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Students will present to Board of Trustees

Government to offer report on issues of racism, heterosexism and sexism as a 'call to action'

By AMANDA MICHAELS
Assistant News Editor

In a complete reversal of approach from their policy-oriented October report to the Board of Trustees, student body president Adam Istvan,

vice president Karla Bell and chief executive assistant Dave Baron are presenting a report heavy in concepts and light in solutions at the BOT's meeting this afternoon.

Called "Issues of Equality: Creating a Welcoming Environment for All, Part 1:

The Situation," the report is a compilation of testimonials and themes gathered from recent focus groups that address the issues of racism, heterosexism and sexism at Notre Dame.

"This part of the report doesn't necessarily make rec-

ommendations," Baron said. "It's a call to action, and also labels what we're doing well."

With the Trustees' input, they will then go back to the focus groups for more intense discussion, and offer solutions to the problem in their April report to the BOT, Bell said.

Istvan explained that the difference in tactic from their first report — a shift from business to ideals — was not due to the BOT's criticism of their SafeBus plan in October, but was necessitated by the

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Ty firing dominates discussion



PAMELA LOCK/The Observer

Students and faculty gather in the Coleman-Morse lounge Wednesday evening for a discussion entitled "Relationships from Adversity to Acceptance." The event was part of Notre Dame's Diversity Week.

Students and faculty address issues of race

By KATIE WAGNER
News Writer

The question of whether Tyrone Willingham's firing was a black and white issue dominated the discussion of approximately 30 students and faculty in the Diversity

Week edition of "Interrace."

Students' initial contributions to this discussion, entitled "Relationships from Adversity to Acceptance," involved stories of negative interactions between Notre Dame students of different races and socioeconomic classes, resulting in biases toward particular groups.

"It gets a little bit scary when you keep encountering the negative things," said jun-

ior Kachi Okoronkwo.

The rest of the discussion focused on the racial division of students that resulted from the firing of Willingham. Okoronkwo believed some focused on race rather than on the true issues behind Willingham's firing.

"I felt like people were really trying to make it a race issue so we could diminish

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Leaders appeal for green shirt display

Apparel would symbolize unified support for new report on diversity

By KATE ANTONACCI
Assistant News Editor

In an effort to show support for the report on diversity being presented to the Board of Trustees (BOT) this afternoon, the Notre Dame student government declared today to be "WE ARE ND" T-shirt day. Members of student government hope that students wearing the past season's football shirt, or any other green shirt, today will make a bold statement about student support for the report.

"The initiative is a way to bring together the student body, to prove to the Board of Trustees that the issue of equality on campus is important to many students," said student body vice president, Karla Bell.

This year's football shirt supports the idea of campus unity, which is exactly what the student government was looking for when presenting this report.

"The theme of this year's 'The Shirt' was 'We are ND,' this is affirming that we, every student across lines of race, gender and sexual orientation, ARE all ND," said chief executive assistant, Dave Baron.

Many members of the student government believe that students gathering around the cause of diversity will have a large impact. Success in such a campaign would prove that students are capable of responding to campus and community needs and promoting change if necessary.

"As students, we should all

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The Observer names next managing editor

Observer Staff Report

Pat Leonard has been hired to oversee The Observer's editorial operations in 2005-06, incoming Editor in Chief Claire Heining announced Wednesday. Heining also said that current business manager Michael Flanagan will be retained at his current position for the rest of the semester.



Leonard

Leonard will serve as managing editor and his appointment is effective March 14.

As managing editor, Leonard will be responsible for assisting

the editor in chief in overseeing The Observer's editorial departments. He also plans to oversee technological upgrades and writing improvements.

"I look forward to helping provide the leadership and the vision necessary to continue the tradition of excellence at The Observer," he said.

Leonard, a junior American Studies major and Journalism, Ethics and Democracy minor, is currently an Associate Sports Editor. He began working at The Observer as a sports reporter his freshman year and has since covered various beats including women's swimming, men's lacrosse, football and men's basketball.

Leonard is originally from Philadelphia, Penn. and lives in Dillon Hall.

SENATE

Members discuss BOT report



CLAIRE KELLEY/The Observer

Senate members meet to discuss pressing issues, primarily revolving around the upcoming report to the Board of Trustees.

By AMANDA MICHAELS
Assistant News Editor

Discussion at Wednesday night's meeting of the Student Senate revolved around the wording of the sexism section of the Office of the President's report to the Board of Trustees.

During the podium portion of the meeting, Meghanne Downes, managing editor of The Observer, read and distributed a letter that voiced objections to a portion of the report that used the gender of The Observer's editor-in-chiefs as an example of the culture of sexism at Notre Dame — specifically, that the last female editor-in-chief was

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INSIDE COLUMN

Winter survival kit

When leaving for college, most moms give their children "words of advice."

- Eat the five food groups.
- Keep up with your homework.
- Get plenty of sleep.
- Have fun.

But only a mom **Dan Tapetillo** from Arizona would tell her kid, "Daniel, when it snows ... I know you're going to get really excited and want to play in it. But whatever you do, don't jump in it. Your feet will get wet and you'll get sick."

For those of you who haven't grown up with snow during the winters, this column is my advice for you — almost like a mini survival kit for getting through the harsh South Bend winters.

First rule: watch out for ice.

Last winter, I was running out the door to catch up with a friend. The next thing I knew, I completely lost my balance and hit the sidewalk full force. Ice is everywhere and you never know when it'll get you.

Not only did I end up with several cuts and scrapes, but there was also a witness. Knowing somebody was there to see me fall was probably the worst part. And trust me, there will always be somebody there to see you wipe out.

Second rule: stay warm at any cost.

In order to endure the long walks from your dorm to class at DeBartolo, you must come up with a plan of action.

If you're from North Quad, this is the way to go:

First, use every dorm keeping you from your hall to your destination. Being from Zahm, Cavanaugh is only steps away. Not only is it warm, but sometimes I also pick up a friend on the way.

The next building to head to is LaFortune.

LaFortune is key; use it to your advantage. Not only can you get some breakfast, but you can also cut the distance in half.

From there, Hayes-Healey is the next closest building. Nothing special here, but who said anything about every stop having to be scenic?

After this, it is a straight shot to DeBartolo and you're on your own. South, West, God and Mod quaders — get your own plan.

Third rule: even though it is cold, enjoy it while it lasts.

My mom always says, "When life gives you lemons, make lemonade."

So go out and discover all the fun things there are to do with snow.

There are the traditional things like making snowmen, throwing snowballs or sledding. But you also have a chance to get creative.

One of my favorite things to do is to launch snowballs out of a "three-man water balloon launcher." You'd be surprised how much air you get. You can basically launch anything out of it - snow, apples or peeps.

The snowy quad is yours for the taking.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHERE IS YOUR FAVORITE PLACE TO STUDY ON CAMPUS AND WHY?



Chris Garibaldi
freshman
Fisher

"Stall number three."



Katie Jannazo
freshman
Cavanaugh

"In LaFortune because there's lots of food all around."



Gloria Kreitinger
junior
Walsh

"My room because I like to be claustrophobic and sweaty."



Eddie McCarthy
sophomore
Fisher

"Studying? Overrated."



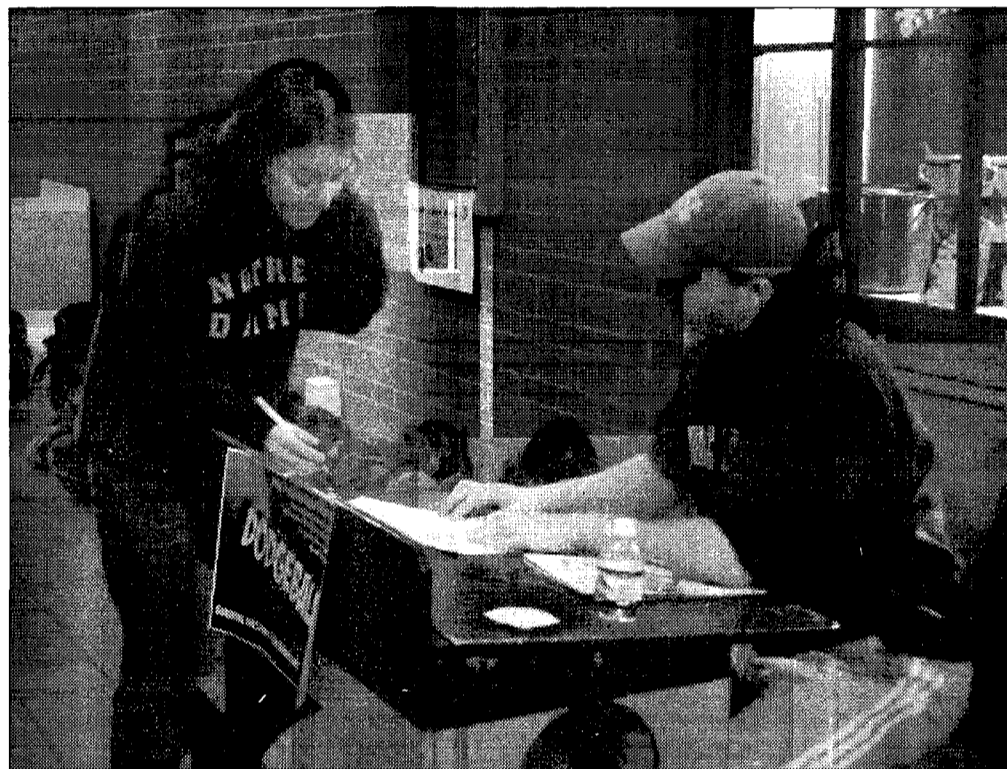
Jeremy Moreno
sophomore
Fisher

"Away from him."



Jon Valenzuela
senior
Fisher

"I'm a senior. I study Thursday nights at Legends with \$2 margaritas."



Student Dayln Martinez signs up in South Dining Hall for a Dodgeball tournament sponsored by the classes of 2006 and 2007.

PAMELA LOCK/The Observer

IN BRIEF

Ruth Mazo Karras, from the University of Minnesota, will give a lecture on "Clerical Chastity and Medieval Masculinities" today from 5 p.m. to 6:15 in 715 Hesburgh Library. The talk is sponsored by the Medieval Institute.

Jerome Clayton Glenn, co-founder and director of The Millennium Project, will be giving the lecture "Long Range Global Challenges and Their Implications for Business" Friday from 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the Jordan Auditorium in the Mendoza College of Business. The talk is part of the "Ten Years Hence" Lecture Series.

Allison Truitt of Cornell University will give a lecture entitled "Dollars are for Keeping: Economic Reforms and the Limits to State" on Friday from 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. in 119 O'Shaughnessy Hall. The lecture is sponsored by the department of anthropology.

The film "Maria Full of Grace" will be shown on Friday at 7 p.m. and 10 in the Browning Cinema in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center.

The Notre Dame men's hockey team will take on Nebraska-Omaha at 7:30 p.m. on Friday in the Joyce Center Fieldhouse.

The men's and women's track teams will take part in the Meyo Invitational from 7 p.m. to 9:30 on Friday in the Loftus Sports Center.

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

OFFBEAT

Woman pleads guilty to selling fake beer

BRISBANE, Australia — A woman pleaded guilty Wednesday to selling on eBay three nonexistent cases of Duff brand beer — the favorite of cartoon character Homer Simpson.

Tara Edith Woodford, 28, pleaded guilty in the Mackay Magistrates Court in northern Queensland state to three charges of dishonestly gaining money by false pretenses.

Prosecutor Gavin Burnett told the court Woodford was paid a total of 1,951 Australian dol-

lars (U.S. \$1,511) by three separate buyers after advertising the bogus beer on the eBay Internet auction site.

Duff is the beer brand of choice for Homer Simpson and his barfly friends in the animated U.S. television series The Simpsons.

Grandmother confesses to cheating in 1957

GYPSUM, Colo. — A high school graduate has confessed to cheating on an English literature test — 47 years ago. Eagle Valley High School Principal Mark Strakbein said he

got a one-page, handwritten letter from a 65-year-old grandmother of five who admitted she and a friend stole the answers to a Shakespeare test in the fall of 1957.

"I know it makes no difference now [after 47 years], except maybe this will keep some student from cheating and help them to be honest — conscience never lets you forget — there is forgiveness with God, and I have that, but I felt I still needed to confess to the school."

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

	TODAY	TONIGHT	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
LOCAL WEATHER						
	HIGH 37 LOW 30	HIGH 21 LOW 15	HIGH 39 LOW 26	HIGH 40 LOW 30	HIGH 44 LOW 30	HIGH 39 LOW 30

Architecture school inaugurates award

Civic design promoter receives \$25,000

Special to The Observer

The University of Notre Dame School of Architecture has selected Henry Hope Reed, a spokesman for the cause of tradition in civic design, as the inaugural recipient of a \$25,000 award named in his honor.

The Henry Hope Reed Award for the promotion and preservation of classical civic art will be presented March 19 at the University Club of Chicago in conjunction with the presentation of Richard Driehaus Prize for Classical Architecture.

Quinlan Terry was announced last week as the recipient of the \$100,000 Driehaus Prize.

Richard Driehaus, the founder and chairman of Driehaus Capital Management in Chicago, established the Henry Hope Reed Award to recognize outstanding contributions to the welfare of the traditional city and its architecture.

The award will be presented annually through the Notre Dame School of Architecture, a national leader in incorporating the ideals of traditional and classical architecture into

the task of modern urban development.

For half a century, Reed has promoted classical traditions in architecture and its allied arts by educating the public about the importance of grandeur in the design of monuments and institutional buildings.

In 1959, Reed published the popular book, "The Golden City," drawn from his experiences as a lecturer in Yale University's Department of Urban Planning, his research on architecture and urbanism, and his walking tours of Manhattan's historic architecture. During the 1960s, Reed served as the first curator of New York City parks.

In 1968, he co-founded Classical America, an organization committed to a resurgence of the grand tradition in American design. Classical America joined forces with The Institute of Classical Architecture in 2004.

Reed is the author of several books, including "The New York Public Library: Its Architecture and Decoration" and "The U.S. Capitol: Its Lesson for Today."

Bush eager to support Palestine

The president hopes to help Mideast peacemaking and battle poverty

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Eager to help Mideast peacemaking and combat Palestinian poverty, President Bush is preparing to seek hundreds of millions of dollars to upgrade security forces and support the Palestinian economy.

Training needs to be improved, and for peacemaking with Israel to have a chance the Palestinians need more jobs and better facilities, Bush administration officials have concluded as Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice prepares to visit the region early next week.

Edward Abington, a former U.S. consul-general in Jerusalem who is a consultant to the Palestinians, estimated Wednesday that Bush and Rice were prepared to be generous in dealing with a "financial crisis" on the West Bank and in Gaza.

Abington, in an interview, said \$50 million that has already approved by Congress would be devoted to programs to create jobs. Up to \$150 million, he said, would be sought from Congress in the current fiscal year for general assistance to the Palestinians, and another \$75 million would come from other funds. Additionally, diplomatic sources, declining to be identified, said another \$100 million would be provided from United

Nations relief efforts.

Election of a new leader, Mahmoud Abbas, to succeed Yasser Arafat, who died in November, has generated support from Israel and the United States.

Egypt on Wednesday summoned the leaders of Israel, the Palestinians and Jordan to a summit meeting next week, and they agreed to attend.

Rice, meanwhile, is due in Israel late Sunday after stops in Europe for talks with allied and other leaders.

Over about 24 hours she plans to confer separately with Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon and with Abbas. She had no plans to attend the four-nation summit talks in Egypt.

"In many ways, the visit itself is the message," Abington said.

"The Palestinians will want to hear the details of what the U.S. is going to do in concrete ways to rebuild their security services and to deal with their desperate economic situation," he said.

Bush devoted part of his State of the Union speech Wednesday night to his hopes for Mideast peacemaking. He was expected to ask Congress for \$350 million for the Palestinians; \$225 million of that appears to be new money.

Rice said Monday that peace was impossible unless the Palestinians gained a state of their own that satisfies their aspirations. She also said state-

hood was "within our grasp."

The Europeans immediately welcomed her remarks. John Bruton, head of the European Commission in Washington, said Tuesday it was a very important statement.

European leaders have been urging Bush to assume a larger role in the Arab-Israeli conflict. Their general view is that unless Israel yields to Palestinian demands, anti-U.S. sentiment in the Arab world will not subside. That message is bound to be conveyed to Rice as she makes her way through European capitals before flying to Israel.

Edward S. Walker, president of the Middle East Institute, said, "I definitely hear something new in there."

"She thinks there are going to be benefits for the U.S. interests and for the president's democracy agenda," the former U.S. ambassador to Egypt and Israel said in an interview.

Referring to the Abbas-led Palestinians, Walker said: "This is possibly going to be an even better example than Iraq in developing democracy. The Palestinians have a better shot."

Shibley Telhami, of the University of Maryland, said, "Given there have been positive events, it is almost certain that she would want to signal this is going to be an important issue for her and for the United States."

THURSDAY

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T-shirt

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have concern for the welfare of one another, especially our peers constantly confronted with the challenges of racism, sexism, and heterosexism on campus," said Steve Cartwright, Keough Hall Senator. "Now is the time to stand up for members of our community who have been marginalized."

The idea initially came out of a discussion between Baron, Cartwright and Jelani McEwen-Torrence, a co-founder of the Sustained Dialogue program at Notre Dame, which encourages discussion about controversial campus issues like diversity, religion and gender.

"At first, we considered creating a new shirt to represent the uniqueness of this report, but it was actually Dave Baron, our chief executive assistant, who suggested that we gather our peers around a familiar theme: We are ND," said Cartwright.

The idea of having T-shirts came from the Be About Change Movement, a group of African American students on campus who had wanted to perform a similar demonstration during finals week. Wearing the same T-shirt will tie all students together, and will unify groups who feel displaced at the University in a visible way, McEwen-Torrence said.

Such forms of non-verbal protests or campaigns are not new on campus. "Gay? Fine by Me" shirts, Tyrone Willingham shirts and Martin Luther King wristbands have all been very visible on campus. The Be About

Change Movement had close to 500 students wearing their T-shirts on campus, McEwen-Torrence said.

Though student participation is always a question, the student government is confident that the student body will rally behind the cause.

"I most certainly feel students will participate," said McEwen-Torrence. "I think this effort has potential to bring a lot of disgruntled groups together under one concept — change. It will be seen as a call to administration and the board of trustees to finish completely on what they set out to do by making Notre Dame a more diverse university."

The BOT report focuses on diversity of gender, race and sexuality on campus, and the student body truly believes that student support will make a difference and will alter the history of Notre Dame.

"In many ways, we are bringing forward issues of social justice and equality in this report; to that end, we are attempting not to disrespect the traditions of Notre Dame, but instead to write our own history with regard to themes central to Catholic Social Teaching," said Cartwright.

The T-shirt campaign is all part of the larger plan to have the University address diversity on campus; and the student government is hoping for success.

"If we succeed, we will show University administration, trustees, faculty and staff that there are serious issues to be addressed and that we have made a priority of caring for one another," said Cartwright.

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Senate

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in the 1999-2000 school year. The report went on to speculate, using these statistics, that "[these statistics] could possibly be a reflection of how women often fill supporting roles rather than top leadership positions."

Though the letter supported the student government's effort to address the topic of diversity, it took issue with the implication that The Observer's hiring practices were discriminatory, and that all those positions under the editor-in-chief could be classified as "supporting roles."

"It is The Observer's belief that the numbers cited in the report were not put in the proper context, or researched with the proper diligence, to accurately assess the culture and operations of The Observer," read the letter. "It is also The Observer's belief that it should not have been selected as the report's single statistical example among campus media for this type of 'under-representation,' especially considering The Observer's diverse leadership composition as described above."

In defense of the report in open discussion later in the meeting, chief executive assistant Dave Baron pointed out that it also critiques student government for its lack of female presidential leadership, and indicated that the editor-in-chief of The Observer is an "extremely

high figurehead" on campus. "No intent of offensiveness was made including these figures," Baron said. "We're just taking an honest look at what we are at Notre Dame. This is a statistically accurate description."

He also emphasized that the entire report is about the culture of discrimination at Notre Dame, and not a criticism of an individual organization.

Baron then offered to remedy the situation if senators felt it necessary. The majority of senators who took part in the subsequent discussion suggested the authors of the report offer a letter of apology to The Observer, and if necessary, make specific reference to the situation during today's BOT meeting.

Baron agreed to write a letter of apology, clarifying that The Observer's hiring practices are not deemed sexist, and recognizing the importance of those in roles other than the editor-in-chief. The letter from The Observer will be distributed to Father Mark Poorman, Vice President of Student Affairs; Bill Goodyear, chair of the Board of Trustees Student Affairs Committee; and the Council of Representatives.

In other Senate news:

♦ Judicial Council president Brin Anderson addressed election and campaign issues during her time at podium.

She noted that the primary debate was tonight in the area of LaFortune by the Burger King, with a meet-

and-greet session at 6:30 p.m. and the actual debate at 7 p.m. All tickets will have the opportunity to give an opening statement and answer as many audience questions as time allows. The debate will end at 8 p.m., at which time there will be an "O.C." watch with refreshments provided by the Judicial Council.

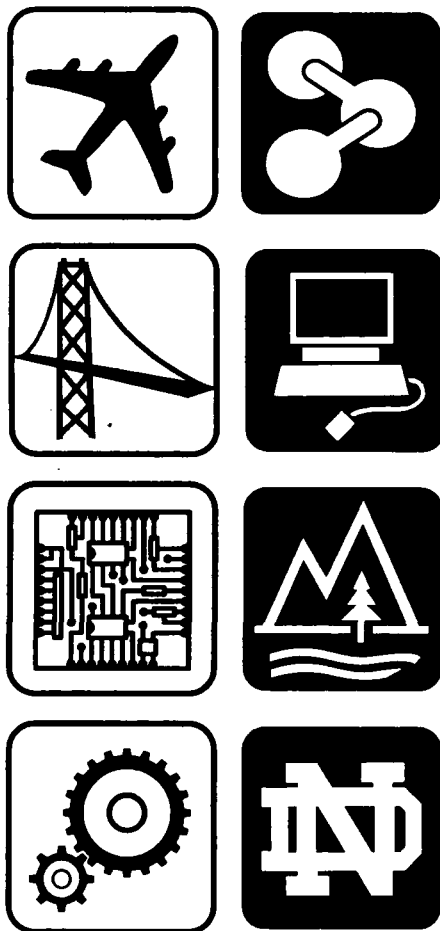
The primary election is Monday, and students can vote online as well as in voting booths that will be open in LaFortune from 3:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Anderson also told senators to remind their dorm's Judicial Board representative to attend the hearings on campaign violations. Two violations went without being heard because there were not enough members at each meeting to secure quorum, and there is a 36-hour time limit on violation accusations.

Junior Trevor Gass presented a video on "Challenge Day"—a program that brings together a diverse group of youths in an intense six-hour discussion about issues ranging from drugs and alcohol to bullying and abuse. Gass proposed that Notre Dame facilitate a Challenge Day next semester, with University students leading a group from the South Bend area schools. He encouraged any of the interested senators to attend a Challenge Day in Detroit this weekend, all expenses paid, to get a better feeling of how the program works.

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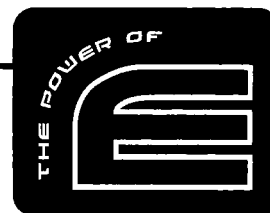
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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

IRA's actions slow peace process

DUBLIN, Ireland — The Irish Republican Army on Wednesday withdrew its offer to disarm, deepening the deadlock in a Northern Ireland peace process hobbled by the IRA's alleged robbery of a Belfast bank.

In a hard-line statement, the IRA sternly rejected British and Irish government criticisms that the outlawed group was committing major crimes and primarily to blame for the worsening impasse. But the IRA did pledge to stick to its 1997 cease-fire.

The IRA had offered in December to disarm fully as part of a wider deal to revive a Catholic-Protestant administration in Northern Ireland involving Sinn Fein, the IRA-linked party that represents most of the north's Catholics. The potential deal failed when the IRA refused to permit photos to be taken of its disarmament, a key Protestant demand.

Iran to continue nuclear program

TEHRAN, Iran — Iran will never scrap its nuclear program, and talks with Europeans are intended to protect the country's nuclear achievements, not negotiate an end to them, an Iranian official said Wednesday.

The remarks by Ali Agha Mohammadi, spokesman of Iran's powerful Supreme National Security Council, are the latest in a hardening of his country's stance amid ongoing talks with European negotiators. They also reflect Tehran's possible frustration at the lack of progress.

Europe is pressing Iran for concessions on its nuclear program, which the United States claims is aimed at producing atomic weapons. In exchange for nuclear guarantees, the Europeans are offering Iran technological and financial support and talks on a trade deal.

NATIONAL NEWS

13 indicted in crime spree

BALTIMORE — Thirteen people have been indicted for drug trafficking, including a man who appears in a DVD — along with NBA star Carmelo Anthony — aimed at scaring residents from telling police about drug dealers, authorities said Wednesday.

The drug operation, known as the "Rice Organization," sold more than 1,600 kilograms of cocaine and heroin over a 10-year period in Baltimore, federal prosecutor Allen Loucks said.

The indictment also alleges the group conducted contract murders to protect their trade. The government is seeking forfeiture of \$27 million in criminal proceeds, including homes and luxury vehicles.

Plane runs into NJ warehouse

TETERBORO, N.J. — A corporate jet skidded off a runway Wednesday on takeoff and hurtled across a six-lane highway during the morning rush hour, smashing into two cars and punching through the wall of a warehouse. About 20 people were taken to the hospital, including two injured in their cars.

Crew members and passengers walked or crawled from the burning wreckage after the crash at Teterboro Airport, a small airport about 12 miles from midtown Manhattan that caters to executive jets.

"I think everybody at this point is extremely lucky and fortunate," said acting Gov. Richard J. Codey.

LOCAL NEWS

Granite kills construction worker

VALPARAISO — More than two tons of granite fell on a worker at a construction site in northwestern Indiana, killing him, authorities said.

Damon Daniels, 24, of Michigan City was pronounced dead at the site Tuesday afternoon by emergency workers, said Porter County Sheriff's Sgt. Tim Emmons.

Porter County Coroner Roger Kleist said an autopsy will be performed Wednesday, but the likely cause of death was suffocation from the weight of the five, 1,000-pound granite slabs.

Bush calls for Social Security overhaul

President's plan would reduce guaranteed benefits for younger Americans

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush challenged a hesitant Congress on Wednesday to "strengthen and save" Social Security, saying the nation's costliest social program was headed for bankruptcy unless changed. Bush's plan would cut guaranteed retirement benefits for younger Americans but would not affect checks for people now 55 and older.

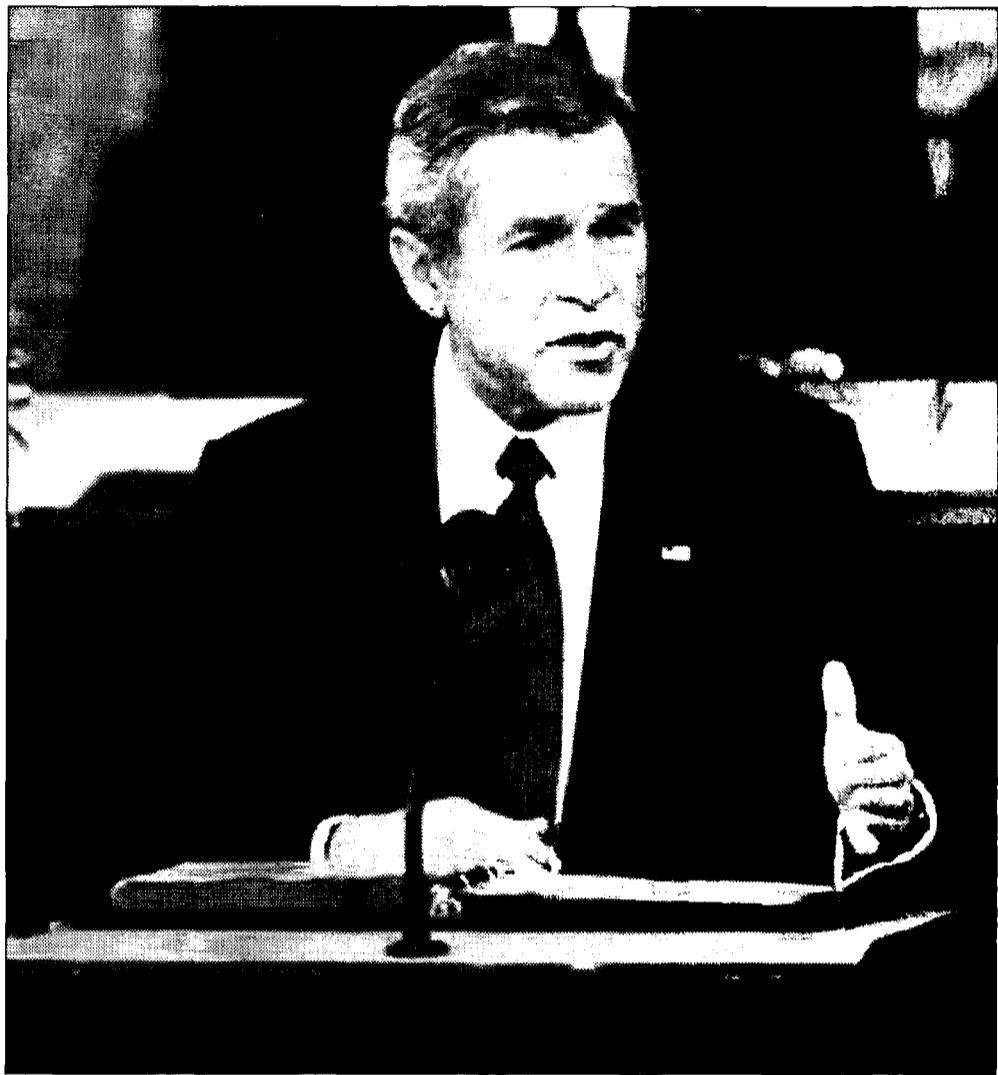
Bush, in his State of the Union address, pledged to work with Congress "to find the most effective combination of reforms," although he has ruled out some remedies such as raising Social Security taxes.

Democrats said that Bush's proposal to divert Social Security revenues into private investment accounts was dangerous and that there were better ways to fix the program, the 70-year-old centerpiece of the New Deal.

Republicans stood and cheered when Bush urged lawmakers to approve "voluntary personal retirement accounts." Democrats sat in stony silence, underscoring the partisan divide on an issue likely to dominate the year in Congress. Democrats also groaned and grumbled when Bush said Social Security would require drastically higher taxes, massive new borrowing or severe benefit cuts unless the system is changed.

Bush's speech spanned problems at home and abroad, but it was the first State of the Union address since the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks that focused most heavily on domestic issues. Despite Democrats' criticism, he offered no hint of a timetable for a troop withdrawal from Iraq.

He pledged to confront regimes that promote terror and pursue weapons of mass destruction, and singled out Syria and Iran. Returning to his inaugural



President Bush speaks at his State of the Union Address. Social Security reform was a major topic of interest during the speech.

address' theme of spreading democracy, Bush hailed the success of Sunday's elections in Iraq.

"And the victory of freedom in Iraq will strengthen a new ally in the war on terror, inspire democracy reformers from Damascus to Tehran, bring more hope and progress to a troubled region," he said.

Bush also promised to push forward for Mideast peace, including \$350 million in aid to the Palestinians.

"The goal of two democratic states, Israel and Palestine, living side by side in peace, is within reach, and America will help them achieve that goal," the president said.

With more than 1,400 Americans killed in Iraq and the United States spending more than \$1 billion a week on the war, Bush urged Congress to support his request for an additional \$80 billion. "During this time of war, we must continue to support our military and give them the tools for victory," he said.

While key allies like Germany and France opposed the war, Bush said his administration "will continue to build the coalitions that will defeat the dangers of our time."

House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, delivering the Democratic response, challenged Bush on Iraq.

"We all know that the United States cannot stay in Iraq indefinitely and continue to be viewed as an occupying force," she said. "Neither should we slip out the back door, falsely declaring victory but leaving chaos. ... We have never heard a clear plan from this administration for ending our presence in Iraq."

Emboldened by his reelection, Bush called on lawmakers to move on several controversial fronts, including liberalizing the nation's immigration laws, imposing limits on medical malpractice lawsuits, simplifying taxes and extending the life of the tax cuts enacted during his first term.

CUBA

Castro alleges Bush is 'deranged'

Associated Press

HAVANA — In his first public remarks since the United States dubbed Cuba an outpost of tyranny, Fidel Castro called President Bush "deranged" and belittled recent improvements in relations between Cuba and Europe.

In a televised address late Tuesday, Castro maintained his trademark go-it-alone attitude, saying his communist-run island is a paradise that is doing fine without the help of the United States or Europe.

Cuba "doesn't need the United States. It doesn't need Europe," he said. "What a wonderful thing to be

able to say, that [Cuba] doesn't need any assistance — it's learned to live without it."

Speaking at an international pedagogy conference in Havana, Castro referred only briefly to comments by Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, who last month identified Cuba, Myanmar, Belarus and Zimbabwe as "outposts of tyranny" that would require close U.S. attention. He said if the mission of Bush's administration was to crush tyranny, "our mission is to defeat empires."

The Cuban leader, wearing his olive green military uniform, linked Bush's government to corruption and torture. He said he closely watched the

U.S. leader's inauguration speech Jan. 20 and saw "the face of a deranged person."

"If only it were just the face," he said to roars of applause by educators from 52 countries at the conference.

The Cuban leader also warned against a potential invasion by the United States, a theme often repeated in public addresses. Washington has said repeatedly it has no plans to attack the Caribbean island.

"If they make the mistake of attacking this country, well Mr. Bush, or whoever will be there, I recommend to you it would be better if you use 50 nuclear bombs to exterminate all of us," he said.

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more conceptual topic. Baron, Istvan and Bell each worked with the focus groups and campus organizations to identify the conflicts at the root of their individual issues — racism, heterosexism and sexism, respectively.

The section on racism addresses the “disconnect” between racial groups on campus, specifically regarding the firing of former Irish football head coach, Tyrone Willingham, and the lack of opportunities for those genuinely interested in bridging the gap.

“It’s very important that everyone of the majority consciously thinks about race and everything that affects it. In regards to the Willingham firing, we couldn’t get a good answer of whether there was a good discussion of the race issue,” Istvan said.

It also highlights the low number of campus resources for exploring diversity, but the high demand that overwhelms them, often forcing students interested in classes or Social Concerns Seminars that deal with race on to long waiting lists.

The section on heterosexism deals with the problems faced by the gay, lesbian and bisexual students the report calls “invisible minority,” including the pressure to “hook-up” and the misunderstanding of the Catholic stance on the issue of homosexuality.

The final part explores the perceived atmosphere of sexism that pervades Notre Dame.

“We are a community on campus, but one that is separated by gender lines,” Bell said. The report cites the inequality of treatment between men’s and women’s dorms, the lack of resources at Health Services and the Counseling Center to deal with gender-concentrated problems like sexual assault and eating disorders and the prevalence of women in supporting roles in campus organizations.

“There are problems that are true in all three sections of the report. There is a common vernacular that uses insensitive language. Stall notes are chock full of sexist remarks. If something is bad or wanted, it’s called ‘gay,’” Istvan said. “The problem is that people don’t realize these comments are hurting people.”

Istvan, Bell and Baron said they saw discrimination and inclusion as the major concerns of the student body, and felt it was their responsibility to make the BOT aware of the full extent of the problem, since the Trustees are only on campus a few times a year.

“The Board of Trustees report is the most important opportunity the student government has to make an impact on the University,” Istvan said. “Diversity is the most important issue on campus right now, so

we might as well use our best opportunity to address it.”

In an effort to encourage students to claim what Istvan called “authorship” of the report, it was posted on the student government’s Web site on Monday for all to read.

Today is also the official ‘We Are ND’ day of Diversity Week, and the leaders are hoping the campus wears their green T-shirts in a show of support and solidarity for their presentation.

Istvan will not be presenting at today’s meeting, as he has an interview with the U.S. Navy, the date of which was impossible to change. However, he expressed confidence in Baron and Bell’s abilities and in the strength of the report.

“This issue is so important,” Istvan said. “It doesn’t matter who presents it.”

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[the firing’s] importance,” said Okoronkwo.

Alan Green, an employee of the Notre Dame athletic department, said that Willingham had a positive impact on so many things on this campus that people in other parts of the country simply didn’t understand.

“It didn’t seem that it was taken into consideration enough to affect the decision [to fire Willingham],” he said.

Green also disapproved of the news media’s coverage of blacks’ reactions to the firing. According to Green, it wasn’t that the black community didn’t find ways to express their reasons for discontent, but that certain parts of their message were filtered out.

“The journalists chose what to publish,” said Green.

Christy Fleming, assistant professional specialist in the First Year of

Studies, agreed that people developed uninformed opinions about the blacks community’s response to the firing

“To me [the Black Alumni’s statement on the firing] was stated very clearly,” said Fleming. “I think people didn’t get it, because they didn’t want to get it.”

She also said that because Willingham was one of only five black coaches in the nation, his being fired was, by necessity, a race issue.

Iris Outlaw, director of Multicultural Student Programs/Services, said that the discussion was an attempt to get people to sit back, listen, empathize and try to understand. Outlaw also said that it was interesting to see the enthusiasm of the students who bought and sold the Willingham shirts.

“You students really are the motor, the driving force behind this institution,” said Outlaw.

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IN BRIEF

GE won't take more orders in Iran

STAMFORD — General Electric Co., which has been accused of collecting "blood money" by doing business in Iran, will stop accepting any new orders for business in the country, company officials said Wednesday.

"Because of uncertain conditions related to Iran, including concerns about meeting future customer commitments, we will not accept any new orders for business in Iran effective Feb. 1," said Gary Sheffer, a GE spokesman. "This moratorium on new orders will be re-evaluated as conditions relating to Iran change."

The move by the world's largest company by market value comes just days after another conglomerate, Halliburton Co., announced it will wind down its operations in Iran.

"We're seeing a turnaround by a number of U.S. companies operating in Iran," said Dan Katz, chief counsel to U.S. Sen. Frank Lautenberg, D-N.J.

Katz said the moves may signal an imminent change in U.S. policy that had allowed foreign subsidiaries of American companies to do business in Iran.

Model awarded \$15.6 million in suit

SAN FRANCISCO — A jury has awarded \$15.6 million to a man whose image was used for years without his permission on Taster's Choice coffee labels.

Russell Christoff, a former model from Northern California, posed for a two-hour Nestle photo shoot in 1986 but figured it was a bust — until he stumbled across his likeness on a coffee jar while shopping at a drug store in 2002.

"I looked at it and said, 'That's me!'" Christoff said Tuesday during a news conference at his talent agent's office.

A legal dispute with Nestle USA ensued, during which Christoff, 58, declined the company's \$100,000 settlement offer, and Nestle USA turned down his offer to settle for \$8.5 million.

Last week, a Los Angeles County Superior Court jury ordered Nestle USA to pay Christoff \$15.6 million for using his likeness without his permission and profiting from it. The award includes 5 percent of the Glendale-based company's profit from Taster's Choice sales from 1997 to 2003.

WorldCom Settlement will wait

Directors get break as judge disallows settlement to compensate company's investors

Associated Press

NEW YORK — A unique deal in which 10 former WorldCom directors would personally pay \$18 million of a \$54 million settlement to compensate investors over the company's plunge into bankruptcy will be withdrawn, plaintiffs said Wednesday.

New York State Comptroller Alan Hevesi, the lead plaintiff, announced that the plaintiffs were pulling out of the deal after U.S. District Judge Denise Cote on Wednesday struck down a key component of the agreement.

Hevesi said the settlement was scuttled because Cote ruled that any jury award resulting from a Feb. 28 trial could not be reduced using a formula that would have taken into account the limited finances of the directors who settled.

"I'm very disappointed," Hevesi said. "The settlement is being terminated solely because of the potential impact on the amount other defendants might pay if the suit is successful."

The unusual proposed settlement marked one of the few times that executives who presided over corporate misdeeds have agreed to assume any personal financial liability for the resulting damage.

Hevesi said the settlement had set a precedent that directors would be held accountable and represented a "red alert to directors to do the job they have to do."

A lawyer for the directors, Paul Curnin, did not immediately return a call for comment Wednesday.

The WorldCom director payments, which would have been equal to slightly more than 20 percent of their combined net worth, were to be supplemented by



Former WorldCom Chief Executive Bernard Ebbers arrives to trial on Wednesday. Prosecutors have charged Ebbers with accounting fraud but 10 former WorldCom directors may escape his financial fate.

another \$36 million from insurance policies covering WorldCom. Some investment banks that were defendants in the case had objected to the settlement, telling Cote they would be unfairly prejudiced unless all the defendants stood trial together.

The deal had been reached about two weeks before the start of a federal criminal trial against WorldCom Chief Executive Bernard Ebbers. That trial continued Wednesday before another judge in federal court in Manhattan.

Investors lost billions of dollars when it was revealed in 2002 that

WorldCom had inflated profits by at least \$11 billion.

"Regrettably, we have no choice but to terminate the settlement, as historic as it is, because we cannot take the risk that a jury verdict against the investment banks might be reduced by an amount substantially higher than the settling director's ability to pay," said Sean Coffey, a lawyer for the plaintiffs.

Jonathan Gasthalter, a spokesman for the banks, said: "The bond underwriters have no objection to the WorldCom directors entering into a lawful settlement with investors. The plaintiffs

wanted to include a judgment reduction formula that we believe is clearly unlawful, and we are pleased that Judge Cote has agreed with us."

Hevesi is the lead plaintiff because as New York State's comptroller, he is the sole trustee of the New York State Common Retirement Fund. The fund provides benefits for New York state employees, including police and firefighters.

Hevesi estimated that the fund, which serves 971,000 people across the state, lost as much as \$9 billion as a direct or indirect result of WorldCom's collapse.

Apple's competitors challenge iPod

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Is music something you own or something you rent?

How music fans answer that question in coming months will help determine the viability of a new slate of online music services that offer to fill portable music players with an unlimited number of songs for a monthly fee.

While the music subscription approach has grown in recent years, far more music fans have opted to buy songs by the track, a business model popularized by Apple Computer Inc.'s iTunes Music Store and its hugely successful iPod portable player.

But the release late last year of new copy-protection software from Microsoft Corp. may begin to change that. The software frees subscribers to move their rented tracks from their computers to certain portable music players.

The system works by essentially putting a timer on the tracks loaded on the player. Every time the user connects the player to the PC and the music service, the player automatically checks whether the user's subscription is still in effect. Songs stop playing if the subscription has lapsed. If the user doesn't regularly synch up the player with the service, the songs go dead as well.

"This is potentially the first serious

challenge that the iPod is going to face," said Phil Leigh, president of Tampa, Fla.-based Inside Digital Media. "What these devices are going to be able to do is attack iPod where it's weak."

Several online music purveyors see portability as selling point that can lure consumers to their subscription services. Forrester Research projects music subscription revenues will more than double this year to \$240 million, largely because of portability.

RealNetworks, MusicNow and MusicNet, which distributes its service through brands like America Online and Cdigix, all have plans to launch portable subscription services this year or early 2006 at the latest.

Soldiers testify on prison conditions



Sgt. Javal Davis leaves the courthouse after a day of sentencing hearings in Fort Hood, Texas Wednesday. Davis pleaded guilty to battery and two other charges connected to the Abu Ghraib prison scandal.

Associated Press

FORT HOOD, Texas — Conditions at the Abu Ghraib prison were so “deplorable” that rats and wild dogs were a common sight and edible food and water were scarce, a witness testified Wednesday in the penalty phase for a soldier who has pleaded guilty to abusing detainees.

Army Maj. David Dinenna, a leader of Sgt. Javal Davis’s military police battalion, testified that Abu Ghraib was a bleak and volatile place for the thousands of detainees and their vastly outnumbered guards.

“It was filthy, with rodents, rats, wild dogs and trash and an overpopulation of prisoners,” said Dinenna. There were frequent mortar attacks and prisoner flare-ups.

Davis, 27, a reservist from Roselle, N.J., pleaded guilty Tuesday to battery, dereliction of duty and lying to Army investigators as part of a deal with prosecutors on the eve of his scheduled trial.

The former guard faces a maximum 6 1/2 years in prison for his crimes, but defense lawyer Paul Bergrin has said that the plea deal caps Davis’s sentence at 18 months.

Capt. Chuck Neill, a prosecution spokesman, said the jury’s sentence recommendation will be compared to the deal offered to Davis, and the lesser sentence will be served.

Earlier in the hearing, prosecutors played a tape for the nine-man Army jury in which Davis responded to questions from the judge on Tuesday about what he did to seven handcuffed and hooded prisoners in November 2003.

In the tape, Davis admitted he stepped on the hands and feet of detainees and that he later fell with his full weight on them.

Davis said he knew his actions were wrong and that the abuse was not carried out as part of an approved regimen prior to interrogation, as other accused Abu Ghraib guards have claimed.

He said he saw prisoners being physically mistreated and sexually humiliated, but that he failed to help them or report the abuse, as required under military law. He also admitted lying to an Army investigator by denying his misdeeds.

Davis also spoke of dangers faced by guards at Abu Ghraib, including prisoners armed with homemade knives. He blamed a high level of stress for his wrongful acts.

However, under cross-examination, Dinenna agreed that guards at other U.S.-run detention facilities in Iraq faced similar conditions but didn’t abuse prisoners as a result.

The recording was the only evidence offered by prosecutors during the sentencing phase, which is scheduled to take at least two days.

Bergrin has said he will likely call Davis to testify, and he will present videotaped testimony from three Iraqi detainees who say Davis treated them well.

Five other soldiers have already pleaded guilty in the case and been sentenced. Two others— Spc. Sabrina Harman and Pfc. Lynndie England — still face trial.

The only case to reach trial was that of Pvt. Charles Graner, described as the abuse ringleader. Graner was convicted in January and sentenced to 10 years in prison.

“It was filthy, with rodents, rats, wild dogs and trash and an overpopulation of prisoners.”

David Dienna
Army Major

Ebersol speaks about fatal charter jet crash

Plane ascended about 20 feet before plummeting

Associated Press

DENVER — A chartered jet carrying NBC Sports executive Dick Ebersol and his sons climbed 20 feet to 50 feet off the ground before it crashed at a western Colorado airport in an accident that killed three people, a federal investigator says.

The jet’s left wing dipped after takeoff and the pilot took corrective action but the left wing dipped again and struck the ground, National Transportation Safety Board investigator Arnold Scott said he was told by Ebersol.

Ebersol said it acted “like someone dropped a heavy weight on the left wing,” Scott said Tuesday. Ebersol also saw “large chunks of

slush” flying past the plane’s window as it taxied out for takeoff, the investigator said. His son, Charlie Ebersol, recalled seeing large water droplets.

The NTSB is investigating whether snow or ice on the Challenger 601’s wings may have contributed to the Nov. 28 accident at Montrose Regional Airport.

Killed were Edward “Teddy” Ebersol, the 14-year-old son of Dick Ebersol and actress Susan Saint James; pilot Luis Alberto Polanco, 50, of the Dominican Republic; and flight attendant Warren T. Richardson III, 36, of Coral Gables, Fla.

Dick Ebersol, Charlie Ebersol, and co-pilot Eric Wicksell, 30, of Daytona Beach, Fla., were injured.

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Pope's hospitalization extended

No immediate alarm exists, doctors monitor possible complications

Associated Press

VATICAN CITY — Pope John Paul II's doctors were on guard for complications Wednesday, a day after the frail, 84-year-old pontiff was hospitalized with the flu and breathing trouble.

Pneumonia remained a potentially deadly threat, but the Holy See insisted there was "no cause for alarm." Roman Catholics from Poland to the Philippines prayed for his recovery.

The pope will be hospitalized for a few more days to afford "many means to stay ready for any complications," said Cardinal Javier Lozano Barragan, head of the Vatican's health care office.

The slumping pontiff also suffers from Parkinson's disease and crippling hip and knee ailments, and his inability to hold his back up straight has left his lungs and diaphragm in a crushed position, Barragan told Associated Press Television News.

Tests showed the pope's heart

and respiration were normal, and he felt well enough to participate from his bed in a Mass celebrated by his secretary, said papal spokesman Joaquin Navarro-Valls.

He said John Paul was running a slight fever and would spend "a few more days" for treatment of respiratory problems at Rome's Gemelli Polyclinic, where he was taken by ambulance Tuesday night.

"There is no cause for alarm," Navarro-Valls said.

Cardinal Angelo Sodano, the Vatican secretary of state, also played down the severity of the illness Wednesday evening. The pope was "recovering well," Sodano told private Italian TV Canale 5, adding that he expected the situation to improve in a few days.

Still, American experts said a case like the pontiff's could lead to life-threatening pneumonia. "That's the complication of influenza that most frequently, by

far, carries people off," said Dr. William Schaffner, an infectious diseases expert at Vanderbilt University.

"I'm sure every physician (following news reports of the pope's case) is already worried that pneumonia might develop," Schaffner said.

Elderly men with long-standing, debilitating chronic disease like Parkinson's often die of pneumonia, which comes as "the final straw" in a long assault by disease on the body, said geriatrics specialist Dr. William Hall of the University of Rochester.

The pope's slumped posture would not only impede his breathing but also make it harder for him to cough normally, a reaction that in healthy people helps keep pneumonia bacteria from entering the lungs, Hall said.

Pneumonia is "often very difficult to treat because you have introduced bacteria that don't belong in the lungs," said Dr. Michael Freedman, head of geriatrics at New York University Medical Center.

"You usually need multiple antibiotics programs," he said. "The big danger is that if you are having trouble getting air into you, you can just tire out and you just can't keep up with it."

In St. Peter's Square, in John Paul's native Poland and in many of the 129 countries the pope has visited over a 26-year papacy, the faithful paused to pray for the spiritual leader of the world's 1 billion Catholics.

White House press secretary Scott McClellan said Americans' "thoughts and prayers are with the Holy Father," and in Rome, chief rabbi Riccardo Di Segni offered prayers for a quick recovery.

Maria Pasnik, 46, a housewife in the pope's hometown of Wadowice, Poland, expressed a simple, anguished wish: "I pray that we can see or hear him again."

In Mexico City, the Basilica of Guadalupe remained open during the night for anyone who wished to offer prayers. It was here, in 2002, that the pope canonized Indian saint Juan Diego during a fifth visit to the country, where he remains immensely popular.

SRI LANKA

Tsunami victims not receiving sufficient aid

70 percent of Sri Lankans left destitute

Associated Press

COLOMBO — Bureaucratic bungling has blocked food and medicine from reaching 70 percent of Sri Lankans left destitute by the tsunami, a government official said Wednesday, while nine survivors of the disaster were found deep in a jungle on a remote Indian island.

In a drama that has captured worldwide attention, a judge in Sri Lanka ruled Wednesday that a couple must undergo a DNA test to prove they are the parents of the 4-month-old tsunami survivor known as "Baby 81." After the ruling, the distraught couple stormed into the hospital where the infant is being held, screaming "Give us our baby!" They were briefly held by police, then released.

Thilak Ranavirajah, chief of Sri Lanka's presidential task force coordinating relief, said bureaucratic incompetence and ignorance had considerably slowed aid delivery.

He estimated relief had reached only 30 percent of those who need it in the second hardest-hit nation, after Indonesia.

"This is not satisfactory," Ranavirajah said. "The president directed me to see that all families, or at least 70 percent to 75 percent of them, get relief by this weekend."

The massive Indian Ocean earthquake and tsunami that struck on Dec. 26 killed more than 30,000 in Sri Lanka, while nearly 1 million people lost family members or their homes.

On India's remote Campbell Bay island, police searching for bodies found nine tsunami survivors deep in a jungle.

They had spent 38 days wandering across villages flattened by the killer waves, eating coconuts and hunting boars to survive and making fires by rubbing sticks together.

The nine people belong to the Nicobarese tribe and include five men, two women and two teenage girls, Inspector Shaukat Hussain told The Associated Press by telephone from Campbell Bay, the only town in Great Nicobar, India's southernmost island.

The island, located in the Andaman and Nicobar archipelago, is also known as Campbell Bay, after its only town.

It is just 140 miles from Banda Aceh, the worst-hit area in Indonesia. Many of the island's villages were wiped out.

"They were sitting in the forest when we saw them, and they just ran to us, without saying anything," said Hussain. "They seemed happy, yes, but there was no hugging and tears and shouting in joy and all that."

Two of the survivors were severely dehydrated and were hospitalized. The other seven were sent to a relief camp.

In the Sri Lankan capital, hundreds of people protested outside the U.N. World Food Program office Wednesday, complaining they had not received food rations. Demonstrators from the southern coastal town of Matara submitted a petition seeking U.N. intervention.

This was not the first sign of trouble with Sri Lanka's aid effort. On Tuesday, the government began investigating complaints that food aid intended for tsunami victims had disappeared and some of the homeless living in camps were being fed rotten supplies.

The World Food Program said it had donated some 10,000 tons of rice, lentils and sugar and had delivered the supplies to government stores island-wide.

"We can't understand why the people aren't getting it," World Food Program spokeswoman Selvi Sachithanandam said.

The cumulative death toll from 11 nations stood at between 158,000 and 178,000 Wednesday, with an another 142,000 people estimated missing.

World leaders are trying to further coordinate the global aid effort, with former President Clinton appointed Tuesday to take over as the U.N. point man for post-tsunami reconstruction.

Also Wednesday, Australian Prime Minister John Howard visited Indonesia's battered Aceh region on the northern tip of Sumatra island.

He surveyed damage by helicopter, visited a field hospital to meet Australian aid workers and discussed Australian-funded relief efforts with Indonesian officials.

"Nothing I have seen on television could capture the extent of the devastation," Howard said after flying over the coast.

A moderate earthquake of magnitude 5.2 Wednesday caused panic among jittery residents of Indonesia's main Java island, but there were no immediate reports of casualties.

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Heading south is for the birds

Come winter, the weather in South Bend is less than desirable. Temperatures are low enough to make most people try their luck with a plane ticket to Siberia, and it seems as if we are left with the feeling that we live inside a snow globe. Though many students may have come to Indiana without knowing what "lake effect" snow means, you can now say you've lived through it. When somebody back home asks you about the weather in South Bend, you can explain how excited you get on January mornings when enough snow has been cleared that you can actually see the sidewalk on your way to class.

The nuances of a winter in the Midwest are never-ending: You have to set aside at least five extra minutes every morning to scrape the snow and ice off your car, and the defroster never works as well as you think it should. You can expect to get sick at least once during the course of a winter at school. Living in the dorms means there is really no avoiding this, so make sure to have some Kleenex, NyQuil and Robitussin handy. You also have to worry about the inevitable instances in which you slip and fall on an icy surface. I've already experienced enough of these falls to know that even a simple trip to the dining hall can occasionally turn into a scene out of the Stations of the Cross. (I've also come to realize that high heels and black ice are not a great combination.)

At home, we have a sign that says, "One of the surest ways to shorten winter is to sign a note for 90 days." To be quite honest, I have never really under-

stood what it means. Maybe it suggests that we migrate south for the winter and write nice letters home to our family and friends about the great weather and how we are glad to be out of the snow belt.

Sadly, signing a note for 90 days would probably cause our grade point averages to drop lower than last night's wind-chill factor. Since we will all have to struggle through the snow until spring, here are a few ideas to help us think warm and weather the winter in South Bend.

First of all, under no circumstances should you look at the weather reports. As they say, "Ignorance is bliss." I guarantee the forecasts won't be great, so it's better not to know what lies ahead.

Play some summer songs. My personal favorite is Frank Sinatra's "The Summer Wind," but anything by Jimmy Buffett or The Beach Boys will also make it seem five degrees warmer. Put umbrellas in all of your drinks, whether it be a strawberry daiquiri or a just a glass of water.

Throw a summer-themed party. Tell your friends to wear their favorite Hawaiian garb, turn up the heat and fill up a family-sized inflatable baby pool for anyone brave enough to take a dip.

Go swimming. You may get some strange looks if you bring rafts, inner tubes, or water wings to the lap pool, but if it beats the winter blues, then why not?

Go buy a swimsuit. It may be a good idea to consider hitting the tanning bed before this. Those fluorescent lights are never flattering.

Watch movies where people perspire a lot. Whether it be "Long Hot Summer," Elvis's "Blue Hawaii" or even a Sylvester Stallone flick like "Rambo:

First Blood, Part II" or "Rocky III," all the sweat is sure to make you feel warm.

Go to a Mexican restaurant. The atmosphere always reminds you of summer, and even in February it's tough to deny a good frozen margarita.

Watch golf on television. Not only is the scenery beautiful, but when some golfers experience a particularly tense moment in the heat of the tournament, you will feel like you are right there and in on the action at the warm location.

Start making spring break plans, preferably to someplace warmer than here — think beaches and bathing suits.

Take the tunnels so you don't have to go outside. Oh wait — they took those away from us.

If you really want, you can keep your parents happy by staying warm and studying in the library (However, this is a drastic measure that should only be taken when absolutely necessary).

Those are just a few suggestions for beating the winter blues. Although we can all be a little disappointed in the groundhog for being scared of his own shadow yesterday, don't forget to appreciate how pretty our campus looks when it is covered with a nice blanket of white snow. And remember: we may complain about how frigid it is now, but I guarantee that when we come back next August, we will all be complaining about the heat and humidity.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Women do hold leadership positions

As a woman who served as managing editor for The Observer for two years, I was infuriated to find that the newspaper was negatively cited in the Notre Dame student government's upcoming Board of Trustees report on campus diversity.

In the report to be delivered to trustees this week, the authors say that "there have been significantly greater males in the role of editor-in-chief over the past 33 years" and that "this could possibly be a reflection of how women often fill supporting roles rather than top leadership positions."

The authors of this report clearly did not speak with anyone at The Observer before levying their criticism, and clearly don't understand its organizational structure. That is sad, because it is a brilliant example at Notre Dame and Saint Mary's of an organization that has a strong track record in promoting not only women through the ranks, but minorities and non-Catholic students as well.

To those who would say the role of managing editor is a "supporting" role, you are horrifically mistaken. The managing editor works with the editor in chief and the assistant managing editor to run the paper. The editor works 40 hours or more in a week while balancing classes. The editor is on the front lines of handling legal and ethical issues the paper faces. The editor is responsible for training and nurturing younger writers. And the editor combs over each and every word of that paper, usually until the early hours of the morning.

That is not a supporting role. That is a critical role. Without it, the paper would fail.

To look at an organizational structure and evaluate it for gender equity, you must look at it in its entirety. While the last four editors in chief have been men, The Observer has, during the past 15 years, a strong track record of women being elected to serve as editor-in-chief. It has also routinely hired women into the positions of managing editor, assistant managing editor and advertising and business manager, as well as section editor positions. Tell any one of the women who held these positions they were not leaders and they will certainly tell you otherwise.

I would never say gender relations are not a problem on Notre Dame's campus. They are.

I applaud student government's willingness to tackle the issue. But The Observer is one of the rare examples of an organization that has turned the corner. In fact, in 2001, as student government was celebrating the election of the campus' first female student body president, The Observer had a different reason to applaud. There was just one man on the editorial board.

I would say that is a point past equity. Perhaps the student government leaders would do themselves good by studying it and replicating it in their own organization.

Noreen Gillespie
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Feb. 2

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 best proof of love is trust."

Ovid
Roman poet

Bengal Bouts: boxing for a better world

For once, they caught a break. Because of its shallow coastline Bangladesh suffered only two deaths from the Indian Ocean tsunami. One of the poorest countries in the world, that nation, the size of Iowa with 141 million people (83 percent Muslim, 16 percent Hindu), is usually not that lucky.

In 1970, a cyclone killed 500,000 people. Another in 1991 killed 138,000. Ruinous floods, often killing hundreds, are an annual event.

Since 1853 Holy Cross missionaries have worked in Bangladesh. The 116 Holy Cross priests and brothers, and 55 sisters, run two colleges, nine high schools, eight parishes and numerous ministries. They work especially among the ultra-poor who make up one-fifth of the population. Many families live for a year on far less than we would spend on a football weekend. Those people have depended on money raised by the Bengal Bouts every year since 1931.

The student-run Boxing Club conducts the Bouts under the guidance of Rich O'Leary and Dave Brown of Club Sports. Last year the Bouts contributed \$45,000, a huge sum in Bangladesh terms. The Club aims to do better this year under the leadership of president Galen Loughrey and officers Nathan Lohmeyer, Jim Christoforetti, Mike Panzica, Mark Desplinter, Johnny Griffin, Nathan Schroeder, Greg Schaefer and Mark Basola. The brains of the outfit, however, are the business managers, Kristin Boyd and Ashley Merusi, without whom the whole event would grind to a halt.

The Club is led by experienced coaches who are former Bengal boxers. The head coaches, Terry Johnson, a Chicago attorney, and Tom Suddes, a Columbus developer, give abundantly of their time and talent, along with coach Pat Farrell, the University pilot. Tom Suddes is sure that his practices will be recalled with pain but also with gratitude.

Assistant coaches include Sweet C. Robinson, Thad Naquin and recent Bengal champs Ryan Rans, Chip Farrell, Jeff Dobosh and Tom Biolchini. Judge Roland Chamblee, a four-time Bengals champ, coaches and works the corners at the bouts.

Charles Rice

Right or Wrong?

This 75th anniversary is special because it will be the first program in five decades without Jack Mooney, who died last September at age 92. Jack was literally the paper boy for Knute Rockne, who used to sneak him onto the sidelines for home games. Jack was the trainer and living symbol of the meaning of the Bouts. "If you never met Jack," wrote former boxer Jeevan Subbiah, "think of the old coach Micky from the 'Rocky' movies, and then add an old-school Notre Dame Catholic twist." The Club aims for a record contribution this year in memory of Jack. His long-time assistant, Jack Zimmerman, has succeeded Jack Mooney as trainer.

The boxers participate for various reasons: to get in shape, for the experience of climbing into the ring alone and with no excuses, for the friendship and for the fun of it. But you might be surprised at the impressive extent to which they buy into the purpose of the Bouts — to help others who really need it.

Think of what those Holy Cross priests, brothers and sisters accomplish with sums that we would see as small change. St. Joseph Parish in Srimangal is 60 miles long with 70 villages and 8000 parishioners, almost all from the "tribal people" who represent 1 percent of the population of Bangladesh, but 65 percent of the Christian population.

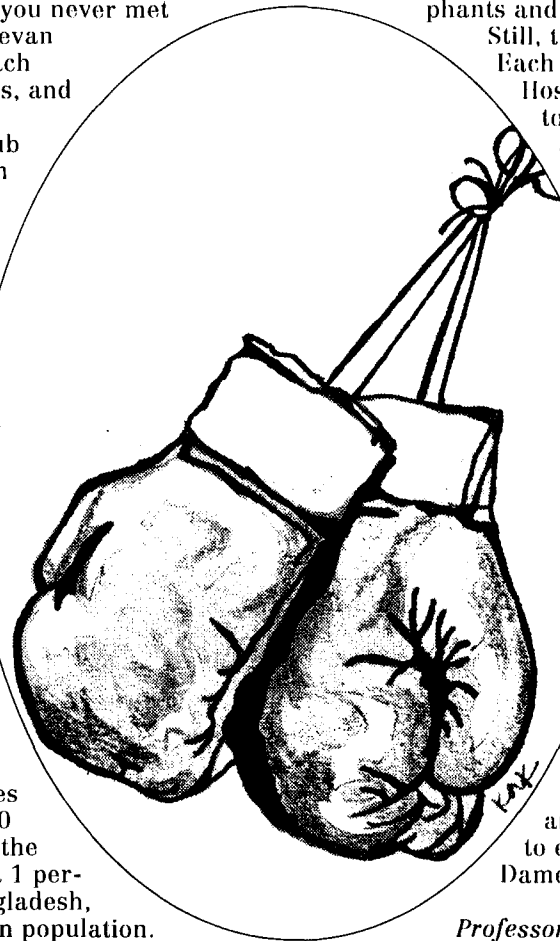
The parish runs a "life skills" school for young women from very poor families. With 16 students, it operates for a year on a meager total of \$2,000. They also facilitate a primary-grade hostel for poor and isolated children, often from broken families. With only \$5,000, they could double the

size of the building to accommodate 20 students. In the parish dispensary, the consecrated bring doctors in to serve for a fee of only \$1.50 a visit, but the normal daily income of a family is 40 cents. In Mariamnagar and Chittagong, a common problem is the destruction of crops by rampaging wild elephants and pigs.

Still, the primary need is education. Each child at Diglakuna Primary Hostel incurs a cost of \$32 a year to educate. Each of the 100 teens at Mariamnagar High School Hostel requires just \$80 per year. So you see why the Bengal Bouts are important.

The preliminaries will be held on February 28 and March 1st, the quarter-finals on March 3rd, the semi-finals on March 16 and the finals on March 19th — all in the JACC. All members of the Notre Dame community are welcome to visit the practices, which run from 4 to 6 p.m., weekdays, in the JACC boxing room.

Despite ever-increasing political violence and terrorism, the Holy Cross missionaries stay on the front lines. They need our help. So please support the Bengal Bouts. Buy an ad in the program, donate money, sell tickets and, especially, come to the Bouts to encourage this uniquely Notre Dame endeavor.



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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

God, Country, Notre Dame and Coke?

The front page of the Feb. 2 edition of The Observer featured an article announcing the start of the campus wide "Coca-Cola Challenge." The article outlined the campaign sponsored by Coke which awards cash prizes to dorms with the largest percentage of Coca-Cola purchases per resident.

Coke hopes by embracing dorm unity this promotion will be more successful than past campaign techniques. We would like to commend the Coca-Cola Corporation for not only taking advantage of the Notre Dame student body but for getting us to both support and promote their exploitation of us. Job well done.

It is bad enough that in today's society we are assaulted by advertisements from all mediums — television, radio and the Internet. But now, the Coca-Cola Corporation has crafted the students into both the promoters and the audience of their marketing campaign.

Coca-Cola has duped the students into doing their advertising for them with the promise of a "nice little chunk of cash." The free advertising is all over campus — it's on the front page of our paper, it's in bold print in Walsh Hall Stall Notes, it's present in dorm emails and at Hall Council. The advertising has even infiltrated Keough Hall's religious services. It seems that nothing can stop Coke from taking over Notre Dame's campus.

Coke's campus market representative, Judah Wilson, said in the article this generous promotion is a perk of Notre Dame's prestige account which "means that [a

company is] willing not to focus on profit because the account is more valuable."

We have a question: How is Coke not going to make a profit from this campaign? The free advertising alone is worth more than our weight in Dasani.

Furthermore, after crunching some numbers, we've discovered if, in the heat of competition, roughly every student buys a measly three 20 ounce bottles of Coke during this six-week campaign, Coke will bring in an estimated \$32,400.

Even after you subtract the \$4,000 in prizes that Coke is giving the campus out of the goodness of their hearts, Coke will still have grossed \$28,400. Either Coke is going to profit, or it costs a ton of money to maintain vending machines. You decide.

While medical studies discourage soda consumption on the grounds that one can of Coke contains about 10 teaspoons of sugar, we are encouraging people to "Drink Coke, it pays."

While other campuses are boycotting the global Coca-Cola Corporation for their human rights abuses, we are pumping vending machines full of quarters all for a one in 27 chance at a \$2,000 "grand prize." Maybe we can use this to fund our new Coke habit after the promotion has ended.

Drink Coke — it pays the Coca-Cola Corporation.

Mary Lynch
 Kathleen O'Brien

Sophomores
 Walsh Hall
 Feb. 2

U-WIRE

Fair trial unlikely

Jury selection began yesterday for the trial of pop star Michael Jackson, who is accused of many counts of molesting a boy with cancer who frequently visited his Neverland ranch. Nearly everyone has at least heard of Michael Jackson, unless, of course, you decided to start your own "Village" in the middle of a wildlife refuge 20 years ago.

With that in mind, it is hard to dispute that an unbiased jury — which by definition is supposed to be those unfamiliar with the case — would be impossible to find.

Celebrities have both advantages and disadvantages when it comes to legal matters. Supporters will want to be on the jury to let the Prince of Pop off, regardless of whether he is actually guilty or not.

Likewise, those who do not favor Jackson because of his past molestation accusations or just plain weirdness may want convict to him, no matter what evidence, or lack thereof, is presented.

High-profile trials are always going to draw attention and make a mockery of the legal system. One would not normally think it appropriate to show up to court in an all-white suit and a gold chain-link belt, but that is the difference between Michael Jackson's case and that of your Average Joe. The media is there for each step, making it subsequently harder to pool a decent jury.

When examining this case, jurors — Jackson fans and foes alike — should enter with an open mind, despite the seeming guilty-until-proven-innocent mentality that has already plagued coverage of this case. Maybe the guy sincerely likes kids in an appropriate way. Jurors should enter with an open mind.

After all, Jackson has had so many children at his Neverland Ranch that one would think more than two kids would have come forward (the first being in 1993) with incriminating evidence, but others have yet to accuse Jackson (to our knowledge) of inappropriate behavior. On the other hand, maybe he has committed heinous acts on other occasions, and youthful victims have been too shy to voice the crimes that have been committed against them.

Whether or not he's guilty or innocent, the real question may end up being whether more people on the jury like or dislike Jackson. It is highly unlikely that jurors will be able to forget who Michael Jackson is outside of the courtroom and actually make a decision based on the cold, hard facts.

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ALBUM REVIEWS

Trail of Dead broadens its audience

By MICHELE JEFFERS
Scene Music Critic

... And You Will Know Us by the Trail of Dead may sound more like the name of a George Romero film than an Indie Rock band, but rather than amassing carnage with indomitable zombies, Trail of Dead unleashes its wrath through perspicacious lyrics and pulsating rhythms. Forming in 1995, this quintet from Austin, Texas (Jason Reece, Neil Busch, Conrad Keely, Doni Schroader and Kevin Allen) has just released its fourth album, "Worlds Apart," on Interscope Records. One need only glance at the album cover's convoluted depiction of bellicosity throughout the ages in order to attain a sense of the album's intensity. "Worlds Apart" is ambitious and evocative, dealing with such issues as unguided materialism, con-

sumption, and superficiality.

It is not often that a band begins an album with an ode to the Egyptian goddess of fertility, but Trail of Dead has always been a tad outside of the box. The hypnotic chant in "Ode to Isis" builds up into a crescendo, creating carnal energy that underlies the rest of the album. This energy continues with the explosive introduction of "Will you smile again for me." This track features dramatic tempo changes in which the heavy hitting guitars tag team with Conrad Keely's sprawling, languid voice.

The title track and first single, "Worlds Apart," imposes a far less forceful sound. However, the seemingly merry-go-round melody belies the lyrics. An attack on the sad state of commercial rock devolves into invective about the shallowness of the American dream. Juxtaposing luxury and devastation, Keely ineffectively



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Trail of Dead only experienced modest success in 2002 with "Source Tags and Codes," but the band has already received rave reviews for "Worlds Apart."

evinces that we will all eventually have to pay a price for the manner in which we live.

The pace of "Worlds Apart" slows down with the reminiscent piano vignette, "The Summer of '91." One of the best songs on the album is "The Rest Will Follow," an ethereal reflection on the inhumanity of humans in which Keely distressingly sings, "We are all of us so capable of the greatest acts of hate and the worst acts of love."

The album's irrepressible energy resurfaces when drummer Jason Reece steps up on lead vocals in "Caterwaul," a song that is especially nostalgic sounding of alternative music in the early nineties. Always evading predictability, "To Russia, My

Homeland" is an instrumental waltz, featuring violinist Hilary Hahn. The album reaches a satisfying resolution with "The Lost City of Refuge."

Trail of Dead experienced modest success in 2002 with rotation of the single "Relative Ways" from the album "Source Tags and Codes," but many people were turned off by the band's seemingly initial inaccessibility. However, "Worlds Apart" has proven once again the error of prejudice. Having already received rave reviews, it appears that "Worlds Apart" is just what Trail of Dead needed to carve out a part in the popular alternative world.

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Worlds Apart

... And You Will Know Us
By The Trail Of Dead

Interscope



Bright Eyes has a bright future

By BECCA SAUNDERS
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Just when it seems that all the guys who can play guitar have released albums, another one comes along. However, Conor Oberst is not the average early twenties pop rock guitar prodigy. No, Oberst is much more than that. He is an artist, who is essentially the maestro of his musical vehicle called Bright Eyes, which has been hugely popular in Indie rock circles for years.

Although Oberst is only 24, the Omaha Neb. native learned to play guitar at the age of ten and made his first musical release by the age of 13. Rising to popularity after 2002's "Lifted of The Story Is in the Soil, Keep Your Ear to the Ground," Bright Eyes has now found an audience not only in the indie rock circle, but is moving toward a larger fan base. A part of the "Vote for Change" concerts, Oberst

has always been told that he was destined to become a great rock star someday. It seems that Oberst's day may have arrived.

"I'm Wide Awake, It's Morning," one of the two new albums Bright Eyes just released, is a definite showing of the musical genius that is Oberst and his Bright Eyes counterparts. Overall, "I'm Wide Awake, It's Morning" is a mix of folk-rock that leans much more on the folk side for the most of the album, at times even stepping a hints of the old country-folk music genre. Songs cover a range of subjects and musical compositions. The opening song on the album, "At the Bottom of Everything" is about the story of a plane crash that Oberst actually speaks out before leading into the song that is, according to the story, sung to a woman by the man sitting next to her as the plane is crashing down. "At the Bottom of Everything" covers the large idea of purpose in living in a quirky yet provoking fashion that few but Oberst could pull off



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Singer/songwriter Conor Oberst covers a wide range of subjects in his lyrics, making "I'm Wide Awake, It's Morning" a fresh and unique album.

convincingly: "While my mother waters plants my father loads his gun. He says, Death will give us back to God, just like the setting sun is returned to the lonesome ocean." Oberst does not stop at ideas regarding the purpose of life. "Lua" one of the best songs on the album is a darkly themed song about a drug romance between two people that are disconnected by the morning.

The album covers a range of topics and suggests a great many philosophic views of life, but Oberst sums it all up in the first line of "Road to Joy," which is the last song on the album: "The sun came up with no conclusions. Flowers sleeping in their beds. The city cemetery's humming. I'm wide awake it's morning." For Oberst, it seems he simply accepts that life is

going on around him and all he can do is be present to it. He presents a world with problems, but not with many concrete conclusions.

Oberst's philosophies are intriguing and his lyrics are refreshingly unique. The sound of Bright Eyes is folk rock with a bit of twist, including instruments from trumpets to organs and much more. While not every song on "I'm Wide Awake, It's Morning" is terrific, most of them are innovative and memorable. He may play the guitar and sing, but now there is finally an artist fitting that description that doesn't sound like John Mayer.

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I'm Wide Awake, It's Morning Bright Eyes

Saddle Creek



CONCERT PREVIEW

NY Philharmonic Orchestra comes to ND

By BECCA SAUNDERS
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There are few people who have not at least heard of the New York Philharmonic Orchestra. However, the number of people who have actually had the privilege of seeing the world-famous orchestra is sizably smaller. This unique opportunity is available to the Notre Dame community tonight as the New York Philharmonic Orchestra performs a concert in the Leighton Concert Hall at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center.

The orchestra was originally founded by Ureli Corelli Hill in 1842, making the New York Philharmonic by far the oldest symphony orchestra in the United States. The renowned Orchestra will play its 14,002nd show in the Leighton Concert Hall. Known for the difficulty of its pieces and high quality of its performance, the New York Philharmonic Orchestra promises to be a memorable experience for any that are fortunate enough to attend.

The New York Philharmonic is currently conducted by Maestro Lorin Maazel, who has been conducting the Orchestra since Sept. of 2002. Even Maazel spoke of the powerful experience of listening to the Orchestra in a press conference on Jan. 26, 2005: "The collaboration with the musicians of the New York Philharmonic is sheer joy. The Orchestra is so professional, so prepared, so motivated.

I float from day to day, concert to concert, masterpiece to masterpiece, supported by the sound of the New York Philharmonic." Few people are able to live such a life, but each audience member in the Leighton Concert Hall will experience the near musical perfection that the New York Philharmonic is composed of for at least one night this Thursday.

Maazel follows in a long legacy of conductors of the New York Philharmonic Orchestra, one of the most famous of these being Leonard Bernstein. Bernstein began conducting the New York Philharmonic Orchestra in 1943 and became the Laureate Conductor from that point until 1990 when he died. An advocate of American composers from the beginning of his career, Bernstein is one of the most famous names associated with the New York Philharmonic Orchestra.

The Orchestra itself is composed of 106 musicians playing instruments as common as the flute and trumpet to ones that are much lesser known such as the contrabassoon, harpsichord and the timpani. The extensive list of instruments is necessary for the complicated music the New York Philharmonic plays. The orchestra has been trusted in giving the first performance of a number of famous works, such as Gershwin's Concerto in F; Dvorak's Symphony No. 9, "From the New World"; Copeland's "Connotations" and Rachmaninoff's Piano Concert No. 3 with the composer at the keyboard. The orchestra



Maestro Lorin Maazel, who has been conducting the Orchestra since September of 2002, follows in a long legacy of conductors of the New York Philharmonic Orchestra.

also played the first United States debut of Beethoven's Symphony No. 8 and 9. For the concert at the DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts the orchestra will play Dvorak's Symphony No. 9, "From the New World" and Bela Bartok's "Concerto for Orchestra."

It is not often that one will have the opportunity to see the New York Philharmonic Orchestra, but for those

that do not yet have tickets, the opportunity is not going to arrive this Thursday night. The show is sold out and only those with the foresight to join the ticket lottery weeks ago will have the chance to see this world famous orchestra quite literally playing in Notre Dame's own backyard.

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ALBUM REVIEW

Split album should stay on the shelves

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Scene Music Critic

The best way to describe the Matchbook Romance/Motion City Soundtrack Split is disappointing.

First of all the album contains only four songs with a total running time of 16 minutes. Second of all, the album is all acoustic. This style of music is not only a change but also a vast disappointment to fans of the earlier work of either band.

Matchbook Romance performs the first two songs on the album, while Motion City Soundtrack performs the second two. The Matchbook Romance half of the album is flawed heavily. It is a fairly generic modern punk/emo/hardcore band. However, in the past, it has stood out not for style distinction but for merely working well within a well-established, well-

explored genre.

The opening track "In Transit (for You)" is painful. In fact it leaves the listener dreading what is to follow. The song features slow strumming and crooning from a band that normally uses distorted guitars, strained vocals and screams. On top of that, the lyrical content is somewhat uninspired: "Baby if you want me to / I'd do anything for you."

The second track is redeeming, but Matchbook Romance fans will recognize it as an acoustic version of "Playing for Keeps" off of its latest LP, "Stories & Alibis." While this is a quality song, the original version is much better. The song was originally intended to be screamed with gnashing guitars and crashing cymbals and it shows. Instead the listener gets a series of faux build-ups and a feeling that something is missing.

The Motion City Soundtrack portion



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The Motion City Soundtrack portion of the EP is much better than the Matchbook Romance tracks, but it still leaves something to be desired.

of this disc is much better as both songs are original and Motion City Soundtrack, while not normally an acoustic band, makes a better adjustment to recording acoustic songs. Even so, the fact that their songs are acoustic is yet again a disappointment. Motion City Soundtrack is a power pop band. Its strength is the use of synths and the moog, both of which are woefully missing from this album.

Its first track, "When 'You're' Around" is the best track on the album. It is catchy and will have fans singing along. It starts with a stiffly strummed guitar and gentle picking going on in the background. Vocally, Motion City Soundtrack has the range and diversity that makes it fun to listen to. "When 'You're' Around" is no exception. The final track is "Sunday Warning."

It slowly and gently weaves with a full drum beat. This song is satisfying if the listener is in the mood, but the problem is a fan of Motion City Soundtrack would not expect this. Both of the band's tracks on this album are good, but a full, non-acoustic version would be so much better.

Standing alone this album leaves much to be desired, and if you are a fan of either band it leaves even more to be desired. The album fails both musically and as a concept. The only thing tying the two bands together is a common label, Epitaph Records, and the album seems wholly unnecessary. Ultimately it will leave fans asking, "why?"

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**Matchbook Romance /
Motion City Soundtrack**

**Matchbook Romance /
Motion City Soundtrack EP**

Epitaph



MEN'S NCAA BASKETBALL

Wake Forest escapes with win against Duke

Redick brings Duke back in final minutes but Deacons prevail

Associated Press

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. — Chris Paul scored 23 points and Wake Forest withstood a flurry of late 3-pointers to hang on for a 92-89 victory over Duke on Wednesday night.

The seventh-ranked Demon Deacons (18-3, 6-2 Atlantic Coast Conference) led by as many as 14 in the second half and appeared headed to an easy victory.

But J.J. Redick made a trio of 3-pointers in the final 2:14 and Sean Dockery also hit one as No. 4 Duke cut it to 90-89 with 3 seconds to play.

The Blue Devils (16-2, 6-2) had to foul and sent Taron Downey to the line with 2 seconds left. He made both shots to make it 92-89, and Redick's off-balance 3 fell short at the buzzer — denying Duke a much-needed quality win.

Eric Williams, the ACC player of the week, finished with 19 points and 13 rebounds for Wake Forest. Justin Gray had 16 points and Vytas Danelius had 12.

Redick finished with 33 points and made five 3's in 13 attempts. Sheldon Williams had 16 points and 12 rebounds, and Lee Melchioni scored 13.

Duke came into the game with a better record and a higher ranking. But aside from wins over Oklahoma and at North Carolina State, the Blue Devils have yet to fully prove themselves this season.

A win at Wake Forest would have been a step in the right direction.

Instead, the Demon Deacons used tough defense and strong outside shooting to move to 11-0 at home. Wake Forest forced 13 turnovers — eight were steals — had five blocks and outrebounded Duke 44-37.

The Blue Devils have been short on depth most of the season because of injuries and are limiting Shavlik Randolph's playing time as he slowly returns from a bout with mononucleosis. But their bench got even shorter in this one when Daniel Ewing fouled out with 7:22 to play after scoring just five points in 16 minutes.

Once Ewing was out, Wake Forest was able to open a 14-point lead, but Redick pulled the Blue Devils back into it with his late baskets.

Wake Forest opened up the game early in the second half

with an explosive run led by Paul.

With the Demon Deacons leading just 50-49, Eric Williams started the spurt with a basket before Paul scored on three quick possessions. After two jumpers, Paul stole the ball from Redick under the basket, then scrambled up the court to fire an open 3-pointer for a 59-49 lead.

The game seesawed through most of the first half until Wake Forest's Trent Strickland was called for a technical foul for hanging on the rim on a missed dunk with 6:04 to play.

Redick hit the ensuing free throws to tie it at 30, but the call seemed to charge up the Deacons. Downey fired up a 3 for Wake Forest, then Paul jumped onto Ewing in a scrum for a loose ball. Things got testy on the floor, with players from both teams clawing after the ball until the officials separated them.

It led to a lengthy replay review of the battle, with Ewing and Paul each getting called with offsetting technical fouls.

The call sent the Demon Deacons on a tear and it sent Ewing to the bench for Duke with his third foul. In his absence, Wake Forest rolled out to a nine-point lead following four straight free throws from Eric Williams before DeMarcus Nelson hit a 3 for Duke to cut the Deacons' half-time lead to 45-39.

Connecticut 81, Villanova 76
Rashad Anderson scored 21 points and made key block in the closing seconds, leading Connecticut to a win over Villanova.

The No. 23 Huskies (13-5, 5-3 Big East) got their first win over a ranked opponent in four tries. They snapped the 24th-ranked Wildcats' three-game win streak in coach Jim Calhoun's 1,000th career game. That run for the Wildcats included an 83-62 upset over then-No. 2 Kansas.

Charlie Villanueva's free throw with 1:22 left put the Huskies up 73-72. Anderson blocked a shot in the lane by Randy Foye on the Wildcats' next possession. That led to Villanueva's hook shot on the other end and a 75-72 UConn lead.

Villanova coach Jay Wright was called for a technical after the basket, and Anderson went back to the line and made both free throws to ice the game.

Mike Nardi scored a season-high 20 points for Villanova (12-5, 4-4) as the Wildcats' three-guard lineup gave UConn

all it could handle. Nardi had a career-high six 3-pointers. Allan Ray added 16 and Foye finished with 15. They combined for 11 assists and five steals.

The Huskies rallied from a seven-point deficit with 74 percent shooting in the second half. Rudy Gay had 17 points for UConn, and Marcus Williams finished with 12 points and nine assists. Josh Boone scored six of his eight points from the line as the Huskies made a season-high 30 free throws.

The Huskies also outrebounded the Wildcats 41-35, led by Hilton Armstrong's 11.

Villanova trailed most of the first half but didn't need much time to catch up. Down by seven with just under six minutes to play, the Wildcats went on a tear, hitting four straight 3-pointers in a 14-0 run. Nardi had two 3s in the three-minute spurt and the Wildcats grabbed a 38-31 lead.

Georgia Tech 64, Florida St. 61

Will Bynum made up for a poor first half by hitting a 3-pointer with 2.7 seconds left to give No. 25 Georgia Tech a victory over Florida State.

Bynum, who shot 1-of-8 in the opening half, hit the game-winner after Florida State made up a 12-point deficit by going on a 19-7 run to tie it at 61 on a 3-pointer by Von Wafer with 1:29 remaining.

Georgia Tech (13-6, 4-4 Atlantic Coast Conference), which only last month was ranked No. 8, needed the win badly after losing four of its last five games.

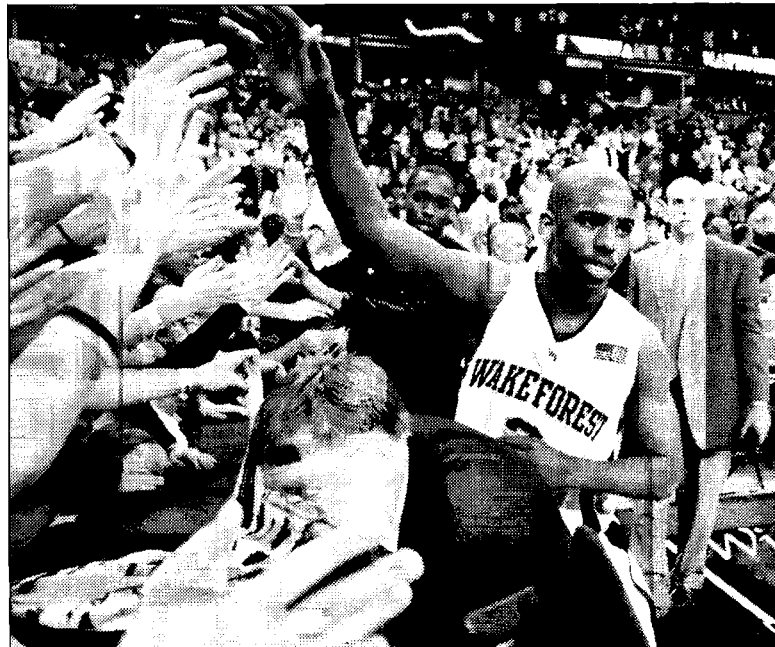
The Seminoles (11-10, 3-5) had a chance to go ahead with 35.5 seconds left, but Diego Romero missed a pair of free throws. Georgia Tech called timeout with 16.3 seconds remaining to set up Bynum's winning basket.

Bynum finished with 19 points. He quickly made up for his first-half woes by scoring 11 points on 5-of-5 shooting during a 15-7 run to give the Yellow Jackets a 42-40 lead just 4:30 into the second.

The rest of the Yellow Jackets then took over. Luke Schenscher scored six points and Mario West five during a 27-9 run for a 54-42 lead with 9:55 to go.

The Seminoles, however, weren't done, allowing only seven points in the final nine minutes until Bynum's big basket.

Bynum finished 7-of-18, including 3-for-8 on 3s. Schenscher and West each



Chris Paul scored 23 points for Wake Forest in its win over No. 7 Duke Wednesday night. The Demon Deacons won 92-89.

added 10 points.

Florida State took a 33-27 lead on a 3-pointer by Jason Rich as time ran out in the first half.

The Seminoles got off to a quick start, leading 18-10 with 9:13 gone on a 3 by leading scorer Wafer, who had eight first-half points and finished with 18.

Romero was the only other Florida State player in double figures, scoring 10.

Georgia Tech, however, went on an 11-2 run capped by a 15-foot jumper from Anthony McHenry to claim its first lead of the game at 21-20 with 7:02 left before halftime.

Florida State won two of its previous three games, including a 91-83 overtime win over then-No. 5 Wake Forest. The Seminoles snapped a 26-game ACC road losing streak in their last game, a 70-64 win at North Carolina State last Wednesday.

Oklahoma St. 77, Kansas St. 57

Joey Graham scored 23 points and pulled down 10 rebounds, John Lucas III had 19 points and 10 assists, and No. 10 Oklahoma State beat Kansas State 77-57 on Wednesday night.

Daniel Bobik had 13 points and tied a career high with 10 rebounds in his return to the starting lineup, helping Oklahoma State (16-3, 6-2 Big 12) extend the longest home winning streak in the country with its 26th straight victory at Gallagher-Iba Arena.

The Wildcats (13-5, 3-4) had a chance to tie early in the second half when Tyler Hughes took a pass from Jeremiah

Massey and jammed it home with two hands while getting fouled, but Hughes missed the ensuing free throw and Oklahoma State got rolling.

Lucas hit a 3-pointer from the right wing the next trip down for the Cowboys, and Terrence Crawford added to the lead with a steal at mid-court and a two-handed jam. He completed the three-point play, and Graham hit a baseline jumper and a 3-pointer from the left wing to put the Cowboys ahead 49-37.

Bobik and Lucas hit back-to-back 3-pointers to stretch the lead to 55-40, and Kansas State was never again closer than 10.

Fred Peete brought Kansas State to 59-49 on a 3-pointer from the right wing, but another 3-pointer from Bobik — who was out of the starting lineup for the first time this season in the Cowboys' win at Colorado on Sunday — sparked a 10-0 run that put the game away.

Massey, who scored 18 points in the first half, was held scoreless for the first 9 1/2 minutes of the second half and finished with 25 for Kansas State. Peete added 14, and Cartier Martin scored 11 for the Wildcats, who lost for the eighth straight time in Stillwater.

The Cowboys started strong from 3-point range and led 14-7 after back-to-back 3s from Lucas and Jameson Curry.

Kansas State pulled to 19-17 on a driving basket by Peete, but Graham stretched the lead again with five straight points — including a right-handed jam over Lance Harris that electrified the crowd.

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NHL

Negotiations futile in salary cap battle

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The NHL's latest salary-cap proposal to end the season-long lockout was rejected Wednesday by the players' union, which came back with its own idea: Bring commissioner Gary Bettman to the bargaining table.

Bettman accepted, and is set to rejoin the talks Thursday for the first time since Dec. 14. He'll meet with union head Bob Goodenow, NHLPA senior director Ted Saskin and attorney John McCambridge.

Bill Daly, the NHL's chief legal officer, and attorney Bob Battersman will join Bettman on the owners' side.

"Bob and Gary really have to be in the room to do the deal," Daly said.

In turning down the league's offer, the union reiterated it won't accept a salary cap as a solution.

"The league presented a written proposal with minor variations of concepts that were presented orally by the NHL last Thursday," Saskin said. "We told the league last week and again today that their multilayered salary cap proposals were not the basis for an agreement."

The sides met for four hours

in Newark, N.J., the fifth time in two weeks they've talked. Time is running out, and the NHL is in danger of becoming the first major North American sports league to lose an entire season to a labor dispute.

"They asked for a meeting again tomorrow, and we'll see what they have to say," Daly said. "The proposal was put together with their interests in mind, what they've communicated to us across the table."

The lockout reached its 140th day Wednesday, and has forced the cancellation of 762 of the 1,230 regular-season games plus the All-Star game.

With time being a factor, there appears to be little wiggle room in negotiating off this proposal.

"We're at the end time-wise in terms of being able to continue this process and still play games this season, so there's not a lot of room flexibility-wise," Daly said.

The NHL proposed a six-year deal that contained a cap that would force teams to spend at least \$32 million on player costs but no more than \$42 million — including benefits. Both figures would be adjusted each year to reflect changes in league revenues.

NFL

Key Patriots ready to play

Seasoned vets prepare to take on motivated Philadelphia Eagles

Associated Press

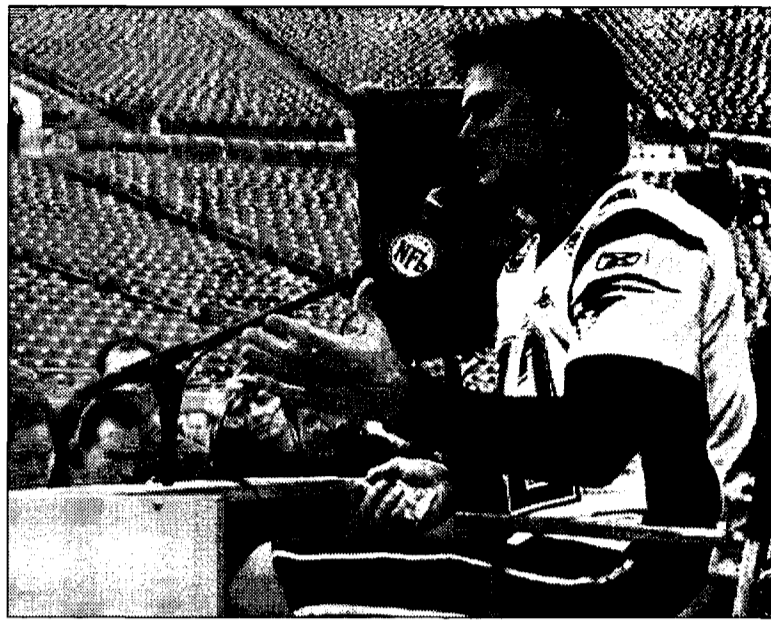
JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — With the game on the line, the New England Patriots hardly lack for clutch players — Tom Brady, Adam Vinatieri, Rodney Harrison.

With the game on the line, no one is sure if the Philadelphia Eagles have the kind of performers who could lift them past the defending champions in Sunday's Super Bowl.

Though Philly's track record before this year wasn't very promising — three straight NFC championship game flops — the Eagles insist past failures were erased when they finally won the conference title.

They'd better be correct, because the Patriots simply don't get stressed out, particularly in the Super Bowl, which they've won two of the last three seasons.

"We haven't been to the Super Bowl, but we're battle-tested," said All-Pro safety Brian Dawkins, the leader of a defense that includes one starter who has played in the big game — end Jevon Kearse with Tennessee in 2000. "We've been tested in championship games. We feel pressure year after year and we know how to



Two-time Super Bowl MVP Tom Brady, quarterback of the Patriots, speaks with the media on Wednesday in Jacksonville.

win in those situations."

They hadn't won in crucial situations, though, until beating Atlanta to avoid becoming the first franchise to lose four straight NFC title games. The Patriots have won eight consecutive postseason games with Brady at quarterback and Bill Belichick as coach, and they are seven-point favorites over Philadelphia.

"I don't feel we're at a disadvantage," coach Andy Reid said. "They go in and think they are as good as anybody in the NFL, but they understand they have

to prove it every Sunday."

Especially this Sunday, against a team on the verge of being considered a dynasty. Not only are there questions about how the Eagles might perform on such a stage, but there are no questions about how the Patriots will deal with it. They've already successfully displayed their steely nerves and skills under the burning spotlight — twice.

Which presents Philadelphia with yet another challenge: treating the Patriots with too much respect.

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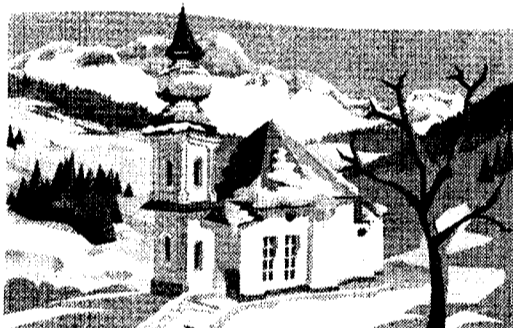
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SUPER BOWL XXXIX

Johnson's defense ready for Patriots

Eagles coordinator quietly dismantled opponents all season

Associated Press

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Fla. — Jim Johnson spends countless hours studying game films, dissecting offenses, searching for weaknesses and plotting his attack.

The other defensive mastermind in this Super Bowl — New England's Bill Belichick owns the "genius" label — isn't high-profile and his unit is underrated. But Johnson has a knack for confusing quarterbacks and shutting down prolific offenses with his complex schemes.

Brett Favre had his worst game of the season in Philadelphia. Daunte Culpepper struggled in the playoffs against the Eagles. Michael Vick never had a chance in the NFC championship game.

Next up is Tom Brady and the Patriots in the Super Bowl. Johnson, the Eagles' unpredictable defensive coordinator, is busy cooking up another one of his innovative game plans.

"Coach Johnson has the ability to know what the offense is doing or what blitz call to make," Eagles linebacker Mark Simoneau said Wednesday. "We come from a lot of different places. We drop a lot of different guys into coverage, so it's confusing for the backs and the offensive line. You have to have guys who can execute the game plan and we have talented players here."

Overshadowed by Donovan McNabb, Terrell Owens and the rest of a high-powered offense, Philadelphia's star-studded defense, which includes four Pro Bowl players, is one of the best in the NFL.

When the games mattered, the Eagles had the stingiest defense in the league, allowing 222 points in the first 15. They finished tied with the Patriots for second-fewest points allowed after the reserves gave up 38 in the meaningless regular-season finale against Cincinnati.

"There's a lot to be concerned about with those guys," said Brady, who has been MVP of two Super Bowls in the last three

years. "They have playmakers at every position. They can force you to turn the ball over. They are very explosive on defense and you usually don't hear that."

The addition of defensive end Jevon Kearse almost equaled the impact Owens had on the offense. A disruptive force on the line, Kearse significantly bolstered the pass rush. Johnson utilized Kearse's speed by playing him at both end spots and sometimes at linebacker, confounding quarterbacks and the offensive line.

Philadelphia finished second in the league with 47 sacks, including 7 1/2 from Kearse, one of just five Eagles — and the only defensive starter — who have played in the Super Bowl. The Eagles get a lot of sacks from their secondary and linebackers because Johnson likes to blitz just about any player on any play.

The Patriots are getting ready for Philadelphia's aggressive style, though they're aware Johnson will adjust on the go.

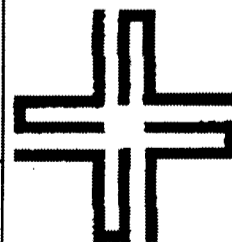
"I think it's important for us to be ready for pressure, but realize he might pressure 50 percent of the time or 10 percent of the time," Patriots offensive coordinator Charlie Weis said. "We have to be ready whichever way he goes."

If Brady has time to throw, he's going against a secondary that includes All-Pro free safety Brian Dawkins, Pro Bowl strong safety Michael Lewis, All-Pro cornerback Lito Sheppard and cornerback Sheldon Brown, who probably was Philadelphia's most consistent defensive back.

Sheppard and Brown quickly earned respect with a strong performance against Minnesota's Randy Moss in Week 2. They silenced critics who thought the Eagles would miss five-time Pro Bowl cornerback Troy Vincent and nine-year starter Bobby Taylor.

"Brown looks as good as the other guys, Dawkins is one of the best safeties in the league, if not the best, and Lewis is one of the best strong safeties we've faced all year," Brady said.

Middle linebacker Jeremiah Trotter solidified the run defense, which had been Philadelphia's only weakness, when he became a starter midway through the season.



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Men's College Basketball ESPN/USA Today Top 25

	team	record	points
1	Illinois (21)	21-0	775
2	North Carolina	17-2	728
3	Kansas	16-1	686
4	Kentucky	16-2	660
5	Boston College	18-0	643
6	Duke	16-1	624
7	Wake Forest	17-3	580
8	Syracuse	20-2	575
9	Louisville	18-3	524
10	Michigan State	14-3	468
11	Oklahoma State	15-3	463
12	Washington	17-3	410
13	Arizona	7-4	374
14	Alabama	17-3	371
15	Pittsburgh	14-3	341
16	Oklahoma	16-3	310
17	Cincinnati	17-3	280
18	Texas	15-5	253
19	Wisconsin	14-4	223
20	Connecticut	12-5	166
21	Gonzaga	15-4	141
22	Utah	17-3	111
23	Georgia Tech	12-6	98
24	Maryland	13-5	62
25	Villanova	12-4	36

Women's College Basketball ESPN/USA Today Top 25

	team	record	points
1	LSU (38)	18-1	997
2	Stanford	18-2	935
3	Ohio State (1)	21-2	919
4	Duke (1)	20-2	887
5	Tennessee	15-3	808
6	North Carolina	17-3	793
7	NOTRE DAME	18-3	759
8	Rutgers	15-4	696
9	Baylor	15-3	686
10	Michigan State	18-3	648
11	Connecticut	13-5	552
12	Texas Tech	16-3	549
13	Boston College	15-3	472
14	Texas	12-6	465
15	Kansas State	16-3	429
16	Minnesota	16-4	425
17	DePaul	17-3	373
18	Iowa State	16-2	293
19	Georgia	16-5	236
20	Vanderbilt	15-5	232
21	Maryland	13-5	174
22	Temple	17-3	138
23	Penn State	137	120
24	Florida State	18-2	80
25	Iowa	15-4	64

CCHA Standings

team	league	overall
Michigan	17-3-0	20-7-1
Ohio State	15-4-1	18-7-3
Northern Michigan	11-6-3	13-8-5
Nebraska-Omaha	10-8-2	14-10-2
Bowling Green	9-7-2	12-9-3
Alaska Fairbanks	7-10-3	8-11-3
Lake Superior	6-7-5	7-13-6
Miami(OH)	7-10-3	11-13-4
Michigan State	8-9-1	13-12-2
Ferris State	4-13-3	9-16-3
Western Michigan	5-12-1	10-13-1
NOTRE DAME	3-13-4	5-18-5

around the dial

NBA

Cleveland at Miami, 8 p.m., TNT
San Antonio at LA Lakers, 10:30 p.m., TNT

MEN'S NCAA BASKETBALL

NC State at No. 2 North Carolina, 7 p.m.,
ESPN

MLB



Sammy Sosa, shown here hitting his 499th home run in September 2002, had an up-and-down relationship with the Chicago Cubs, who traded the slugger to the Orioles Wednesday.

Cubs trade unhappy Sosa to Orioles

Associated Press

BALTIMORE — Sammy Sosa will be taking aim at American League pitchers and the short left-field wall at Camden Yards this summer.

The trade that sent Sosa to the Baltimore Orioles from the Chicago Cubs was finalized Wednesday after commissioner Bud Selig approved the deal and the slugger passed his physical.

Chicago received second baseman Jerry Hairston Jr. and two minor leaguers, second baseman Mike Fontenot and right-handed pitcher Dave Crouthers.

"I had a great time in Chicago," Sosa said during a news conference at Camden Yards. "This is my new house, and I love it."

Under terms of the addendum to Sosa's contract that he signed Thursday, the Cubs will pay \$16.15 million of the \$25 million Sosa was still owed under his \$72 million, four-year contract, according to details obtained by The Associated Press.

Baltimore is responsible for just \$8.85 million of Sosa's \$17 million salary this year, with the Cubs paying the rest. Because Sosa is paid on a 12-month basis and already had received \$1,307,692 of his salary this year, that amount was credited to what the Cubs owe Baltimore, meaning the Orioles will receive \$6,842,308 in cash from Chicago.

As part of the trade, Chicago will pay Sosa \$3.5 million in severance within 30 days. The \$18 million 2006 option in his contract was eliminated,

and the \$4.5 million buyout was converted to a \$4.5 million assignment bonus, which the Cubs must pay by March 15. He also agreed to eliminate the \$19 million option for 2007 that his contract said would be added if he was traded.

"Obviously, it's a historic day," Cubs general manager Jim Hendry said. "It's a day we feel is in the best interest of all parties. It's a good situation for Sammy, it's a good situation for the Baltimore Orioles and it's also something we feel is in our best interests."

The man nicknamed "Slammin' Sammy," whose 574 home runs rank seventh on baseball's career list, endeared himself to Cubs fans when he hit 66 homers in 1999 during a duel with Mark McGwire that reached the national stage.

IN BRIEF

Tennessee lands top NCAA recruiting class

Tennessee traveled far and wide to assemble one of the nation's best recruiting classes.

The Volunteers signed 27 players Wednesday, the first day of the national signing period, and went into Pennsylvania, Ohio, Wisconsin, Florida and Washington D.C. for topflight prospects.

Tennessee had the No. 1 class according to Scout.com/Super Preps editor Allen Wallace and Max Emfinger, two of the leading recruiting analysts.

"They're back to familiar ground," Wallace said.

Defending champion Southern California, which was the consensus No. 1 on signing day last year, came on strong late and had a chance to add back-to-back top-rated recruiting classes to its back-to-back national titles.

Miami, Michigan and Georgia reloaded with highly rated classes,

but also cracking the top 10 were Nebraska and Texas A&M, two schools trying to return to the nation's elite.

Terrell Owens ready to play in Super Bowl

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Terrell Owens has seemingly put to rest questions about whether he'll play in the Super Bowl. Now, everyone wants to know how much.

Will he take a major role in the Philadelphia Eagles' offense?

Will he be limited to a few plays, nothing more than a decoy to draw attention away from the other receivers?

No one — not even the ultra-confident Owens — can predict what will happen on Sunday.

"I'm not sure, but I'll be ready," he said Wednesday. "Like I said, I am going to be in the game plan, and it is going to be a game-time decision. I'm probably going to go with the flow of the game."

Owens practiced again Wednesday

and was listed as questionable on the first injury report of Super Bowl week. That means there's a 50 percent chance he'll play.

Tomjanovich retires due to health problems

EL SEGUNDO, Calif. — The stress of coaching the Los Angeles Lakers wore Rudy Tomjanovich down to the point where he needed medication just to get by.

When that didn't work, he realized something had to change.

So, Tomjanovich resigned Wednesday, his tenure as coach of the Lakers lasting barely half a season.

"I think this is the best decision for me and the Lakers," a subdued Tomjanovich said at a news conference. "A month ago, I became conscious of not feeling good. As the time went by, I started to feel my resistance going down. I went from this energetic, pumped-up guy to all of a sudden being sapped of a lot of energy."

Francis

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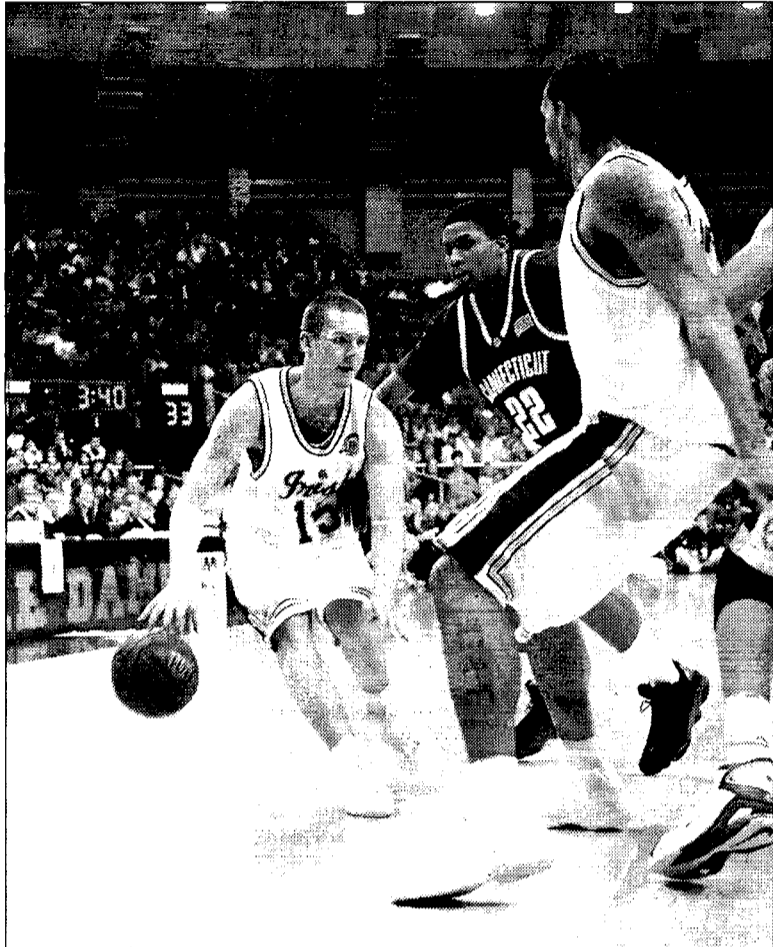
low-post complement. The Arizona transfer, demoted to the bench after failing to show coach Mike Brey his worth at the power forward slot, sprung out of a slump to

rip nine rebounds and score 12 points. The game marked arguably only the second time Latimore stood out for Notre Dame, the other being an 18-point performance on 7-of-13 shooting at Michigan Dec. 4. "I felt like I could just give them some energy tonight," Latimore said. "On the glass, I had some good opportunities to

get some offensive rebounds and some defensive rebounds. Basically, I was just trying to do whatever I could to stay on the court and play." If it took that kind of desperation to motivate Latimore, so be it. But such a quick turnaround in the Irish frontcourt appeared sudden for a team that takes 38 percent of its shots from behind the arc. "Early in the season we relied on our shooters, and it was cool because we were winning," Francis said. "But when

the Big East season started, [teams] scouted us and started to overpressure the shooters, so that really opened things down low." While the shooting of Colin Falls, Chris Quinn and Chris Thomas helps open the low post, the inside game begins and ends with Francis. If Francis attacks the basket the way he did against Connecticut, he opens operating room for Latimore and Cornett. Judging by the collective attitude of the Irish frontcourt,

Notre Dame's offense could continue to thrive on a two-dimensional attack of outside shooting and physical low-post play. "I think our guys have really been offended because every team that we play they talk about the other team's big [men]," Thomas said. A dominant frontcourt performance against Syracuse on Saturday could change that. Contact Pat Leonard at pleonard@nd.edu



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Going into Sunday's game against Connecticut, the Irish had relied heavily on Colin Falls' shooting from the perimeter. On Sunday, the Irish got much needed production from inside.

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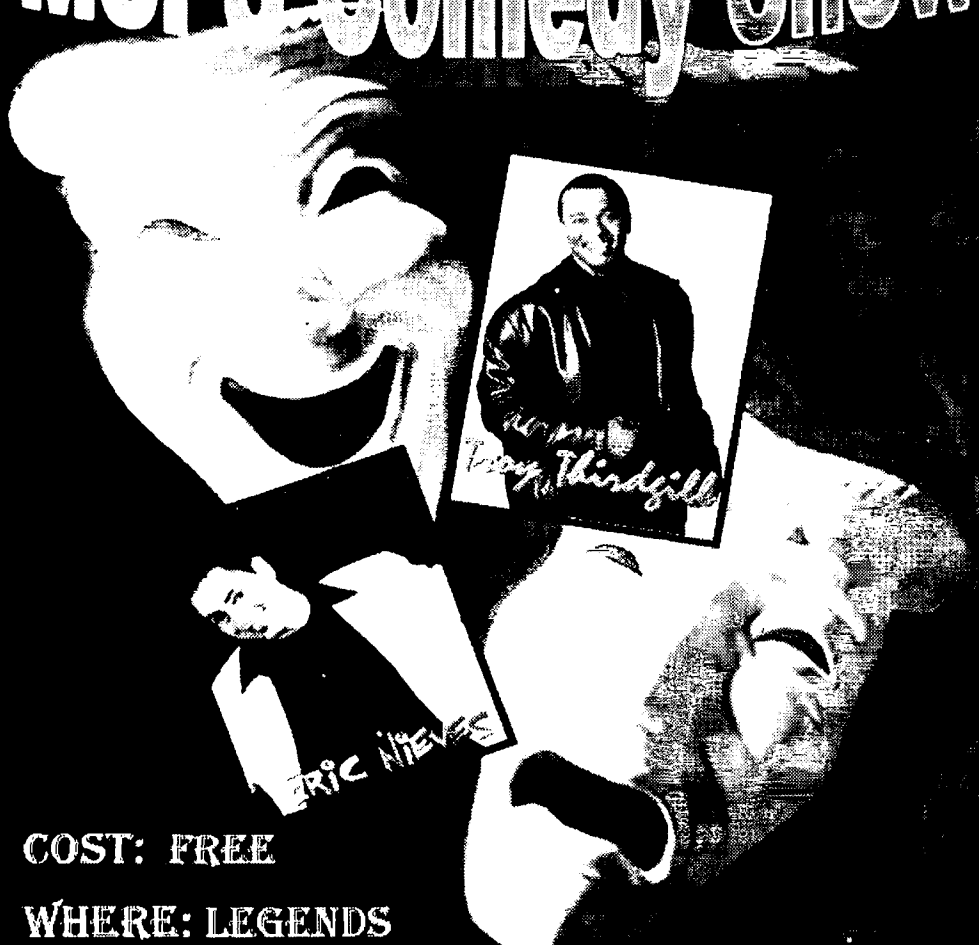
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SMC BASKETBALL

Belles fall at Calvin in conference game

*Belles are 4-7 in MIAA
with disheartening 62-
46 loss to rival Knights*

By **KEN FOWLER**
Sports Writer

Four seconds into the game, Calvin College forward Lisa Winkle gave the Knights a 2-0 over Saint Mary's with a layup. The Knights would lead the entirety of the remaining 39 minutes, 56 seconds of the game.

It was just one of those nights for the Belles.

Despite holding Calvin six points under its season scoring average on its Grand Rapids, Mich., home court, the Belles could not come away with the big win the team desperately wanted, losing to the Knights 62-46.

The Belles held Calvin to 27 fewer points than the Knights scored Saturday against Tri-State, but the Saint Mary's offense could not find its rhythm at any point during the game to take advantage of a decent defensive performance.

Saint Mary's shot an anemic 26.9 percent from the floor in the first half, scoring only 18 points on seven field goals.

The Belles posted a more respectable 28 points in the second half, thanks largely to excellent free-throw shooting. A 14-for-16 outing from the charity stripe in the second half helped hide the Belles' 25.0-percent second-half shooting, and it obscured that the team made less than 26 percent of its field goals on the night.

Saint Mary's entered the game averaging 64.8 points per game, but the Knights stymied the three-guard offense, keeping all but Bridget Lipke, who scored 12, to single-digits.

The Belles' inside powerhouse, Emily Creachbaum,

only managed eight points, well off her 13.4 season average.

A telling sign for the Belles offensive woes was the turnover-to-assist ratio. The Belles committed nearly four times as many times turnovers — 19 — as the team had assists — five.

For their part, the Knights stepped up on the defensive front to counter an improving Belles offense.

Guard Kristen McDonald had five steals to go along with her 11 assists, and Lisa Winkle blocked four Belles shots.

Sarah Winkle led Calvin in scoring with 12 points off the bench. Lisa Winkle finished the night with 10.

The 46 points represented the second-lowest offensive output for Saint Mary's since its first game of the season.

The Belles play next against Hope College Saturday at 3 p.m. at the Angela Athletic Center.

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**CALVIN COLLEGE 62,
SAINT MARY'S 46**
at Grand Rapids, Mich.

SAINT MARY'S (9-11, 4-7)
Lipke 3-8 6-6 12, Creachbaum 4-12 0-2 8,
Bush 3-5 1-2 7, Kessler 1-5 4-4 6, Boyce
3-15 0-0 6, Mangan 0-5 4-4 4, Mullen 0-3
3-4 3, Baum 0-0 0-0 0, Kanin 0-1 0-0 0,
Malone 0-0 0-0 0.

CALVIN (12-5, 9-3)
S. Winkle 5-11 1-2 11, L. Winkle 5-13 0-0
10, Larson 4-6 0-0 9, Holleman 4-5 0-0 8,
Ouwinga 3-5 0-0 6, Bussis 2-3 0-0 6,
Nanninga 1-2 4-4 6, McDonald 1-7 0-0 3,
Peuler 1-3 1-2 3, Heilman 0-0 0-0 0,
Boonstra 0-0 0-0 0, DeRoos 0-0 0.

	1st	2nd	Total
SAINT MARY'S	18	28	46
Calvin	31	31	62

3-point goals: Saint Mary's 0-4 (Creachbaum 0-1, Kessler 0-1, Boyce 0-2), Calvin 4-12 (Bussis 2-2, McDonald 1-6, Larson 1-3, Peuler 0-1). Fouled out: None. Rebounds: Saint Mary's 32 (Creachbaum 9), Calvin College 36 (Nanninga 10). Assists: Saint Mary's 5 (Boyce 2, Creachbaum 2), Calvin 18 (McDonald 11). Total fouls: Saint Mary's 7, Calvin 15.

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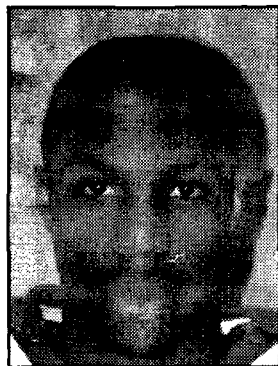
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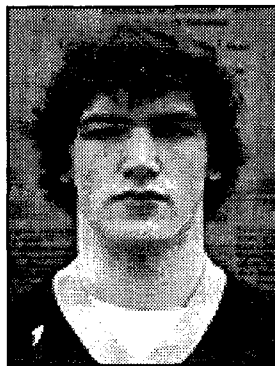
CLASS OF 2009



David Bruton
 defensive back
 6-2, 184
 Miamisburg, Ohio
"On the field he's very much a team player and real competitor."
 Tim Lewis
 coach

Courtesy Miamisburg High School

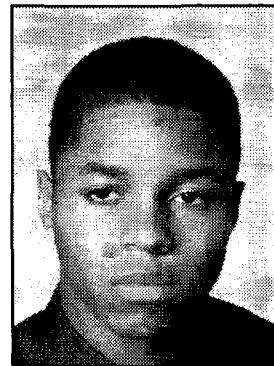
Notes: all-district and division player...made 54 tackles and three interceptions in '04.



Paul Duncan
 offensive line
 6-7, 270
 Dallas, Ga.
"He was wanted by a lot of big time schools. He's a huge pickup."
 Mike Frank
 Irisheyes.com

Courtesy The Insiders.com

Notes: named Georgia offensive lineman of the year by Atlanta TD Club ... first-team all-state pick



David Grimes
 wide receiver
 5-10, 170
 Detroit, Mich.
"He is a class act. He will represent the Irish well, on and off the field."
 Travis Donnelly
 Irish Today

Courtesy Detroit Free Press

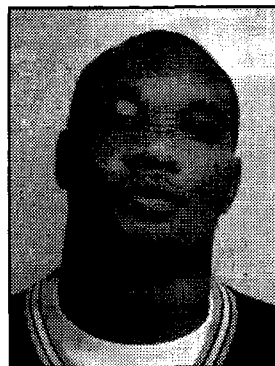
Notes: had 48 receptions for 800 yards and eight TD's in '04 ... made five interceptions on defense



Derrell Hand
 defensive line
 6-3, 300
 Philadelphia, Pa.
"He's a big body. He has very good size and he plays hard."
 Mike Frank
 Irisheyes.com

Courtesy Rivals.com

Notes: first-team all-state at both DT and TE ... made 72 tackles and eight sacks in '04.



Ray Herring
 defensive back
 6-1, 215
 Melbourne, Fla.
"He has the best hands I've seen at any level, and he loves to hit."
 John Thomas
 coach

Courtesy Holy Trinity Academy

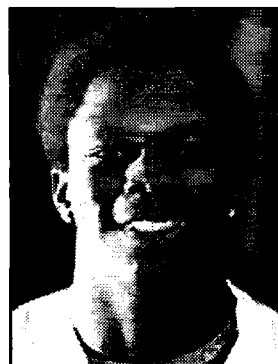
Notes: four-time all-state selection ... 149 tackles as junior ... 76 tackles and nine interceptions in '04



Joey Hiben
 tight end
 6-5, 225
 Waconia, Minn.
"The Irish needed an athletic, fast tight end and he fits the bill."
 Travis Donnelly
 Irish Today

Courtesy The Insiders.com

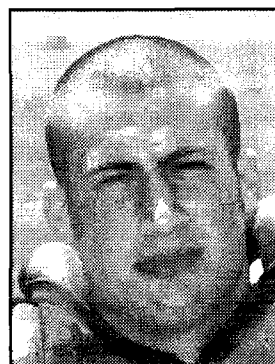
Notes: second-team all-state in '04 ... tenth-rated tight end in nation by Prep Football Report.



D.J. Hord
 wide receiver
 6-2, 185
 Lee's Summit, Mo.
"He's got great vertical speed. He's got good hands."
 Tony Severino
 coach

Courtesy Scout.com

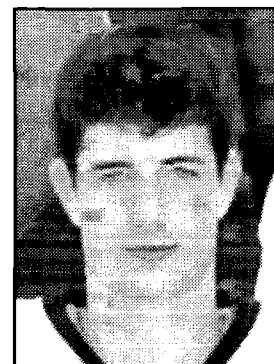
Notes: Gatorade Missouri player of the year ... played in US Army All-American Bowl in '04.



Pat Kuntz
 defensive line
 6-4, 230
 Indianapolis, Ind.
"He's one of those lunch pail guys that are going to work and work and work."
 Mike Frank
 Irisheyes.com

Courtesy Indianapolis Star

Notes: 114 tackles, 27 tackles for loss, 14 sacks and one interception in '04 ... 10 sacks as a junior



Kyle McCarthy
 defensive back
 6-0, 190
 Youngstown, Ohio.
"He is a similar player to Tom Zbikowski."
 TMike Frank
 Irisheyes.com

Courtesy Youngstown Vindicator

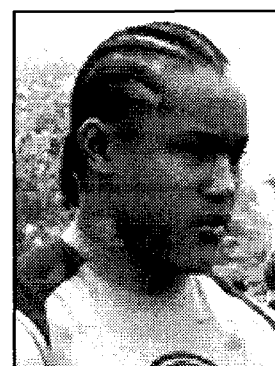
Notes: played quarterback and defensive back in high school ... returned three punts for TD's in '04.



Steve Quinn
 linebacker
 6-3, 204
 Cherry Hill, N.J.
"He had some good skills."
 Charlie Weis
 Irish coach

Courtesy Scout.com

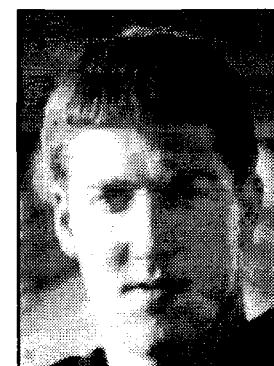
Notes: Philadelphia Catholic League player of the year in '04 ... made 74 tackles and six sacks in '04



Asaph Schwapp
 fullback
 6-2, 230
 Hartford, Conn.
"He's the best fullback in the state, bar none."
 Robert Fleeting
 coach

Courtesy Rivals.com

Notes: rated country's no. 21 fullback ... ran for 1,110 yards in '04 ... first-team all-state selection.



Evan Sharpley
 quarterback
 6-2, 205
 Marshall, Mich.
"He'll provide some good competition."
 Charlie Weis
 Irish coach

Courtesy Detroit Free Press

Notes: threw for 1,389 yards and 16 TD's in '04 ... scored 28 on ACT ... wants to play baseball too.

Who's Leaving?

Sixteen seniors will not return to the Irish.

Offense:

- QB Pat Dillingham
- RB Ryan Grant
- FB Josh Schmidt
- WR Carlyle Holiday
- TE Jared Clark
- TE Jerome Collins
- TE Billy Palmer

Defense:

- DB Quentin Burrell
- DB Carlos Campbell
- DB Dwight Ellick
- DB Preston Jackson
- LB Mike Goolsby
- LB Derek Curry
- DE Justin Tuck
- DE Kyle Budinscak
- DT Greg Pauly



Comparing Classes: Offense

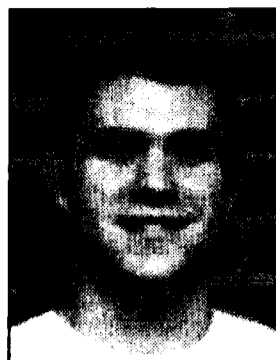
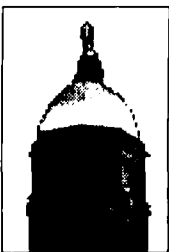
Coaches recruit based on team needs and past commitments

Class of 2008

- QB - Darrin Bragg
- QB - David Wolke
- RB - Justin Hoskins
- RB - Darius Walker
- OL - Brandon Nicholas
- OL - John Kadous
- OL - Chauncey Incarnato
- WR - Chris Vaughn

Class of 2009

- QB - Evan Sharpley
- FB - Asaph Schwapp
- WR - David Grimes
- WR - D.J. Hord
- TE - Joey Hiben
- OL - Michael Turkovich
- OL - Paul Duncan



Courtesy of Highland Park H.S.

Scott Smithlinebacker
6-4, 225

Highland Park, Ill.

*"He's intelligent, smart
and well-respected."*

Kurt Weinberg

coach

Notes: Made 143 tackles and six sacks in '04 ... named conference defensive player of the year



Courtesy of Rivals.com

Michael Turkovichoffensive line
6-7, 275

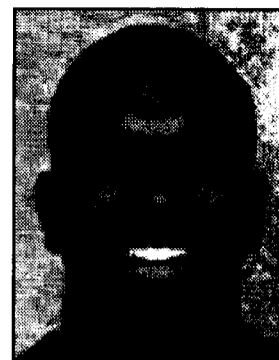
Bedford, Penn.

*"He's quick footed and a
really solid player."*

Mike Frank

Irisheyes.com

Notes: Did not allow a sack as a senior ... starts on basketball team and pitcher on baseball team.



Courtesy of Stephen F. Austin H.S.

Kevin Washingtonlinebacker
6-1, 208

Sugar Land, Tx.

*"He has a long stride and
deceptive speed."*

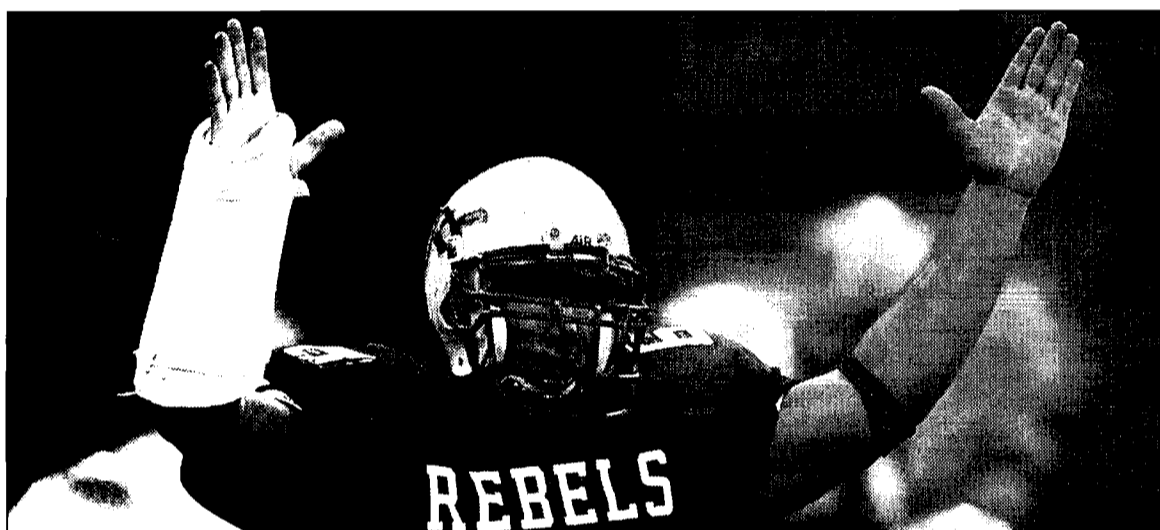
Chris Pool

Scout.com

Notes: Member of Dallas Morning News Texas Top 100 ... started at both quarterback and linebacker

FOOTBALL RECRUITING

Weis at the wheel



Courtesy of The Indianapolis Star

Irish defensive tackle recruit Pat Kuntz celebrates during a game for his Roncalli (Indianapolis) High School team last season. Kuntz tallied 14 sacks in leading his team to the '04 state title.

The timing was as good as a Tom Brady-to-David Givens screen pass.

Just seconds before Irish coach Charlie Weis was going to announce his inaugural recruiting class, his cell phone rang, and a cellular rendition of the Notre Dame Victory March squeaked through the teleconference speakers. He didn't answer his phone, but a message had been sent to everyone following college football — Charlie Weis is ready to coach at Notre Dame.

No, the recruiting class that Weis announced is not very highly rated. But it's not for a lack of effort on his part. Asked if he has been on the phone "every day all the time" Weis responded affirmatively. "That's really what I've been doing," Weis said via satellite from New England's Super Bowl headquarters in

Jacksonville. "In some cases it helped, some it didn't help."

Weis' effort landed few big name recruits. But if anyone can get football players to play better than experts expect, it's Weis.

Brady, his Patriot protégé, was a sixth-round pick out of Michigan before meeting Weis and winning two Super Bowls, with a third possibly on the way.

That is why Irish fans should be excited about Weis. The class of 2009 is full of athletes with huge potential and small egos. They are the type of players Weis has said all along he wants — tough and nasty guys with a driving will to win. Just like Brady.

If Weis can utilize the talents of all-state selections such as defensive back Ray Herring and defensive tackle Pat Kuntz in the same way he did with Brady, Notre Dame will have success.

The problem with Notre

Dame teams in the past decade is they have consistently underachieved. Davie and Willingham were like blind men driving a Mercedes. The talent was there, but they drove it into a wall.

This class is not the standard for Notre Dame recruiting. With a chance to build strong relationships next year, Weis will bring baskets of blue chippers to South Bend. And he will not waste that talent.

Imagine Weis behind the wheel of the Notre Dame Mercedes. With Parade All-American offensive lineman under the hood and five-star wide receivers in the gas tank, even the Trojan Horse might have trouble keeping up.

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Class

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at certain positions that we wanted to get," Weis said. "For example, we might have wanted to get three wide receivers and we got two. Okay. So I think we at least reached the minimum of each position that we were recruiting."

The two receivers are D.J. Hord and David Grimes. Hord is the only recruit ranked in Collegefootballnews.com's top 150 players in the nation at 104th. He is out of Rockhurst Jesuit High School in Kansas City, Mo. and runs a 4.4 40-yard dash. Hord made 36 receptions for 560 yards and six touchdowns last season and was named Gatorade Missouri player of the year.

Steve Quinn, the latest Irish recruit having been offered a scholarship only last week, is being brought in as a linebacker but could join Hord and Grimes at receiver in the fall.

"He had some good skills," Weis said. "He was kind of that athletic type that can play both linebacker and wide receiver. That's a very unusual combination that I'll be interested to work with."

Tight end recruit Erik Lorig is still yet to decide between Notre Dame and Stanford and has set no date for an announcement, according to Irisheyes.com. He is the eighth-rated tight end in the nation according to Scout.com and would raise the class total to 16 players if he commits.

The three defensive backs that signed Wednesday include David Bruton of Miamisburg, Ohio, Ray Herring of Melbourne, Fla. and Kyle McCarthy of Youngstown, Ohio. Bruton wavered in his verbal commitment after Notre Dame fired Tyrone Willingham on November 30, making a visit to Wisconsin Dec. 10, before reaffirming his decision to go to Notre Dame. He is listed as one

of the top-30 recruits in Ohio, making 58 tackles and eight interceptions in 2004.

Neither Herring nor McCarthy were top-rated recruits, with Herring listed as the 41st rated safety and McCarthy the 74th rated cornerback in the nation according to Scout.com. However, both are very athletic. McCarthy joins Hord as the speediest recruit with a 4.4 40-yard time, while Herring ranks seventh in Florida state history with 25 career interceptions.

The remaining three offensive players to sign with the Irish include quarterback Evan Sharpley, fullback Asaph Schwapp and tight end Joey Hiben. Sharpley threw for 3,700 yards and 45 touchdowns his senior year at Marshall High School in Marshall, Mich. Weis insisted that although Brady Quinn is the starter at quarterback going into spring practice, Sharpley and every other recruit will have the chance to compete for a starting job.

"I would be very disappointed if [the recruits] walked in the door not competing to get into the mix," Weis said. "So I think walking in the door for Evan [Sharpley], just like every guy here, you're trying to challenge, first of all, just to work your way up the depth chart to be in contention to play."

Other defensive recruits include Derrell Hand, Pat Kuntz and Scott Smith. Hand and Kuntz are both defensive lineman while Smith is a linebacker. Hand is 6-foot-3, 300 pounds and was named first-team all-Philadelphia Catholic League at both defensive tackle and tight end.

Kuntz had 14 sacks his senior year while leading Indianapolis' Roncalli High School to a state title. Smith is expected to bolster a young Irish linebacking corps after making 143 tackles in 2004, including 32 in a single game.

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Who Might Return

Twelve seniors could apply for a fifth year of eligibility because they were injured or did not play for at least one full season.

Offense:

OL Zach Giles
OL Mark LeVair
OL Darin Mitchell
OL Dan Stevenson
OL Jeff Thompson
RB Rashon Powers-Neal
RB Marcus Wilson
WR Matt Shelton

Defense:

LB Corey Mays
LB Brandon Hoyte
DL Brian Beidatsch
DB Lionel Bolen

Comparing Classes: Defense

Coaches recruit based on team needs and past commitments

Class of 2008

DL - Justin Brown
DL - Ronald Talley
LB - Abdel Banda
LB - Maurice Crum, Jr.
LB - Anthony Vernaglia
DB - Tregg Duerson
DB - Leo Ferrine
DB - Junior Jabbie
DB - Terrail Lambert

Class of 2009

DL - Derrell Hand
DL - Patrick Kuntz
LB - Steve Quinn
LB - Scott Smith
DB - David Bruton
DB - Ray Herring
DB - Kyle McCarthy
DB - Kevin Washington

Batteast

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and scored 15 points on 7-for-14 shooting.

"I don't think she was feeling too good," point guard Megan Duffy said. "I think a few years ago, I don't know if she would have done that, and I think she's matured. She wants to win more than anybody on this team."

Boston College was leading 49-45 after a 19-6 run with 11:12 to play in the second.

But the Irish never looked back as Batteast and Teresa Borton hit layups to tie the score. After ending the Boston College run, Notre Dame won the game down the stretch with its defense. After Boston College took a 54-53 lead with 6:46 to play, they went without a field goal for five minutes. Courtney LaVere tied the game with one of two free throws and the Irish went on an 8-0 run for a 61-54 lead with 1:32 to go. Clare Drosch hit a 3-pointer but that was all for the Eagles, who shot a season-low 34.5 percent from the field and 23.5 percent from beyond the arc.

The Eagles also had 22 turnovers, a season high, which the Irish converted to 20 points. Notre Dame dominated inside, despite being outrebounced 45-32. The Irish scored 44 of their 64 points in the paint, while the Eagles were held to just 18 points down low.

Borton led the Irish down low, hitting 6-for-10 shots, for 12 points and six rebounds. Megan Duffy had nine points and six rebounds, and Charel Allen added nine points and five rebounds. For the Eagles, Drosch finished with 14 points and 10 rebounds, and Aja Parham added 13 points and 13 rebounds to remain in second place in the Big East.

"I think this team has showed a lot more poise, and definitely a lot more maturity than last year," McGraw said.

NOTRE DAME 64, BOSTON COLLEGE 57 at the JOYCE CENTER

NOTRE DAME (19-3, 7-2)
Batteast 7-15 1-2 15, Erwin 1-5 1-2 3, Borton 6-10 0-2 12, Duffy 2-5 5-6 9, Gray 0-3 1-2 1, Gaines 2-2 0-0 4, Allen 3-5 2-3 9, D'Amico 2-3 0-0 4, LaVere 2-8 3-4 7.

BOSTON COLLEGE (15-4, 6-2)
Queenan 0-7 3-4 3, Ress 1-4 0-0 2, Parham 4-10 1-1 13, Marshall 5-10 1-2 11, Drosch 5-16 3-4 14, Deveny 0-1 0-0 0, Dorsey 3-7 2-2 10, Jackson 0-0 0-0 0, Macchia 2-3 0-2 4.

	1st	2nd	Total
NOTRE DAME	33	31	64
Boston College	30	27	57

3-point goals: Notre Dame 1-4 (Allen 1-1, Duffy 0-2, Batteast 0-1). Boston College 4-17 (Drosch 1-7, Dorsey 2-6, Parham 1-1, Queenan 0-2, Marshall 0-1). Fouled out: None. Rebounds: Notre Dame 9-23 (Borton, Duffy 6), Boston College 17-28 (Parham 13). Assists: Notre Dame 16 (LaVere 4), Boston College 11 (Marshall 5). Total fouls: Notre Dame 14, Boston College 20.

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Sick

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Pain like watching a pesky Boston College team sprint off a 15-4 run, turning a 39-30 Notre Dame lead into a 45-43 Eagle advantage in the second half.

Even after Batteast, who scored 15 points in 24 minutes, led Notre Dame's charge to a 64-57 victory late in the second half, the senior all-American didn't even flash her trademark ear-to-ear smile. She simply threw her headband to a crowd of children and walked off the court.

It was an exhausting, tough, aching night for Batteast and her Notre Dame teammates. But through 40 grueling minutes of basketball, the Irish did what they almost always manage to do this season—they found a way to win.

That's no easy task for any top team, especially the Irish, who seem to face an opponent's best effort on a nightly basis.

"We've had the target on our back all year long. ... Teams are taking their best shots at

us, coming in giving us the best they've got," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said.

Wednesday's performance was an on-court illustration of that statement.

Every time Notre Dame took a sizeable lead, Boston College found a way to get back in the game.

Kindyll Dorsey, who scored 10 points all season for Boston College, hit two surprising 3-pointers and scored 10 points in the final few minutes of the first half to cut the Irish lead to just 33-30.

After Notre Dame took a 39-30 lead, the Eagles clawed their way to take a four-point edge at 49-45 with 11:32 remaining. No matter what the Irish tried, Boston College had an answer.

The Eagles had answers, that is, until Batteast decided to take over. She scored eight points in the next 10 minutes and had two key assists that helped put the Irish ahead 61-54 with 1:32 left.

It was a typical game for Notre Dame. They received solid contributions from all nine players who saw minutes. They controlled most of the game. And they used one of

the nation's best players to nail in the coffin on another win.

Most importantly, this win puts Notre Dame past a huge obstacle in its path to the Big East regular season title. At 7-2, the Irish are behind just Connecticut (6-1) and Rutgers (6-1) with those two teams matching up tonight.

At this stage of the season, the Irish know what they must do. They must finish off the weak sisters of the conference—teams like Pittsburgh, Providence, Georgetown and Seton Hall. They must their rebounding. And they must keep confidence high.

Do those things and Notre Dame will be a difficult matchup for any team come tournament time.

And then, all the pain Batteast and her teammates went through this season—a rigorous schedule, injuries to key players and facing the other team's best performance every night—will be worth it.

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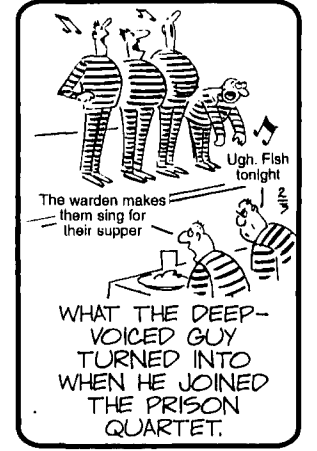
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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by Henri Arnold and Mike Argirion



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

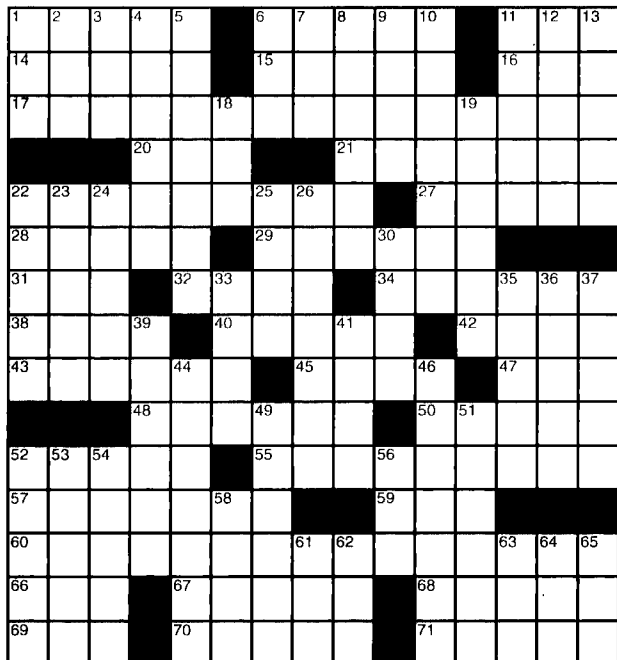
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Yesterday's Jumbles: PUPIL UNITY TANGLE HERESY
Answer: One too many made him do this — SLEEP "TIGHT"

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- ACROSS: 1 "Dagnabbit!", 6 "No more!", 11 Title on a bottle of bubbly, 14 Not promising, 15 Pamplona runners, 16 Winter coat, 17 Ones looking way up, 20 Pronoun in a "Concentration" rebus, 21 Spirit raisers, 22 A ruler may have them, 27 Palate-pleasing, 28 "That'll teach you!" look, 29 Short coat, 31 Short report, 32 Sought a judgment, 34 Some bricks, 38 King Harald's predecessor, 40 Dickens character (and title of this puzzle), 42 Go in only a little way, say, 43 "Honor Thy Father" author, 45 Face shape, 47 Year that Botticelli died, 48 Peace of mind, 50 Hit musical revue of 1978, 52 "Return of the Jedi" villain, 55 Eyewitness reports, maybe, 57 Deadlock, 59 Take your pick, 60 Fat cats, 66 E. Lansing school, 67 Some Damon Runyon characters, 68 High-pitched, 69 Triumphant shout, 70 Cuddly creatures of Endor, 71 Critical times



- DOWN: 1 It aired the first coast-to-coast Oscar telecast, 1953, 2 "Telephone Line" rock grp., 3 Tape deck button, 4 Not rush, 5 Stabs, 6 Versatile truck, informally, 7 Positive sign, 8 Game stick, 9 Bound, 10 Not exact, 11 Parts of some farm tillers, 12 Square dance group, e.g., 13 Tangled, 14 To this day, 15 Lined up, 22 100 smackers, 23 Name on a bomber, 24 High land, 25 "I'll speak a prophecy — go": Shak., 26 Cold shower?, 30 Last wife of Bluebeard, 33 Lone Star State sch., 35 Buck of filmdom, 49 1887 Verdi opera, 51 Set free, 52 Force open, 53 Divert, 54 Good average, 56 Title character in Shakespeare, 58 Not rushed, 61 Class, 62 Hush-hush W.W. II grp., 63 Classic New Yorker cartoonist Gardner, 64 Dreyer's partner in ice cream, 65 Part of S.S.S.: Abbr.

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- ARIES (March 21-April 19): Do what you must to keep the peace. A personal or emotional situation will escalate if you are too vocal. Don't get behind in your chores. ***
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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Taking a pushy approach will work against you. Let people come to you. The more you do yourself, the better the results. **

Birthdays: You are outgoing, worldly and yet very calm, cool and collected. You have an inner strength and wisdom beyond your years. You have endurance and will never back down or give up.

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FOOTBALL RECRUITING

Weis choices

Despite losing several key recruits on Signing Day, ND coach is 'content' with class

By MIKE GILLOON
Sports Writer

Lawrence Wilson finally chose Ohio State over Notre Dame. Brian Roche will be blocking for the Cardinals of Louisville next season, not the Irish. Nonetheless, Notre Dame coach Charlie Weis was "content" with his first

recruiting class during a press conference Wednesday afternoon announcing 15 signees for the class of 2009.

"I would like to thank all the assistant coaches at Notre Dame who, in my absence, have done a very admirable job," Weis said, alluding to the fact that he has been splitting time between Notre Dame and his current role as

offensive coordinator of the New England Patriots. "I'm very, very happy with the young men that they have added on here."

Rivals.com rates the class 39th nationally, noting that only two Irish recruits garnered four-stars from the Web site and none earned five.

Notre Dame signed seven players on offense and eight on

defense. Three of the defensive recruits will play in the secondary and add much-needed depth to a unit that loses four seniors off last year's squad.

At other positions the Irish were not as successful. Roche, a Scout.com four-star offensive lineman from Ramsey, N.J., would have given Notre Dame a third solid recruit at that position.

Instead, Notre Dame signed two linemen — Michael Turkovich and Paul Duncan. Both have earned four-star ratings from Scout.com and will add depth to an offensive line unit that returns all five starters.

"When we went in here we would have two or three [players]

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Clipping the Eagles

Big East win is very important for women heading down stretch

By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN
Sports Editor

All-American Jacqueline Batteast felt sick enough to take herself out of the first half of Wednesday night's game.

But in the second half, it was Boston College dealing with that sickening feeling.

Batteast put up 15 points in the second half to lead No. 6 Notre Dame to a 64-57 victory over No. 16 Boston College at the Joyce Center.

"I thought we didn't have the energy and enthusiasm that we needed to really spark us tonight," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said.

Notre Dame (19-3, 7-2 Big East)

went back and forth with Boston College (15-4, 6-2 Big East) throughout the first half with both teams' stars on the bench. Batteast, who has recently been dealing with illness, took herself out of the game and played just seven first-half minutes. On the other side, the Eagles' Jessalyn Deveny, who averages 18.1 points per game, reinjured her ankle after playing less than one minute.

After seesawing for the majority of the first half, Notre Dame went on a 10-1 run to go ahead 24-15 with 4:54 to play before the break.

But little-used Kindyll Dorsey gave the Eagles a spark off the bench, hitting two 3-pointers and scoring 10 points in just under four minutes to get the Eagles within three at end of the first period. Dorsey had just 10 points all season before Wednesday.

But in the second half, it was all Batteast, who played 17 minutes

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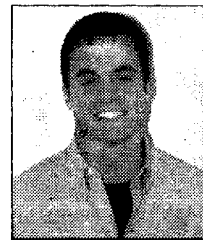
Jacqueline Batteast goes up strong in Notre Dame's 64-57 win over Boston College. Batteast scored 15 points.

Batteast fights illness, Irish battle for tough home victory

Jacqueline Batteast had one general expression on her face throughout Wednesday's game — pain.

Pain like when you have to throw up — which Batteast has been doing the last week thanks to flu symptoms.

Pain like when you tweak your ankle — which Batteast appeared to do on a lay-up early in the second half.



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Sports Writer

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Inside presence arrives just in time for Irish

By PAT LEONARD
Associate Sports Editor

At the beginning of the season, Notre Dame had an injury report long enough to resemble a grocery-shopping list.

Torin Francis — who insisted then that his back was 100 percent healthy — said Wednesday he has felt no pain this season that has hindered his play.

"I felt just as comfortable three weeks ago as I do now," Francis said.

If Francis is telling the truth, a comparison of his performance against Connecticut to his

play three weeks ago needs some sort of explanation.

"We just kind of changed our approach to the game," Francis said.

He can say that again.

Notre Dame (13-5, 5-3 Big East), which previously was winning and losing games (West Virginia as the former and Georgetown as the latter) according to its outside shooting, found a complement to its backcourt firepower last week. Francis — along with forwards Dennis Latimore and Rick Cornett — began forcing teammates to use the low post as a first option. Averaging below 10 points per game, Francis

scored 19 points and grabbed seven rebounds in a 78-74 victory over Connecticut Sunday.

"Our post players have been playing well," Cornett said. "We've just got to ride our strong man out. [Against Connecticut], Torin was really rolling and Dennis was really rolling down low, so we just kept going to them."

Cornett played only six minutes off the bench against the Huskies, but he was as efficient as ever. Cornett shot 3-for-3 from the field and took a back-seat role as Latimore made his long-awaited debut as Francis'

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Torin Francis celebrates after the Irish victory over then No. 16 Connecticut. Francis' strong play led the Irish all afternoon.

SPORTS AT A GLANCE

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The Irish finalized their first recruiting class under new coach Charlie Weis.

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Calvin 62
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Bridget Lipke led the Belles in scoring with 12 points

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Philadelphia's defense says it is ready for whatever New England throws at them.

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MENS BASKETBALL

Wake Forest 92
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The Demon Deacons defeated Duke at home for the fourth consecutive time.

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