

## Group discusses College Park

### Clash between ND students, managers considered

By MARY KATE MALONE  
News Writer

After recent problems between College Park management and Notre Dame students living at the off-campus apartment complex, the Council of Representatives met Monday to discuss the issue and possible solutions.

Senior class president Darrell Scott spoke for stu-

dents whose apartments were damaged during the winter break from broken water pipes at the off-campus apartment complex run by Paramount Management.

The Observer reported Jan. 12 that eight units, housing 23 Notre Dame students, were severely damaged when pipes burst above second-floor units. The Observer then reported Jan. 28 that in the last month three students, who were without a place to live for a week and half after classes resumed in January, decided to pursue a lawsuit against Paramount.

Scott provided representa-

tives with a packet of information describing the situation in greater detail and said he hoped a plan could be implemented to assist students who might face similar problems in the future.

Scott said students who are currently having problems with the management have been able to use their connections with student government and their concerned parents to confront the management at Paramount.

"My fear is that a senior or junior in the future will not have direct access to COR, or

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## Students organize drive to remember freshman

### Keough, Stanford Halls sponsor organ donor sign-ups in memory of Dan Kish, who died last month



CLEMENT SUHENDRA/The Observer

Keough rector Father Peter Jarrett says Mass for freshman Daniel Kish, who died of heart surgery complications Jan. 14.

By NICOLE ZOOK  
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To honor the memory of Daniel Kish, a Notre Dame freshman who died Jan. 14 from heart surgery complications, Keough and Stanford Halls and the freshman class council are sponsoring an organ donor sign-up drive from today until Friday.

Kish, who received a heart transplant while he was a student at Penn High School in Mishawaka, was on the waiting list for a new heart when he died.

Stanford section service commissioner James Boyle said Kish's death compelled the drive's organizers to act.

"We got the idea to do it last year, and then we really got motivated to get it done when we heard what happened to Daniel Kish," he said. "He really

inspired us."

The drive, which encourages students and their family members to sign an organ donation release card, begins tonight during dinner at both dining halls. It will continue in the dining halls during lunch Wednesday and in LaFortune from 4 p.m. to 7 on Wednesday and 8 p.m. to 11 on Thursday.

The Thursday sign-up is accompanied by a showing of John Q, a film about a father whose insurance won't cover his son's heart transplant, in the Keough lounge. On Friday, event organizers will have tables set up in each dorm in order to get as much campus-wide student participation as possible.

"[Organ donation is] something people don't think about, and we really

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### CAMPUS LIFE COUNCIL

## Members debate 'Flex 10' plan

By MADDIE HANNA  
News Writer

The Campus Life Council passed a resolution urging Student Affairs and Food Services to research a "Flex 10" meal plan option and discussed the upcoming Board of Trustees meeting and task force reports at Monday's meeting.

"This is to get the dialogue between Food Services and Student Affairs going," Sarah Bates, chair of the Senate residence life committee, said.

Since the resolution has already passed through Senate, the next step in the process, according to Bates,

is to send it to Father Mark Poorman, Vice President of Student Affairs. He would ultimately decide on a course of action, and Bates said her committee would try to discuss the plan with Poorman.

J.T. Arseniadis, co-chair of Hall Presidents Council, said many hall presidents were concerned about passing a resolution designed to install a "Flex 10" option because the side effects could include limited dining hall options.

"This is just a beginning. The end is maybe two, three years down the road after the planning and the research," Arseniadis said, emphasizing the need for deliberate consideration of the potential problems caused by the

added plan.

In considering the arguments of those opposed to "Flex 10," chief executive assistant Dave Baron said the proposed meal plan would not reduce the sense of community.

"I don't see a problem in fostering more people at LaFortune," Baron said, explaining he feels LaFortune provides just as much of a community atmosphere as the dining halls.

Siegfried senator James Leito supported Baron, noting students currently eat only 10 meals in the dining hall and while giving them a "Flex 10" option would

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INSIDE COLUMN

# Townies are people, too

Some people are afraid of living away from home for the first time. They worry about doing their own laundry, getting stuck with an awful roommate, getting less than a 4.0 or turning into walking dynamos of duLac infractions.

**Kate Gales**

My greatest fear, however, was to live among the townies.

*Sports Writer*

Coming here in August 2003, I knew all about townies, thanks to the educational power of the Keenan Revue. My best friend's older brother, who is now a senior RA in Keenan, had a copy of the 2002 Revue. My first viewing of this traditional production prominently featured an original song describing the many qualities of the townie. Thanks to the Revue, I knew that townies are people who live in trailers, live and die by the glories of NASCAR and marry their cousins. They like to go hunting and hang around gas stations. Most townies are employed at Meijer or tattoo parlors and sell beer to underage Notre Dame students.

Now, I know the Revue isn't always about the truth. From it, I heard that Zahm guys were gay (my dad lived in Zahm), Cavanaugh girls are easy (then I got my housing form — guess where I live) and Saint Mary's chicks are husband hunters (my mom is a proud Saint Mary's grad — okay, this one could be true). I took all this information with a grain of salt. But I knew the Revue would never lie about townies.

With the same care I took purchasing textbooks and extra-long sheets, I prepared to defend myself against the forthcoming townie onslaught in South Bend. I was fully prepared to stop, drop and roll far from these strangely-bred creatures.

They say college is a learning experience. I've picked up a little accounting here and also learned how to throw a really fun pre-SYR party. But perhaps the most important thing I've come to know is that townies are people, too. They can even be your friends.

Imagine my surprise when I actually made friends with two townies. They didn't wear Dale Earnhardt gear! Their teeth were straight! They lived in houses and their parents had normal jobs. They had normal names like Megan and Kirsten. They were totally and completely normal. They were people.

Townies are just like the other kids at Notre Dame, except you want to come visit them during the school year, not in the summertime. They have sweet perks — you can spend holidays with them, they usually have cars and know where the fun restaurants are. One campus figure even pointed out that "all townie girls are hot." Now there's a compliment.

Townies are people, too, with feelings and everything. Sometimes they get self-conscious about being from South Bend, like when Kirsten introduces herself as simply from Indiana or when Megan specifies that she's from Mishawaka. Townies — it's okay — you can't help where you're from.

People spend a lot of time here talking about discrimination. We're all aware of prejudicial tensions — but the townie label has floated under the radar at this school, and that is never fair. Today, take the opportunity to tell a townie how much you appreciate them, hometown notwithstanding. South Bend? Fine by me.

*The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Kate Gales at kgales@nd.edu.*

**CORRECTIONS**

In the Jan. 31 issue, the subhead for the women's basketball article on page 20 incorrectly said "Women break UConn's 121-game Big East winning streak." However, the correct number was 112 games. The Observer regrets this error.

**QUESTION OF THE DAY: DO YOU PLAN TO VOTE IN THE UPCOMING STUDENT GOVERNMENT ELECTION?**



**Halle Kiefer**  
junior  
Welsh Family

"I'm writing in a vote for the Clark-Kiefer ticket — we're running on an anti-minotaur platform."



**Jackie Clark**  
junior  
Welsh Family

"Yes, I'll be writing in for Clark-Kiefer — we're vehemently pro-mullet."



**Danny Nolan**  
freshman  
Sorin

"Yes, I'm voting for whoever has the best Facebook group."



**Joanne Tisak**  
sophomore  
Pasquerilla East

"Yeah, sure — when's the election?"



**Dan Lloyed**  
junior  
off campus

"I'm signing on with the Dave-Shapell show."



**Todd Torres**  
junior  
Siegfried

"Yes — Charlie Weis for president."



BETH WERNET/The Observer

**Notre Dame students Katie Monahan and Kevin Dorney work on painting projects on the third floor of Riley Hall Monday night.**

**IN BRIEF**

The Class of 2008 will sponsor a rosary at the Grotto today from 6:45 to 7:45 p.m.

Francisco Rodríguez, Kellogg Visiting fellow from the Instituto de Estudios Superiores de Administración in Venezuela will present a lecture on "Why Did Venezuelan Growth Collapse?" today from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 in room C-103 of the Hesburgh Center.

Theology professor Todd Whitmore will speak about "Catholic Social Teaching and Interreligious Dialogue" today from 7 p.m. to 8:15 today in the Hesburgh Center Auditorium. The talk is sponsored by the Program in Catholic Social Teaching's series on "Comparative Religious Social Ethics."

The Notre Dame women's basketball team will take on Boston College from 7 p.m. to 9 Wednesday in the Joyce Center Arena.

The University will offer blood pressure and body fat screenings conducted by ProHealth, LLC. for faculty and staff Wednesday from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the old Security Building.

The exhibit "Art from the Inside: Drawings by Chicano Prisoners" will be open at the Snite Museum of Art today from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The event is free and open to the public.

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

**OFFBEAT**

**Pope loses battle with peace-symbol dove**

VATICAN CITY — Pope John Paul II shooed a dove — a symbol of peace — out his apartment window Sunday, chuckling with children who watched in delight as the bird flew back into his room overlooking St. Peter's Square.

The pontiff was addressing thousands of young people from an Italian Catholic organization who marked January as a month to promote peace.

He was flanked at his studio window by a pair of 8-year-olds — a boy and girl — who urged the

world to remember children who live in countries wracked by war.

John Paul prayed that young people, "who so desire peace, become courageous and tenacious builders" of peace.

**'Dummer' academy seeks smarter name**

NEWBURY, Mass. — The 18th century boarding school in Massachusetts — the Governor Dummer Academy — wants to change its name to prevent any smart guys from making jokes about it.

School headmaster John Doggett said the

"Dummer" name can make a poor first impression on prospective students and their parents, even though it's simply the surname of Massachusetts Gov. William Dummer, who donated land to start the school.

"Rightly or wrongly, first impressions make a difference," headmaster John Doggett said. "Certainly, when you go outside of the Boston region, the first impression sometimes doesn't convey what the school is all about."

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

	TODAY	TONIGHT	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
LOCAL WEATHER						
	HIGH 33 LOW 20	HIGH 23 LOW 20	HIGH 35 LOW 23	HIGH 37 LOW 27	HIGH 39 LOW 25	HIGH 36 LOW 31

Atlanta 74 / 62 Boston 70 / 49 Chicago 64 / 48 Denver 65 / 42 Houston 83 / 67 Los Angeles 78 / 72 Minneapolis 80 / 62 New York 70 / 49 Philadelphia 75 / 48 Phoenix 56 / 40 Seattle 61 / 48 St. Louis 71 / 58 Tampa 88 / 68 Washington 75 / 49

**BOARD OF GOVERNANCE**

**Group plans tsunami fundraiser**

By **KELLY BALE**  
News Writer

Saint Mary's Board of Governance met Monday to discuss upcoming events to finalize plans for the February fundraiser "Love Makes the World Go Round, Show Your Love," which will aid children left orphaned and homeless by the Asian tsunami.

"The month of February is centered around Valentine's Day, sharing love and celebrating love as a community and with the world," student body president Sarah Catherine White said. "I think [the fundraiser] is a great way to celebrate Valentine's love and lend our support as a community."

The fundraiser, which will be sponsored by BOG and led by the Student Government Association, will last the entire month. BOG has set the initial goal of the drive at \$1 per student.

"We plan on keeping up with publicity and continuing to report to our students where we are with our goal," White said.

BOG will set up collection bins in all dorms, the Angela Athletic Facility, the dining hall, the bookstore, Dalloway's and at all SGA sponsored events throughout the month.

Women's Issues Commissioner Katie Kelly announced that a Saint Mary's Pride Appreciative Inquiry will be held Feb. 15 from 5 p.m. to 7 in the Stapleton Lounge.

"We hope to get an idea about how we can celebrate who we are as Saint Mary's women," Kelly said. "It will really be a



KELLY HIGGINS/The Observer

**BOG members talk about February tsunami relief efforts at Monday's meeting.**

great way to celebrate the pride we saw during the Inauguration Week."

Although plans are being finalized, Kelly said the inquiry would be led by a faculty or staff member and students who have experience in leading these types of discussions.

"The main focus is to strengthen our community by realizing our unique gifts and talents at Saint Mary's," Kelly said. "From the Identity Forum, we saw a need to continue with forums, but to look at them from different angles, and the inquiry is a new angle we are trying."

**In other BOG news:**

♦ Student Activities Board will host Dance Dance Revolution Wednesday at 8 p.m. in

Dalloway's.

"It's a lot of fun and you can practice your moves for the all school formal," SAB president Lauren Fabina said.

♦ Student Diversity Board commissioner Adriana Puente announced SDB would hold a Cultural Taste Fest Feb. 17 and is also working on creating events for Black History Month.

Sophomore class president Claudia Toth said the sophomore board would sponsor an Abroad Welcome Back event Feb. 8. The board will also sell "Kisses for Wishes" this week next week in the dining hall, with proceeds donated to the Make a Wish Foundation.

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**ND students provide tax aid to community**

*Accountancy professor coordinates program to assist low-income South Bend residents*

By **STEVE KERINS**  
News Writer

Accounting students from Notre Dame and Saint Mary's will be participating in Notre Dame's 34th annual Vivian Harrington Gray Tax Assistance Program (TAP) starting Feb. 7.

According to Ken Milani, accountancy professor and program coordinator, student volunteers will provide assistance with state and local tax returns to individuals in the local community who earned less than \$35,000 in the past year. Students involved are familiar with U.S. tax law and there is no charge for the service, which is supported by funds from the Mendoza College of Business and supplies provided by the Internal Revenue Service and the Indiana Department of Revenue.

TAP will continue through April 14, but will not operate during spring break and the Easter holiday.

Currently, student volunteers are preparing to open sites and begin their work.

"We're moving right along in schedule," student director Zach Wiggins said. "We're taking care of logistic things right now."

This year, 11 centers will be open in the South Bend area, including locations at the Notre Dame Center for Social

Concerns and Saint Mary's Haggard Hall.

"There's one new center in the near northwest neighborhood that we're operating," Wiggins said.

Interested taxpayers can bring copies of their federal and state tax returns from last year and any other relevant documents, such as real estate taxes, personal property taxes, medical bills and charitable contributions, necessary for calculating itemized deductions, Wiggins said.

Those with more complicated tax problems are encouraged to come to TAP's four major centers — the River Park, La Salle, downtown branches of the St. Joseph Public Library or the Mishawaka-Penn Public Library, and certified public accountants will be on hand at these locations. Additionally, individual on-site help is available to people unable to visit a TAP location, according to Wiggins.

Last year, the program's volunteers filed more than 3,300 tax returns for Michiana residents, and organizers expect a similar turnout this year.

"I think the way professor Milani has it set up, it's pretty similar from year to year," Wiggins said.

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**Viruses added to list of known, suspected cancer causes**

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The government is adding viruses for the first time to its list of known or suspected causes of cancer, including hepatitis B and C and a third virus that causes sexually transmitted diseases. Lead, X-rays and compounds in grilled meats also are

joining the list.

It has been known that the hepatitis viruses can cause liver cancer and that some forms of the sexually transmitted human papillomavirus can cause cervical cancer.

But they were added to the list Monday only after officials decided to go beyond the report's historical

focus on the occupational and environmental causes of cancer, said Dr. Christopher Portier, associate director of the National Toxicology Program, which prepared the latest update.

"We felt [the report] needed to be expanded to include other things in our general environment that can cause cancer," Portier

said.

Dr. Michael Thun, who runs the American Cancer Society's epidemiological program, said adding the viruses was important. "These are human carcinogens and very important carcinogens," he said.

The list, which now identifies 246 known or suspected cancer-causing agents, is intended to

give people who may or may not be exposed to any of the substances something to think about, he said.

Take X-rays, added to the "known" category. "This is simply to remind them that when they are making a decision about an X-ray to think about it and talk it over with your physician," Portier said.

But the American College of Radiology faulted the addition of X-rays and gamma rays, saying it was misleading and could prompt patients to avoid getting needed care.

"X-rays and gamma rays are not substances that the general public has access or exposure to and do not belong on a list of substances that pose a risk to people in the course of their normal, daily lives," Dr. James Borgstede, chairman of the radiology college's board of chancellors, said in a statement.

New to the suspected category are substances that form when meats are cooked or grilled at high temperatures. Studies suggest an increased cancer risk when foods containing them are eaten.

But "does that mean you have to throw out your barbecue grill?" asked Dr. Elizabeth Whelan, a critic of the list from the American Council on Science and Health, a consumer education group.

She said the "not consumer friendly" list should include information on the types of exposures and dosages that cause cancer, as well as on the health benefits of some of the substances identified, such as tamoxifen, the breast cancer treatment pill.

**DIVERSITY AWARENESS WEEK**

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(January 31-February 4)

- Wednesday, February 2:** "INTERRACE" 5:30 PM  
Coleman Morse Lounge  
Discuss the climate of diversity at Notre Dame  
RSVP by 5:00 p.m. to MSPS either 1-6841 or email [msps@nd.edu](mailto:msps@nd.edu)
- Wednesday, February 2:** BADIN HALL AFRICAN SPIRITUAL MASS 9 PM  
Badin Hall Chapel
- Thursday, February 3:** "WE ARE ND" T-SHIRT DAY.  
Show your support for the Board of Trustees report on Diversity by uniting yourself with other Domers and wear your "We Are ND" shirt on the day the report is presented.
- Thursday, February 3:** RELIGIOUS DIVERSITY DISCUSSION 7:30-8:30PM  
Coleman-Morse Lounge  
Free Pizza and Pop
- Friday, February 4:** MSPS COMEDY SHOW 10PM  
Legends
- Saturday, February 5:** PERFORMANCE BY MICHAEL JACOBS 7PM  
Kroc Institute  
Prominent Cherokee Musician

## Assault

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on any injuries the alleged victim sustained, nor would she give her name or age. She also would not give the name or age of the ex-boyfriend, or comment on whether or not he is a Notre Dame student.

Saint Mary's Security was alerted to the incident at about 11:30 p.m. Sunday, McDonald said, but did not find the ex-boyfriend after arriving at the student's room and conducting a complete search of Le Mans. It was unclear how he entered and exited the dorm, she said.

There were no witnesses to the alleged assault, McDonald said, adding that the student does not have roommates. There was no indication that alcohol was a factor in the incident, she said.

A no-trespassing order has been issued against the ex-boyfriend,

she said.

"The security department hasn't been in contact ... [but] they know who they're searching for, yes," McDonald said.

The alleged suspect was driving a 1978 black Porsche, director of security David Chapman said in an e-mail alert to the student body.

Saint Mary's Security has not contacted outside police agencies for assistance thus far, Chapman added. But security officials did forward an incident report to the St. Joseph County Family Violence/Special Victims Unit, enabling the alleged victim to press charges should she decide to do so, McDonald said.

LeMans Hall Director Kirsten Mannion refused to comment on the incident.

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## Donation

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want to raise awareness for the issue," Boyle said. "And when a Notre Dame student hadn't received a heart transplant, it really puts the issue on the forefront."

Boyle said while many students sign up to be organ donors when they attain their driver's licenses, most people do not realize that the license signature is not a legally-binding contract in most states.

This causes hospitals to contact families of emergency victims, often resulting in a lapse of time during which the organs become unusable. The donor cards that will be handed out during the drive combat this problem.

"What this card includes is space for both your signature as well as the signature of your family member. So if something happened to you, especially if you are in another state, they see your personal signature on it as well as your family member's, and it is more legally binding," Boyle said.

Boyle pointed out that while hospitals in states like Louisiana can defer taking action based on a signed driver's license, with this card doctors could honor the

deceased's intention to donate even if family members cannot be contacted in the hours immediately following death.

According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, 18 people die each day because not enough organs are available for transplant. Roughly 84,000 people are on the waiting list for organs at any given time.

Boyle said he hopes Notre Dame students will be touched by Kish's story and decide to donate in his honor.

"Less than a third of people are registered to do it. We're looking to get people who haven't registered before to register and to talk to their families," he said. "One organ donor can save up to nine lives."

Boyle also said drive organizers have set a goal of 2,000 cards. He believes the cause will speak for itself in getting students to sign up to donate, especially in the Catholic Notre Dame environment.

"I think this drive is important because organ donation is a big issue, it's something that people don't think about," Boyle said. "You can make a big difference in people's lives. Becoming an organ donor is something you only have to do once."

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is pretty low," said Sarah Sheehan, a senior from Lewis Hall.

"I'm a senior so it doesn't really affect me. I used to read the platforms [of previous elections] but I don't anymore."

Like Sheehan, Greg Schafer, a junior from Keough Hall, noted a pattern of declining relevance in student government during the past several years.

"I'm just not that interested. I felt the same way about last year's election," said Greg Schafer.

Still, Anderson said she is hopeful this year's election will be different. She cites the large number of candidates and diverse platforms as factors that may lead to greater student interest.

"There are six tickets for the primary this year, and we are relying on the candidates to spark interest as individuals through their different platforms. We make the process more accessible, but the accountability is with the student body," said Anderson.

Elections are Monday from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m. All voting will take place online, and there will be a number of voting stations positioned in LaFortune.

Despite the perception of a lack of student interest, sophomore Andrew Cooper said he planned to pay close attention to the elections.

"It's pretty important to me. We need someone good in the presidency. After all of the controversy last year, I hope that the voting works out this year," said Cooper.

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## CLC

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reduce the amount of meals available, it would not necessarily reduce the amount of meals consumed by students.

Currently, "Flex 14" and "Premium 21" are the only options for on-campus students. "Flex 10" would give students 10 dining hall meals a week and proportionally increase the amount of Flex Points per semester.

Student body president Adam Istvan discussed the student government report sent to the Board of Trustees on "equality and creating a welcoming environment on campus" will be presented at the Thursday BOT meeting.

"We feel that the issue we're discussing is really important, as the whole student body's report," Istvan said.

He explained while this was part one, raising awareness of the current level of diversity on campus, part two, the solution, would take shape from now until April.

To reinforce the idea of a unified student body, not just student government, in support of the report, students are asked to wear their "We are ND" or other green shirts Thursday.

Primarily Istvan, vice president Karla Bell and Baron wrote the BOT report, along with the help of several senators.

### In other CLC news:

◆ Cavanaugh senator and co-chair of the social concerns task force Jordan Bongiovanni said her committee had been busy getting information in order for the Board of Trustees meeting.

◆ According to Leito, the vending committee will be meeting with Dave Prentkowski, direc-

tor of Food Services, Thursday. Prentkowski will then share the results of the 2,000 e-mails he sent to students regarding vending and laundry.

◆ Alex French, O'Neill senator and chair of the security task force, said either Fire Chief John Antonucci or his representative would be at his committee's next meeting regarding the issue of fire safety presentations in dorms.

According to French, Notre Dame Security/Police assistant director Phil Johnson is setting up a meeting with the South Bend police this week to discuss the possibility of a security ListServ for Notre Dame students.

French also said Jimmy Flaherty, Student Union Board manager, is looking into adding lighting around the D6 parking lot.

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any resources," Scott said. "The last think you want to be dealing with when living off-campus is mismanagement."

Student body president Adam Istvan suggested the new off-campus safety committee address the issue and commended Scott for bringing the concern to the forefront.

"This is for the off-campus safety committee. ... There is no reason why the student union can't help — this is a great issue to be discussed in the public arena," Istvan said.

Hall Presidents Council Co-chair Liz Cain, one of the students filing the lawsuit, suggested appealing to the Office of Resident Life for assistance.

However, off-campus representative Dave McGowan noted the focus of ResLife is on-campus issues rather than off-campus topics.

"You want ResLife to stretch into off-campus issues, but part of being off-campus is dealing with these types of things on your own," McGowan said. "It seems like ResLife is completely separate from that."

COR members ultimately agreed to send the issue to the Student senate off-campus safety committee.

Additionally, Istvan updated representatives on the Board of Trustees report, the second of three reports student government takes to the Board this school year. The 21-page document will focus on campus diversity issues, Istvan said.

"The report is seeking to get the Board to acknowledge that

these issues exist on campus," Istvan said. "It covers racism, sexism and heterosexism."

He encouraged representatives to read a copy of the report, which was scheduled to be posted on the student government Web site Monday night.

Istvan also noted the need for the student body to stand behind the BOT report.

"We encourage students to wear their green shirts on Thursday because it is important that the report comes from the student body, not just student government," he said.

The third Board of Trustees report, to be presented in April, will attempt to offer solutions to the diversity problem described in the second report, Istvan said.

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## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

### U.S. guards kill four in prison riot

BAGHDAD — U.S. guards opened fire Monday on prisoners during a riot at the main detention facility for security detainees, killing four of them, the U.S. command said. Six other prisoners were injured.

The riot broke out shortly after noon at the Camp Bucca internment facility near Umm Qasr in southern Iraq after a routine search for contraband in one of the camp's 10 compounds, the command said in a statement.

"The riot quickly spread to three additional compounds, with detainees throwing rocks and fashioning weapons from materials inside their living areas," the statement said.

"Guards attempted to calm the increasingly volatile situation using verbal warnings and, when that failed, by use of non-lethal force."

### Girl's death threatens cease-fire

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip — The killing of a 10-year-old Palestinian girl in a Gaza schoolyard Monday prompted Islamic militants to fire mortar shells at Jewish settlements and endangered an unofficial cease-fire between Israelis and Palestinians.

The renewed violence overshadowed a meeting between top Israeli and Palestinian security officials who worked Monday to arrange a handover of several West Bank towns to Palestinian control. Israeli officials said the security meeting ended with no accord on a handover.

Although the circumstances of Norhan Deeb's death were unclear, the violence strained the recent atmosphere of goodwill between Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon and new Palestinian leader, Mahmoud Abbas.

The girl was killed in the courtyard of a U.N. school in the Rafah refugee camp near the Egyptian border, a frequent flashpoint of vio-

## NATIONAL NEWS

### Clinton collapses before speech

BUFFALO, N.Y. — Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton fainted Monday after complaining of a stomach virus before a scheduled speech on Social Security.

She received medical attention at the scene, and then went on to give another speech at a Catholic college Monday afternoon.

"It wasn't as dramatic as it sounds," Clinton said after the 30-minute speech.

Clinton aides said doctors believed she had a stomach virus. They said she felt weak at the private club where she was to speak, needed to sit down and then fainted briefly.

Clinton, 57, was smiling when she walked out of the club, the general manager said.

### Jackson stands before jurors

SANTA MARIA, Calif. — Dressed in a bright white suit and a jewel-trimmed vest and belt, Michael Jackson on Monday stood before the first group of prospective jurors who could decide his fate on charges he molested a teenage cancer patient and plied the boy with alcohol at his Neverland Ranch.

The pop superstar, accompanied by four defense lawyers, stood and smiled as he faced prospective jurors for the start of jury selection in what could become the most sensational celebrity trial the world has ever seen. He greeted the clerk with a handshake at the courthouse in this small coastal city in central California.

## LOCAL NEWS

### Bald eagle seen hunting by river

MISHAWAKA — An open stretch of the St. Joseph River has drawn a bald eagle this winter.

Residents first spotted the eagle hunting in the area last week. John Mroczek said he was reading a newspaper at his home when he first saw it.

"I was upstairs when he yelled, 'Come down and see the eagle,'" said his wife, Denise. "I thought it was on the Discovery Channel until he started yelling, 'Come quick.'"

## Allawi calls for Iraqi unity after vote

Local centers are working to tally sheets, but final results may take many days

Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Iraq's interim leader called on his countrymen to set aside their differences Monday, while polling stations finished the first-phase count of millions of ballots from the weekend election that many Iraqis hope will usher in democracy and hasten the departure of 150,000 American troops.

From the counts by individual stations, local centers will prepare tally sheets and send them to Baghdad, where vote totals will be compiled, election Commission official Adel al-Lami said. Final results could take up to 10 days.

With turnout in the vote still unknown, concern was focused on participation by Iraq's Sunni Arab minority, amid fears that the group that drives the insurgency could grow ever more alienated. Electoral commission officials said turnout in hardline Sunni areas was better than some expected, though they cited no numbers. A U.S. diplomat warned that Sunni participation appeared "considerably lower" than that of other groups.

Meanwhile, guerrillas claimed to have shot down a British military C-130 Hercules transport plane that crashed north of Baghdad just after polls closed Sunday. Al-Jazeera aired an insurgent video showing a missile being fired and flaming wreckage purported to be that of the plane. No missile impact was shown, and the footage's authenticity could not be confirmed.

All 10 military personnel on the flight were missing and presumed dead, which would be Britain's heaviest single loss of life of the war, Defense Secretary Geoff Hoon said.

The video came from the "Green Brigade," a previously unknown arm of the National Islamic Resistance in Iraq. Another group, Ansar al-Islam,



An Iraqi election officer checks ballot boxes at a counting center in Amman, Jordan on Monday. Sunday was the country's first free election in a half-century.

issued a competing claim of responsibility. The British government would not comment on the insurgents' claims, saying the cause of the crash was still being investigated.

In his first news conference since the elections, Iraqi interim Prime Minister Ayad Allawi called on Iraqis to join together to build a society shattered by decades of war, tyranny, economic sanctions and military occupation.

"The terrorists now know that they cannot win," he said. "We are entering a new era of our history and all Iraqis — whether they voted or not — should stand side by side to build their future." He promised to work to ensure that "the

voice of all Iraqis is present in the coming government."

In new violence, three U.S. Marines were killed in fighting south of Baghdad on Monday, after two Marines were killed on election day. At least 44 people were killed in violence Sunday, when there were nine suicide attacks, most near polling sites in Baghdad.

The country was already focusing on goals almost as challenging as the election itself: forming a new governing coalition once the vote is known, then writing a constitution and winning trust.

The main Shiite clerical-backed faction in the race was already claiming a strong showing in the elec-

tion. Officials of the United Iraqi Alliance said they expected to win at least 45 percent — and maybe even a slim outright majority — of seats in the 275-member National Assembly. Local officials of the parties within the alliance said the list swept some southern cities, winning 90 percent of the votes in Najaf and 80 percent in Basra.

The claims could not be confirmed, and the Alliance had been expected to run strong in the Shiite heartland. Going into the vote, the list headed by Allawi was also considered a main contender.

It was a powerful showing for the Alliance, endorsed by Shiite Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani.

## Judge rules in favor of detainees

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration must let foreign terror suspects challenge their confinement in U.S. courts, a judge said Monday in a ruling that found unconstitutional the hearing system set up by the Pentagon.

U.S. District Judge Joyce Hens Green also raised concerns about whether detainees have been tortured during interrogations. Judges, she said, should make sure people are not detained indefinitely based on coerced and unreliable information.

Foreigners from about 40 different countries have been held at the U.S.

Navy base in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba — some for more than three years — without being charged with any crimes. They were mainly swept up in the U.S.-led war in Afghanistan.

The government contends the prisoners are dangerous "enemy combatants" who, because they are foreigners, are not entitled to the same constitutional protections as Americans.

Judges are trying to sort out detainee rights following a landmark Supreme Court ruling last summer that federal courts are open to appeals on behalf of the foreigners.

Green's ruling conflicts with a decision about two weeks ago by another federal judge in the same court who

considered a similar lawsuit brought by a different group of detainees. Judge Richard Leon found that while the Supreme Court gave detainees access to courts, it did not provide them the legal basis to try to win their freedom.

Viet Dinh, a Georgetown Law School professor who worked on terrorism issues as an assistant to Attorney General John Ashcroft, said because the two decisions "are so stark, it's more likely than not the Supreme Court will have to weigh in."

That would mean many more months of legal wrangling, including hearings at an appeals court.

# Organization fires founder, wife

Harassment allegations plague Habitat for Humanity's president

Associated Press

ATLANTA, Ga. — Habitat for Humanity International said Monday it fired its founder after months of dispute over allegations of his inappropriate conduct toward a female staffer.

In a statement, the board's executive committee said it found insufficient evidence to substantiate the sexual harassment allegations stemming from a 2003 business trip, but it cited Millard Fuller's lack of cooperation with the investigation.

Officials also fired Fuller's wife, Linda, who co-founded the Christian home-building organization with him 28 years ago.

In October, Fuller, 70, agreed to give up the title of chief executive in a compromise that allowed him to retain the largely ceremonial titles of founder and president. Monday's decision also stripped him of his presidential role.

"We have tried repeatedly over the past several months to

resolve differences in a spirit of respectful confidentiality," board chair Rey Ramsey said in the statement. "In every instance, the Fullers ultimately have rejected or been openly critical of any and all steps taken toward appropriate compromise."

Fuller called the announcement "an unfortunate turn of events" and said he knew the board was unhappy with statements he had made to the media about the board's handling of the investigation.

"So they decided they would take the draconian step to fire not only me, but my wife," he said.

Habitat would not divulge details of the allegations against Fuller, but Fuller told The Associated Press last year that an aide had accused him of touching her on the neck, shoulder and thigh, and of telling her she had "smooth skin."

Fuller has been accused of impropriety before. In 1990, several women at the headquarters accused him of sexual harassment. Fuller said his behavior was the result of growing up in rural Georgia, where people are more physically demonstrative.

Over the years, Fuller also had clashed with the board over the pace of the mission's worldwide growth and his decision to build a "global village" attraction in Georgia featuring a mock Third World slum and examples of Habitat houses.

Habitat for Humanity, based in Americus, Ga., has a worldwide network of 3,300 affiliates that have built 175,000 houses in 100 countries and attracted high-profile volunteers, including former President Jimmy Carter.

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**Millard Fuller  
founder, president  
Habitat for Humanity**

# Democrats maintain opposition

Party resolves to lay down markers, appreciate election's lessons

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Consigned by the voters to another season out of power, Democrats are eager to lay down markers for President Bush and congressional Republicans on Iraq, Social Security and more at the same time they try to absorb the lessons of last fall's elections.

It's a challenge complicated by Republican insistence on stirring echoes of the 2004 campaign at every turn, labeling President Bush's critics as obstructionists lacking alternative proposals.

"I promise they'll hear us across the aisle. I promise they'll hear us down" at the White House, Sen. Harry Reid of Nevada assured his rank and file on the day he was chosen Democratic leader. In the weeks since, he, House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi and others have hastened to fulfill that pledge.

"We need an exit strategy so that we know what victory is and how we can get there, so that we know what we need to do and so that we know when the job is done" in Iraq, Reid said Monday in what his office called a "pre-buttal" to Bush's Wednesday night State of the Union speech.

Reid cautioned against setting a deadline for a troop withdrawal, saying that would empower "those who don't want us there."

That placed him in conflict with other voices in his own party.

Two dozen House Democrats recently signed on to legislation calling for Bush to develop a plan for the immediate withdrawal of U.S. forces.

Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., a frequent and scathing critic of Bush's war policy, offered a third variation on the theme. Bush should use Iraq's national elections as the moment to "immediately announce his intention to negotiate a timetable for a drawdown of American combat forces with the new Iraqi Government," he said in advance

of Sunday's balloting. At least 12,000 American troops and probably more should leave at once to send a stronger signal, Kennedy added.

Other Democrats used last week's confirmation vote on Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice to outline their differences with the administration.

Sen. Mark Dayton, D-Minn., more blunt than most, accused administration officials of "lying to Congress, lying to our committees, lying to the American people" in the run-up to the war.

Rice cruised to confirmation by a lopsided margin of 85-13. Democrats pointed out it was the largest number of votes cast in opposition to a nominee to head the State Department since 1825.

Democrats hope for stronger solidarity when Alberto Gonzales' nomination as attorney general comes to a vote. "It's hard to be a straight shooter when you're a blind loyalist," Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., said last week, as Bush's longtime legal adviser's nomination cleared the Senate Judiciary Committee on a party-line vote.

Several Democrats said Gonzales failed to give full answers to their questions about his role in crafting administration policies relating to questioning of U.S.-held prisoners in the war on terror.

Earlier, Schumer, at least, had seemed less-than-certain to oppose Gonzales' nomination.

"There's a lower standard, frankly, for attorney general than for judge, because you give the president who he wants," he said. That seemed a signal that controversy over Cabinet appointments was prelude to the battle Bush can expect if he submits nominations for the federal courts — especially the Supreme Court — that Democrats find too conservative.

Outside Congress, Democrats are involved in an election to pick their next chairman, each contender pledging to lead the party back to power. "Strengthening the state parties is a central part of our plan to make the Democratic Party competitive in every race, in every district, in every state and territory," former presidential contender Howard Dean said as he sought support during the day.

For his part, Reid has said Democrats must learn to appeal to rural voters in states like his own. Other Democrats are talk-

ing about finding ways to attract religious voters, and former Rep. Tim Roemer of Indiana, an abortion opponent, is among Dean's challengers.

Just before Bush's State of the Union address, Democrats seemed united in their opposition to his plans for Social Security. The president wants voluntary personal accounts for future retirees to be included in any legislation that puts the program on a permanently stable financial footing.

"Social Security does face problems down the road," Pelosi said Monday in her joint appearance with Reid. She added, though, "We can solve the long-term challenge without dismantling Social Security, and without allowing this administration's false declaration of a crisis to justify a privatization that is unnecessary, unaffordable and unwise."

Republicans leaders countered that argument in advance. "We need to modernize the system. If we don't, adequate benefits will not be there for the next generation," reads a sample speech that the GOP rank and file was handed as part of a larger briefing book on the issue.

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**Harry Reid  
senator, D-Nev.**

# Girl's death focuses attention on system

Tragedy demonstrates Amber Alert's limits

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — The death of a southern Indiana girl who vanished last week has again focused attention on the limits of the Amber Alert system designed to help police rescue abducted child before they are harmed.

When Katlyn "Katie" Collman's body was found Sunday, it marked the first time since Indiana's Amber Alert system was started two years ago that the missing child being sought was found dead.

State police did not issue a statewide alert for Collman until two days after the 10-year-old Crothersville girl went missing.

A state trooper found her body Sunday in a southern Indiana stream.

Police, who were awaiting autopsy results Monday, said there was not enough initial information pointing to an abduction to meet state guidelines for issuing an alert.

"There was no information other than she was a missing child," said Indiana State Police Sgt. Jerry Goodin.

Collman's father called Crothersville police about 8:15 p.m. last Tuesday and said his daughter had not returned home four hours after leaving to buy toilet paper at a nearby store.

State Police Maj. Dan Meek said local police called twice the next day to request an Amber Alert, but neither time did they have enough information for an alert.

State law requires there to be enough information to make an alert useful, Meek said, and without a description of a suspect or suspect vehicle, police and citizens can only look for a child who may look like thousands of others.

An alert was issued Thursday after someone said they had seen the fourth-grader riding in a white pickup truck and provided a description of the driver

and the vehicle.

On Monday, the day after their classmate's body was found, counselors met with Collman's classmates at the 280-student Crothersville Elementary School some 40 miles north of Louisville, Ky.

"I think the number one question was 'Why did this happen' for the younger students," said Terry Goodin, superintendent of the Crothersville Community Schools.

Earlier this winter, the parents of an Indianapolis girl found dead six days after she vanished questioned why authorities never issued an Amber Alert in her case.

Twelve-year-old Christina Tedder disappeared Dec. 24 while walking from her home to a nearby convenience store. Six days later, a man who was an acquaintance of Tedder's family led investigators to her body in a creek just north of Indianapolis.

Marion County authorities said they did not request an alert in her case because no one witnessed an abduction or crime.

The U.S. Department of Justice, which administers the

national Amber Alert system, says time is of the essence in abductions because statistics show three-quarters of the children killed by their kidnappers are slain within the first three hours of their disappearance.


But national guidelines say police should confirm an abduction has been occurred before issuing an alert, and finding witnesses or other evidence can take time.

More than 11,500 children were reported missing in Indiana last year, Indiana State police spokesman 1st Sgt. Dave Bursten said Tuesday, and 368 girls and 293 boys have not yet been found.

Some people argue that police should issue an Amber Alert whenever a child is reported missing, even without evidence of an abduction. Bursten said if that were done, police would be issuing an average of 33 Amber Alerts a day, or one every 43 minutes.

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**Terry Goodin  
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Crothersville  
Community Schools**



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NASDAQ	2,062.41	+26.58
NYSE	7,089.83	+57.84
S&P 500	1,181.27	+9.91
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NASDAQ 100 TR SER I (QQQQ)	+1.30	+0.48	37.40
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INTEL CP (INTC)	+0.94	+0.21	22.45
JDS UNIPHASE CP (JDSU)	-1.83	-0.04	2.15

**Treasuries**

30-YEAR BOND	-0.43	-0.20	45.90
10-YEAR NOTE	-0.15	-0.06	41.32
5-YEAR NOTE	+0.27	+0.10	36.94
3-MONTH BILL	+0.62	+0.15	24.22

**Commodities**

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**IN BRIEF**

**Lee Enterprises buys Pulitzer Inc.**

ST. LOUIS — Lee Enterprises Inc. is buying Pulitzer Inc. — publisher of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch founded by famed newspaperman Joseph Pulitzer — in a \$1.46 billion deal that Lee says would give it the nation's fourth biggest roster of daily newspapers.

The nation's biggest newspaper publisher, Gannett Co., said it also had been a bidder for Pulitzer, whose 14 daily newspapers also include the Arizona Daily Star.

Lee and Pulitzer said the deal, unanimously approved by both boards, would mesh two newspaper publishers with similar cultures and values, beginning with their long past. Lee is 114 years old and Pulitzer dates to 1878, when Joseph Pulitzer merged the St. Louis Dispatch and the Post. Lee currently has 44 daily newspapers in 19 states.

"Today begins a new chapter in the long and storied history of Pulitzer," declared Robert Woodworth, Pulitzer's president and chief executive.

**MetLife makes Citigroup purchase**

NEW YORK — The insurance giant MetLife Inc. is buying Travelers Life & Annuity Co. for at least \$11.5 billion from Citigroup Inc., the nation's largest financial institution.

The two companies, both based in New York, said in a statement that the deal will make MetLife "the largest individual life insurer in North America, based on sales."

In addition to buying Travelers Life, MetLife also is acquiring almost all of Citigroup's international insurance business, the companies said.

The deal already has been approved by both companies' boards and is expected to close in the summer, the statement said. It said the price was "subject to closing adjustments."

MetLife shares fell 19 cents to close at \$39.75 in Monday trading on the New York Stock Exchange. Citigroup shares rose 67 cents to close at \$49.05 on the Big Board.

Citigroup had retained Travelers Life & Annuity in 2002 when it spun off Travelers Property Casualty Corp. in a \$5 billion initial public offering. Travelers Property merged with St. Paul Cos. Inc. in 2003 to create The St. Paul Travelers Cos., based in St. Paul, Minn.

**SBC acquires AT&T in merger**

*Deal pressures Verizon and BellSouth to keep pace by purchasing MCI Corp.*

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The purchase of AT&T Corp. by SBC Communications Inc. saves "Ma Bell" from a nosedive into irrelevance in the industry it created more than a century ago. It also gives SBC the name and the network to fulfill its goal of being viewed as a truly national player rather than just a local telephone company.

The \$16 billion marriage of long-bitter rivals, which may take until mid-2006 to clear intense regulatory scrutiny, would add long distance and business services to the list of markets where SBC holds a dominant role. It is already the first or second largest U.S. provider of local calling, wireless and Internet services.

The deal announced Monday also sparks immediate speculation as to whether two other largely regional powers, Verizon Communications Inc. and BellSouth Corp., will need to keep pace by purchasing MCI Corp. for its national network infrastructure and roster of corporate clients.

While both SBC and Verizon are by now far larger than Bedminster, N.J.-based AT&T on many fronts, the business customers served by AT&T and MCI include far more major corporations with national communications needs. Many of those customers are hesitant to switch providers for a lifeline as vital as communications, making it hard for the Bells to lure away AT&T's clients.

For that reason, SBC made clear that the globally recognized AT&T brand name would not disappear as a result of the deal.

The companies declined, however, to say whether the AT&T name might be used for specific services or possibly even replace SBC, which formerly stood for Southwestern Bell



David W. Dorman, AT&T chairman and chief executive, reacts to a call in his office on Monday. SBC Communications Inc. has acquired AT&T Corp. for \$16 billion.

Communications and therefore carries some non-national connotations which San Antonio-based SBC has strived to leave in the past.

"We obviously need a few days to figure all this out because this (deal) came together kind of quick," Edward E. Whitacre Jr., SBC's chairman and chief executive, said in a conference call.

"But," he stressed, "it's a great name. It's not going away."

While it's doubtful the valuable AT&T brand would ever have been abandoned, AT&T the company has been rapidly decaying as a viable business for five years, battered by multiple financial

traumas.

First came an overpriced binge of acquisitions in the cable TV industry designed to give AT&T its own direct wire into the homes of consumers for the first time since it was forced to spin off its local phone lines in 1984, creating Southwestern Bell and six other "Baby Bells."

Then came the collapse of the technology bubble and its briefly insatiable demand for telecommunications services; criticism over its inability to match the fraudulent numbers being reported by WorldCom (now MCI); and regulatory changes that will end AT&T's ability to lease local Bell lines at low government-set rates.

AT&T's revenues have been on a steady slide, from nearly \$50 billion in 1999 to \$30.5 billion in 2004. Its residential customer base has fallen from a peak of 60 million to about 24 million at the end of last year. In their quarterly update two weeks ago, AT&T executives declined to suggest either trend might end any time soon.

The agreement calls for each share of AT&T to be purchased for SBC stock worth \$18.52 at Monday's price, plus a cash payment of \$1.30, for a total value of \$19.81 per share.

That represents little premium over AT&T's share price, which rose sharply last week.

**Gain in stocks credited to election**

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Successful elections in Iraq and a bevy of merger and acquisition deals pushed stocks higher Monday in moderately heavy trading, with beaten-down tech stocks enjoying the largest gains.

The success of the Iraqi elections, despite attacks on 38 of the nation's polling centers, along with OPEC's decision to maintain current oil production levels, removed a pair of obstacles that had prevented many investors from getting into the market. The news out of the Middle East failed to halt rising oil prices, even with a barrel of light crude settling at \$48.20, up \$1.02, on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

The flurry of new deals, meanwhile, showed corporate America's confidence in the economy, which further cheered Wall Street. Among the deals announced Monday, MetLife Inc. said it would purchase Citigroup Inc.'s Travelers Life & Annuity division for \$11.5 billion.

"Not a bad Monday to wake up to," said Jay Suskind, head trader at Ryan Beck & Co. "We've had a lot of positive catalysts here, and I think people are seeing that January has been very oversold. So we're moving forward, and the market is now focused back on growth and earnings."

The Dow Jones industrial average closed up 62.74, or 0.6 percent, to 10,489.94.

Broader stock indicators rose substantially. The Standard & Poor's 500 index was up 9.91, or 0.85 percent, at 1,181.27, and the Nasdaq composite index gained 26.58, or 1.31 percent, to 2,062.41.

Monday's move higher was actually less than many analysts had expected, given the success in Iraq and the wave of merger deals. But a handful of issues remain for Wall Street in the week ahead, including the Federal Reserve's decision on the nation's benchmark interest rate, due Wednesday, and Friday's job creation report from the Labor Department. By the end of the week, investors are likely to have a very clear picture of the economy and can invest with more confidence.

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## Life, politics and bumper stickers

As I walk through the parking lot on the way to DeBartolo or drive the streets of South Bend, I can't help but notice the array of bumper stickers. Ranging from the eternally hopeful, "Kerry-Edwards," to the collegiate, "University of Notre Dame Fighting Irish," this rainbow of messages boldly declares anything from political party to the fact you brake for animals.

Besides providing me with reading material at red lights (highly important), what purpose do bumper stickers serve? Do other drivers really need to know that the "Proud Parent of a Whitefish Bay Middle School Honor Student" is navigating your eggplant mini van?

Has anyone actually changed their vote after looking at a bumper sticker? Well, I don't know about you, but once I saw that snazzy Bush-Cheney '04 logo on the back of a Ford Explorer on Juniper, I was convinced "W" was the man. There was something about the font.

The sheer number of bumper stickers on the streets of America reflects the needs of a culture that demands instant gratification. Their one-liners fit our hurried lifestyle, distilling complex arguments to a five-second read.

They also provide me with justification when I find myself cursing at other vehicles. "Of course you'd cut me off ... Libertarian driver!"

Such easy labeling defies the complexity of who we are. Sure, the contact information at the bottom of this column may say I support the Democratic party. But unequivocally? Absolutely not.

So why do we feel the need to define ourselves in such a limited fashion? In a world catered by the Value Meal, where the OC is an intellectual experience, these labels provide enough definition so others generally know our alignment without forcing any of us to be able to work through our actual philosophies.

How incredibly different would

America be if its citizens did not define themselves as Republicans or Democrats but had to puzzle out the best possible solution to each national problem, such as health care or education?

(Cue an a cappella version of John Lennon's "Imagine.")

If politicians were forced to address an audience of well-informed constituents imagine how different their campaigns might be, rather than their characteristic overarching promises, perhaps they would seriously discuss current crises and the best ways in which to manage them.

Politics in America needs a reality check, and this wake-up call can only come from her electorate. Those running for public office should be able to offer a specific and feasible plan of action for each of their campaign ideas.

Also, they should not feel compelled to toe the proverbial party line on each and every issue.

Of course I'm not advocating the abolishment of political parties, but I do believe it is often all too easy to choose one side of the spectrum and blindly follow their positions. Neither am I trying to demonize bumper stickers, although there are only so many times the phrase "As Long As There Are Tests There Will Be Prayer in Public Schools" will strike me as new and innovative.

Once.

But politics should reach beyond these easy statements and black and white affiliations. The complexity of the issues with which politicians deal should be reflected in their own careful and considered evaluations as well as those of their constituents.

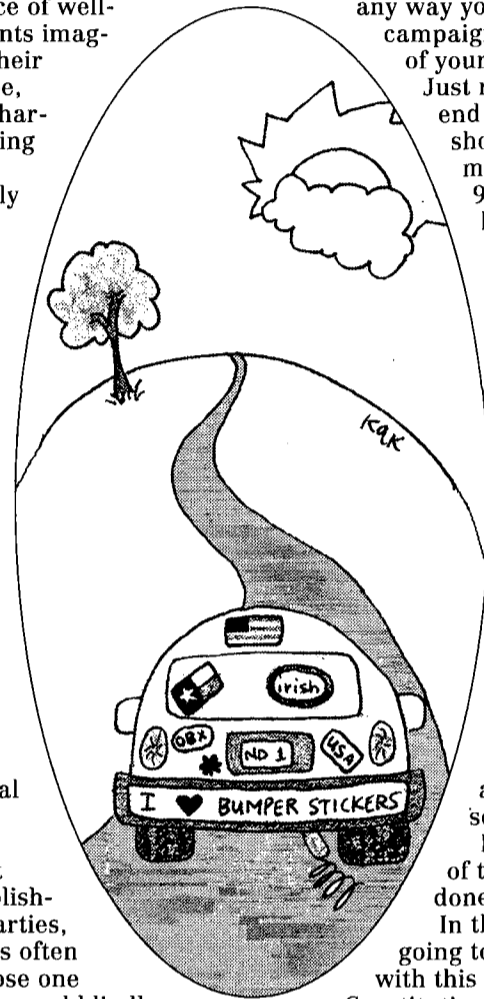
If you believe in a particular politician, by all means support him in any way you can. Slap that campaign slogan on the back of your white Honda Civic.

Just realize that in the end political campaigns should amount to so much more than the 90-second sound bytes on television, weathered yard signs and yes, bumper stickers.

They should amount to what you believe in, and you should vote for whomever seems most likely to carry out that agenda, regardless of how fabulous their advertisements look. Seeing beyond the glitz of ad campaigns and media coverage can be difficult in our appearance-oriented society.

Despite the presence of this veneer, it can be done.

In the meantime, I'm going to have a few words with this double-parking Constitutionalist.



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### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## A view from the stage, please

Everyone is raving about the new DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. I can't blame them; it's quite impressive in size and décor. After taking a look at the stage in the DPAC, I became very excited about the possibility of the newly founded Dance Company of Notre Dame performing at such a great venue.

But I've come to find out only students from registered Notre Dame classes are permitted to use the stage. Therefore, Professor James McKenna's tap class could use the facility for its show this past semester, but the Dance Company of Notre Dame, a registered club, cannot. I understand there is an overwhelming amount of interest in the space and that the University might find itself with "suggestions" from benefactors as to what the DPAC should be used for, but I believe students should be included. There are dancers' parents who have donated money to the construction of the DPAC whose daughters cannot dance on the stage they helped finance.

Don't get me wrong, I'm thrilled the Philharmonic is coming (not so thrilled I couldn't get a ticket, though) and the University should continue to bring such accredited performing groups. Just give the students a chance, too.

Ashley Lucchese

Dance Company of Notre Dame, President

Jan. 31

### OBSERVER POLL

What kind of discrimination do you feel is most prevalent at Notre Dame and Saint Mary's?

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### QUOTE OF THE DAY

"The artist is nothing without the gift, but the gift is nothing without the work."

Emile Zola  
author



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

**Definitely worthy of a storming**

In the inside column of Monday's paper, Matt Lozar offered his opinion of Notre Dame's win over the University of Connecticut — more specifically, his opinion of the court-rushing that followed the win. It was apparent by his statement, "I became disappointed to be a Notre Dame student" that he might not have liked it.

Lozar's take on the situation was that field or court-rushing should be saved for a win that "defined the season," using the examples of our last two home football meetings with Michigan and the previous upsets of Pittsburgh and Connecticut in basketball. In his estimation, this win did not fit into that category.

I am not here to attack Lozar personally or his opinion. He presents one idea on court-rushing; I just wanted to present another. There are plenty of people who thought the win was indeed big enough to warrant a celebration as a few hundred students stormed the court. Some people think this win may be the boost of confidence our team needed after two letdowns on the road and with a daunting stretch of games against the Big East's best teams right in front of us.

At this point in our season, beating Connecticut was an "unbelievable win" for the program. We struggled from 3-point range but our big men played their best collective game of the year, doing so against one of the best frontcourts in the conference. In fact, this may indeed be a win that "defines our season."

Lozar supports his case by pointing out the team members did not wait around for

the students after the game. The JACC has a policy of letting the opposing team clear the court before letting the students on, delaying the rushing. Even after that delay, Torin Francis was still around long enough to be happily mobbed by some appreciative fans.

This event has little bearing in the big picture. However, if the show of energy and support from the students contributes in any small way to winning a game, then I say we rush the court more, not less. And that includes Boston College.

I understand the nearly unanimous attitude on campus toward that particular institution, and I fully agree with it — my hatred for Boston College started on the same day as my love for Notre Dame, on that infamous November day in 1993. But let us not pretend that going undefeated thus far in one of college basketball's toughest conferences is an easy task. When their season's momentum and their egos take a hit next week, let's all be right there to comfort them ... or say whatever else might come to mind.

Brian Tracy  
 senior  
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 Jan. 31

U-WIRE

**Save a plant,  
 eat a cow**

I've done most things in reverse of norm either out of genetic predisposition or spite. I was a fundamentalist turned agnostic and wasted most of my youth on vegetarianism, discipline and celibacy.

I was an undercover vegetarian for eight years, so I feel like I know these people intimately. I ate tofu and bean sprouts with the best of them. I was a falafel-eating fool. And, I felt superior in doing it.

No, I was just plain rude, but I have repented.

I look back and realize that inviting a vegetarian to a potluck party is like going to a time-share presentation just to kill time.

The questions are unrelenting.

"Does that have any meat in it?" "Has that pan had any meat in it?" "Is your home haunted by the spirits of decapitated chickens?"

"I don't know, could I get back to you on that the next time you're, like, on this planet?" I say.

At this point we ought to discuss exactly what "meat" is. Sounds elementary I know. Although Webster's dictionary states meat is simply "the flesh of animals used as food," there is quite a bit of disagreement among the eating public.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture routinely talks about food groups such as meat, fish and poultry. Since things that swim and have wings are animals, they are then also meat. So the USDA's listing is not only redundant, but repetitive and superfluous.

There are people out there who call themselves vegetarians because they don't eat red meat. So maybe if you could teach cows to swim or pigs to hang glide it would be OK to eat them?

Then there are the vegetarians who don't eat the animal, but they do eat the animal products such as milk, eggs and cheese. They obviously have some romanticized notion that these happy, hard-working farm animals are somehow living more rewarding lives producing these products after which they then retire with a pension to a farm somewhere in Vermont.

I know what all you veg-heads are thinking: "That's why your writing is so angry and bitter, man. You're, like, ingesting all the bad vibes from eating all those dead animals, you know? If you just became a vegetarian again, you'd mellow out."

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**Eat normally despite stress**

It's spring semester, and for many students, especially seniors, watching the weight after proclaiming well-thought-out New Year's resolutions, has slipped down a few notches from its spot as the number one priority.

Staff Editorial

University of Mississippi  
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For these students looking graduation right in the face, this time of year is not only a little sad as the days count

down but can be stressful and scary as the "real world" approaches.

The hard truth, however, is that stress can do harmful things to bodies if health isn't a No. 1 priority.

More often than not, people deviate from their normal eating habits when they're stressed. You may be eating everything in sight while filling out those applications or are so busy setting up interviews and making the drive to Jackson and Memphis that you hardly have time to eat at all.

Your new "stress mode" eating plan probably doesn't correlate with how-ever many pounds you planned on dropping as soon as you got back to

school and hit up the gym. Going through this myself, I had to sit back and figure out some ways to prevent myself from falling into a stressful pitfall, bringing unwanted weight gain.

If you know you are going to be extremely busy all day and may not have time to eat lunch, eat a big breakfast. I know this sounds cliché, but breakfast gets your metabolism going and gives you the energy you need to conquer the massive to-do list, not to mention that it prevents you from snacking in between meals or eating way too much for dinner.

If you absolutely have to have a snack, prepare some things ahead of time such as sugar-free jello, carrot and celery sticks, pickles or sugar-free popsicles.

I understand how working out can become quite a challenge. You may have a schedule that makes it nearly impossible to go work out during the day, and by the time you can get to the gym everyone else has decided to go at the same time. What I have found to help this situation is to jog or walk whenever you get a

chance.

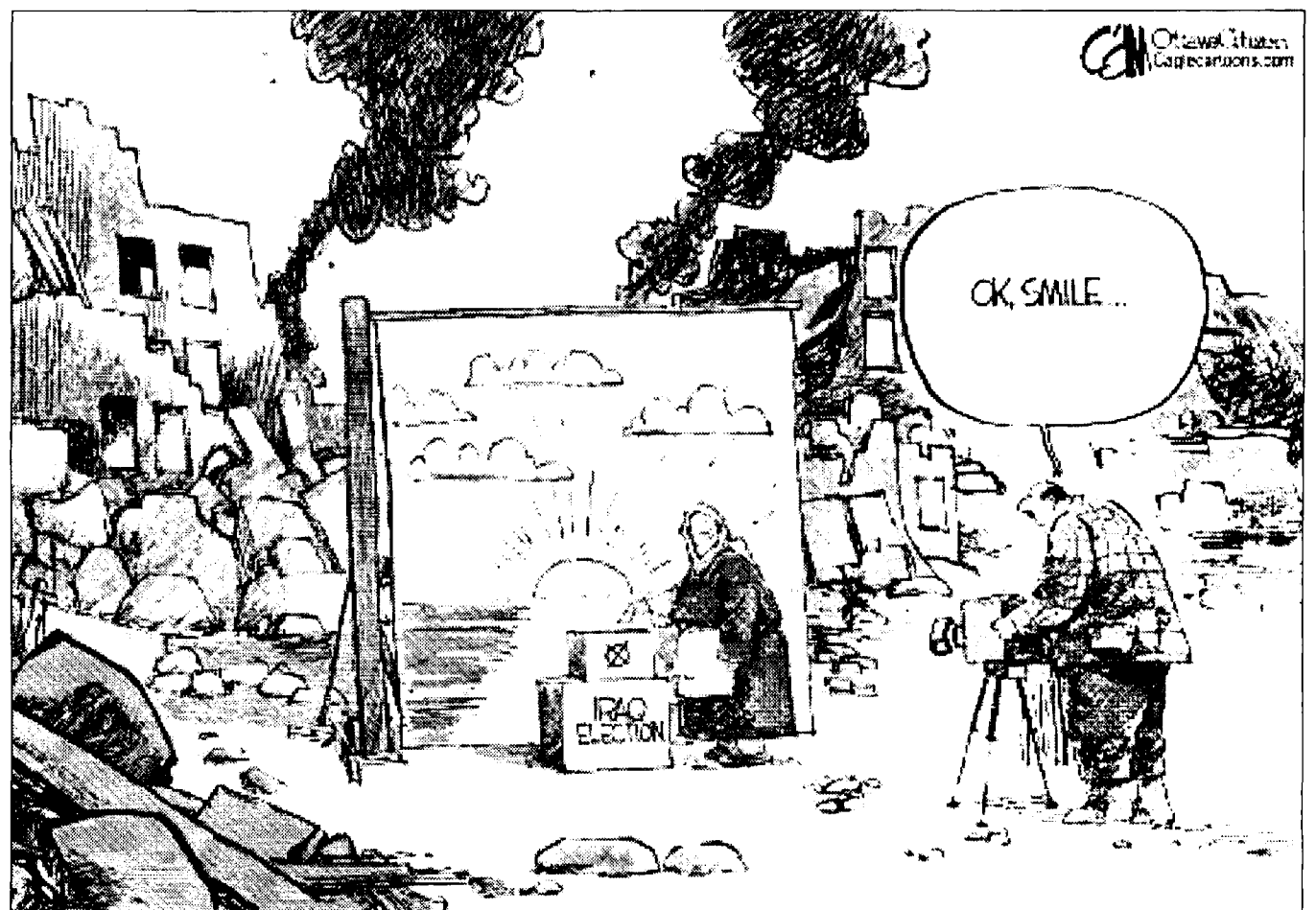
If you are sitting at the house and about to get started on some accounting homework, get on the floor and do a few sets of crunches. You may not feel like you are getting much done, but if this is all you can squeeze in for the time being, it can't hurt. Give school a few more weeks to settle down, and you may find you have an hour here and there to plan on going to the gym regularly.

Until then, do the best you can to keep your health in check and when tempted to grab fast-food or order a late-night pizza to give in to stress, think about how you want to present yourself in your upcoming job interviews. You want to feel as confident as you can and most people would agree that shedding a few pounds can definitely do the trick.

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EDITORIAL CARTOON



MOVIE REVIEW

# Carrey's wacky antics drive 'Unfortunate Events'

By RYAN ROGERS  
Scene Critic

There is something uniquely delightful about a dark children's film, and the book-to-film adaptation of "Lemony Snicket's A Series of Unfortunate Events" delivers exactly that.

The series of unfortunate events begins when the three wealthy Baudelaire children, Violet (Emily Browning), Klaus (Liam Aiken) and Sunny (Kara and Shelby Hoffman), are orphaned after their parents die in a mysterious fire. In turn the children are forced to live with the villainous Count Olaf (Jim Carrey).

The greedy count then attempts to kill the children in order to inherit their fortune, but the Baudelaires are a clever bunch. Violet is a brilliant inventor while Klaus, as an avid reader, knows just about everything. From here Olaf and the Baudelaires match wits across fantastic settings alongside odd characters.

Everything about this film is imaginative. The costumes, the sets and even the predicaments the Baudelaires find themselves in are truly innovative. In

fact, the very method of story-telling is refreshing. The film is based on three books in the literary series, and the viewer gets a real sense of that as the film's format is three familiar and linear yet distinct episodes. Meanwhile it is all presided over by Lemony Snicket (voiced by Jude Law) himself, although he is perpetually silhouetted.

The big-budget actor of this film is obviously Carrey. His performance is strong as the very nature of "Lemony Snicket's A Series of Unfortunate Events" allows Carrey to show his ability and range. Count Olaf is an actor who takes on many different personas during the course of the film. The role is so diverse it leaves one wondering how much of a necessity it was to cast Carrey. While Carrey ultimately is very entertaining, there are occasions where Carrey goes a bit too far, and the viewers are left rolling their eyes.

The style of "Lemony Snicket's A Series of Unfortunate Events" is wonderful. The film looks and feels dark in an original sort of way yet it is still family friendly. This is a very fine and difficult line to walk because it is a children's film, but there is a lot of death and malevolence. This provides for a very interesting and endearing experience.



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The villainous Count Olaf (Jim Carrey) tries to steal the inheritance of the three Baudelaire orphans in "Lemony Snicket's A Series of Unfortunate Events."

However this darkness against family-friendly notion ends up causing a few problems for the film. The tone of the film is very difficult to place, and there are more than a few moments that seem tremendously out of place. For example Sunny, the youngest Baudelaire, speaks in a series of baby goo-goos and gaa-gaas which are subtitled into cringe-inducing one-liners. The subtitles are so out of place that you get the impression the filmmakers were a little scared to make the film totally dark.

This is also evident with all of the

implied violence in the film. No one dies onscreen yet the story requires a lot of dying. This is not necessarily a problem, but it leaves one wondering how committed to darkness this film really is. "Lemony Snicket's A Series of Unfortunate Events" suffers from a mild identity crisis.

In a time when most believe you cannot tell an original story, "Lemony Snicket's A Series of Unfortunate Events," even with its flaws, feels original.

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DVD REVIEW

# Updated 'Troy' epic fails to conquer on DVD

By MARK BEMENDERFER  
Scene Critic

When Hollywood decides to remake a classic tale, it inevitably runs the risk of offending long-time fans. In some instances, the literature has been around for thousands of years, passed through the generations. Hollywood then picks these tales up and tries to sell the story on its recognition and established fan base. While the resulting epics aren't usually terrible, they still tend to stray far enough from the principal literature to fans.

Such is the case with the movie "Troy," directed by Wolfgang Petersen. Considered purely as a stand-alone film, disregarding its source as one of Homer's epic poems, it has all the makings of a terrific summer blockbuster. The cast is full of A-list stars, including Brad Pitt, Eric Bana, Orlando Bloom and Brian Cox, among others. It is action-packed with two great ancient kingdoms fighting each other. And the story itself is quite enjoyable, despite the wooden acting from some of the stars.

It's too bad the story isn't the same tale

originally envisioned by Homer. When one sets the film and the epic poem side by side, the liberties taken in "Troy" become pretty obvious. Certain characters were changed, while others were cut outright from the film story. Key characters to the tale are gone completely, such as the Queen of Troy. Her exclusion wouldn't bother the average moviegoer, but for fans of Homer's works, the absence is noticeable.

The acting in this epic varies from great to atrocious. For being one of the central characters, Bloom's performance seems unoriginal and leaves a little to be desired. He played a role too similar to the character he played in "Pirates of the Caribbean," so people know what to expect. Pitt doesn't show much range in his role either, although his performance is towards the middle of the spectrum. Diane Kruger's performance as Helen was also lacking and mediocre at best.

The best characters within the movie are the two leaders of the warring factions, the Greeks and the Trojans. King Agamemnon (Cox) and King Priam (Peter O'Toole) are two of the most interesting characters within the movie. O'Toole displays some decent depth as the king of Troy while

Brian Cox turns in another decent role as a slimy villain. Bana also did a commendable job as Hector, the tragic hero.

The DVD itself isn't that bad. The audio is quite nice, as is the video. There is a wide gamut of locales within the movie, both in daytime and during night settings. Each of



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Seeking to immortalize his name in the annals of history, the fierce warrior Achilles (Brad Pitt) leads the Greek army into battle in "Troy."

these locales are well represented within the movie and shine due to the superior video quality. It's pretty much everything you would expect from a summer blockbuster DVD.

Unfortunately, that standard of quality does not hold true for the DVD's extras. The extras are on the light side, to put it nicely. The most immediate, and surprising, omission would be a director or cast commentary track. There are three special features though, basically consisting of making-of documentaries. The oddball of the trio would be the "Gallery of the Gods," which showcases the Greek

gods absent from the film itself. "Troy" is by no means a bad movie, certainly not one that deserved critic Roger Ebert's Worst Movie of 2004 award. The film was made as a modern version of the Troy legend, true to the heritage while updating it for the times.

However, there is still no excuse for the poor acting on the part of such well-paid stars. And as a DVD, the paltry extras hardly make the movie any more enticing.

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**Troy**  
Widescreen Edition  
Warner Home Video





DVD REVIEW

# Extended 'Rings' DVD fit for a 'King'

By JONATHAN RETARTHA  
Scene Critic

After four Golden Globes, two Grammys and a clean sweep of 11 Academy Awards, it would be easy to think everything there is to say about director Peter Jackson's operatic finale, "The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King," has already been said. Jackson, apparently, disagrees.

Following in the tradition of Jackson's first two films, "The Fellowship of the Ring" and "The Two Towers," is a massive 4-disc extended edition that adds close to a full hour of extra footage, pushing the total running time well over four hours. As with the other extended editions, Jackson interweaves the added scenes into an entirely new cut of the film, complete with additional music scored by Academy Award winner Howard Shore. The extended cut, while extremely long for those who are not die-hard fans of the film, serves as an incredibly rich presentation that will be cherished by both fans of cinema and fans of J.R.R. Tolkien's source material.

While the extended editions of the first two films served primarily to incorporate scenes that purists of the novel would appreciate, Jackson's extended cut of "King" thoroughly addresses almost all of the major criticisms of the theatrical cut released in December 2003. One of the biggest concerns among fans and critics was the apparent disappearance of Saruman (Christopher Lee), a lead villain for the trilogy, from the third film.

Fans knew well in advance of the theatrical release that Jackson shot several scenes with Lee addressing Gandalf (Ian McKellen) and company from the pinnacle of Orthanc. An Internet furor resulted when word was leaked of the scene's deletion from the film. Jackson has reinserted the scene into the extended cut, and it is a welcome reedit because it details the demise of Saruman (though slightly different from the novel).

Another major criticism of the theatrical release was the underdevelopment of Denethor (John Noble), the Steward of Gondor. While the motivation for his apparent madness is a bit cloudy in the theatrical cut, Jackson has used the extended cuts of both "The Two Towers" and "The Return of the King" to properly flesh out Denethor's character. The new scenes detail the history of Denethor's lineage and the drastic decline of the kingdom of Gondor through the centuries.

The extended cut also adds significant depth to the characters of Faramir (David Wenham) and Eowyn (Miranda Otto). Additional scenes offer insight into both the individual motivations of the characters as well as into their eventual relationship.



Aragorn (Viggo Mortensen) accepts his lineage and the accompanying responsibility as the King of Gondor in "The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King."

The most significant addition to the extended cut, however, is the appearance of the Mouth of Sauron (Bruce Spence), the enemy's emissary who greets the armies of Rohan and Gondor near the film's finale. The appearance of this character entirely alters the emotional setup and payoff of the scene. In the theatrical cut, the armies charge into Mordor in order to divert the enemy away from Frodo (Elijah Wood) and Sam (Sean Astin) as they make their way up Mount Doom to destroy the Ring.

The appearance of the Mouth of Sauron at the gate, however, introduces the twist that appears in the novel. The Mouth of Sauron presents Frodo's chain mail to the Gondor armies, making the heroes believe Frodo is dead, when in actuality he is not. Therefore, Aragorn's (Viggo Mortensen) climactic line, "for Frodo," takes on a completely different context in the extended cut. Instead of fighting for Frodo to have a chance to destroy the ring, they are fighting in memory of Frodo, and the scene becomes filled with a sense of despair and utter hopelessness as the armies charge towards what they believe is now certain death. Never before in the brief history of

"extra footage" DVDs has the addition of a scene so drastically altered the tone and emotion of a scene than at the climax of "The Return of the King."

The biggest complaint across the board of "The Return of the King" was undoubtedly its litany of successive endings. Just when the screen fades to black and the film appears to be over, another scene begins that lengthens the finale. Jackson has always resolutely stood by his ending, professing that such a finish is needed for the sheer wealth of characters and plot lines

involved in such a trilogy. Therefore, he does not touch the ending of the film in this extended edition, neither shortening it nor lengthening

it, which should please film purists. This decision will probably delight fans of the films who have no problem with the ending, but will continue to galvanize the legions of book purists. Many continued to hold out hope to the bitter end of seeing at least a small portion of "The Scourging of the Shire," the series of final chapters that details the hobbits' return to Hobbiton, only to find it overrun by orcs.

Such scenes, according to Jackson, were never filmed in their entirety and

will never be seen in any further DVD releases. Jackson insists there is even more footage he would like to add into a separate "extras" section of the eventual 25th anniversary release.

As with the other two extended edition DVDs, the presentation of King is unparalleled. The digital transfer is stunning, especially on High Definition televisions. The clarity of the picture and the richness of the colors truly makes the DVD experience just as good, if not better, than the theater experience.

Such perfection also serves as a testament to the special effects, which continue to look flawlessly, even when shown in such a strikingly clear format. The character of Gollum (Andy Serkis) truly is a benchmark in visual effects, and deserves to be placed with the T-1000 character of "Terminator 2" and the "Jurassic Park" dinosaurs as a landmark that will continue to amaze and convince audiences decades into the future.

The two discs of extra features included with the extended edition serve as landmarks in their own right, continuing the rich tradition of the first two extended edition DVDs. They also provide one of the most comprehensive looks at the process of filmmaking ever created. Disc 1 contains hours of video and hundreds of drawings detailing the pre-production aspect of the film. Some video features, such as "J.R.R. Tolkien: The Legacy of Middle Earth" and "From Book to Script," are continuations of features in the previous two extended DVDs. When combined, these documentaries are long enough to produce feature length documentaries in and of themselves!

Disc 2 deals with the shooting of the film, and the insanity that ensued as the deadline quickly approached for the final cut of the film. While these extras are very entertaining and exciting, it makes one wonder what the films would have been like if they had two years in between to perfect them instead of just one.

"The Return of the King" extended edition carries on the standard of high quality from the two previous DVDs in the trilogy. The hours of extra footage clearly show the amount of love and effort put into these films by everyone involved. The DVD serves as a fitting tribute to the filmmakers, as well as to the fans. So many people have developed a life-long love of cinema and literature from these films.

It is appropriate for such historic films to be documented and honored in these extended edition DVDs. They will ensure that generations from now, viewers of all ages can watch them and be able to reflect on these masterpieces.

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**The Return of the King**  
Widescreen Edition  
New Line  
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The extended edition DVD of "The Return of the King" features almost an hour of new footage not shown in theaters and hours of special features.



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The Witch King (Lawrence Makoare) draws his sword in a new scene from the extended edition DVD of "The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King."

NBA

# Iverson returns, leads Sixers over Pacers 89-88

*Hawks end losing streak; Rockets hold off late Boston run*

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Allen Iverson has no problem passing up a potential winning shot when he knows the ball is going to Kyle Korver.

Korver made a go-ahead jumper with 6.5 seconds left, and Iverson returned from a three-game absence to score 27 points.

"You see a guy in his second year who's able to hit a big shot like that, it says a lot about him as a player," Iverson said. "It says a lot about his confidence and the confidence the coaching staff and we have in him."

Korver hit five 3-pointers and shot 6-for-9 overall to finish with 17 points. He has 126 3-pointers, fifth on the Sixers' single-season list. He sank at least four 3s for the 14th time this season.

"I sometimes feel like I'm in a real groove and that's how I felt tonight," Korver said. "I felt like I shouldn't have missed many shots."

Kenny Thomas scored 12 for the Sixers, who opened a four-game homestand.

Stephen Jackson scored 25 points and Jermaine O'Neal had 21 points and 10 rebounds for the Pacers, who lost their fifth straight.

The Sixers sure are getting used to these dramatic wins against the Pacers. In November, Iverson beat them with the first buzzer-beating shot of his nine-year career on a 14-footer in overtime.

"I was thinking maybe I could get another game-winner against that team," Iverson said.

Indiana led 88-87 when Thomas made a nice little hook pass to Samuel Dalembert under the basket. Dalembert, though, had his dunk blocked by O'Neal, the Pacers recovered and Jackson was fouled.

**Hawks 80, Magic 79**

Antoine Walker shot 4-for-13 and scored only 12 points, but his jumper over Josh Howard helped the Hawks snap a four-game losing streak.

Steve Francis scored 24 points for Orlando and Grant Hill added 19, but Hill's final shot at the buzzer bounced off the rim.

Tony Delk led the Hawks with 17 points, and Al Harrington added 16.

Fresh off a two-game sweep of Washington, the Magic

struggled most of the night against the Hawks, who have the worst record in the Eastern Conference. Orlando barely topped its scoring low for the season, 78 points in a Jan. 24 loss at Houston.

A steal by Doug Christie led to Delk's sixth foul with 1:08 left, and Francis sank two free throws to pull the Magic to 76-75.

An offensive rebound and putback by Howard gave Orlando a 77-76 lead with 33.8 seconds left, but Harrington answered with a baseline shot for a 78-77 lead.

Following a timeout, Francis drove past Boris Diaw for a layup with 11.3 seconds left to give the lead back to the Magic before Walker came through for Atlanta.

Howard scored a career-high 24 points against the Hawks on Nov. 26, and the Atlanta native had three jams in a strong first period. Howard didn't score again in the first half as the Hawks opened the second quarter with an 8-0 run and led 40-32 at halftime.

Howard finished with 16 points and 11 rebounds.

Orlando ranks eighth in the NBA in scoring, but its road average of 96.2 points per game is almost 10 points below its home average.

**Rockets 97, Celtics 94**

Jon Barry scored 15 of his 17 points in the fourth to complement 23 points from Yao Ming, leading Houston to a victory over the Boston Celtics.

Houston blew a 16-point lead but rallied behind Barry, who scored 11 points in the first 2:57 of the fourth, to snap a two-game skid and move back to .500 on the road.

With Boston focused on stopping Yao and McGrady in crunch time, Barry had some open looks and made the most of them. He opened the fourth with a 20-foot jumper, then knocked down three 3-pointers in the next two minutes to put the Rockets ahead 78-68 with 9:03 left.

Barry, who went scoreless Sunday night in Miami, added a finger roll with 2:07 left that Boston coach Doc Rivers called the most important basket of the game.

"You certainly never think you're going to come down and do something like that. It's rare I take five shots in a row. Fortunately, I knocked a couple down. And we needed it," Barry said.

McGrady scored 16 points, but he didn't attempt a field goal in the fourth quarter due in part to back trouble he blamed on the weather.

"This cold weather has not

been good to me as far as taking it easy on my back. My back was pretty tight tonight," McGrady said.

**Grizzlies 98, Hornets 91**

Lorenzen Wright sensed well before taking the floor that his shooting struggles were about to end.

He was right.

Wright finished with a season-high 19 points and 11 rebounds to help the Memphis Grizzlies earn a victory over the New Orleans Hornets.

"I got up this morning and I felt pretty good," Wright said. "I've been talking to a few people who've been telling me not to hesitate — just shoot it and take my shots in the offense."

Wright had been averaging about seven points. But he matched Stromile Swift as Memphis' leading scorer against New Orleans, with both making key baskets down the stretch.

**Spurs 103, SuperSonics 84**

Manu Ginobili scored 23 points and Tim Duncan had 21 points and 10 rebounds, leading the San Antonio Spurs to their first victory of the season in three tries against the Seattle SuperSonics.

Tony Parker had 17 points and 10 assists for the Spurs, who have the NBA's best record at 37-10. The Northwest Division-leading Sonics are 30-13.

The Sonics played without All-Star guard and top scorer Ray Allen, who missed his first game of the season because of the flu.

They also were without coach Nate McMillan. He was in Raleigh, N.C., following of the death of his mother Sunday. The Sonics were coached by assistant Dwane Casey.

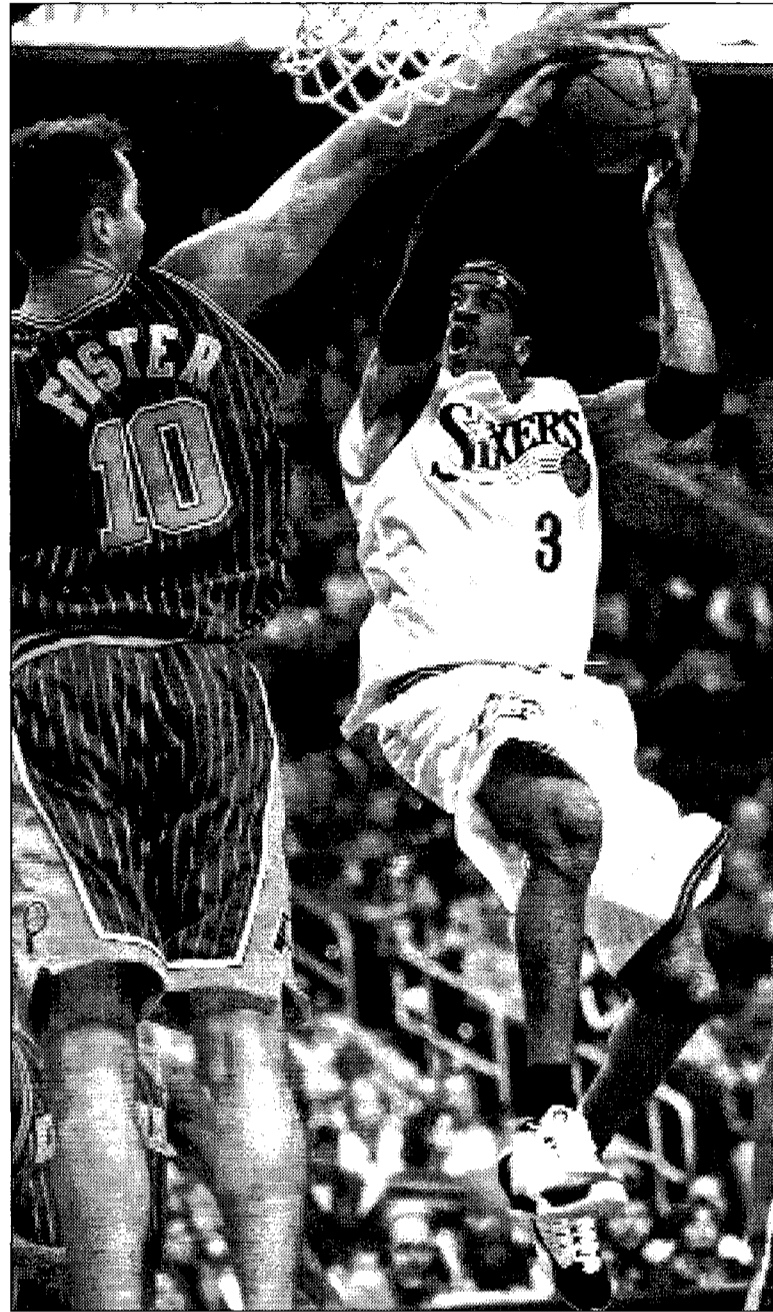
Without Allen, who is eighth in the NBA in scoring at 24 points per game, the Sonics struggled offensively against the Spurs, the league's top defensive team.

**Clippers 96, Knicks 89**

Elton Brand scored 24 points, and Chris Kaman had 18 points and 10 rebounds to lead the Los Angeles Clippers over the New York Knicks 96-89 on Monday night.

The Clippers improved to 6-1 without Corey Maggette, who was sidelined for the second straight game because of an injured collarbone after missing two last week with a foot injury. New York dropped to 10-14 without Allan Houston, on the injured list with a chronically sore left knee.

Stephon Marbury scored 20 points for the Knicks, who finished 2-13 in January, the



Philadelphia 76ers guard Allen Iverson shoots over Indiana Pacers forward Jeff Foster in Monday night's game. Iverson scored 27 points in an 89-88 Sixers victory.

worst month in the franchise's 59-year history. Their previous worst was 3-14 in March 1986 and January 1963. Jamal Crawford scored 11 straight Knicks points in the fourth and finished with 19.

All five starters scored in double figures for the Clippers, who have won four of five following a five-game losing streak. Brand made 10 of 19 shots and got all eight of his rebounds in the second half.

The Knicks have lost 13 of 15 and six straight on the road since a 119-111 win over Orlando on Dec. 27. They are 1-4 since Lenny Wilkens resigned as coach on Jan. 22 and was replaced by Herb Williams.

New York has dropped all six games against the Clippers at Staples Center since the building opened in 1999. Before that, the Knicks won each of

their previous five road games against them.

New York has lost its last 13 games in the Pacific time zone since beating the Lakers on Feb. 16, 2003 — thanks to Houston's career-high 53 points.

The Clippers, who never led in a 110-96 loss at Madison Square Garden on Nov. 12, didn't take their first lead in this one until Marko Jaric's 3-pointer put them ahead 58-57 with 7:34 left in the third quarter.

Neither team led by more than three over the next 13 1/2 minutes before the Clippers pulled ahead 87-81 with 3:56 to play. Jaric converted his midcourt steal against Marbury into a break-away layup, and Kaman followed another Knicks turnover with a dunk, then added a 16-footer.

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# And Still We *RISE*...

## Reflecting on MLK Day

As CONCERNED STUDENTS of this Notre Dame student body having recently reflected on the life and legacy of **DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.**, we would like to offer the following thoughts, suggestions and questions to our wider campus community:

- On the topic of **RACISM AND INTEGRATION**, we call for the promotion of a wider community of acceptance and encourage cross-cultural dialogue and greater celebration of cultural difference.
- On the issue of **STEREOTYPES AND RACIAL PROFILING**, while recognizing the tendency to stereotype, we call for an end to acting on these prejudices and encourage that the dignity of all people be assumed and respected. In the words of one MLK event participant, "What do you see when you look at me?"
- Regarding **FAITH AND THE PUBLIC SQUARE**, we appeal for the responsible use of our faith traditions, that they may inspire us to more critically ponder the issues at hand rather than limit our discussion.
- Concerning **ECONOMIC JUSTICE**, we call for equality of opportunity and assert the right of workers to receive fair and more equal compensation. Why are some peoples' lives worth more than others'?
- With reference to our own community, **WHO IS THE "WE" IN THE NOTRE DAME NARRATIVE?** How are people of all different races, classes, viewpoints and life experiences being represented here?

And finally,

**WE ENCOURAGE ALL INDIVIDUALS OF THE NOTRE DAME COMMUNITY:**

to think critically about how their actions may be contributing to deeper divisions and iniquities in our world and on our campus

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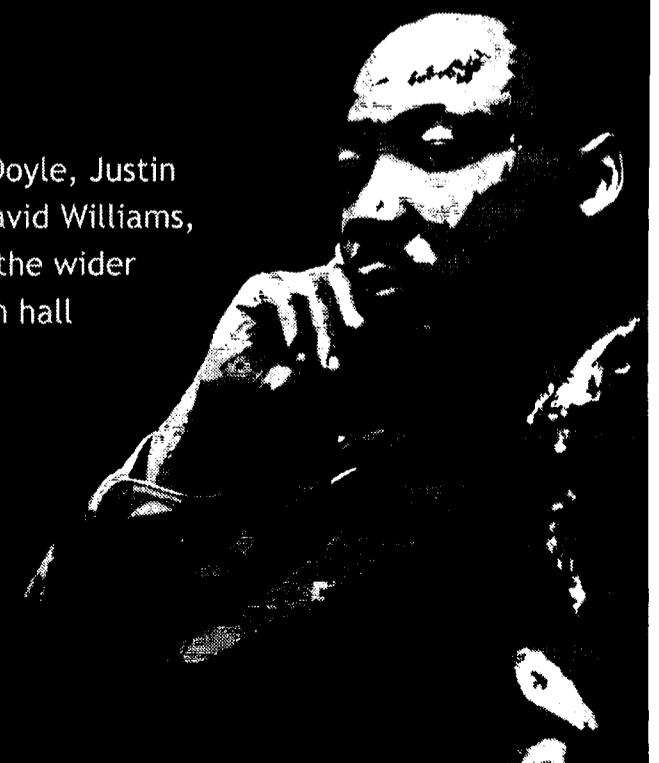
to exercise their power and responsibility to create a community of peace and respect by confronting unjust structures and practices.

Sincerely,

The MLK Planning Committee (Elizabeth Adams, Colleen Case, Aislinn Doyle, Justin Gray, Melissa Hentges, Michael Poffenberger, Kamaria Porter, WilliamDavid Williams, Chandra Johnson, Iris Outlaw, Priscilla Wong), with contributions from the wider student body during the MLK dinner on January 16th and the open town hall meeting on January 17th.

“ I submit to you that if a man has not discovered something he will die for, he is not fit to live. ”

Martin Luther King, Jr.



# AROUND THE NATION

## ITA Men's Tennis Poll

	team	points
1	Baylor (30)	2394
2	UCLA	2365
3	Florida	2282
4	Georgia	2274
5	Illinois	2249
6	Mississippi	2227
7	Stanford	2203
8	USC	2180
9	Duke	2140
10	Virginia	2119
11	Ohio State	2088
12	LSU	2010
13	Kentucky	1967
14	VCU	1937
15	Texas A&M	1914
16	Rice	1885
17	TCU	1831
18	North Carolina	1828
19	Tulane	1802
20	Vanderbilt	1761
21	Washington	1760
22	Arkansas - Fayettevill	1715
23	Auburn	1640
24	Harvard	1600
25	Tennessee	1580

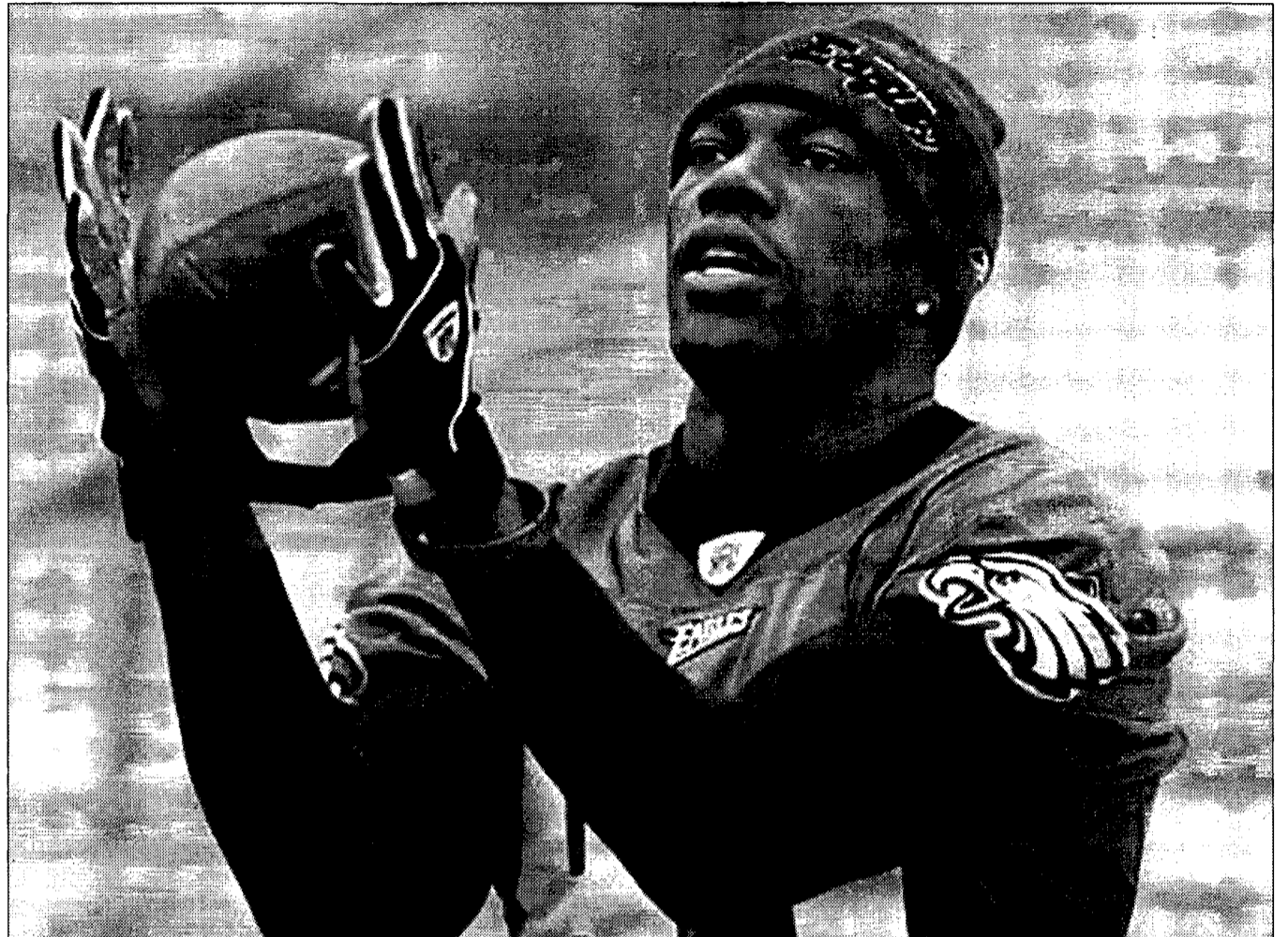
## ITA Women's Tennis Poll

	team	points
1	Stanford (29)	1575
2	Florida	1540
3	Clemson	1538
4	UCLA	1530
5	Northwestern	1529
6	Vanderbilt	1522
7	Southern California	1517
8	Duke	1492
9	Tulane	1473
10	Washington	1455
11	Texas	1441
12	Miami (Fla.)	1436
13	Georgia	1421
14	Kentucky	1410
15	North Carolina	1402
16	Texas A&M	1364
17	California	1329
17	Tennessee	1329
19	TCU	1270
20	Michigan	1269
21	NOTRE DAME	1250
21	Fresno State	1250
23	LSU	1200
24	New Mexico	1186
25	BYU	1170

## USFCA Fencing Polls

Men's		Women's	
team		team	
1	Ohio State	1	Ohio State
2	Penn State	2	NOTRE DAME
3	St. John's	3	Penn State
4	NOTRE DAME	4	Harvard
5	Columbia	5	Columbia
6	Princeton	6	Northwestern
7	Pennsylvania	7	St. John's
8	Harvard	8	Pennsylvania
9	Stanford	9	Princeton
10	Air Force	10	Temple

## NFL



Philadelphia receiver Terrell Owens makes a catch during the team's first practice Monday in Jacksonville, Fla. Owens has not played since ankle surgery in December.

## Owens has first practice since injury

Associated Press

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — T.O. is almost a go.

Terrell Owens, the Philadelphia Eagles' All-Pro receiver, practiced Monday for the first time since injuring his ankle last month, moving closer toward returning for the Super Bowl.

"I won't say anything outside of 'He looks great. He looks great. He looks great,'" Eagles safety Michael Lewis said.

Owens took part in less than one-third of the team's 30 plays, getting a pass each time he ran a route. Just last week, Dr. Mark Myerson, the surgeon who operated on Owens' right ankle in December, said he would not clear him to suit up against the New

England Patriots on Sunday.

"We limited what he did, but he did it well, and he did it with the team," Eagles coach Andy Reid said. "He moved around pretty well. I'll have to see how he does before we decide whether he'll play."

Owens hasn't played since he severely sprained his ankle and broke his leg in a game against Dallas on Dec. 19. He's expected to be on the field when the Eagles resume practice on Wednesday.

In his first season with the Eagles after eight years in San Francisco, Owens led Philadelphia with 77 catches for 1,200 yards and 14 TDs.

"It's always a lift when you can get anyone out there, an added weapon," quarterback Donovan McNabb said. "He did make some big plays for us.

He did an excellent job of coming in and presenting a different type of feel for our passing attack."

Myerson inserted two screws in Owens' ankle and a plate on the outside of the ankle three days after he was injured. Owens was told after surgery that he had only an outside chance of returning for the Super Bowl, which was 6 1/2 weeks away at the time. But he rehabbed vigorously, hoping to help Philadelphia win its first NFL championship since 1960.

After a checkup last week in Baltimore, Myerson said that while he's pleased with Owens' recuperation, the operation requires a recovery period of eight to 10 weeks. Myerson added that any attempt to accelerate the rehabilitation process poses the same risk for injury.

## IN BRIEF

### Spadea, Mello advance in Millennium International

DELRAY BEACH, Fla. — Top-seeded Vincent Spadea defeated Hugo Armando 6-2, 6-3 Monday night to advance to the second round of the Millennium International Tennis Championships.

Also advancing was defending champion Ricardo Mello. Fifth-seeded Mello defeated Tomas Zib 7-6 (4), 6-3.

The 21st-ranked Spadea eliminated the unseeded Armando in an hour. In their only other meeting, Spadea needed three sets to defeat Armando in the quarterfinals of the 2004 ITC. Spadea went on to lose to Brazilian Ricardo Mello in the final.

"I had a little bit better game plan," said Spadea, who has one ATP victory.

"I stayed back a little bit on my return. He gets a lot of first serves in. I was able to control some points off his serve. I executed pretty well."

### Owners and players make no progress in NHL lockout

NEW YORK — The NHL and the players' association are now disputing whether they have anything to talk about.

The sides have had just limited contact by phone since Thursday, when the league presented more salary-cap concepts in an effort to reach a new collective bargaining agreement.

But even that talking stopped Monday, leaving even less optimism that the hockey season could be saved.

Bill Daly, the NHL's chief legal officer, expected to hear from the players' association on Monday, but that call never came.

"I'm somewhat surprised that I haven't heard from the players' association today," Daly told The Canadian Press on Monday.

"We broke up on Thursday and both agreed to keep the lines of communication open.

### Hoosiers hire former QB coach Lynch

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — Bill Lynch is returning to Indiana as an assistant head football coach, the school announced Monday.

Lynch had been the Hoosiers' quarterback coach in 1993-94 and was 8-2 last season as the head coach at DePauw. He also was the head coach at Ball State from 1995-2002 and Butler from 1985-90, the school said.

Lynch, who has coached for 25 years, also will be the offensive coordinator/tight ends coach for the Hoosiers. Lynch, a 1977 Butler graduate, joins his son, Billy, who is the wide receivers coach for Indiana and his hiring completes coach Terry Hooppner's staff.

"First of all, I am so happy to join Coach Hooppner's staff," Lynch said in a news release. "We have a great relationship. He's a great football coach and runs a quality program."

Hooppner was enthused about the addition.

around the dial

### MEN'S NCAA BASKETBALL

Illinois at Michigan State 7 p.m., ESPN

Florida at Mississippi State 8 p.m., ESPN2

### NBA

Miami at Dallas 8:30 p.m., NBA TV

**NFL**

# League aims to avoid 'wardrobe malfunction'

Associated Press

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Oh, what the NFL would have given for a marching band. Instead, it got what will forever be known as a "wardrobe malfunction," an ever-so-brief shot of Janet Jackson's bare breast — barely discernible at first, but easy to see after the replays had been slowed down, digitized and dissected a hundred times over.

In a flash, Janet's halftime debauchery last year altered the watercooler conversation about the Super Bowl — and to an extent about the bigger issues of morals and decency — and made the powers in the NFL realize they had failed in their never-ending quest to micro-manage things down to the millisecond.

"Disappointment and embarrassment" was how NFL spokesman Brian McCarthy described the scene and its bombastic aftermath.

"An unprecedented event and an unprecedented reaction," said Charles Coplin, the man the NFL put in charge of making sure nothing like that happens at this year's game.

Jackson, who declined interview requests for this story, will be in Jacksonville this week, attending a fund-raising party the night before the big game. Clearly, she will be persona non-grata at any NFL-spon-

sored event.

But her impact on the Super Bowl will never be forgotten — not in this day and age of instant news, instant analysis, instant overkill. Her breast, after all, was much more than a breast, and we're not just talking about the silver sunburst nipple shield that was revealed when Justin Timberlake tore open her black leather top — accidentally, he said.

The Federal Communications Commission got involved. The debate over decency standards on TV — long considered a dying issue by all but the most vigilant — re-emerged. Radio personality Howard Stern, tired

of having the FCC breathing down his neck, moved to the censor-free Sirius radio satellite network, the same company that, ironically, broadcasts each NFL game across the nation each week.

It might be a reach, but not too big of one, to say that the Jackson imbroglio fed into the huge American debate about morals that helped shape last year's election.

"All these people were acting as though Western civilization had taken a major hit," said Syracuse University television expert Robert Thompson. "The whole thing was dripping in sanctimony, contradiction and hypocrisy."

*"All these people were acting as though Western Civilization had taken a major hit."*

**Robert Thompson**  
television expert

**CLUB SPORTS**

# Volleyball upsets Ball State

Special to The Observer

Notre Dame's men's club volleyball team competed in its first national qualifying tournament of the year at Marquette University Saturday. The Irish finished a solid 3-3 after playing a round robin in a pool boasting several of the Top-25 teams in the nation.

The long day began early in the morning with a match against host Marquette (6-0) who used a clear height advantage to sweep the Irish in two games, 25-15 and 25-15.

Notre Dame rebounded to beat Illinois State (0-6), 25-18, 25-23, but fell again in the following match to UW-Oshkosh (5-1), 25-13, 25-22. Again the Irish fought back to play an exciting match against Lakeland (5-1), but ended up losing in three games. After winning the first game, 25-13, the Irish pulled the starters and dropped the last two games, 25-16, 16-14, in Game 2.

However, the Irish upset previously undefeated Ball State (5-1), 25-22, 25-17, handing the Cardinals their only loss of the day. Ten hours after their first match began, the Irish finished off a tired Iowa State (0-6) team looking for its first win. In Game 1, the Irish prevailing 29-27. Game 2 was not as close as the Irish dismantled the Cyclones 25-8.

Two freshmen, setter Nolan Kane and defensive specialist Jamie Ward were inserted into the starting lineup during the tournament, and both

made the most of the opportunity with consistent performances. Mike Toomey's consistent jump serve often ignited Irish rallies by rattling the opposing teams' passing. The entire squad earned playing time.

**Men's water polo**

South Florida played host to the annual Gasparilla Invitational this weekend as Notre Dame challenged some of the best teams in the Southern region. The Irish struggled in the Friday opener, dropping a 10-4 decision to eventual champion Ft. Lauderdale. Sophomore Steve Shepard and freshmen Zhan-Wei Khaw and Colin Dunn accounted for the Irish scoring.

On Saturday, the Irish avenged a loss to Orlando in last year's tournament final, with a 6-4 victory. Sophomore Jon Kelly and junior goalie Scott Tagwerker anchored a stifling defense, while Shepard, Greg Szewczyk, Mike Silhasek and Ross Boughton keyed the attack. Next, the Irish played a physical Florida International squad and found themselves down 5-2 at intermission. With Kelly, Tagwerker, freshmen Dusty Mennella and Mike McKenna frustrating the FIU attack the second half, the Irish clawed back to take a 6-5 victory.

The Irish concluded the tournament by dropping a 6-4 game to host South Florida in the battle for third place. Shepard, Dunn, and Jack Spittler all registered goals in the finale.

The next opponents for the

Irish will be the Hawkeye Invitational at Iowa in two weeks.

**Ski club**

The ski club traveled to Schuss Mountain for season-opening MCSA action this weekend.

The women's squad placed second in the slalom behind Michigan State and third in the giant slalom behind Michigan State and Michigan. In the slalom,

Danielle Clements led the team with a sixth-place finish, followed by Rita Morgan in ninth and Lindsay May in 13th. The top three finishers for the Irish in women's giant slalom were Clements in sixth, Molly Butler in seventh and Sarah Raunvenhorst in 22nd. Finishing just out of the scoring in the giant slalom were Lindsay May, 23rd; Anne Mahoney, 25th, and Lauren Dacey, 27th.

The men finished sixth in the slalom and fifth in the giant slalom. However, the club stumbled in the slalom as captain Joe Payne fell on his second run, dropping the club two spots in the final rankings.

Top three men in the event were Brian Hedges, 19th, Steve Fuetz, 20th, and Andrew Breslin, 25th, with teammate Aaron Medlock just out of scoring in 27th place. Hedges and Payne took 11th and 14th respectively in the giant slalom, but teammates Leif Petterson, 31st, Brad Jollitz, 36th, Pat Leimikuehler, 39th, and Sean Glennan, 45th, were unable to keep the club in contention for a higher finish.

**MLB**

# Bonds to miss early spring training games

*Giants slugger had arthroscopic knee surgery Monday*

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Barry Bonds is expected to miss much of spring training following arthroscopic surgery Monday on his right knee, but the San Francisco Giants slugger should recover in plenty of time to resume his chase of Hank Aaron's home run record in April.

The seven-time NL MVP had a "minor arthritis cleanup," the Giants said in statement. Dr. Arthur Ting also repaired a small tear in Bonds' meniscus.

Giants trainer Stan Conte expects Bonds to return for at least the final two weeks of spring training, and the 40-year-old should be back to full strength before opening day.

"It's not a situation where I'm concerned for him," Conte said. "It doesn't take him long to get ready. It's good for him not to wear himself out during spring training, which he does sometimes."

Bonds often tires of the day-to-day grind of spring training,

both mentally and physically, and his rehabilitation might even provide a respite. Bonds, who had a similar surgery on his left knee in October, will begin rehab Tuesday.

He will report to Scottsdale, Ariz., along with the Giants' pitchers and catchers on Feb. 17, but will concentrate on his six-week rehab program until mid-March.

Conte said Bonds' knees have responded well to similar arthroscopic operations and that Bonds has "a very youthful body for his age."

"He recovers well," Conte said. "You never know when age is going to be an issue, but this surgery was not extensive."

Bonds' knee showed signs of arthritis during a similar operation in 1999, but this surgery revealed less trouble than the Giants feared. Bonds first complained of pain in his right knee last week.

Bonds finished last season with 703 career homers, trailing only Aaron (755) and Babe Ruth (714).

He also became the oldest player in major league history to win an MVP award. Bonds hit .362 to win his second NL batting title in three seasons.

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## SUPER BOWL XXXIX

## Eagles talk, Patriots respond



New England Patriots safety Rodney Harrison meets with reporters Sunday. Harrison was asked to respond to comments made by Philadelphia Eagles wide receiver Freddie Mitchell.

## New England safety takes shot at Mitchell

Associated Press

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Even without the pads on, New England safety Rodney Harrison delivered quite a blow. Asked whether he will say anything to Eagles wide receiver Freddie Mitchell, who dissed the Patriots' secondary last week, Harrison took his shot.

"What would I say?" he said. "It's Freddie Mitchell."

And with that, Super Bowl week was on.

The Eagles and Patriots, two teams with very little history or animosity between them, opened America's big football

celebration with a nice bit of trash talking Sunday at the first of the dozen or so news conferences that will take place during the week.

This was Harrison's first chance on the Super Bowl stage to respond to Mitchell. Last week, the Eagles receiver said he couldn't name any of the Patriots defensive backs except for Harrison, about whom he said, "I've got something for him."

Harrison, who has spent much of his 11-year career playing the us-against-the-world card to anyone who would listen, found his perfect foil in Mitchell, who let political correctness take a back seat and greased the wheels for this Super Feud.

"You're always going to find one jerk out of the bunch. Just like Vanderjerk. Mike Vanderjerk," Harrison said, referring to Colts kicker Mike Vanderjagt, who earlier in the postseason suggested the Patriots were ripe for a loss. "You're always going to find one guy like that who wants some attention and wants to do something to try and stir up the emotions of the game."

Not surprisingly, Mitchell was unavailable at the Eagles' media opportunity Sunday. Also not surprisingly, coach Andy Reid tried to sidestep the inevitable questions about how he reacted when he heard what Mitchell said.

"That's between Freddie and I," Reid said.

## NCAA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

## LSU takes No. 1 spot in poll after Duke loss

Ohio State ranked second after victory over Wisconsin

Associated Press

Duke stumbled and LSU and Ohio State were there to take advantage. LSU replaced Duke at No. 1 and Ohio State rose to second on Monday to reach the highest ranking in school history in The Associated Press women's basketball poll.

It's the second time at the top for LSU, which was No. 1 for six weeks earlier this season. The Lady Tigers (19-1) beat Auburn 57-52 in their only game last week and received 43 of 45 first-place votes from a national media panel.

Ohio State (21-2) received one first-place vote and so did Duke (20-2), which slipped to third after a 56-51 loss at North Carolina. That victory, plus two others during the week, lifted North Carolina from 12th to ninth. LSU, the nation's only Division I team with just one loss, had 1,123 points in the voting, while Ohio State had 1,052 and Duke 1,008.

Coach Pokey Chatman's reaction to returning to No. 1 was similar to how she felt the first time her team got there: It's nice, but there's no time to celebrate.

"It's one of those things that will always be more exciting for the fans and the community than it will be for the kids and the coaching staff," Chatman said. "It's not a matter of down-

playing it. It's nice to know our program has gotten to the point where it's recognized as a top program.

"But when the dust settles, it doesn't factor in to how we're preparing for Ole Miss."

LSU plays at Mississippi on Thursday.

Ohio State continues to impress under coach Jim Foster, who had a long string of success at St. Joseph's and Vanderbilt before moving to Columbus in 2002. The Buckeyes had fallen from national prominence after reaching the NCAA championship game in 1993, but they've now appeared in 32 of the last 43 polls.

Foster, though, was more interested in next Sunday's game with Indiana than his program's ranking milestone.

"To me, it's an end-of-season reflection," Foster said. "You look back. During the season, I'm just sort of about the next game. I think it's probably there for discussion, for fans to discuss. But as far as the practical, day-to-day, where are you with the team, it just doesn't come into play."

Road victories over Wisconsin and Illinois last week extended Ohio State's winning streak to 10. Duke lost to North Carolina last Monday, then bounced back to beat two other Top 25 teams, Maryland and North Carolina State. This was the third change at No. 1 this season. Tennessee led the first three polls before giving way to LSU, which lost its No. 1 ranking the first time after losing at Rutgers.

## NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL

## Simien leads Jayhawks over Missouri 73-61

Kansas overcomes double-digit second half deficit at home

Associated Press

LAWRENCE, Kan. — Wayne Simien had 22 points and Aaron Miles had 14 points and 10 assists, rallying third-ranked Kansas to a victory over Missouri on Monday night.

Missouri (10-11, 2-6 Big 12) was a 19-point underdog and fell quickly behind by 10 points before going on a 20-4 run and seizing a stunning 36-28 half-time lead over the Big 12 leaders.

But after shooting just 36 percent in the first half, the Jayhawks (17-1, 7-0) hit 70 percent of their shots in the first 15 minutes, 30 seconds of the second half. A 3-pointer from J.R. Giddens made it 57-54 and gave Kansas the lead for good.

Miles, the Big 12's career assists leader, executed two picture-perfect one-handed lobbs for layups by Christian Moody and Giddens during a 7-1 run that put Kansas on top 66-55 lead.

Embattled Missouri coach

Quin Snyder, who got the job six years ago over Bill Self when the Kansas coach was at Tulsa, fell to 3-10 against Kansas and 0-7 against Self. The Tigers have lost six of their last seven and are winless at Kansas since 1999.

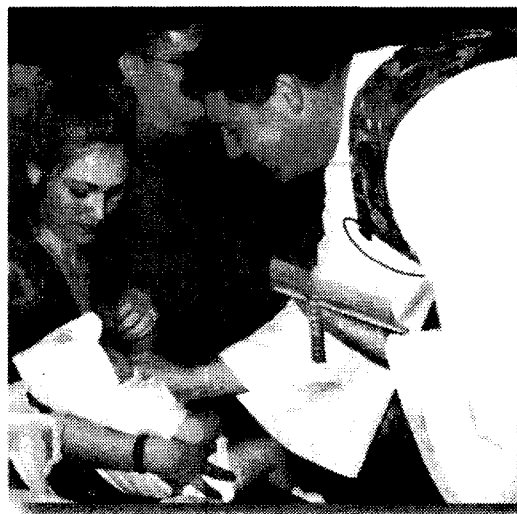
Giddens had 15 points and Keith Langford had 11 for Kansas. Jason Conley had a season-high 20 points for Missouri and Linas Kleiza, before fouling out and then adding a technical foul for arguing, had 11.

Miles' 3-pointer put Kansas on top 24-16 and the capacity crowd settled in for an enjoyable romp, but the Jayhawks made only four points in the last 6:48 before intermission.

Kleiza, Missouri's leading scorer and rebounder who was held out of the starting lineup for the second straight game, muscled inside for a bucket to launch a spree that included seven points by Conley and Thomas Gardner's three-point play that gave the Tigers the lead at 26-25.

Conley's steal and driving bucket put Missouri ahead 41-30 the first few minutes of the second half, but Miles connected on two 3-pointers in Kansas' 18-6 run.

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**SUPER BOWL XXXIX**

# Eagles, McNabb expect to rely on other receivers



Eagles receiver Freddie Mitchell puts a pair of gloves on during the team's first practice on Monday in Jacksonville, Fla.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — It was a surprise when the Philadelphia Eagles' offense soared last week. The offense worked so well for the Philadelphia Eagles that their receivers barely got any attention — from the media, even from Donovan McNabb, who connected with Deion Branch 77 times through the week's games. The other regular receivers had 75 catches apiece.

When Owens injured his ankle and Branch broke his leg. Suddenly, it was all about Freddie Mitchell, Todd Pinkston and Greg Lewis, hardly an all-star array.

Not that it should matter. The New England Patriots, who face the Eagles in Sunday's Super Bowl, don't have any All-Pro running pass routes. They have a solid corps of receivers and each contributes almost equally to an effective passing attack led by quarterback Tom Brady.

"To us, it's like we have four, five guys who can do the job,"

said one of those guys, third-year pro Deion Branch. "Any one of us can break it open."

The Eagles hope they will have a relatively healthy Owens to be their gamebreaker in their first Super Bowl appearance in 24 years. He practiced with the team Monday for the first time since the injury.

But Owens figures to be limited, placing extra emphasis on the contributions of the other receivers, who have done reasonably well in this postseason.

While adding some T.O. to the lineup would be a boost, Philadelphia's success in the air more likely will revolve around his supporting cast.

The no-star approach has worked for the Patriots, of course, so why not for the Eagles?

"He did make some big plays for us," McNabb said, referring to Owens, who scored 14 touchdowns and turned a mediocre group into a dynamic threat. "I did what I had to do to try to make sure we're all in a good

position, and he did an excellent job of coming in and presenting a different type of feel for our passing attack. The rest of the guys have learned a little bit from him."

They showed that in playoff victories over Minnesota and Atlanta, finally getting over the NFC championship game hump. Mitchell excelled against the Vikings, scoring twice. Lewis, who has emerged as a deep threat, had a 52-yard reception against Minnesota and a 45-yarder vs. Atlanta.

Philly's guys, aside from Owens, haven't come close to those numbers. Yet they seem to get more attention in Owens' absence than New England's regulars have received in general.

A fully healthy Owens — dream on, Philly — might be the right player to undress the Patriots' undermanned secondary. Then again, Indianapolis' three 1,000-yard receivers were invisible in a 20-3 loss at New England.

**NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL**

## Illinois remains at No.1

Associated Press

Illinois was No. 1 in The Associated Press' college basketball poll for the ninth straight week Monday, and for the first time the Illini were a unanimous choice.

An impressive win at Wisconsin and a home victory over Minnesota kept the Illini (21-0) unbeaten. Unlike last week when they received all but one first-place votes from the national media panel, the Illini were No. 1 on all 72 ballots.

They are the first unanimous No. 1 since Duke did it for nine polls in a 10-week span in 2001-02. The Illini's nine-week

run at No. 1 is the longest since Connecticut was there for 10 weeks in 1998-99.

Boston College (18-0), the only other unbeaten team in Division I, jumped from eighth to No. 5, the highest ranking in school history.

Maryland and Villanova moved into the rankings Monday. Maryland had been out of the Top 25 for three weeks, while Villanova was in for the first time since 1996-97.

Duke, which received the one No. 1 vote that Illinois didn't last week, fell from the ranks of the unbeaten.

Boston College, which stayed unbeaten with wins over Providence and Georgetown last week, was ranked sixth.

**MLB**

## Sosa trade gets union approval

*Trade likely to be finalized between Cubs and Orioles*

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The trade that would send Sammy Sosa from the Chicago Cubs to the Baltimore Orioles took a step forward Monday when the players' association approved a key change to his contract that is required to complete the deal.

Chicago would receive Jerry Hairston Jr. and a pair of minor leaguers, second baseman Mike Fontenot and right-handed pitcher Dave Crouthers, in exchange for Sosa and \$12 million. The trade is likely to be finalized Thursday or Friday.

Sosa's contract currently contains a provision that calls for the team's \$18 million option for 2006 to become guaranteed if he is traded and for a \$19 million team option for 2007 to be added, one that would carry a \$4.5 million buyout. As part of the trade, Sosa will sign an addendum to his contract voiding that provision.

Commissioner Bud Selig also must approve the trade because more than \$1 million will change hands in the swap, which the teams put in motion Friday night. The teams started the process of submitting documents outlining the trade to the commissioner's office, but all the necessary paperwork had not been sent in as of Monday night.

To replace some of Sosa's power, the Cubs were in negotiations with free-agent outfielder Jeremy Burnitz.

Baltimore would pay just \$5 million of Sosa's \$17 million salary this year, with the Cubs paying \$12 million. The Orioles would assume responsibility for the 2006 option, which Baltimore would be



Sammy Sosa hits a home run during a 2002 game. Sosa could be sent from Chicago to Baltimore in a proposed trade.

able to buy out for \$4.5 million.

In addition, Chicago would remain responsible for the \$3.5 million severance pay called for in Sosa's contract, which must be given to the seven-time All-Star within 30 days after the trade is finalized. The Cubs would wind up paying \$61.5 million of the \$72 million Sosa was guaranteed in the four-year deal, with the Orioles paying \$9.5 million.

Hairston took his physical Monday in the Phoenix area, but Sosa might not take his until Thursday.

The Cubs and Orioles did not include a 72-hour window for a contract extension. The 36-year-old outfielder has agreed to waive his right to block the trade and will go to the Orioles without an extension.

After the deal is done, Baltimore might try to negotiate a new contract with Sosa.

Selig has twice approved larger salary transfers. Texas agreed last February to send the Yankees \$67 million over seven seasons in the trade that sent Alex Rodriguez to New York for Alfonso Soriano.


In November 2002, Selig

approved the Mike Hampton, three-team trade, which involved \$30 million — Colorado agreed to send Florida \$6.5 million over three years, and the Marlins agreed to send that money plus an additional \$23.5 million over three years to Atlanta, which received the pitcher.

The money in the Sosa trade tops the other two big deals Selig approved this winter: The Yankees are paying Arizona \$9 million in the trade that brought Randy Johnson to New York and Los Angeles is paying \$10 million in the deal that sent Shawn Green to the Diamondbacks.

Sosa hit .253 last year, his lowest average since 1997, and had 35 homers and 80 RBIs in 126 games. His 574 homers rank seventh on the career list.

While Cubs fans supported him after he used a corked bat in 2003, he was booed last year, when he had a back injury. Then he left the ballpark during the final regular-season game last October after the Cubs had blown a wild-card lead over the final week, and criticized manager Dusty Baker.



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## Hockey

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seen six goals scored on Notre Dame netminders Sunday, prematurely turned on the red light after a Bowling Green forward attempted a shot on a Falcons power play — even though the shot was well wide of the net.

If it wasn't apparent before, it is now. Everyone associated with the Notre Dame hockey team is frustrated.

"I think this is [the most frustrating season of my tenure,]" Irish coach Dave Poulin said after Saturday night's 6-2 loss to Bowling Green. "My first few

seasons we didn't have the depth of talent that we have now. I just haven't seen a single thing go our way. It's been remarkable.

"You just have to keep telling them that something good is going to happen."

Perhaps the most frustrating thing about this season has been that it followed the most successful year in Notre Dame history. Last season, led by a six-member senior class, the Irish advanced to the NCAA tournament for the first time in the program's history.

Coming into this season, it was expected the Irish would be unable to match their performance from the 2003-04 campaign. But it's safe to say

nobody thought things would be this bad.

Notre Dame is currently 5-18-5 overall and just 3-13-4 in the CCHA. The Irish are in danger of posting their worst record ever during Poulin's 10-year tenure — the previous worst finish was 9-25-1 in Poulin's second season.

Perhaps no one has been more frustrated by the team's play this season than Cey, who came into the Irish spotlight as a freshman and helped engineer his team's first-round CCHA playoff upset of Nebraska-Omaha.

Since then, Cey has been in the net for nearly every one of Notre Dame's big games — he has started twice at Joe Louis

Arena in the CCHA Super Six and was in net for the team's first-ever NCAA tournament game against defending champion Minnesota last season.

The senior has continued his status as one of the top goalies in the CCHA, but those stats have not translated into wins this season, and that is what frustrates him most of all according to Poulin.

"He's been able to come out in a game like that in the past and shut them out," Poulin said of Cey's performance Saturday. "That's what he as a goalie expects to do, and even though the first two goals were goals with an empty net and weren't really his fault, it was still frustrating to him.

"He's a senior and he wants to win, and that's the real frustrating part for him is the losing."

The Irish can still finish the season on a high note, and perhaps maybe even engineer a similar road upset in the first round of the CCHA playoffs like they did in Cey's first season with the team.

But that doesn't change the fact this has been one of the most frustrating and disappointing seasons in Irish history.

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## Buck

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serve, Coetzee fell 6-1, 6-1 at No. 2 singles.

Coetzee had been a 2004 NCAA Singles Championship qualifier last year and has been ranked as high as No. 10 during her career. Last season, Coetzee, who hails from South Africa, was the runner-up in last fall's ITA Southeast Championships.

Surrendering just a pair of games to Coetzee on Sunday, Buck improved her record to 4-1 this season against ranked opponents. Ranked No. 85 in the nation, Buck has already defeated No. 37 Dora Vastag of Indiana, No. 93 Hala Sufi of Purdue and No. 95 Elizabeth Exon of Michigan. Her only loss this season came against No. 1 Christelle Grier of Northwestern.

With each meet, Buck continues to impress both her coach and teammates as an equally strong player in doubles as in singles.

Against Wake Forest on Sunday, Buck and junior Lauren Connelly also clinched the doubles point for the Irish with an 8-1 victory at No. 2 over Katie Martzoff and Danielle Schwartz. Coach Jay Louderback said the duo's success this season and impressive record of 14-4 came as no surprise.

"They are both very hard workers in practice," Louderback said. "Brook is starting to come to the net more and she's becoming an aggressive player, which is especially important at the college level."

Louderback added Buck's

transition from the national level to the college level seems to have been a smooth one.

Buck, who hails from Yukon, Okla., conditioned herself for the high level of play while in high school. At one point in her high school career, Buck was No. 1 in the 16-and-under United States Tennis Association rankings.

Additionally, Buck won three national doubles titles, collecting wins in the Winter National Championships, the Spring Supernational Championships and the Supernational Hardcourt Championships. By her junior year, Buck also had three state championship titles to her name at No. 1 singles in class 3A.

Despite the tough competition she has faced throughout her career, Buck admits she is still

intimidated taking on ranked players.

But Buck views this sense of apprehension as an advantage.

"It's always good to be a little intimidated going into a match," Buck said. "It makes everyone excited to play and

when you upset a ranked team, it means a lot more to the team."

Buck added she anticipates the challenges other ranked opponents will bring this season. Based on what he has seen from Buck, Louderback believes she will weather those challenges with the same poise she has displayed all season.

"She's proven that she can play with almost anyone," Louderback said. "We're looking forward to seeing what she can do."

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Alison Kessler looks to dribble past a Tri-State defender Dec. 11. Kessler ranks 12th in the MIAA in steals.

## Kessler

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said. "Once you've gotten used to [making free-throw shots] in practice ... there are no nerves in the game. You just shoot."

Kessler will enter Wednesday night's game at Calvin College ranked ninth in the nation for Division-III free-throw accuracy.

Actually, her percentage has dropped 1.5 points in the past week.

In a rare spat, the well-composed freshman missed free throws in consecutive games last week after connecting on 19 in a row. She had climbed to No. 2 in the nation after hitting all eight of her attempts in Saint Mary's Jan. 19 win over Kalamazoo, but she has since "stumbled" — missing two of her last 10. Despite the mild dip, Kessler is connecting on 88.3 percent of

her attempts from the stripe.

Throughout the season, she has steadily increased her attempts from the line.

After beginning the season on the bench, Kessler broke out against Manchester Nov. 23, scoring 13 points and hitting all nine of her free-throw attempts in the second half.

Her 12-point performance against Anderson Dec. 9 furthered her development, and she made her first collegiate start against Hope Jan. 8.

Kessler made that start and has since replaced injured senior guard Katie Boyce in the Belles starting lineup.

Making the most of her increased court time, Kessler has played aggressively, driving to the hoop more and drawing 42 foul shots — and making 36 — in those six games. For the year, Kessler has made 68 of 77 attempts.

She gives credit to coach

Suzanne Bellina's practices for her impressive results. Kessler said she has been so consistent because "we shoot 10 before every practice and record the makes. Then, after each intensive drill, we shoot more free throws. It gets us game ready ... for when we're tired [late in a game]."

However, it is not just from the line where she is helping the Belles to their best season in recent memory. Kessler is second on the team — and 12th in the MIAA — in steals. What's more, the 5-foot-7 guard leads the Belles in offensive rebounds (2.3 per game) and ranks ninth in the conference.

Kessler played high-school ball at New Prairie High School in LaPorte, where she hit just under 80 percent of her free throws and played everything from point guard to power forward.

Among all freshmen, she ranks fourth in scoring in the league at just under nine points per game.

For free-throw inspiration, she looks to junior Tennessee guard and Syracuse, Ind. native Shanna Zolman.

"I look up to her especially because she's from Indiana and is doing so well," Kessler said.

However, the student may have passed the teacher — Zolman is shooting 86.8 percent from the foul line this year — a point and a half behind Kessler.

The Division-III record for career free-throw percentage is 85.3 (minimum of 250 made) by Megan Woodruff of Wilmington (Ohio).

However, Kessler will not worry about that any time soon.

"I'm not going to think about it night-to-night — I'm just going to go shot-by-shot," she said.

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## Kubinski

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season. Because of these accomplishments, he was nominated for the 2004 Golf Coaches' Association of America (GCAA) Assistant Coach of the Year award.

Members of the Irish squad have expressed satisfaction at the decision to hire Kubinski.

"He comes from a pretty storied program, and he knows how to win," sophomore Cole Isban said.

As part of a subcommittee of Irish golfers with senior co-captain K.C. Wiseman and teammates including junior Scott Gustafson and freshman Greg Rodgers, Isban worked actively alongside the hiring committee and the athletic office in the hir-

ing process, which included conducting interviews alongside his teammates at the final four coaching choices.

"We got to give our opinion [on coaching candidates]," Isban said. "We didn't have a large say, but we were kept enlightened as to what was going on [in the hiring process]."

Entering his first head-coaching job, Kubinski comes to the Irish with a desire to succeed both on and off the golf course.

"It's my desire to make Notre Dame a top-10 program on a year in, year out basis, both on the golf course and in the classroom," Kubinski said. "That's what Notre Dame expects and what Notre Dame deserves, and

I know we can achieve that goal," Kubinski said in a release.

Before his coaching career, Kubinski, who has been a member of the PGA since 1999, was a three-time letterman and two-time team captain at Springfield (Mass.) College, and is a 1993 graduate of the college.

With the coaching issue resolved in Kubinski, the Irish can now focus on what comes next.

"This [hiring] is definitely a unifying piece for us," Isban said. "It's good to have everything settled so we can focus on the golf."

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*"It's good to have everything settled so we can focus on the golf."*

**Cole Isban**  
Irish golfer

## Recruits

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Mich. will have the opportunity to throw to a couple of receivers in D.J. Hord and David Grimes. Hord is arguably the most highly-touted of the Irish verbals. The Kansas City native was named Missouri Gatorade Player of the Year while making 36 receptions for 560 yards and six touchdowns his senior year at Rockhurst Jesuit High School. Scout.com lists him the 12th-best receiver in the nation.

Two Scout.com four-star offensive linemen, Paul Duncan and Michael Turkovich, have verbally committed to the Irish. Duncan rejected offers from both LSU and Oklahoma before choosing Notre Dame. He is expected to play offensive tackle

after playing both tackle and tight end in high school and is listed at 6-foot-6, 288-pounds.

Hoping to avoid the secondary problems that plagued them last season, the Irish have picked up verbal commitments from four defensive backs. Cornerback Kyle McCarthy is expected to sign Wednesday along with three safeties — Ray Herring, David Bruton and Kevin Washington.

Rounding out the probable defensive signees are defensive tackles Derrell Hand and Patrick Kuntz and linebacker Scott Smith. On the offensive side Asaph Schwapp is the only fullback verbal commitment while Joey Hiben is expected to sign with the Irish as a tight end.

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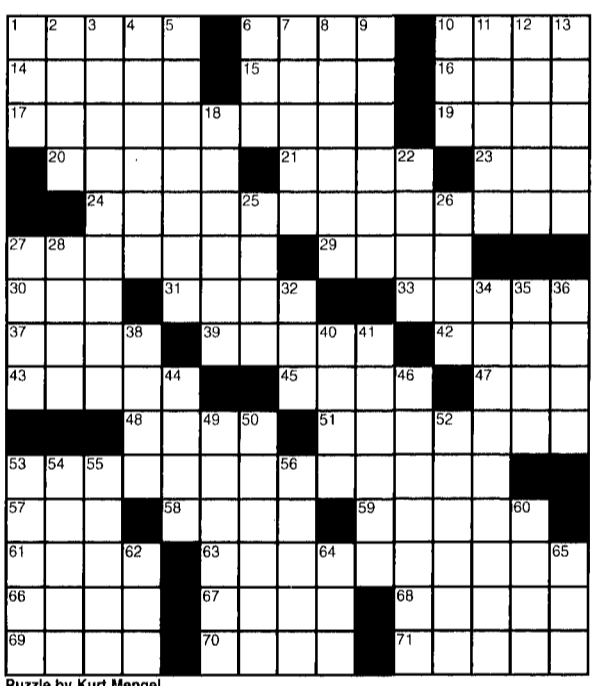
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## FOOTBALL RECRUITING

# Weis' first signing class nearly complete

*Wilson and Lorig remain top undecided prospects for Irish*

By MIKE GILLOON  
Sports Writer

Charlie Weis' first recruiting class as head coach is almost

set. Wednesday is National Signing Day, and Notre Dame has 14 verbal commitments ready to formally commit. There are also a handful of undecided players that have Notre Dame on their final lists and should announce their intentions tomorrow.

The highest-profile undecided Irish recruit is Lawrence Wilson. One of the top defensive end

prospects in the nation, Wilson decommitted from the Irish after the firing of Tyrone Willingham but now has his choices trimmed down to Notre Dame and Ohio State.

"It's hard to say where he'll go," Mike Frank of [Irisheyes.com](http://Irisheyes.com) said. "It's about 50/50. He keeps battling back and forth between Ohio State and Notre Dame."

The other two uncommitted recruits that Notre Dame has a shot at are tight end Erik Lorig and offensive lineman Brian Roche. Roche has narrowed his choice down to Louisville and Notre Dame, but Frank believes the Irish will more than likely sign the 6-foot-5, 280-pound offensive tackle.

"I think Notre Dame has a really good chance at him,"

Frank said. "He really likes coach Weis."

Lorig is rated the eighth-best tight end in the nation and will choose between Notre Dame and Stanford.

Of the 14 verbal commitments, Evan Sharpley is the lone quarterback. The Scout.com four-star player from Marshall,

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## ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

# Irish view Buck as their cornerstone

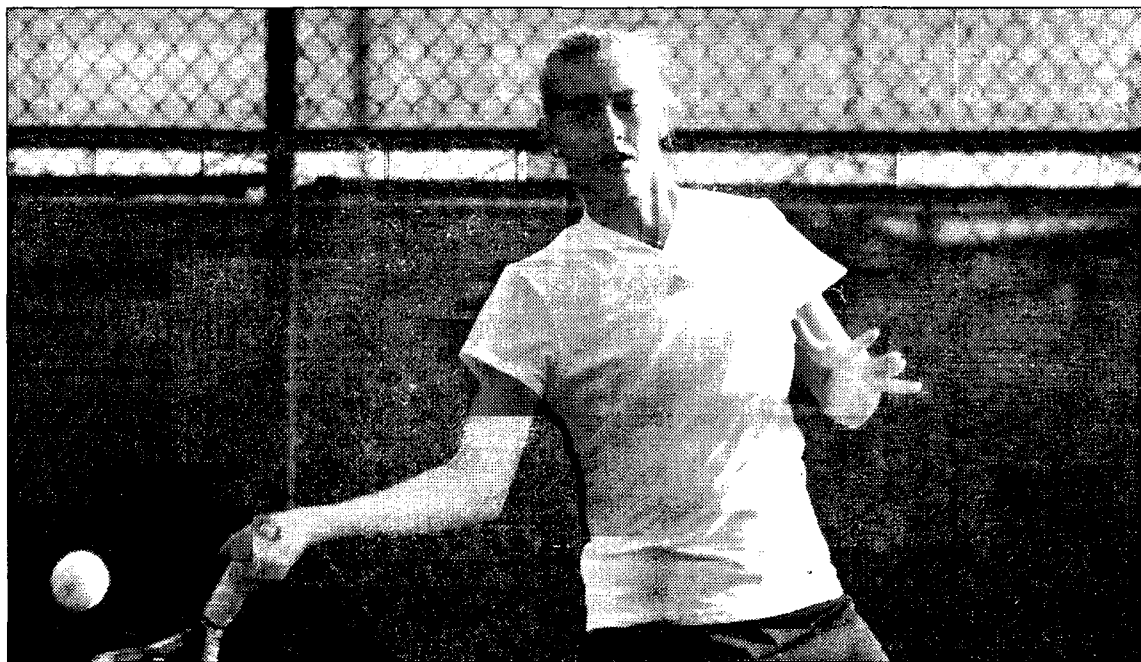
*Freshman holds a 4-1 record against ranked opponents this year*

By ANN LOUGHERY  
Sports Writer

Freshman Brook Buck is quickly becoming a cornerstone on the No. 21 Notre Dame team.

And with good reason. "She hits the ball so hard. She's fearless," sophomore Christian Thompson said. "If you hit any ball down the center of the court, she'll hit it back for a winner."

No. 16 Karin Coetzee of Wake Forest was on the receiving side of Buck's volleys Sunday. Overwhelmed by Buck's potent



Courtesy of Notre Dame Sports Information

Freshman Brook Buck connects on a return in a match during the fall season. Buck plays No. 2 singles for the Irish and defeated No. 16 Karin Coetzee of Wake Forest on Sunday.

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## SMC BASKETBALL

# Kessler relies on the line

*First-year player makes over 88 percent of her free throws*

By KEN FOWLER  
Sports Writer

Free throws are the ones she knows she can make and the ones she practices most.

For Alison Kessler, it's that simple.

"It's definitely mental," Kessler

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## MEN'S GOLF

# Kubinski earns head coaching position

By ERIC RETTER  
Sports Writer

For the 14 members of the Irish golf team, the long wait is finally over.

The school announced Friday it had named former Duke assistant Jim Kubinski as the new head coach of the Irish, ending close to a two-month ordeal for the



Kubinski

team that began when then-head coach John Jasinski resigned for personal reasons on Dec. 7.

Kubinski becomes just the sixth coach in the 76-year history of the program, ending a year-and-a-half long tenure assisting both the men's and women's squads at Duke. During this time he helped lead the men's team to No. 13 ranking in the Golfweek polls and played a large part in the lady Blue Devils' third-place finish in 2004 and their rise to the top of the polls at the close of the fall

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## HOCKEY

# Icers frustrated with poor season

Frustration has already reached its peak.

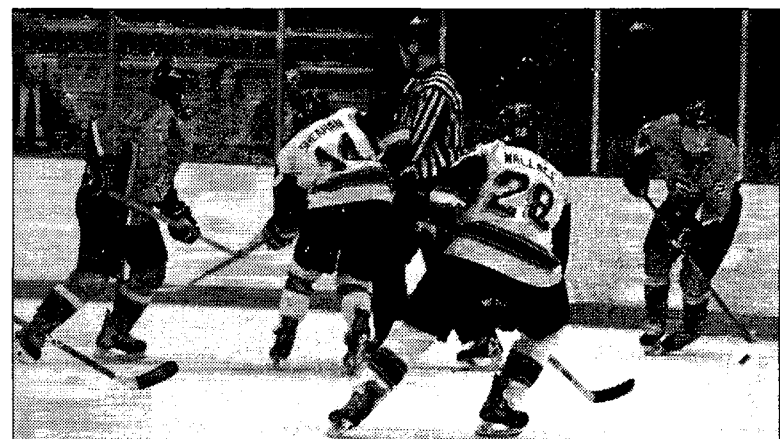
It was apparent when goalie Morgan Cey was pulled after letting in his fifth goal Saturday night against Bowling Green, and the usually-quiet senior netminder tossed his helmet and pads angrily into the tunnel before entering the team's bench.

It was apparent when members of the Irish fan base, fed up with watching their team fail to produce on offense yet again, started an impromptu chant



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Irish winger Tim Wallace, right, moves towards the puck during a game against Bowling Green on Nov. 5.

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goal judge, after already having

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The players' association approved a change in his contract, which is a requirement to complete the deal with the Orioles.

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#### Eagles are looking to their other receivers

Receivers Freddie Mitchell, Todd Pinkston and Greg Lewis will be key to the Eagles passing game.

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#### New England's Harrison responds

The Patriot's safety Rodney Harrison reacts to comments made by the Eagle's Freddie Mitchell last week.

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#### LSU takes No. 1 spot in AP poll

The Tigers rose to the top spot after previous No. 1 Duke lost to North Carolina last week.

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#### Bonds undergoes knee surgery

He is expected to miss most of spring training for recovery.

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