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## Weis inspires early morning crowd

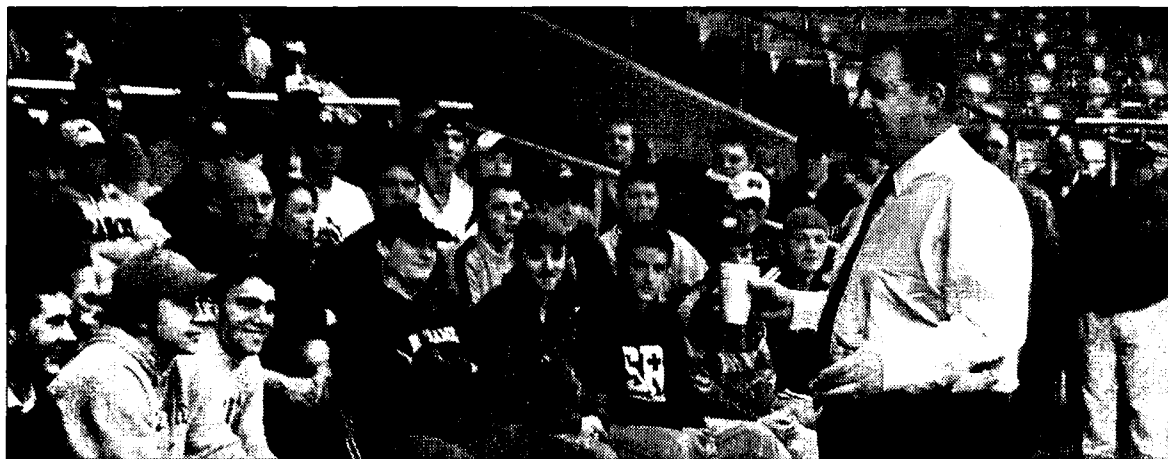
*Coach's first full day begins on the right foot*

By PAT LEONARD  
News Writer

Charlie Weis began his first full day as the Notre Dame head football coach at 6 a.m. with 207 early-rising students eagerly awaiting his arrival.

Weis greeted the crowd in the Joyce Center arena Monday morning and introduced himself as the full-time Irish coach.

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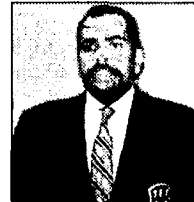
Charlie Weis speaks to 207 early-rising students at the Joyce Center on Monday. These avid fans gathered to greet the new Irish head football coach at 6 a.m.

## Page is named FYS dean

By EILEEN DUFFY  
Assistant News Editor

After 15 years of steady improvement under current dean, Eileen Kolman, Notre Dame's First Year of Studies program gained its next leader Monday.

Rev. Hugh Page, Walter associate professor of theology, has been appointed



Page

the dean of the FYS program, University Provost Nathan Hatch said in a press release.

A panel of five faculty members and one senior student selected Page, with Hatch as panel chair. According to Page, the appointment came as "a total surprise."

"I am tremendously honored and humbled," he said in an e-mail. "I am delighted to have been given the opportunity to serve the University and its students in this capacity."

Page is the fourth dean to lead the first-year program since its inception in 1962, following in the footsteps of William Burke, Emil Hoffman and most recently, Kolman. Kolman, who has served in the position since 1990, announced in October that she would retire this June. Although Page has some big shoes to fill, Hatch believes he is ready for the challenge.

"Over the last 12 years, Hugh Page has distinguished himself as a teacher, scholar,

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## CLC

## Group debates Monologues, proclamation



FRANCESCA SETA/The Observer  
James Leito and Jordan Bonigiovanni participate in the CLC discussion concerning the Vagina Monologues.

By MADDIE HANNA  
News Writer

The Campus Life Council passed a "Rape-Free Zone Proclamation," controversial due to its support of the Vagina Monologues, and discussed last week's "Flex 10" resolution and task force reports at Monday's meeting.

"This is a huge success for this campus," student body president Adam Istvan said. "I'm thrilled that the CLC stepped up to support this and the Vagina Monologues."

The proclamation, which began in the Senate Gender Relations Committee and passed in the Senate last week, was described by student body vice president Karla Bell as a "vow of support for V-Day, a symbolic gesture."

"Obviously, we can't just

make our campus [automatically] rape-free," Bell said.

Some council members were opposed to the proclamation based on its support of the Vagina Monologues, the highly successful and often debated feminist play by Eve Ensler.

"I think from an administrative perspective, particularly in Student Affairs, I agree with everything in this proclamation except the Vagina Monologues," said David Moss, assistant vice president for Student Affairs.

According to Moss, the Vagina Monologues is currently performed on campus solely as an academic production, housed as an academic freedom issue.

"We just don't think it represents us as a Catholic institution," said Moss, who did

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## Turnout up, skepticism remains

*Voters and non-voters analyze common student government trends*

By JULIE BENDER  
News Writer

Though Dave Baron and Lizzi Shappell were officially declared the winners of the student body presidential elections last week, student perception of this year's campaign season did not prove to be as clear-cut as the election results. Voter turnout saw a significant increase in comparison to recent years, but apathy and negativity toward student government remained strong undercurrents.

The winning margin was slim in this year's runoff, with Baron and Shappell 235 votes ahead of the runner-ups,

James Leito and Jordan Bonigiovanni. Baron and Shappell finished with 52.88 percent of the vote, claiming majorities in the freshman, junior and senior classes.

In total, 4,287 votes were cast in this year's election, which represents 52.7 percent or just more than half of the student body. This year's runoff election saw an increased voter turnout over other recent elections, with 763 more voters participating than last year's election, and 574 more voters than in the 2003 election.

President-elect Dave Baron credits the increased voter turnout to the recent U.S. presidential election.

"Student interest at the

national level of politics was high this year, and I think that carries over to the most local political process — our school elections," Baron said.

Despite the closeness of this year's election and the increased voter turnout, many students remain apathetic to the election process and cynical about the role of student body president. Though reasons for apathy surrounding the election were varied, a recurring sentiment among students was student government's apparent lack of power.

"I didn't vote this year because I hadn't paid much attention to the campaigns,"

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BETH WERNET/The Observer

Student body president-elect, Dave Baron, left, and vice president-elect Lizzi Shappell campaign in the Feb. 8 runoff debate, where questions about student government's productivity led to discussion.

## INSIDE COLUMN

# A newfound nostalgia

In a navy blue Volvo station wagon evolved a scrapbook of my entire childhood. Inside, memories rested alongside the hardened French fries and squashed fruit snacks that lined the plastic leather interior.

Growing up I had two older brothers.

**Katie Perry**

*News  
Production  
Editor*

Brian was two years my senior, and we flat out did not get along. At the root of our constant fighting were our intrinsic similarities — we repelled each other like two homologous poles. Michael, two years older than Brian, had an incredible knack for aloofness. He was always a spectator during our petty battles, never taking sides or responding to the action. I often pondered how it was possible for him to ignore Brian's and my constant quarreling. In time I realized this trait was simply part of who Mike was, and we all loved him for it.

During family car trips we'd find ourselves playing our Gameboy consoles for 10 minutes before breaking into complete sibling warfare. My father would try to overwhelm the cacophony with his newest Bruce Springsteen cassette, but his attempts were always futile.

Through the constant combat, my parents' personalities shined through. My mother's solution to all sibling-related problems involved an extraordinary amount of yelling. My father wasn't as vocal. Once the Boss had failed him, he'd opt to jerk the car to the side of the road and coolly stand outside until the battle ceased. This technique usually worked. Brian would direct his negative anger at his game of Tetris, Michael would lose himself in his Walkman, and I would stare out the window and daydream. The car changed with the family, and as we acquired parts, so did it. When the Volvo approached its second birthday, my sister Erica was born. The meager five-seater could no longer hold our family and a fold-up trunk seat was added as a result.

The years passed, and like us, the Volvo began to age. The navy paint lost its luster and small regions of rust developed. Inside, empty juice boxes and X-Men trading cards lay preserved beneath the floor mats, creating an unintentional scrapbook of memories shared by my family in the car.

One subzero February day our car began its dissent to death. As we pulled out of our driveway something felt awry. The Volvo was making strange noises — it had finally trekked its last mile.

A short time later, we purchased a spacious new Honda minivan. No longer crammed in the backseat, arguments between Brian and I dissipated and finally ceased. We pretended to love the new found maturity, yet in our hearts we all wanted to go back to the days of pulling hair and bickering to no end.

The Volvo represented our youth, and when it died, our childhood went along with it. From gummy bears and Gameboys had somehow evolved four children who had just about grown up. Now as I juggle papers, exams and of course, late nights at The Observer, I think I'd give anything to relive those days. Yet I know it is an unreachable desire. Childhood is a one-way street, and there is no turning back.

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

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## CORRECTIONS

Due to an editing error, an event mentioned in the In Brief section on Feb. 14 was listed as taking place on Wednesday. Ron Koperski will be giving a lecture on "Sports and the Media: An Examination of the Ethical Elements" at 12:30 p.m. on Thursday in Giovanni Commons in Mendoza. The Observer regrets the error.

## QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT DID YOU DO FOR VALENTINE'S DAY?



**Collen Beeler**  
*freshman  
Walsh*

*"I made a cookie for Operation Smile."*



**Andrew Cracker**  
*junior  
off-campus*

*"Answered The Observer's photo poll."*



**Alex Hale**  
*freshman  
Stanford*

*"Nothing, I think it's a holiday created by corporate America."*



**Elena Lacayo**  
*junior  
Howard*

*"Spent the day desperately looking for someone to spoon with."*



**Katie Monahan**  
*sophomore  
Lewis*

*"I went out and made love to the world because that's what you should do everyday."*



**Dan Toler**  
*freshman  
Dillon*

*"My girlfriend and I celebrated it over the weekend."*



DUSTIN MENNELL/The Observer

**Students donated a dollar Monday to make Valentine's Day cookies in support of Operation Smile, an organization to provide facial reconstruction surgery in the United States and underdeveloped countries.**

## OFFBEAT

### Wild turkeys push luck, move to BBQ town

NETA, N.D. — A wild turkey flock may be crazy for moving to this town, which claims it holds the world's largest turkey barbecue each summer.

Wayne Short's back yard is a popular hangout for the turkeys. He said he thinks the big birds have been misinformed.

"When they find out we're having turkey barbecue instead of a barbecue for turkeys, they'll be gone like a shot," Short said.

The Turkey Barbecue and Summer Festival is held each June and attracts thou-

sands of people to this town of about 285 people. Last year, organizers cooked 296 turkeys.

The turkeys showed up in October. They roost in the trees in Short's back yard every night and wander through the town during the day, he said.

Short believes that three of the turkeys in the flock serve as lookouts and leaders.

### Alligator on way to becoming state reptile

JACKSON, Miss. — It might not have the hard bite of some other legislation, but a bill to designate the American alligator as

Mississippi's state reptile is on its way to the governor.

The bill cleared the House 106-10 on Monday. It passed the Senate by a wide margin Feb. 2.

House Rules Committee Chairman Joe Warren, D-Mount Olive, said he had been inundated with letters from Gulf Coast school children pushing for the bill.

Mississippi already has several official symbols. The mockingbird is the state bird. Petrified wood is the state stone. The teddy bear is the state toy.

*Information compiled from the Associated Press.*

## IN BRIEF

Professor Ralph McNerny will be having a Mystery Writing Workshop from 3 p.m. to 4:30 in LaFortune's McNeill Room today. The event is cosponsored by the Student Union Board and the Notre Dame Literary Festival.

Notre Dame alumnus Todd Tucker will give a talk about his books "Notre Dame vs. The Klan: How the Fighting Irish Defeated the Ku Klux Klan" and "Notre Dame Game Day" today at 7:30 p.m. in the Oak Room of South Dining Hall.

Jean Ann Linney, vice president and associate provost, will give a lecture entitled "Discriminatory Harassment" today at 5:30 p.m. in 129 DeBartolo Hall. The event is sponsored by ND Watch.

Ron Koperski from Bradley University will be giving a lecture on "Sports and the Media: An Examination of the Ethical Elements" at 12:30 p.m. Thursday in Giovanini Commons in Mendoza. The lecture is part of the Mendoza College of Business' Ethics Week.

Father Joseph Komonchak from the Catholic University of America will be giving a lecture entitled "Vatican II: Historical Relevance for 21st Century Believers" at 7:30 p.m. in the Stapleton Lounge in Le Mans Hall at Saint Mary's on Thursday. The lecture is sponsored by the Center for Spirituality.

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

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# Members approve new treasurer, funds

*Mike Marshall named, money allocated to clubs*

By MARY KATE MALONE  
News Writer

Before closing their meeting to the press Monday, the Council of Representatives approved the new student union treasurer, Mike Marshall will replace current treasurer Claire Fadel beginning March 1.

Fadel praised Marshall for his dedication to the student union during the past year.

"Mike has a lot of experience," Fadel said. "He is very dedicated and he is going to be a great fit."

Student body president Adam Istvan said after closing the meeting the Council voted to allow two clubs to receive money for events that exceeded their respective budgets.

Istvan disclosed information regarding the clubs appealing for money, but would not reveal specific details of the allocations.

Silver Wings was given money to help stage an Easter Egg Hunt for South Bend children in the spring.

A Life Uncommon was also allocated funds to help pay for Jessica Weiner to speak on

campus during Eating Disorders Awareness week.

The money given to the clubs comes from the \$16,000 collaboration fund — money set aside to help groups stage large events that might exceed their budgets. The Council encourages clubs and organizations to collaborate their resources and then ask the Council for money to cover the remaining difference.

"The fund is set aside for clubs throwing events that are co-sponsored by another student organization," Istvan said. "If they throw larger events than they have funds for, it allows them to still pursue it."

Istvan said the meeting was closed because the student union constitution demands that issues regarding allocating money not be discussed in an open meeting.

"The constitution says the meetings must be closed for collaboration fund appeals," Istvan said. "If we end up denying money to a group, we don't want people to be quoted because that can cause conflict."

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BOG

# Board discusses campaign progress

By KELLY BALE  
News Writer

With Valentine's Day marking the halfway point of the "Love Makes the World Go Round, Show Your Love" tsunami relief campaign, Saint Mary's Board of Governance met Monday night to discuss its continued relief efforts.

"[T]here was a much better effort this week," executive treasurer Molly Welton said.

BOG altered campaigning slightly this week by changing the types of collection bins that are used and adding a donation table in the Madeleva classroom building.

"We added the table and the new canisters around campus in hopes to raise more money," BOG chief of staff Susan McIluff said. "The new canisters have seemed to be very successful."

Welton announced the unofficial total of the campaign so far as \$552.65, out of a \$1,341 goal. BOG members attributed this increase in donations to a second door-to-door dorm collection, which raised approximately \$100, and the donation table, which collected \$47.50. Welton said the door-to-door collections have been the most successful thus far, and a third collection night is scheduled for Feb. 27.

"I really think that we can and should reach our goal," Welton said.

BOG will continue collecting

for the "Show Your Love" campaign at upcoming events such as Junior/Senior Bowling Night, Sophomore Parents Weekend, Little Sibs Weekend and the Saint Mary's women's basketball game this Saturday.

BOG approved the co-sponsorship of a committee comprised of members of the Saint Mary's Justice Department, Notre Dame Center for Social Concerns and members of the community, which will aid in bringing former Illinois Governor George Ryan to the Saint Mary's and Notre Dame community.

As part of the Death Penalty Symposium, which will be held from Feb. 23 to March 2, Ryan will speak on the Notre Dame campus about the fallibility of the death penalty and will also hold a panel discussion at Saint Mary's.

"The committee has come from different parts of the campus and community," junior Katie Kelly, who spoke as a representative of the committee, said. "[T]he symposium is not so much focused against the death penalty, but looking at the different dynamics surrounding it."

Members of BOG expressed concern over how the provided funds would be used and where other funds for the symposium would come. Welton said if the committee is serious about getting donations then they would need to provide BOG with a more detailed budget. Further

BOG concerns stemmed from the publicity of the event.

"No one knows anything for an event happening in two weeks," sophomore BOG member Monica Lindblom said.

But some members felt publicity was not the issue at hand.

"Our choice should not be based on our publicity ... if should be based on how many Saint Mary's students will find this valuable," student body president Sarah Catherine White said.

BOG approved the co-sponsorship, with the stipulation that the funds coming from BOG be used specifically to help accommodate Ryan's trip to the Saint Mary's campus.

## In other BOG news:

♦The Women Honoring Women committee selected Carrie Call, Astrid Henry, Mary Connolly and Lynn Kachmarik as nominees for the Women Honoring Women award, which will be handed out at a dinner March 23.

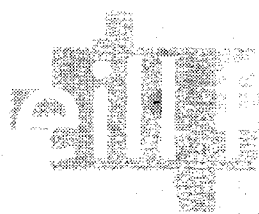
♦The Student Diversity Board will sponsor a cultural taste fest Thursday at noon in the dining hall. The first 15 off-campus students will get in free.

♦A small group forum entitled "The Many Diverse Voices of Saint Mary's" will be held tonight at 5:30 p.m. in the Stapleton Lounge.

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# Election

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said junior Kendra Harmon. "Anyway, not too much usually changes at the University based on the elections. In my years at Notre Dame, I haven't noticed any significant changes as a result of who is the student body president."

Shantha Ready, a senior, agreed with Harmon that the accomplishments of the office of the president often do not depend on who is elected.

"In past years, student government has always done a decent job, so I had full confidence that whoever ended up in office would be fine," she said. "I voted, but didn't care much about the outcome."

When questioned further, Ready cited the authority of higher University officials as the main reason for her belief that student government has little power at Notre Dame.

"With the Board of Trustees and other officials who have the final say, I really don't think that student government can do what they say they will," she said. "On a small scale, they accomplish great things, but some of the loftier goals will likely remain lofty and distant."

Steve Tutaj, a senior who did not vote, shared this sentiment.

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**Shantha Ready**  
senior

"The higher-ups dominate University policy no matter what. Student government has proven over the years that they can't bring back Everclear, kegs or SYRs even though that's what the majority of students want," Tutaj said. "They just don't have the power."

Among students who did vote in this year's election, many were still skeptical about the candidate promises and the role of student government at the University.

"I voted for the Baron-Shappell ticket," said junior

John Harrington, "but overall I feel the election was irrelevant. During my time at Notre Dame so far, I haven't noticed the changes the candidates say they'll make, and I doubt this year will be any different. And anyway, it seems to be a guy-girl ticket that usually wins the election regardless of the

actual campaign strategy and promises."

Erin O'Neill, a freshman who also voted for Baron and Shappell, said that she did not put much faith in the campaign promises.

"I thought the Baron-Shappell ticket had some good ideas, but most were pretty unrealistic," she said. "For example, their concert endowment idea doesn't seem very probable."

A few students said that it is this perception — of candidates

proposing improbable campaign ideas year in and year out — that has decreased their faith in student government.

"I think ideas like the Flex-10 meal plan that many candidates offered is a great idea, but in reality, I don't feel that student government has the influence to make that sort of change," freshman Jessica Lau said.

Senior Mary Laski agreed that student government's solid ideas — and even strong stances — often don't translate into follow-through.

"From what I have noticed in past years, candidates campaign with great ideas — concerts is always a big one — but they never really come through on these promises, which makes me think that they don't have the power to implement change," she said. "One example is if you look at something like the University's ban on hard alcohol and SYRs implemented a few years ago — students were outraged about this sudden change, but the student government lacked the power to do anything about it. I think that incident in particular has weakened faith in the government."

Baron himself acknowledged the overall negative opinion on student government, but he has a different view on the matter.

"I think what students need to realize is that we're not actually a government," Baron said. "Our legislation is not binding; we're not sovereign, but instead we function more like a labor union. The only way we can impact policy is if we garner the student voice collectively behind us. I think the frustrations students feel

about student government are felt by those in elected roles as well — and actually, those frustrations are magnified at the higher level."

Even with the general negative view of student government, there were some voters who believe this year's winning ticket does show potential for change at the school. Many students said they cast their votes for Baron and Shappell because the pair's platform had the most realistic ideas.

For senior Megann McCormick, the dedication to volunteerism is what attracted her to vote for Baron and Shappell.

"That's an important topic, especially at Notre Dame, where so many students are involved in service-related activities," McCormick said. "To address those kind of issues shows how in-tune Baron and Shappell are to the things that are important to students here. Plus, service is something that the student government realistically can impact."

April Garcia, another senior, also credited the pragmatic ideas of the Baron-Shappell platform as essential in giving them the win.

"Baron and Shappell's ideas were pretty solid and seemed realistic enough to implement," she said, pointing out that Baron and Shappell addressed problems specific to Notre Dame students, such as diversi-

ty. "Diversity is something the University is actively working on from year to year," Garcia said. "The fact that Baron and Shappell gave diversity prominence in their campaign, and that they had specific ideas for diversity improvement is why I voted for them."

With Baron and Shappell set to take office in April, their abilities to keep campaign promises and to prove they carry weight at the University will be key in maintaining a high voter turnout next year. For underclassmen, and freshmen in particular, what this year's elected representatives accomplish will impact students' voting patterns in the next several years.

Colleen McCaughan, a freshman voter this year, said she has faith in Baron and Shappell but that next year's results will speak for themselves.

"They got my vote because both candidates came to the dorm and visited rooms individually before the run-off vote," she said. "If [Baron and Shappell] showed that kind of dedication during the voting process, I have faith they'll continue to be dedicated to the students now that they've earned their offices. I guess we'll know for sure next year if this is true or not."

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**Dave Baron**  
student body  
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## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

### Fire in mosque kills 59 Iranians

TEHRAN, Iran — A fire raged through a crowded mosque in Tehran during evening prayers Monday after a female worshipper's veil caught the flames of a kerosene heater, killing at least 59 people and injuring more than 250, Iran's official news agency reported.

The Arg Mosque was filled with about 400 worshippers, more crowded than usual because this is the Islamic month of Muharram, a holy period for Shiite Muslims.

Panicked people raced for the doors and smashed windows to escape the blaze, leaving burned shoes and women's black chadors scattered in the mosque yard. The mosque walls were charred, carpets were burned and religious books, including the Quran, were destroyed.

### Prime minister candidates emerge

BAGHDAD, Iraq — A French-educated finance minister and a former London physician emerged Monday as the top candidates to be Iraq's next prime minister, as leaders of the clergy-backed Shiite Muslim alliance launched consultations after failing to get a two-thirds majority in the vote for Iraq's new parliament.

The prominence of urbane, moderate, Western-oriented figures appears designed to counter concern in Washington that Iran's influence will grow in Iraq after a Shiite-dominated government takes power — even though the ultimate decision may rest with a reclusive elderly cleric.

Adel Abdul-Mahdi, the interim finance minister, and Ibrahim al-Jaafari, the interim vice president, were said to be the leading candidates for prime minister.

## NATIONAL NEWS

### Man indicted for mass suicide plot

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore. — An Oregon man accused of using the Internet to try to organize a mass suicide for Valentine's Day was indicted Monday while deputies kept watch over his house to make sure no one arrived to kill themselves.

Gerald D. Krein Jr., 26, was indicted on one count of solicitation to commit murder and four counts of solicitation to commit manslaughter.

Investigators discovered last week that he had encouraged women to commit suicide as far back as 2000, inviting them to die in a group at his home or while participants were all logged onto the Internet at the same time, said Klamath County Sheriff Tim Evinger.

### Flu shots for elderly not needed

CHICAGO — A new study based on more than three decades of U.S. data suggests that giving flu shots to the elderly has not saved any lives.

Led by National Institutes of Health researchers, the study challenges standard government dogma and is bound to confuse senior citizens. During last fall's flu vaccine shortage, thousands of older Americans, heeding the government's public health message, stood in long lines to get their shots.

"There is a sense that we're all going to die if we don't get the flu shot," said the study's lead author, Lone Simonsen, a senior epidemiologist at the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases in Bethesda, Md.

## LOCAL NEWS

### Romance blossoms even during war

CHICAGO — A romance between two Indiana National Guard soldiers began six months ago during training exercises but has thrived in the battlefield conditions of Iraq.

Sgt. Damon Schroeder first took notice of Spec. Nicole Jirtle, a medic, when she rubbed cream onto his forearm for a rash he was suffering during a two-week summer field exercise at central Indiana's Camp Atterbury.

They say their relationship has grown since being deployed to Iraq.

## LEBANON

# Prime minister killed in bombing

*Blast leaves 10 dead, 100 wounded, stirring fears of violence 15 years after civil war*

Associated Press

BEIRUT, Lebanon — A massive bomb, a huge crater. Cars ablaze. And an assassinated leader. Bloody images from the past played out once again in the streets of Beirut.

The killing of former Prime Minister Rafik Hariri revived fears that this country — flourishing after 15 years of civil war — might plunge anew into a period of political violence.

The blast that killed Hariri and nine others came, ironically, in the very downtown district he helped to rebuild. Just blocks from the blast site and its deep crater, tourists have returned in recent years to gather at sidewalk cafes under buildings rebuilt in warm yellow stone.

Whether Beirut can resume its old aura as the Paris of the Middle East, however, now seems more uncertain.

Yet the blast Monday and the setback it represents do not mean civil war, not as it was between 1975 and 1990, when religious and sectarian groups fought bitterly.

Instead, the political debate over Syria's influence that turned ugly on Monday cuts across religious lines. And Hariri, a Sunni Muslim, had many allies in the Christian camp.

Still, the smoldering wreckage and 30-foot crater on a boulevard near the Mediterranean Sea were scenes the Lebanese hoped they would never see again.

The United States called the attack "a terrible reminder" that Lebanon still must shake free of occupation by Syria — the neighbor that keeps 15,000 troops here and influences virtually all key political decisions.

Syria denied any role and condemned the assassination. But opposition leaders in Lebanon said they held



Lebanese women in Beirut grieve outside the hospital where former Prime Minister Rafik Hariri was taken after he was killed by a bomb blast on Monday. The bombing has raised fears of a new cycle of violence in Lebanon.

both the Lebanese and Syrian governments responsible and demanded that Syrian troops withdraw.

A U.S. official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said it was too early to know who was responsible, but said any list of suspects "would have to include the Syrians and their surrogates in Lebanon."

Hariri, 60, left office in October but had the wealth and the prominence to maintain some degree of independence from Syria, while never moving toward total defiance.

His shift toward the opposition in recent months had given a boost to calls for Syrian withdrawal — and his death silenced an influ-

ential and moderate voice that could prove hard to replace.

It was unclear if his killing would delay parliamentary elections that had been expected in April and May.

Top government officials met in emergency session, then instructed the army and internal security forces "to take all necessary measures to control the security situation." The Supreme Council for Defense, which groups the president, Cabinet ministers and military officials, also declared three days of national mourning.

Later in the day, the army command announced forces were on maximum alert and that soldiers and

officers were being recalled from vacation or leave. It also said troops were setting up checkpoints and patrolling the streets.

The official National News Agency said Hariri's funeral would be Wednesday in a Beirut mosque.

President Emile Lahoud, a longtime rival of Hariri, called his killing "a dark point in our national history." He promised the assassins would be brought to justice.

There were no credible claims of responsibility.

A previously unknown group, Support and Jihad in Syria and Lebanon, said in a video broadcast on Al-Jazeera television that it carried out the bombing.

# Bush requests more war funding

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush asked Congress on Monday to provide \$81.9 billion more for wars in Iraq and Afghanistan and for other U.S. efforts overseas, shoving the total price tag for the conflicts and anti-terror fight past \$300 billion.

Republicans hope to push the package through Congress by early spring, reflecting both parties' desire to finance U.S. troops in the field and give Iraqis more responsibility following their national elections.

Bush asked lawmakers to pay for the new spending by borrowing the

money — which will make huge federal deficits even larger.

"The majority of this request will ensure that our troops continue to get what they need to protect themselves and complete their mission," Bush said in a statement accompanying his request.

He also said the money would help continue the pursuit of terrorists and help the United States "seize the opportunity to build peace and democracy in the Middle East."

The request was the latest demonstration of how the soaring costs of war — and the ongoing reconstruction of Iraq and Afghanistan — have exceeded the administration's early

characterizations. White House officials derided former Bush economic adviser Lawrence Lindsey's early estimate of a \$100 billion to \$200 billion price tag.

About \$77 billion of the total was for the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, while about \$5 billion was for aid to U.S. allies. Of the total package for the wars, the vast majority — \$74.9 billion — was for the Defense Department, with other agencies sharing the rest.

Some \$12 billion was requested to replace or repair worn-out and damaged equipment, including \$3.3 billion for extra armor for trucks and other protective gear.

# CLC

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not want the show to be the centerpiece of the proclamation.

To bypass the issue, Moss recommended removing the section discussing the Vagina Monologues from the proclamation. He also noted he would support a Notre Dame-specific version of the play, similar to that created by Saint Mary's students, and said men needed to be included in such a production.

"I think it's naïve to think that we can stop violence against women without including men in the process," Moss said.

Several members, including Brother Jerome Meyer, Knott Hall rector, supported Moss and refused to condone the Vagina Monologues.

"I agree with Dr. Moss. If it stays in [the resolution], I can't support it," Meyer said.

Siegfried senator James Leito said he thought the inclusion of the Vagina Monologues in the proclamation was unnecessary.

"I see where student government is coming from, but I don't think it adds any strength to what we're trying to say," Leito said.

Joyce Randall, Diversity Council representative, disagreed with Leito.

"The Vagina Monologues is more powerful than some shirt that just says 'Stop the Violence,'" Randall said.

Despite the opposition, the resolution still managed to pass with 11 affirmative votes and five abstentions, meeting the CLC's requisite two-thirds majority only with the addition of Istvan's vote.

"I'm really happy that the resolution passed with [some] rector support," Istvan said, noting the proclamation met with adequate support even without the presence of two

students at the meeting.

Regarding the continuing discussion of meal plans, Istvan said Father Mark Poorman, vice president for Student Affairs, had received the "Flex 10" resolution, which the CLC passed at their last meeting.

"I would expect that we'll get a response to that resolution by our next meeting on the 28th," Istvan said.

Cavanaugh senator Jordan Bongiovanni, co-chair of the social concerns task force, said her committee had laid out four possible options to increase diversity awareness among Notre Dame students.

The options are creating a new diversity class, working with and modifying the current contemporary topics

class, establishing a diversity requirement and cross-listing current requirements. This fourth option was the most popular among members of the committee, Bongiovanni said.

Istvan said the idea of cross-listing current requirements had been raised frequently after the recent diversity report presented to the Board of Trustees.

Moss and chief executive assistant Dave Baron suggested submitting the committee's findings to associate provost Dennis Jacobs.

Leito, chair of the vending task force, said his committee had received results from a Notre Dame Food Services survey sent to 2,000 students, of which 949 responded.

"Students felt there was an adequate amount [of laundry services available], but the value was not good enough," Leito said.

While the survey found 56 percent of students preferred an alternate pricing schedule, a flat fee could be problematic because of the wide variation in amount of money spent on laundry per semester, Leito said.

"As far as vending, it's pretty much the same story," Leito said, explaining many stu-

dents thought vending machine prices could be lowered.

As a possible solution, Leito offered the idea of lowering vending prices in dorms and increasing prices in public areas, such as the library - although he noted students might balk at having to pay two different prices for the same snack.

"But I say get them as low as we can get them in the dorms, and then we'll go from there," Leito said.

According to Leito, in addition to Food Services and Vending sending their findings

to Poorman, his committee will also write its own resolutions.

Alex French, O'Neill senator and chair of the security task force, said his committee met last Monday with Notre D a m e Security/Police assistant direc-

tor Phil Johnson and South Bend Police representatives.

"They're totally willing to

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**Adam Istvan**  
student body president

*"I think it's naïve to think that we can stop violence against women without including men in the process."*

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Up: 1,618	Same: 168	Down: 168	Composite Volume: 502,279,680

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<b>NASDAQ</b>	2,080.69	+4.03
<b>NYSE</b>	7,273.34	+11.70
<b>S&amp;P 500</b>	1,204.91	-0.39
<b>NIKKEI(Tokyo)</b>	11,632.20	+78.64
<b>FTSE 100(London)</b>	5,041.80	-2.40

COMPANY	%CHANGE	\$GAIN	PRICE
TASER INTL (TASR)	+10.98	+1.48	14.9
VERIZON COMM (VZ)	+1.36	+0.50	36.8
GENERAL MOTORS (GM)	+1.43	+0.53	37.6
CISCO SYSTEMS (CSCO)	+1.47	+0.26	17.9
INTEL CORP (INTC)	-0.21	-0.05	24.1

Treasuries			
30-YEAR BOND	-0.45	-0.20	44.67
10-YEAR NOTE	-0.12	-0.05	40.90
5-YEAR NOTE	+0.32	+0.12	37.07
3-MONTH BILL	-0.68	-0.17	24.77

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LIGHT CRUDE (\$/bbl.)	-0.35		47.80
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## IN BRIEF

### ATA union will accept contracts

INDIANAPOLIS — The union that represents ATA Airline's flight crew members voted to accept contract concessions that could save the bankrupt carrier as much as \$12 million over the next four months.

The Air Line Pilots Association said 78 percent of the union's 968 ATA pilots and flight engineers voted for the agreement, which calls for across-the-board wage reductions and reduced contributions to retirement accounts.

Indianapolis-based ATA, which is owned by ATA Holdings Corp., filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection in October.

It is now regrouping under a business alliance with Southwest Airlines to share passengers on 11 routes from Chicago's Midway International Airport not served now by the Dallas-based discount carrier.

In a separate development Monday, a federal judge appointed a New York investment banking firm to market ATA Airlines Inc.'s Chicago Express regional carrier as part of the airline's bankruptcy reorganization.

### Court blesses plan for Trump hotels

WASHINGTON — A bankruptcy court Monday blessed an agreement between Donald Trump and shareholders of Trump Hotels & Casino Resorts Inc. on reorganizing the company.

Many of the objections raised over the plan, which shareholders viewed as enriching majority stakeholder Donald Trump, were addressed in an amended version of the plan filed Sunday with the U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Camden, N.J.

Judge Judith Wizmur approved the disclosure statement, moving the company a step closer to exiting bankruptcy protection.

Trump Hotels, which operates three Atlantic City casinos and a riverboat in Gary, Ind., filed Chapter 11 on Nov. 21, citing \$1.8 billion in debt.

Under the latest plan, Trump will continue to serve as the company's chairman, which will be renamed Trump Entertainment Resorts Holdings L.P.

The new plan quashes an agreement that would have paid Trump a base salary of \$1.5 million a year, plus a possible \$1.5 million bonus.

# Verizon will acquire MCI Inc.

Three mergers in four months leave telephone industry with few key players

Associated Press

NEW YORK — And then there were four.

After three big mergers in two months, that's the number of major players left in the rapidly consolidating telephone industry — if you exclude all the cable TV companies that are jumping into the market.

The spree of takeovers, capped by Monday's agreement by Verizon Communications Inc. to acquire MCI Inc. for \$6.7 billion in cash and stock, is the logical outgrowth of major regulatory changes in Washington that boosted operating costs for long-distance providers, effectively forcing them onto the auction block.

With AT&T Corp. being acquired by SBC Communications Inc. in a \$16 billion deal announced two weeks ago, two companies that ruled the long-distance market until recently are now due to disappear. A third deal, a \$35 billion transaction announced in December, will pair Sprint Corp. and Nextel Communications Inc.

Once the deals close, a process that may not be completed until mid-2006, an industry once dominated by 10 names will be reduced to the Big Four — Verizon, SBC, BellSouth Corp. of Atlanta and Sprint Nextel. BellSouth, which nearly acquired AT&T a year ago, says it has no merger plans in its immediate future.

A key catalyst for all three deals was a court ruling nearly a year ago and subsequent decisions by the Federal Communications Commission which severely weakened the business prospects of AT&T, MCI and Sprint, prompting those companies to seek strength through mergers.

While consumer advocates expressed worry, it's not clear the dealings will allow the acquirers and others to boost prices for phone calls. That's because many consumers and businesses



People in Arlington, Va. walk outside an MCI building. Verizon Communications purchased MCI Inc. on Monday, reducing players in the telephone industry to four.

already are taking advantage of money-saving alternatives — especially cell phones and Internet-based phone services from cable TV companies like Comcast Corp. and Time Warner Inc.

"I doubt any of these deals will have an adverse affect on residential customers," said Robert C. Atkinson, director of policy research at the Columbia Institute for Tele-Information at Columbia University. "With cable companies and wireless companies, there's plenty of options coming. There will be plenty of opportunities to succeed or fail."

The Verizon-MCI and AT&T-SBC deals leave Qwest Communications International Inc., a Denver-based Baby Bell whose high-

er stock-based bid was rejected by MCI, isolated in a highly competitive market.

Verizon, the country's largest regional phone company, declined to say what will become of the MCI brand. It is a storied name due in part to its role as the first major rival to AT&T's national long-distance monopoly, and then as a legal opponent in the case which led U.S. Judge Harold Greene to order the breakup of the Bell System in 1984.

MCI was acquired in 1998 by Bernard Ebbers' WorldCom Inc., which after a financial scandal and a trip through bankruptcy court reorganization, re-emerged with the MCI name in 2003.

Monday's transactions marks the second major sale

of a company by Michael D. Capellas, MCI's president and CEO. He was the head of Compaq Computer Corp. when it was taken over by Hewlett-Packard Co. in 2002, a troubled merger that just last week helped cost HP Chief Executive Carly Fiorina her job.

For SBC and Verizon, the consumer business is a minor attraction in their purchases.

Instead, they are counting on the corporate customers and national network operations which New York-based AT&T and Ashburn, Va.-based MCI bring.

The merger would jumpstart Verizon's efforts to become a national service provider for large companies thanks to MCI's base.

# Painkiller usage drops, study shows

Associated Press

TRENTON, N.J. — For years, Americans have been popping painkillers like they were candy to treat everything from headaches to arthritis. But new data shows America's love affair with the medications may have cooled off after the blockbuster drug Vioxx was pulled from the market over safety concerns.

New data show sales of prescription arthritis drugs plunged at the end of 2004, after Merck & Co. Inc. of Whitehouse Station, N.J., pulled Vioxx from the market Sept. 30 and a string of recent studies raised safety

concerns about other widely used pain medicines.

Nonprescription pain reliever sales jumped more by double digits in late 2004, but doctors and other pain experts believe many patients are simply suffering in silence, confused about what pain medication is best for them.

"I've been in practice for 30 years and I've never seen such a mess," said Dr. Michel Dubois, director of the New York University Pain Management Center.

He estimates about 20 percent of his patients have switched from Cox-2 inhibitors, the painkiller class including Vioxx and Pfizer Inc.'s Celebrex and Bextra, to narcotic

painkillers or nonprescription ones. Another 20 percent have stopped taking painkillers altogether.

Advisers to the Food and Drug Administration meet for three days starting Wednesday to try to find a balance between the benefits and potential dangers of Cox-2 drugs. FDA eventually is likely to require strong warnings on the drugs' labels, further dampening Cox-2 sales, predicted independent pharmaceuticals analyst Hemant Shah of HKS & Co. in Warren, N.J.

Meanwhile, data released Monday by IMS Health of Plymouth Meeting, Pa., show prescriptions filled for Cox-2 inhibitors had fallen 43 percent in December 2004 from a year earlier.

## Togo

# One person killed at strike in capital city

*Citizens protest dictator's son as president*

Associated Press

LOME — Police shot and killed at least one demonstrator Monday as an opposition long used to repression tried to step up protests against the army's installation of the late dictator's son as president.

Pressure from other countries mounted on Togo's leadership as crowds in the capital blocked roads and intimidated residents to enforce an opposition call for a general strike.

Regional heavyweight Nigeria, which has spearheaded West African demands that Togo reverse the constitutional changes that were pushed through to make Faure Gnassingbe president, said it would do whatever is needed to ensure peace in the region. It did not rule out the use of force.

Femi Fani-Kayode, a spokesman for President Olusegun Obasanjo, did not say if Nigeria or any regional group was considering sending troops in Togo, a country of 5.5 million people.

But he warned: "Nigeria has the most disciplined, the most well-equipped and the most cohesive and effective fighting force on the African continent." Fani-Kayode also reiterated a warning to Togo not to harm the sizable Nigerian community in the country.

The 15-nation Economic Community of West African States, or ECOWAS, is expecting a response by the end of Tuesday to its demands that Togo roll back the constitutional changes, ECOWAS spokeswoman Adrienne Diop said from Nigeria.

She said a first stage of sanctions would include a ban on participation in ECOWAS meetings and that ECOWAS could impose trade sanctions. "Troops are always the last option," she said.

The United States, Britain, France and the 52-nation African Union, currently headed by Obasanjo, have condemned the constitutional changes.

The killing of the protester Monday took place in the restive neighborhood of Be, an opposition stronghold, where mobs of young people blocked roads and taunted security forces. Togo's Interior Minister Akila Eso-Boko said police shot the demonstrator as he tried to steal an officer's gun.

The slaying brought the official death toll to four during three days of protests. Opposition leaders said security forces killed 11 people Monday. Those claims could not be verified by The Associated Press.

In Be, the streets remained largely deserted and stores were shuttered Monday in response to an opposition strike call and tensions that have grown since President Gnassingbe Eyadema died of a heart attack Feb. 5 after 38 years in power. Central Lome was buzzing by early afternoon, however, with motorcycle taxis cruising and shoppers milling around the market.

Soldiers armed with rifles and sticks patrolled Lome's main beach-front boulevard on foot, while trucks packed with riot police moved slowly through Be.

Earlier in the day, security forces chased and dispersed large roving mobs of young people who were out enforcing the opposition strike. The crowds, wearing shirts over their faces and blowing whistles, blocked roads with burned-out cars and intimidated residents who defied the call to stay indoors.

"Liberate Togo! Liberate Togo!" the crowds shouted as they chased cars and motorcycle taxis whose drivers braved empty streets.

"They've killed us for years," said Francis Attiabwe, a 27-year-old armed with a slingshot. "They killed our mothers. They killed our grandmothers, but they will not kill us again. We must win!"

He took off his cap to show five stitches across his scalp where he said a soldier hit him with a rifle butt Saturday. He had large bruises on his back and arms, which he proudly displayed as trophies.

Eyadema was known for dealing harshly with dissent, jailing and torturing opposition leaders. The European Union imposed sanctions on Togo in 1993 following allegations that security forces opened fire on democracy activists, killing about 20 people.

Opposition leaders say seven people were shot and killed by security forces in Saturday's clashes, and that Monday's strike was in part called to mourn the victims.

The government has confirmed three demonstrators died Saturday, saying police only fired in the air when protesters surrounded them and tried to take their guns.

## JAPAN

# Teen attacks at his former school

*17-year old boy kills teacher with a sashimi knife, wounds two others*

Associated Press

TOKYO — A 17-year-old boy armed with a sashimi knife stabbed a teacher to death and wounded two other adults Monday at his former elementary school, then stood in the faculty lounge and smoked a cigarette with the bloody blade still in his hand.

No students were injured in the midafternoon attack, the

latest in a series of rampages in Japan involving knives and children.

Police said the teen, who refused to talk after his arrest, used the 8-inch knife usually reserved for cutting raw fish. Such blades are extremely sharp and are normally only accessible to trained chefs.

Terrified teachers watched the boy from the edges of the

faculty room where he was found, as he held the knife in one hand and a cigarette in the other, said a police spokesman, Isao Noda.

The attack panicked the 600 students and 30 teachers at the public school in Neyagawa City just outside Osaka in western Japan. TV video showed small children, guided by adults, running from school buildings.

## Coffee and Conversation

For Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Questioning Students at Notre Dame



Tuesday, February 15<sup>th</sup>  
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## FYS

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administrator, counselor, colleague and friend," Hatch said in the release. "His rich experience and exemplary performance ideally suit him for this crucial position."

Since 1962, the First Year of Studies program has grown into the solid introduction to University life that it is today. In the program — which has remained relatively the same since Hofman designed it 30 years ago — each student is required to take one semester of writing, one seminar, two semesters of mathematics, two semesters of science, one semester of history or social science, electives and two physical education requirements.

Kolman made many changes to FYS during her 14-year term, including establishing the University Seminar program, the FYS Academic Convocation, collaborative learning groups and a strong peer-advising program. She also worked to increase the diversity of the 14 advisors within the program.

Page spoke very highly of his predecessor.

"Dean Kolman has been both a mentor and friend," he said. "... She has been an articulate

spokesperson for the interests of our first year students and a true servant-leader under whose watch the First Year of Studies has enjoyed national prominence."

Indeed, the program has been recognized for excellence by such publications as U.S. News and World Report and Hispanic Magazine. It has also contributed to Notre Dame's low freshman attrition rate — the fourth-lowest in the country after Harvard, Princeton and Yale, according to Hofman.

Page, who joined the Notre Dame faculty in 1992, graduated from Hampton University and went on to earn a theological degree from General Theological Seminary in New York, as well as a master's and doctoral degree in Near Eastern languages and civilizations from Harvard University.

Now an Episcopal priest, he currently serves as associate dean and director of undergraduate studies in the College of Arts and Letters and director of the African-American Studies program. He has taught classes in biblical studies, Near Eastern languages, ancient myth and theology.

Page said he believes his extensive background in religion will help him encourage the academic habits of Notre Dame freshmen.

"The quest for what I would call a 'deep knowledge' of the cosmos

is at the heart of our common life today. Thus, our desire to search, to understand and, thereby, to enjoy communion with the infinite and one another is something that connects us with the poets, prophets and sages responsible for the Bible and other sacred texts," he said. "... I would hope to encourage our first year students to become careful readers, disciplined autodidacts and ambitious explorers who see their courses at Notre Dame as an invitation to a life of critical reflection and intellectual growth that is ongoing."

Other interests of Page's include poetry, music, photography and martial arts. He also serves as volunteer assistant coach for the Notre Dame men's varsity tennis team.

Before Page can put his own mark on the FYS program, however, he must become familiar with its intricacies.

"At this point, my first tasks will be to listen and to learn from those who have been on the front lines as advisors and administrators in the First Year of Studies. I also need to seek the counsel of the deans and faculty of the other colleges," he said. "Once these things are done, I hope that all of us can create a common vision for the future."

Contact Eileen Duffy at [eduffy1@nd.edu](mailto:eduffy1@nd.edu)

## Coach

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speaking at length about his commitment to the team and answering questions from the audience.

"Obviously you care or else you wouldn't be here this early on a Monday morning," Weis said, minutes after students had chanted his name in anticipation of the coach's appearance.

"I'm telling you right now, I don't know how long it's going to take, but we're not going to be a 6-6 football team here very long," Weis said. "I don't know if it's going to be done in one year. I don't if it's going to be done in three years. I'm not making any promises, but I can tell you one thing — every week we're going to be competitive."

Weis was originally scheduled to greet the students in the Joyce Center Football Auditorium, but the Notre Dame Sports Information staff moved the event into the arena when the auditorium — which holds approximately 70 people — overflowed by 5:45 a.m.

Fewer than twenty of the students at Weis' talk were female.

Weis spoke for about 25 minutes in the arena, then answered questions from

approximately 6:28 to 6:40 a.m., ending in time to get to a 7 a.m. staff meeting.

St. Edward's senior Brendan Barrett, who came with 30 of his dorm mates to support the coach, said he watched Weis' Dec. 12 press conference when the new coach was hired to replace the fired Tyrone Willingham. But Barrett had not seen Weis in person until Monday.

"Our [assistant rector] came in this morning and woke us all up," Barrett said. "I was impressed. [Weis] had a good sense of humor. He was straight forward."

Weis, who recently won his third Super Bowl (fourth overall) in four years as offensive coordinator with the New England Patriots, juggled Notre Dame recruiting responsibilities and the New England play-calling job for the past two months. On Monday, the Irish head coach promised students he can now dedicate 100 percent of his attention to the Notre Dame job he so badly wanted.

*"I'm telling you right now, I don't know how long it's going to take, but we're not going to be a 6-6 football team here very long."*

**Charlie Weis**  
Irish football coach

"I had people call me the night I was taking the Notre Dame job saying 'Just don't take it, the [NFL] job's waiting on you,'" Weis said. "But I wanted to be here."

Weis, who attended Notre Dame, incorporated a slight bit of humor when explaining his reasons for

choosing the Irish job.

"One of my alternatives was to go to the Miami Dolphins," he said. "So I went to my wife: 'South Beach, South Bend, what's the difference?'"

*"One of my alternatives was to go to the Miami Dolphins, so I went to my wife: South Beach, South Bend, what's the difference?"*

**Charlie Weis**  
Irish football coach

Weis said he chose South Bend because he and his wife would rather raise their son and daughter here. And on Monday morning, the Weis family was welcomed by a small portion of the Notre Dame student body that expressed its

enthusiasm for the beginning of a new chapter of Irish football.

"How often do you get to see an NCAA football coach speak?" Barrett said. "If Lou Holtz or Ara Parseghian were to speak, I would have come to hear them."

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## To all the books I've loved before

Around Feb. 14, harried Viewpoint columnists at The Observer begin to hammer out a plethora of columns related to love and Valentine's Day. Let's be honest — there's not much else going on at Notre Dame at this time of year. As an English major and therefore a romantic (who among our ranks is not?), Valentine's Day has always brought forth ideas from my favorite plays, novels and films.

At all ages, our conception of love is aided by the arts. From a seven-year-old obsession with "The Sound of Music" and the romance between the characters of Julie Andrews and Christopher Plummer to my current undying love for the movie "Annie Hall," I learned both how to be constant and how to adapt. Practically every day of second grade when I came home from school, I would start "The Sound of Music" where it had left the day before. If that's not a crash course in fidelity, I don't know what is. Although I still retain my affection for the film, as I grew older, the quirky sarcasm of Woody Allen grew more and more appealing, showing me that in love, as in life, it's all right to grow into something new, and perhaps better, yet view the past with a pleasant nostalgia.

How an author defines or captures love has always been fascinating to me, and the dreary South Bend mists of late readily bring to mind Emily Bronte's "Wuthering Heights." In the novel, Catherine says of Heathcliff, "Whatever our souls are made of, his and mine are the same." In all of literature, this line has always been one of my favorites, expressing the ultimate fusion between two people who

love one another.

From Gatsby's hopeless passion to the star-crossed love of Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet, these works of art demonstrate, as Shakespeare writes in "A Midsummer Night's Dream," "The course of true love never did run smooth." But the fact the playwright and Fitzgerald even chose to commit these stories to print, as well as their lasting popularity today, shows readers still recognize the emotions of these characters. Although some would describe these loves as futile, they are nonetheless vital.

In life, as in literature, we learn from our experiences and our heartbreaks. Yet still, how can one not admire, in Fitzgerald's own words, "some heightened sensitivity to the promises of life ... an extraordinary gift for hope, a romantic readiness?"

The lesson in all of these tales is we should never give up on the ideals of love. Think of it as a rallying cry — rather than describing yourself as a hopeless romantic, perhaps the term should be hopeful. So ... hopeful romantics unite! Don't be afraid to admit how much you liked "Love Actually" or "Casablanca."

Like Don Quixote, tilt at the windmills of life in search of that ideal

love. Watch "Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind." Look at Gustav Klimt's "The Kiss." Read "Wuthering Heights" or "Gone with the Wind." And don't ever think you can't find or create this kind of romance in your own world.

As Erica Jong once queried, "Do you want me to tell you something really subversive? Love is

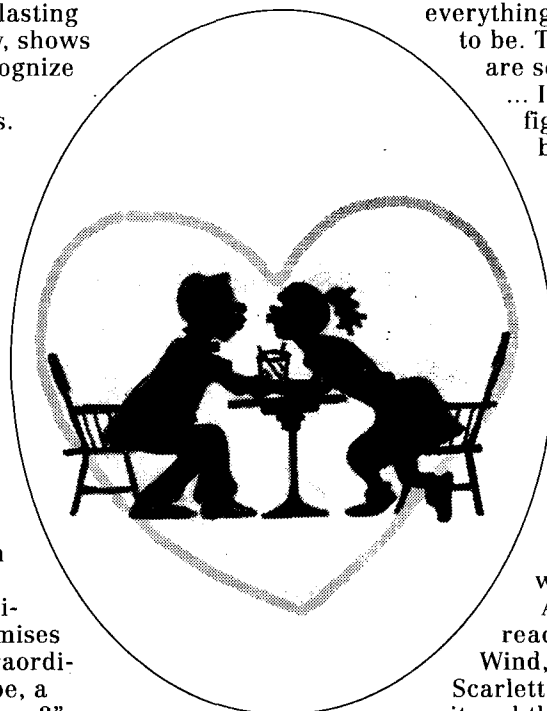
everything it's cracked up to be. That's why people are so cynical about it ... It really is worth fighting for, being brave for, risking everything for. And the trouble is, if you don't risk anything, you risk even more."

So risk it. Risk love. In literature and in this vast cosmos we call life, it's one of the things that makes it all worthwhile.

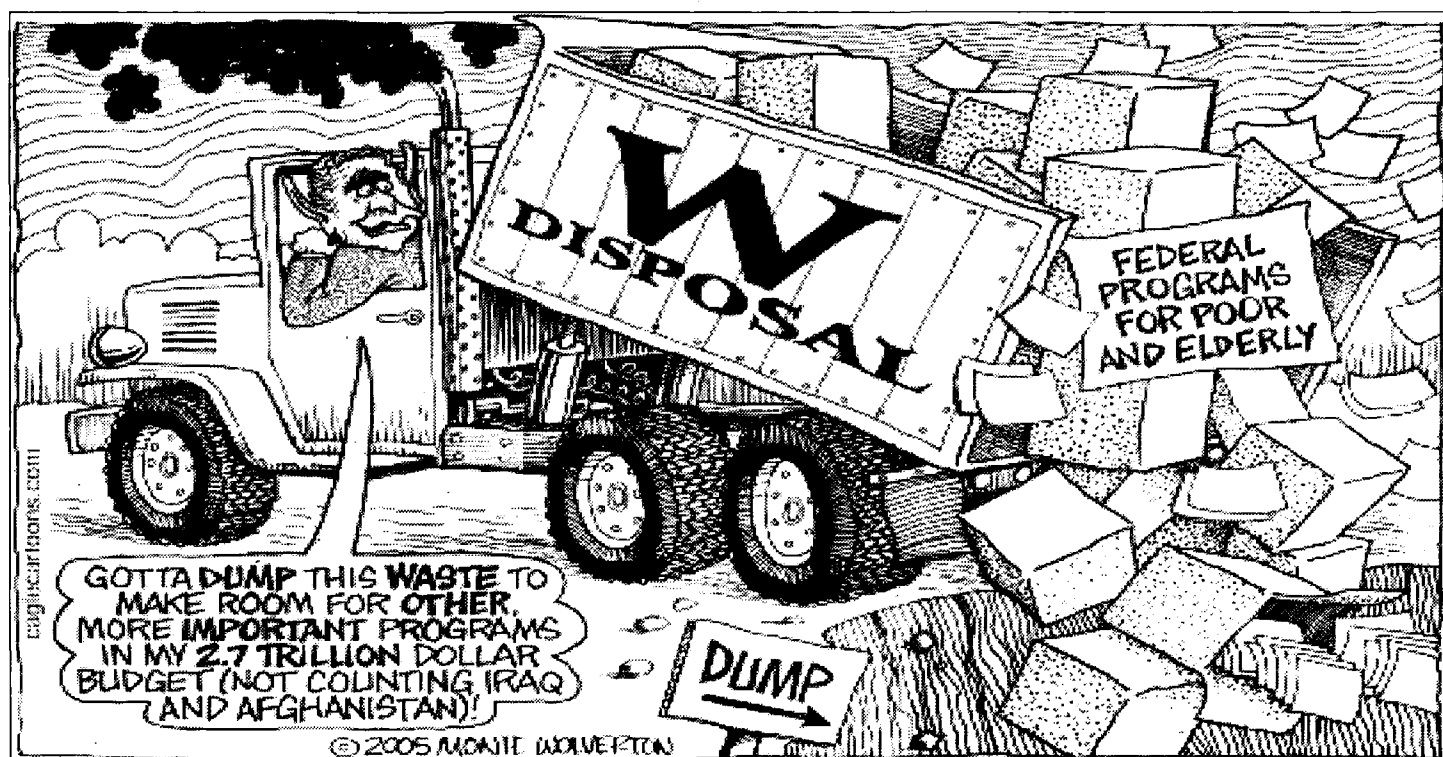
As I said before, read "Gone with the Wind," but unlike Scarlett O'Hara, don't wait and think about this tomorrow. Think about love today.

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### QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Taking a new step, uttering a new word, is what people fear most."

Fyodor Dostoyevski  
Russian novelist

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Homosexuals excluded once again

It should come as no surprise that Bishop John D'Arcy is once again condemning an attempt to bring a sense of inclusion to homosexuals at Notre Dame. In a Feb. 10 letter to the South Bend Tribune, the bishop blasted the Notre Dame Queer Film Festival, calling it "an abuse of academic freedom" and claiming that by sponsoring the festival, "the rights of others are violated." This response exhibits a lack of understanding of the film festival's purpose. The aim is to unite people of different orientations in dialogue to promote a sense of tolerance and acceptance between all people, regardless of their differences.

D'Arcy's past comments concerning homosexuals and the Church have reflected similar exclusionary views. This is the same man who has long lobbied for the exclusion of homosexual men from the priesthood. In 1979 D'Arcy chaired a committee and personally wrote the majority of a

pastoral letter on priestly formation by the New England bishops in which the bishops state, in regard to the admission of seminarians, "Young men who are truly homosexual should not be admitted ... Young men who are excessively effeminate should not be admitted." This was also D'Arcy's response in the wake of the sexual abuse scandal that rocked the Church, and even as late as this past summer D'Arcy was once again calling for a ban on homosexual priests. He has continued to make this call for a ban despite having produced no evidence the abuse scandal has any link to the sexual orientation of the abusers.

In his letter, D'Arcy claims homosexuals "belong in the mainstream of our Catholic life, not shunned." After his continual efforts to keep homosexuals from the priesthood and his current condemnation of the Queer Film Festival, this call for inclusion is most certainly a hollow one.

While D'Arcy, in his role as defender of the Church's teaching, has focused on the opposition to homosexual acts, he has remained largely silent on the issue of respect and understanding toward homosexuals.

He has offered superficial words of acceptance to homosexuals but has neglected to support in a meaningful way the importance of Church teaching on respect, compassion and sensitivity toward them. We only wish D'Arcy would have the same zeal in accepting homosexuality according to Church teaching as he does in condemning it. Ours is a faith marked by Christ's love, and we must show that love in our acceptance and caring for all people, regardless of sexual orientation.

Joseph Wysocki  
Brad Tucker  
sophomores  
Old College  
Feb. 14

## Protecting free speech

When you think of free speech, what rights come to mind? At the core of free speech, should not speech concerning political and social concerns be the most protected? Should not the attempts at censorship on these types of speech alarm us the most?

A few days ago, the Supreme Court refused to correct several of the lower courts that restricted speech aimed at political and social concerns. In many states, people wished to put slogans on their license plates, the type of which we have all seen before. Any interest group, if it collects enough signatures, wishes to purchase the specialty plate and are willing to pay a fee to offset the cost to the state, are allowed to engage in expression in this forum. Slogans such as "Kids first" or "Save the wildlife" are some examples. Recently, however, Planned Parenthood got up in arms because many states, upon their citizens meeting the necessary signature and paperwork requirements, introduced "Choose Life" or "Respect Life" type plates.

First, they demanded that a pro-choice plate or something similar be allowed, despite the fact they never met the necessary signature requirements. They could not meet their agenda goals because of a lack of interest or numbers among them, so they sued for it legally. Seeing this effort fail, they sued again to censor the pro-life message, arguing it would be "viewpoint discrimination." Last time I checked, when people choose to express one message instead of another in a neutrally run government forum, there was no ground to claim viewpoint discrimination. When individuals choose one message instead of another, the government is not discriminating. People are voicing their opinion.

Ironically, Planned Parenthood's president, Gloria Feldt, said on the issue, "Free speech does not mean muzzling opposing points of view ... America's pro-choice majority deserves a fair chance to be heard in

any venue." If you are unable to collect the necessary signatures for the required showing of interest, a neutral requirement dating long back before the abortion debate entered this venue for expression, you had, and still have, a fair chance. Your message is not being muzzled just because fewer people are interested in proclaiming it. Disallowing pro-lifers to express their respect and love for life is muzzling your opponent's point of view.

This justification for this censorship ironically came from the First Amendment. There is only one reason such a result occurred: certain judges in our federal courts are willing to bend any rule to advance their political support for abortion. When they inside-out free speech protection, however, they have simply gone way too far. We should all take note that this organization that purports to promote individual choice as a paramount value, even over life, has engaged in censorship of the political and social concern type of speech the First Amendment was foremost enacted to protect.

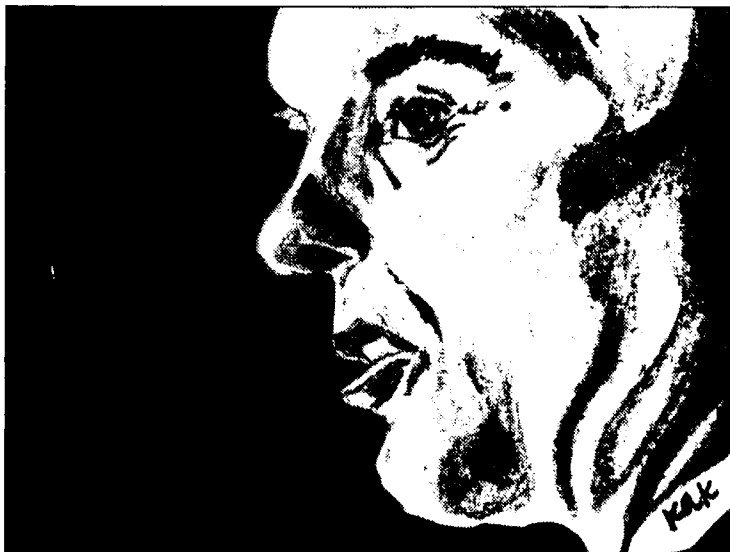
Planned Parenthood has also fought against fetal pain notification laws, despite the fact that Zogby, an independent pollster, has polled Americans supporting the measure by a 75 percent to 18 percent margin. As a society, we currently do less about the horrible pain suffered by unborn babies during abortion than we do to prevent pain for livestock. Without delving into the gruesome details, one measure we should immediately take is to at least provide the unborn babies with anesthesia so their deaths will not involve excruciating, highly-inhumane pain, and mothers should have the right to know the level of pain involved for the unborn babies.

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Feb. 14



## U-WIRE

### Which Howard Dean will lead the DNC?



So, Howard Dean is officially the chairman of the Democratic National Committee.

Prepare to see his overly enthusiastic Iowa concession speech trotted out by sarcastic conservative commentators for the next several years.

Although a few vocal Democrats are prophesying doom for the party as a result of his ascension, the overall party support for Dean is quite impressive. According to a recent Gallup poll, 63 percent of DNC members believe Dean will do an "excellent" job as chair, with another 27 percent expecting "good" performance. With a 90-percent favorable rating from those most intimate with his ideas for the party, it seems premature to discount his ability.

The most pressing question about Dean's chairmanship is whether we will see the feisty but gaffe-prone presidential candidate or the moderate and effective six-term governor of Vermont. Whether you agree with his statements or not, it is hard to argue that most Americans were not excited about quotes like, "The capture of Saddam Hussein has not made America safer," or "Even with people like Osama, who is very likely to be found guilty, we should do our best not to ... pre-judge jury trials." Dean's position, in the absence of any clear Democratic Party leader, will give him a megaphone for which we hope he is now better prepared.

The 447 voting members of the DNC that feel so confident in Dean's leadership presumably saw something else in the man. The position of party chair is a complicated mix of fund raising, organizing, and communi-

cating. The new Republican chairman, Ken Mehlman, showed talent in all of those areas as the chairman of President Bush's re-election campaign. Dean, too, has excelled at fund raising, setting a record pace for the Democratic primary race in 2003. As a public figure, his access to avenues of communication will be enhanced, but there is always the question of what he'll be saying. He found most of his support for the position and has a decidedly mixed record in one area — organizing.

His campaign fell apart because of a lack of disciplined organization, especially at the highest levels. But as governor, he managed the only state in the nation that doesn't mandate a balanced budget and balanced it anyway in every one of his 11 years in office. He brought Vermont's bond rating from the lowest in New England to the highest by paying off debt. He raised minimum wage, lowered taxes, grew the workforce by 20 percent and improved health care and prescription drug coverage for the state's children and elderly. It's hard to argue with his record of success in the position of executive, although he was certainly aided by being around during the boom years of Bill Clinton's presidency.

If this Dean shows up for the job, the Democrats are in good hands. But if, instead, the Dean of the past two years comes to the job, the Democratic Party's journey through the wilderness may have just gotten longer.

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## DVD REVIEWS

# Ryan, Seth and crew shine in pop culture phenomenon

By MOLLY GRIFFIN  
Scene Critic

If you take the setting of "Beverly Hills 90210," the "teens-using-SAT-caliber-vocabulary" dialogue of "Dawson's Creek," the attractiveness of the people in your average Abercrombie ad and the non-stop scandal of a soap opera, you'll end up with a show like "The O.C." The Fox hit manages to combine these seemingly incompatible elements into a highly entertaining, highly addictive show — and "The O.C.: Season One" DVD set offers enough extras and insights to make any obsessive-compulsive "O.C." fan happy.

The show follows 16-year-old Ryan (Benjamin McKenzie), a kid from the wrong side of the tracks with an alcoholic mother and a father who's in jail. After he is arrested as an accomplice to his older brother's car theft, he moves to Newport Beach with his lawyer, Sandy Cohen (Peter Gallagher). Sandy, his wife Kirsten (Kelly Rowan) and his son Seth (Adam Brody) adopt Ryan as one of their own, bringing the former Chino resident

from having nothing to living in luxury in Orange County. Unfortunately, the O.C. may be an even easier place for Ryan to get into trouble.

Ryan's relationship with Seth is one of the most believable parts of the show, with both actors working well together. They bond over girl troubles, including Ryan's pursuit of Marissa (Mischa Barton), a rich socialite who is living proof money can't buy happiness, and Seth's chase of Summer (Rachel Bilson), the almost-unattainable girl of his dreams. Along with their friends, family, co-workers and fellow students, the four main characters manage to get into a great deal of trouble, which at times can be ridiculous but is, on the whole, extremely entertaining. The show seems to pack in as much scandal, romance and drama as is humanly possible into one hour. Yet it never manages to completely shake free of a solid base in realism. The balance between the ludicrous and the reality that "The O.C." maintains is what draws viewers back week after week.

The DVD set is full of great extra materials, but its case is flimsy and easily broken. This DVD set, like so many other collections of television shows, cannot seem to find a durable means of storing the discs, which is extremely frustrating for consumers.

The first six discs of the set include four 44-minute episodes per disc and the seventh DVD includes the final three episodes of the season. The set-up includes a



Photo courtesy of theocshow.com

The ensemble cast of the hit series "The O.C." poses for a picture to promote the show. The first season of the show is now available on DVD.

"Play All" feature, language options including subtitles in English, Spanish and French and the obligatory special features. The special features are spread among the seven discs, so there is no one disc that includes all of the bonus material.

The extras include interviews, deleted scenes, several featurettes and a look at the second season. The best extra is the "On-Screen Music Track Guide," which displays a credit for each song as it plays during the episode and gives information about each band. "The O.C." is quickly becoming known for featuring lesser-

known artists like Death Cab for Cutie on the show, so this feature sheds light on that aspect of the show as well. The worst feature is "Inside the Real O.C.," in which a producer interviews kids from the real O.C. They come off sounding pretentious, and the feature is really just an obnoxious waste of space.

Overall, "The O.C." is a major phenomenon in entertainment, and the DVD set, though weak in spots, proves to be a fitting vehicle for this hugely popular show.

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## The O.C.

The Complete First Season

Warner Home Video



# Hilarious comedy lands on DVD as an instant classic

By CHRIS KEPNER  
Scene Critic

"Napoleon Dynamite" is pretty much the best movie ever made. How can anyone even know that? It just is! Gosh! It's incredible!

And now that it's out on DVD one would have to be an idiot not to buy it.

If anyone uses these euphemisms around campus lately, don't be surprised. They are a staple for the title character in "Napoleon Dynamite" and add a certain charm to this hilarious film.

It all started as a student film called "Peluca," written and directed by Jared Hess in 2002. Recognizing the potential of this hilarious character, who was originally named Seth, Jared and his brother, Jerusha Hess, wrote a script expanding the concept into a feature-length film. Supposedly by coincidence, Napoleon Dynamite was the pseudonym that Elvis Costello used on his 1986 album "Blood and Chocolate."

Seriously though, anyone who hasn't seen this film really needs to. It will at least explain the one-liners that have

been shooting incessantly around campus.

What can be said about "Napoleon Dynamite?" The title character, played by Jon Heder, is classic. He's a high school kid going through awkwardness's awkward stage. He draws unicorns and ligers, which are probably his favorite animal. It's a lion and a tiger mixed, bred for its skills in magic. Napoleon wishes he had some skills other than drawing, though, because girls only want boyfriends who have great skills — numchuck skills, bowhunting skills, computer hacking skills. You get the idea.

Napoleon's older brother Kip (Aaron Ruell) chats online with babes all day. He considers joining a dojo called Rex-Kwon-Do, where he'll learn to fight with the strength of a grizzly, the reflexes of a puma and the wisdom of a man. Eventually he helps their Uncle Rico (Jon Gries) sell Tupperware knock-offs door-to-door instead.

Napoleon and Kip (who, by the way, is 30 years old) live in rural Idaho with their grandma, who keeps a ham-loving pet llama named Tina. See where this film is going yet? It's completely absurd

but undeniably funny. The Hess brothers fashion a nice little plot that moves at a very relaxed pace, allowing subtle humor to thrive along the path to a very uplifting ending.

One caution is the added wedding scene after the credits. The Hess brothers made this film independently, and

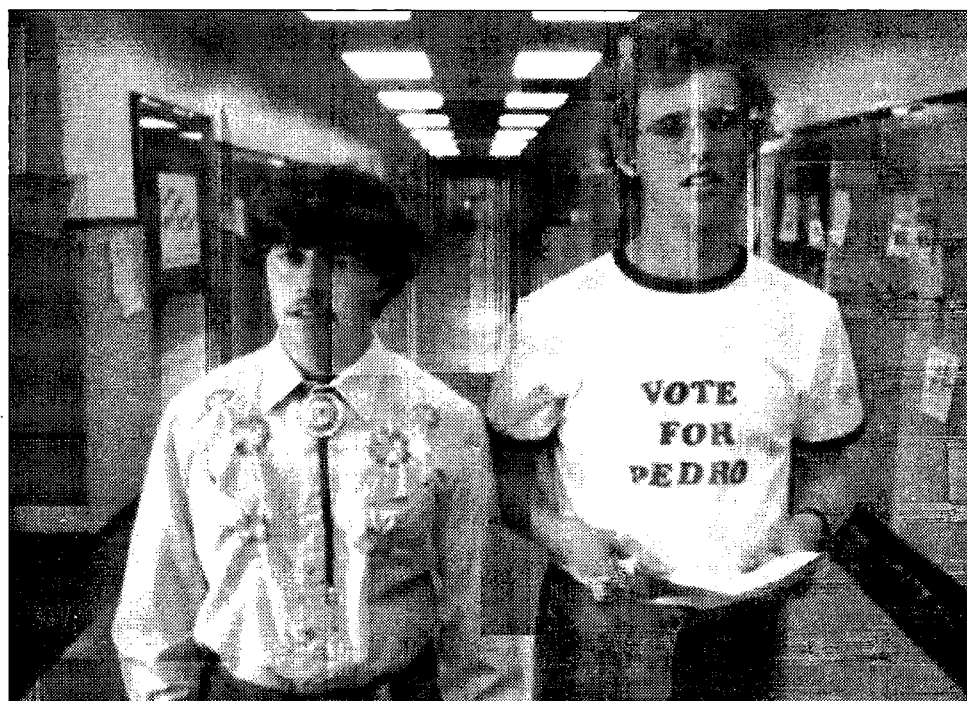


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Pedro (Efren Ramirez), left, gets help from Napoleon (Jon Heder) as he campaigns for school elections in the comedy "Napoleon Dynamite."

Fox Searchlight bought it at the 2004 Sundance Film Festival, later partnering with Paramount Pictures and MTV Films to distribute it. Now, what usually happens time and time again when independent films go corporate? They're changed and often ruined! Granted, it could have been a great deal worse for "Napoleon Dynamite."

The corporate meddling has been confined mostly to the promotional spots and the wedding scene, which ended up costing about half of what the entire

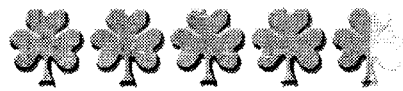
film cost. And it's terrible! Its grotesquely bromidic Hollywoodification should infuriate fans of the actual film. Luckily, all you have to do is stop the DVD before this scene starts and you'll have a brilliant, original and hilarious film. The DVD includes a very entertaining commentary track as well as the original short film, "Peluca."

As Napoleon himself would say, heck yes, you should buy this!

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## Napoleon Dynamite

20th Century Fox



## MOVIE REVIEWS

# Smith's comedic talent shines in fresh film

By EMILY IAROCCHI  
Scene Critic

Will Smith is best known for his light-hearted comedic style in film and television. While he is capable of versatility, comedy is certainly his forte.

"Hitch" is the latest installment of Smith's comedic film roles. All the hype preceding the release of this movie is well deserved, which is rare these days in Hollywood. Movies that are greatly anticipated generally fall short of their ambitions. "Hitch" proves to be an exception to the rule.

In this film, Smith combines his comedic talent with that of Kevin James, the lead character in the television show, "The King of Queens." "Hitch" grabs the audience's attention right from the beginning and does not lose it at any point. The two actors, along with Eva Mendes, have excellent comedic chemistry, and they fit perfectly into their respective character roles. "Hitch" is a definite must see for the new year.

Smith plays Alex "Hitch" Hitchens, the Date Doctor. Hitch helps those men who are desperately in love with women they consider out of their league. He teaches them how to be smooth and interesting so they can win over their respective love interests. Albert, played by James, is a chubby, mid-level financial advisor

who is desperately in love with Allegra (Amber Valetta), an heiress with her own foundations and money coming out of her ears. Albert hires Hitch to help him woo her. On his own, Albert feels completely undesirable and certainly does not have the confidence to make himself noticeable, much less to ask her out. Albert is quite a challenge for Hitch. But despite the presumed downfalls of Albert's rather clumsy and exaggerated attempts to get her to notice him, Allegra does indeed become interested in Albert.

While Hitch is helping Albert win over the woman of his dreams, he finds his own in the film's narrative. On his first encounter with Sara, played by Mendes, Hitch plays his usual tricks and man-ages to catch her attention. When they

actually start going on dates, however, Hitch becomes just like every man that he helps — anything but smooth and suddenly accident-prone.

The real comic value of this movie comes from the disastrous events that

occur for the two leading men as they date their dream women. Along the way, Hitch learns it is often those disastrous events and clumsy moments that make men more endearing to women and help them figure out if they do love the man they are dating.

The screenplay for "Hitch" is hilarious, and first-time screenplay writer

## Hitch



**Director:** Andy Tennant  
**Writer:** Kevin Bisch  
**Starring:** Will Smith, Eva Mendes, Kevin James, Amber Valetta, Julie Ann Emery and Nathan Lee Graham



Photo courtesy of movieweb.com

Alex Hitchens (Will Smith), left, tries to teach Albert (Kevin James) how to be smooth and impress his love interest in the romantic comedy "Hitch."

Kevin Bisch deserves praise for his successful foray into screenwriting. Director Andy Tennant, who has directed such films as "Sweet Home Alabama," "Fools Rush In" and "Ever After," did a great job working with the actors and creating seemingly perfect comedic scenes that leave the audience in stitches.

Finally, the actors and actresses cho-

sen for this film could not possibly have fit their roles any better, and the character development makes watching "Hitch" very enjoyable.

If you are in the mood to laugh and watch a couple of men make fools out of themselves for the women they love, the movie to see this month is "Hitch."

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# Acclaimed dramatic comedy lives up to expectations

By BRIAN DOXTADER  
Scene Critic

It's difficult to go into a film like "Sideways" without any expectations. The most acclaimed film of 2004 is already experiencing backlash, to the extent that The New York Times critic A.O. Scott declared it the most overrated picture of the year. But the truth is the praise for director Alexander Payne's latest — and best — film is completely warranted. "Sideways" is his most fully realized, sensitive film to date and a great character study of middle-age angst.

The plot revolves around failing author Miles Raymond (Paul Giamatti), who takes his best friend Jack Lapate (Thomas Haden Church) on a road trip through California wine country in the week before Jack is to be married. Along the way, they end up meeting Maya (Virginia Madsen) and Stephanie (Sandra Oh). This simple plot forms the framework around which Payne explores the inner workings of the film's characters and their middle-age sense of failure. In effect, it is the kind of buddy-road-movie that turns its conventions inside out.

Giamatti was unfairly robbed of an Academy Award nomination for "Sideways." He balances the "divorced

alcoholic loser" aspect of his character with the more sympathetic facet of Miles as a sensitive, struggling author. It's a difficult role, and Giamatti plays it perfectly — the audience is able to identify with a character who really isn't a nice guy, but who is self-aware of his personality flaws. Church gets the flashier role as Jack, but manages to keep the character grounded. Madsen is an Oscar frontrunner for her role as Miles' love interest, Maya, and it's easy to see why. Her character provides the heart for this plot, especially in a phenomenal monologue about how she became a wine connoisseur.

"Sideways" is a film of simple pleasures. It is an often funny, often uncomfortable comedy/drama that reveals

itself slowly. It is witty, poignant and carries a surprising amount of emotional weight. The film is small and intimate and the audience comes to be attached to the characters. Everything works in this picture —

the acting, the directing, the screenwriting and the wonderful cinematography. It is well-written and artfully directed by Payne, who realizes that the characters drive the film and allows the actors enough room to play their parts.

It is hard to judge a film like "Sideways" precisely because there doesn't appear to be anything wrong with it. First impressions indicate it is a

## Sideways



**Director:** Alexander Payne  
**Writers:** Alexander Payne and Jim Taylor  
**Starring:** Paul Giamatti, Thomas Haden Church, Virginia Madsen and Sandra Oh



Photo courtesy of movieweb.com

Miles Raymond (Paul Giamatti), left, shares a drink with his best friend, Jack Lapate (Thomas Haden Church), in the dramatic comedy "Sideways."

very good film, but not quite a masterpiece. Although it is a very good film, its longevity seems to be in question. It is initially hard to tell whether or not a film like "Sideways" is a classic for all time.

Perhaps this is because the film is so small and intimate. It doesn't leave the audience with the feeling of having been blown away by a modern classic. Instead, it is like the fine wines in the film that Miles critiques — only upon close examination and careful percep-

tion does it distinguish itself. Once it does, however, audiences realize they are watching a modest classic, a minor masterpiece that reveals itself as one of the best pictures of the year.

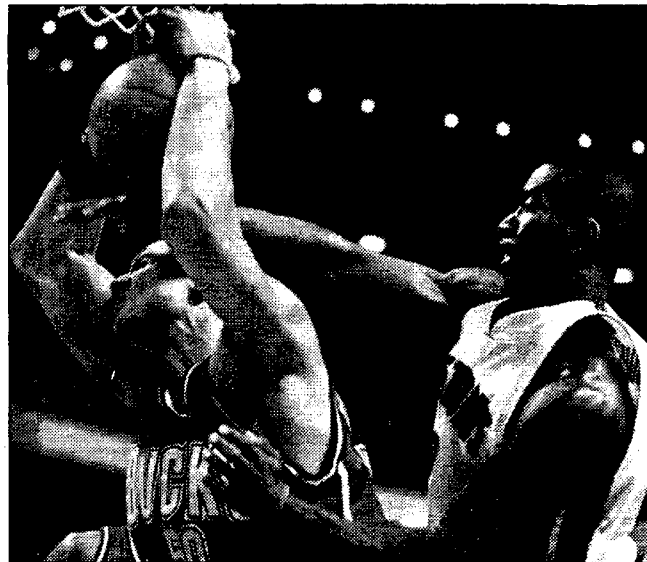
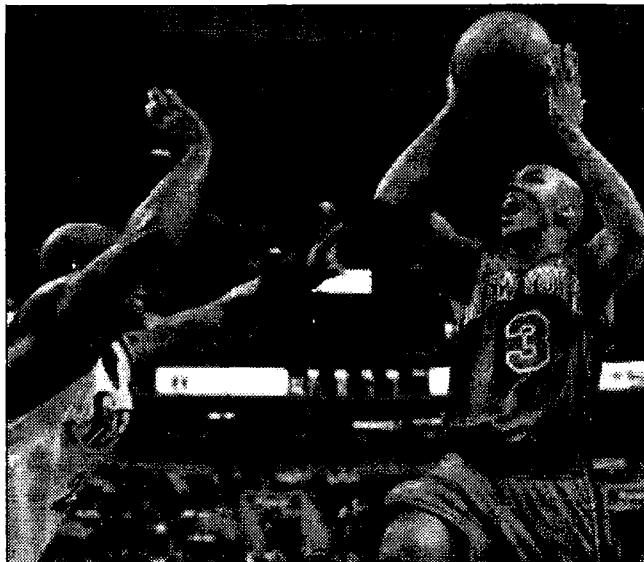
Go into it with an open mind, devoid of expectations and allow yourself to be drawn in to the woozy, wine-soaked world Payne and Giamatti have created.

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## NBA

## Iverson drops 38 as Philadelphia tops New York 106-105

Amare Stoudamire scores 42 points to lead Suns to victory in high scoring, 136-128 contest against the Jazz



Left, Amare Stoudamire grabs a rebound from the Jazz's Jarron Collins in their game. Center, Stephon Marbury, right, shoots over Marc Jackson late in the second half of the teams' game. Right, the Pistons' Ronald Dupree fouls the Bucks' Dan Gadzuric while going for a rebound.

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA—Allen Iverson made a nifty pass to Marc Jackson for the winning layup with a second left, and the Philadelphia 76ers moved back to .500 and into a tie for first place in the Atlantic Division with a 106-105 victory over the New York Knicks on Monday night.

Iverson was trapped on the baseline when he found Jackson charging through the lane. The All-Star guard fired a perfect pass to Jackson, who scored from the right side.

The Knicks had one last chance, but Nazr Mohammed's shot was off the mark and they lost for the eighth time in 10 games.

Iverson followed his career-high 60-point game against Orlando on Saturday night with 38 points against New York.

Iverson, who came in averaging an NBA-leading 29.7 points, started with a finger-roll layup on his very first shot and rarely strayed from his slashing and crashing style.

Again, he got to the free-throw line often, making 15 of 17 foul shots and shooting 11-for-24 from the floor. He also added 10 assists, including a stylish alley-oop to Andre Iguodala.

Iverson said he'd trade points for a championship, and while the Sixers (26-26) aren't on anybody's list as title contenders, they returned to .500 for the first time since they were 6-6 on Nov. 26. They share first place with the Boston Celtics.

Philly hasn't had a winning record since it was 4-3 on Nov. 14.

**Suns 136, Jazz 128**

Amare Stoudemire had 42

points and 12 rebounds, Steve Nash matched a season high with 18 assists and the Phoenix Suns held off the Utah Jazz.

Quentin Richardson added 22 points, including a 3-pointer with 1:21 left that opened a 128-121 lead. Nash scored 19 to help Phoenix (41-12) move a half-game ahead of idle San Antonio for the NBA's best record.

Shawn Marion had 18 points and Joe Johnson 13 for the Suns, who took three games from the Jazz to win the season series 3-1 for the first time since 1992-93.

Stoudemire scored 15 of Phoenix's 40 points in the third quarter to help the Suns overcome a four-point halftime deficit. Richardson's 25-footer, his seventh 3 of the game, was Phoenix's last field goal, but the Suns held on from the foul line, finishing 33-of-42.

Both teams set a season high for points.

The Jazz had six players in double figures, three off the bench, but couldn't earn coach Jerry Sloan his 953rd victory to tie Dick Motta for seventh place on the NBA's career list.

Raja Bell had a season-high 22 points, Howard Eisley had a season-high 20 and 11 assists, and Matt Harpring had 16 points and 10 rebounds.

Andrei Kirilenko had 11 points and four assists when he sprained his right ankle 4:18 into the second quarter, and Carlos Boozer, Utah's leading scorer, injured his right foot with 44 seconds left in the second quarter, leaving the game with 14 points and nine rebounds.

Neither returned, and their absence hurt Utah on both ends.

Phoenix, which trailed for all

but the opening minutes of the first half, got a burst of energy when three more Jazz players got into foul trouble early in the third quarter.

Harpring, who replaced Kirilenko at small forward, and starters Mehmet Okur and Raul Lopez all picked up a fourth foul in a 46-second span.

**Pistons 107, Bucks 83**

Rasheed Wallace had 17 points and 10 rebounds, leading the Detroit Pistons to a rout of the Milwaukee Bucks.

The Pistons won for the eighth time in nine games and completed a dominant 3-0 homestand. In five days, they beat the Los Angeles Lakers, Washington Wizards and Milwaukee by an average of 22.3 points.

Milwaukee was missing Michael Redd (finger) for the second game in a row. The Bucks had a three-game winning streak snapped.

Chauncey Billups also scored 17 points for Detroit, which had six players in double figures. Ben Wallace had 11 points and 12 rebounds.

Erick Strickland led Milwaukee with 18 points and former Piston Mike James scored 13.

The Pistons broke it open in the last 4:42 of the first half. They were leading only 44-39 when backup forward Antonio McDyess was ejected for arguing with referee Derrick Stafford.

That seemed to energize Detroit, which held Milwaukee to just two points the rest of the quarter and took a 17-point edge into halftime. Rasheed Wallace scored eight of his 13 first-half points in the 14-2 run.

Detroit didn't make anything easier for the Bucks after halftime, scoring the first nine

points of the third quarter to go up 67-41. Milwaukee went scoreless for more than six minutes spanning the second and third.

**Hornets 98, Wizards 96**

J.R. Smith scored 18 points and Dan Dickau hit a pair of go-ahead free throws with 4.5 seconds left, sending the New Orleans Hornets to a victory over the Washington Wizards.

Gilbert Arenas had 34 points for Washington, but his 3-point attempt at the buzzer bounced off the front of the rim.

Chris Andersen had 16 points and nine rebounds for the Hornets, converting an alley-oop dunk and a tip-in on consecutive possessions to help New Orleans maintain a slim lead late in the fourth quarter.

Bostjan Nachbar added 15 points, P.J. Brown 13 and Rodney Rogers 12.

Antawn Jamison had 30 points and 12 rebounds for Washington, but the Wizards reserves were outscored by the Hornets' bench 39-12.

Washington outrebounded New Orleans 48-34, and the Wizards had 17 offensive rebounds, which nearly won them the game.

Down 94-88, Washington missed three shots on one possession but rebounded all three, getting the ball to Juan Dixon for a floater that cut the deficit to four.

After Smith's spin into the lane for a driving layup put New Orleans ahead 96-90, Washington came back with three straight baskets to tie it, including Jamison's putback after yet another offensive rebound.

Jamison was fouled on the play and missed the free throw, but the rebound went out of

bounds off Nachbar, allowing Washington to retain possession with 47 seconds left. Arenas then made a driving layup into a crowd of defenders to tie it with 38.4 seconds left.

**Trail Blazers 80, Bobcats 77**

Nick Van Exel hit a 29-foot desperation heave at the buzzer to give the Portland Trail Blazers a win over the Charlotte Bobcats.

Van Exel was trapped near midcourt on the final possession before throwing a pass on the left sideline to Derek Anderson. He flipped the ball through a double-team back to Van Exel, who drained the off-balance 3-pointer from the left wing.

It was the seventh consecutive loss for the Bobcats — and the second in a row on a 3 at the buzzer. On Sunday, Tim Thomas got a friendly roll on a 3-pointer to give New York a 102-99 victory.

Joel Przybilla scored a career-high 19 points and added 17 rebounds, and Damon Stoudamire and Ruben Patterson had 17 points each for the Blazers, who ended a three-game losing streak.

Portland won despite playing without leading scorer and rebounder Zach Randolph, who missed his eighth game since January with recurring pain in his right knee.

Jason Kapono, who had been 0-for-5, hit a 3-pointer with 9 seconds left to tie the game after the Bobcats trailed by five earlier in the quarter.

Charlotte played without leading scorer and rebounder Emeka Okafor, who missed his second straight game and seventh in eight games with a sprained left ankle. Starting point guard Brevin Knight was out with a sprained right ankle.

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## NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL

## Texas Tech upsets No. 2 Kansas in 2 overtimes

Behind 20 points from Chevon Troutman, No. 17 Pittsburgh tops No. 9 Syracuse to complete regular season sweep

Associated Press

LUBBOCK, Texas—Darryl Dora hit a 3-pointer with 3.6 seconds remaining in the second overtime to give Texas Tech an 80-79 victory over No. 2 Kansas on Monday night, the Jayhawks' first conference loss this season.

A desperation shot by Aaron Miles bounced off the backboard as the buzzer sounded and the fans flooded the court and began to chant "Bobby, Bobby," for coach Bob Knight, who beat Kansas for the first time in his four seasons at Texas Tech.

Keith Langford scored all five points in the second overtime for the Jayhawks (20-2, 10-1 Big 12).

The 6-foot-9 Dora, who had missed his four 3-point attempts, got the chance to take the game-winner for the Red Raiders (16-6, 8-3) when Kansas' Aaron Miles was called for traveling with 7.9 seconds left after grabbing the rebound of a missed by Jarrius Jackson.

Kansas forced the overtime when Langford scored on a drive with 4.1 seconds left to tie it at 69.

The Jayhawks sent the game to a second overtime when Christian Moody tipped in a missed layup by Wayne Simien with 1 second to play to tie it at 74.

Martin Zeno led Texas Tech with 24 points, while Ronald

Ross had 21 points and 11 rebounds.

Langford led the Jayhawks with 24 points and Simien added 20 points and 13 rebounds.

**No. 17 Pittsburgh 68, No. 9 Syracuse 64**

Gerry McNamara had the game in his hands, and Carl Krauser took it back.

Just 22 seconds after McNamara's 3-point attempt from the right corner went in and out with Syracuse trailing Pittsburgh by a point with just over a minute left, Krauser drained a long 3 from the top of the key to send the 17th-ranked Panthers to a victory over the ninth-ranked Orange.

"It was one of those games you just want everything to go right in crunch time," said Krauser, who hit three 3-pointers in the final 6:33 to lead Pitt back from an eight-point deficit. "I was real happy that things did go right because we battled back from hard adversity being here in the Carrier Dome. Honestly, I didn't even know where I was when I shot the ball."

Pittsburgh (18-4, 8-3 Big East) won for the sixth time in seven games and completed a season sweep of the Orange (22-4, 9-3), who were coming off their best game of the season, a 90-75 win at No. 25 Villanova on Saturday.

In their first meeting just over two weeks ago, Syracuse raced to a 22-5 lead midway through

the first half and seemed poised for a lopsided road victory. Krauser had other ideas. Held scoreless for 23 minutes, he scored 19 points in the second half and the Panthers won 76-69.

This comeback was even more impressive because it came very late and in the not-so-friendly confines of the Carrier Dome, where Syracuse has been nearly invincible in the past year. Connecticut broke the Orange's 16-game home winning streak a week ago and Pitt made it two straight.

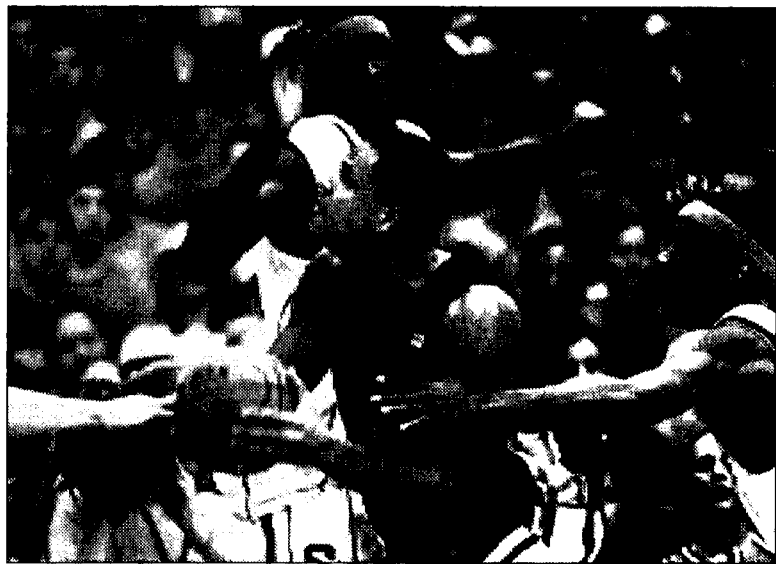
"If I make that shot, we're in pretty good shape," said McNamara, who had 16 points and 10 assists but missed 10 3-point attempts. "We shouldn't be losing these games at home. We're supposed to win them. It shouldn't have come down to the end. We should have put them away. I guess it wasn't meant to be."

Chevon Troutman was 16-for-20 from the free throw line and finished with 20 points and 10 rebounds. Krauser had 15 points and five assists, and Chris Taft had 14 points and 10 rebounds for Pitt, which had a 41-32 rebound advantage.

**No. 14 Utah 71, Wyoming 62**

Andrew Bogut had 31 points and 13 rebounds and No. 14 Utah extended its winning streak to 17 games with a victory over Wyoming.

Bogut was 11-of-16 from the



Pittsburgh's Chevon Troutman, center, is guarded by Syracuse's Hakim Warrick, left, and Josh Pace during their game.

field and recorded his 17th double-double in Utah's 25 games. He just missed his career-high of 33 points, set Saturday in a win over Colorado State.

Utah (22-3, 10-0 Mountain West) improved to 14-0 at home this season and tied the 1990-91 Utes for the second-longest streak in school history. The longest is 23 straight in 1998-99.

Marc Jackson and Richard Chaney each scored 12 points for the Utes, who used a 13-0 run and held Wyoming (14-9, 6-4) scoreless for a 7-minute stretch to pull away midway through the

second half.

Utah outrebounded Wyoming 34-21.

Jay Straight led the Cowboys with 16 points, five coming in the final minute as Wyoming stretched the game with frequent timeouts and fouls. All it did was cut the margin to single digits as the Utes swept the Cowboys this season.

Dion Sherrell scored 12 points and Justin Williams added 11 for Wyoming, which could not stop the 7-foot Bogut. Bogut hit layups and hook shots all night and was 9-for-11 from the free throw line.

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## MEN'S TRACK

# Irish sprinters perform well at Canadian races

*Dwight Ellick triumphs in 60-meter dash*

By JOHN EVERETT  
Sports Writer

A small contingent of Irish runners journeyed to Canada this weekend to compete in the Windsor Team Challenge.

The Irish only sent a few sprinters and hurdlers to the meet, held at the University of Windsor in Ontario, where Notre Dame competed against the University of Detroit, the University of Windsor, Western Ontario, the University of Guelph and York University.

Assistant coach Tim Connelly explained the reason behind sending only a few runners to the meet.

"The conference meet is next week, and we didn't want to send everyone up for this meet," he said. "We needed to get our sprinters some more work on the smaller track since the Big East meet next week will also be run on a 200-meter flat track."

Despite the low number of performers, the Irish were not short on solid performances. Trevor McClain-Duer won the 600-meters in 1 minute, 20.79 seconds. Dwight Ellick, perhaps better known for his exploits in the Irish football team's second-

ary, won the 60-meter dash in a time of 6.81 seconds, with teammate and fellow football player Terrail Lambert finishing in second place at 6.84 seconds. Ellick's time is the best for any Big East runner this season.

Selim Nurudeen and Geoff Bennett provided a similar 1-2 punch in the 60-meter hurdles. Nurudeen won the race in 7.96 seconds, with Bennett finishing in 8.24 seconds. With his Big East qualifying time, Nurudeen will now look to win the Big East 60-meter hurdles championship for the second year in a row. Last year, Nurudeen ran a time of 7.78 seconds to claim the title.

"We had some pretty good performances up there on the smaller track, and that's encouraging," Connelly said.

Next weekend, Notre Dame will travel to Syracuse, N.Y. for the Big East Indoor Championships, the meet for which they have spent much of the indoor season preparing. The Irish will look to improve last year's performance, when they barely lost to Connecticut 160-153.

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## MLB

# Canseco's book upsets many

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Jose Canseco's autobiography accusing several top players of steroid use and charging that baseball long ignored performance-enhancing drugs appeared to be a hit on its first day in bookstores.

Amazon.com listed "Juiced: Wild Times, Rampant 'Roids, Smash Hits, and How Baseball Got Big" as third on its best seller list Monday.

The book had an initial printing of 150,000 copies and Regan Books does not disclose sales figures, spokeswoman Jennifer Suitor said.

"I don't think it's a good thing, obviously, because it's bringing a bad light to the game," New York Yankees captain Derek Jeter said Monday. "This is a time, obviously, baseball is in a negative light and Jose is not helping out. In terms of his accusations, the only people that know are him and whoever he is accusing. The unfortunate thing is, if it's

not true, you're looking at guys having to defend themselves over something they haven't done."

Mark McGwire, one of the former teammates Canseco accused of using steroids, issued a written denial.

"The relationship that these allegations portray couldn't be further from the truth," McGwire's statement said. "I also worry how these false allegations will taint the accomplishments of the Oakland Athletics' coaches, players and executives who worked so hard to achieve success during the era in question, along with the other players and organizations affected by this book."

"Most concerning to me is the negative effect that sensationalizing steroids will have on impressionable youngsters who dream of one day becoming professional athletes. Once and for all I did not use steroids or any other illegal substance."

McGwire was not available

for interviews.

In the book, Canseco is an unabashed advocate of performance-enhancing drugs.

"By the time my 8-year-old daughter, Josie, has graduated from high school, a majority of all professional athletes — in all sports — will be taking steroids. And believe it or not, that's good news," he writes. "I have no doubt whatsoever that intelligent, informed use of steroids, combined with Human Growth Hormone, will one day be so accepted that everybody will be doing it. Steroid use will be more common than Botox is now. Every baseball player and pro athlete will be using at least low levels of steroids. As a result, baseball and other sports will be more exciting and more entertaining."

Canseco calls himself the "godfather of steroids in baseball," saying "I single-handedly changed the game of baseball by introducing them into the game."

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NFL

# Fowler will be first black owner

*Businessman plans to buy Vikings in deal worth \$625 million*

Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Arizona businessman Reggie Fowler agreed to buy the Minnesota Vikings in a deal that would make him the NFL's first black owner.

Fowler declined to say how much he would pay for the team. Published reports and a rival bidder, Timberwolves owner Glen Taylor, put the price at about \$625 million.

Owner Red McCombs had the team on the block since 2002. Taylor had offered about \$600 million, though some of that money was contingent on a new stadium being built. If the league approves the deal, McCombs will make a huge profit — he paid \$246 million for the team in 1998.

Asked about becoming the league's first black owner, Fowler said Monday in a seeming contradiction that he thought it was "a great thing" and not that big a thing. He said race didn't figure in negotiations with McCombs.

"He did not discount the price because of that," Fowler said, laughing.

NFL owners are to meet March 20-23 in Hawaii. League rules require 24 of the 32 owners to approve a sale. The NFL also mandates that a general partner must put down 30 percent of the cash portion of any franchise purchase.

The league said Fowler met Saturday with commissioner



Minnesota Vikings owner Red McCombs, right, introduces new owner Reggie Fowler, who will become the NFL's first black owner.

Paul Tagliabue and will meet with the league's finance committee in Florida on March 9-10. The committee's report will then go to all the owners, who could vote during the Hawaii meetings.

Fowler's ownership group — he said he had three limited partners — faces the same problem that McCombs did: the Metrodome doesn't generate as much revenue as other NFL stadiums.

Fowler brushed aside questions about pressing for a new stadium and rejected any thought of moving the team.

"We want to focus today on just acquiring the team," he said at a news conference.

Fowler's ownership group faces the same problem that McCombs did: The Metrodome doesn't generate as much revenue as other NFL stadiums.

Opposition to a publicly-fund-

ed stadium has been strong. And with the Vikings' Metrodome lease running through 2011, the Minnesota Twins and University of Minnesota football team are thought to be higher priorities with the Legislature.

State Senate Majority Leader Dean Johnson said Monday that Taylor, a former state legislator, would have had a better shot at money for a stadium.

"Fowler would have to start in first grade," Johnson said before the deal was announced.

Fowler is a former University of Wyoming football player. He now owns Spiral Inc., a company that supplies grocery stores with bags, cups, containers, labels and janitorial supplies. The Arizona Republic reported Saturday that Fowler's personal net worth is estimated at more than \$400 million — far less than Taylor's \$1.9 billion.

# Garcia released after one season

*Quarterback never really fit into the system in Cleveland*

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Quarterback Jeff Garcia was released Monday by the Cleveland Browns, who cut ties with the three-time Pro Bowler after one bad season.

Garcia signed a four-year, \$25 million free agent contract with the Browns last March after spending five seasons with the San Francisco 49ers. But almost from the time Garcia arrived in Cleveland, there were problems.

In 10 starts for Cleveland, Garcia completed 144 of 253 passes for 1,731 yards with 10 touchdowns and nine interceptions. Even in the preseason, he criticized former coach Butch Davis' offense and never really fit into Davis' system.

Garcia's release — league rules prevent it from becoming official until Feb. 22 — continues a house cleaning in the aftermath of a 4-12 season by the Browns, who last week hired Romeo Crennel, New England's former defensive coordinator, as their coach.

On Sunday, Crennel named Maurice Carthon his offensive coordinator and the two didn't waste any time coming to an agreement on their first personnel move, deciding that Garcia didn't fit into their plans.

Garcia is likely to be one of a number of veteran quarterbacks on the market this spring.



Garcia

Two-time MVP Kurt Warner, who signed with the New York Giants last spring to help break in Eli Manning, has asked to be released after losing his job to Manning after nine games.

Buffalo also could release Drew Bledsoe, a longtime starter with the Bills and Patriots.

Davis, who resigned on Nov. 30 with five games left in the season, brought in Garcia thinking he was the answer to their problems at quarterback. But Garcia never seemed to click with teammates and admitted to having a hard time adjusting to Cleveland's lifestyle after spending his entire life in Northern California.

During the exhibition season, the 34-year-old complained that he wasn't getting enough playing time and that he was having trouble adjusting to new teammates and a new offense. Garcia made things worse by openly criticizing former Browns coach Butch Davis and offensive coordinator Terry Robiskie, complaining that they weren't using him properly.

At one point, Davis called Garcia "skittish" in the pocket, a comment that angered the quarterback and expanded the rift between them.

After rallying the Browns to beat Baltimore in Week 1, Garcia threw three interceptions the next week in a loss at Dallas and recorded a 0.0 quarterback rating — only the fifth NFL quarterback since 1970 to do so.

Garcia's season was also hampered by injuries. He strained his shoulder on a sack against the New York Jets on Nov. 21 and tore a knee ligament on Dec. 12 in Buffalo.

Off-season distractions further strained Garcia's relationship with the Browns and Cleveland fans. Garcia had to testify in a trial for his girlfriend, a Playboy Playmate, who was accused of karate-kicking one of Garcia's ex-girlfriends during a fight at a downtown nightclub.

With Garcia gone, the Browns will likely try to resign free agent Kelly Holcomb or trade for a veteran quarterback. The team also has the No. 3 pick in April's NFL draft, although it is unlikely they would want to start over with a rookie QB.

Meanwhile, Robiskie, who went 1-4 as Cleveland's interim coach after Davis quit, will stay with the Browns as wide receivers coach. That was his position for three seasons before being named offensive coordinator last year.

Crennel also added named Jeff Davidson his offensive line coach will retain Jerry Rosburg as Cleveland's special teams coach. Davidson has spent the past eight seasons with New England. Rosburg has been with the Browns since 2001.

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## Men's College Basketball

### AP Top 25

	team	record	points
1	Illinois (72)	25-0	1,800
2	Kansas	20-1	1,710
3	Kentucky	19-2	1,592
4	North Carolina	20-3	1,576
5	Wake Forest	21-3	1,553
6	Boston College	20-1	1,365
7	Duke	18-3	1,348
8	Oklahoma State	19-3	1,329
9	Syracuse	22-3	1,219
10	Arizona	21-4	1,140
11	Michigan State	17-4	1,008
12	Louisville	21-4	965
13	Gonzaga	19-4	889
14	Utah	21-3	827
15	Washington	20-4	811
16	Alabama	19-4	737
17	Pittsburgh	17-4	717
18	Connecticut	15-6	602
19	Pacific	20-2	360
20	Wisconsin	16-6	342
21	Oklahoma	17-6	263
22	Maryland	15-7	231
23	Charlotte	17-4	225
24	Cincinnati	18-6	130
25	Villanova	14-6	118

## Women's College Basketball

### AP Top 25

	team	record	points
1	LSU (45)	22-1	1,125
2	Ohio State	24-2	1,062
3	Duke	23-2	1,013
4	Stanford	21-2	1,009
5	NOTRE DAME	22-3	911
6	Tennessee	19-4	863
7	Baylor	19-3	860
8	North Carolina	20-3	821
9	Michigan State	22-3	802
10	Rutgers	18-5	740
11	Connecticut	16-6	652
12	DePaul	21-3	567
13	Texas	15-7	561
14	Minnesota	19-5	557
15	Texas Tech	17-5	495
16	Georgia	20-6	445
17	Temple	20-3	363
18	Kansas State	17-5	299
19	Iowa State	18-4	262
20	Maryland	17-6	257
21	N.C. State	17-5	240
22	Vanderbilt	17-6	171
23	Wisc. Green Bay	21-2	138
24	Penn State	16-8	112
25	Boston College	16-6	94

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team	MIAA	overall
Hope	14-1	21-2
Albion	13-1	21-2
Calvin	11-3	17-4
Tri-State	6-9	9-15
Alma	5-9	10-10
Kalamazoo	5-9	10-13
Adrian	4-10	8-14
SAINT MARY'S	4-10	9-14
Olivet	2-12	7-15

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### MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

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Connecticut at Providence, 7 p.m., ESPN

Kentucky at South Carolina, 9 p.m., ESPN2

### NBA

Sacramento at Chicago, 8:30 p.m., Comcast

Denver at Atlanta, 8:30 p.m., Altitude

## NHL



NHL Commissioner Gary Bettman, left, chats with NHL Players Association President Bob Goodenow at a New Jersey Devils game last season. Bettman is expected to make an announcement Tuesday cancelling the season.

## NHL owners, players fail to save season

Associated Press

NEW YORK — With no miracle save in sight and a weekend deadline long gone, the NHL made plans for a news conference Tuesday to cancel what little remained of a season already decimated by a lockout.

A public relations executive, speaking on condition of anonymity, told The Associated Press that planning was under way Monday for NHL commissioner Gary Bettman to make the announcement at a news conference in New York.

The Canadian Press, citing an unidentified source, said Bettman will cancel the season at the news conference.

The NHL would become the first major professional league in North America to cancel an entire season

because of a labor dispute. This would mark the first time the Stanley Cup was not awarded since a flu epidemic canceled the finals in 1919.

Asked about The Canadian Press report, NHL spokesman Frank Brown said the league had no immediate comment.

After vowing not to reach out to each other after two days of talks broke off Thursday, the sides met Sunday at the request of a high-ranking federal mediator. Neither Bettman nor players' association executive director Bob Goodenow attended.

But that round of talks in Washington was also unsuccessful, with both sides saying that no progress was made.

Neither side has been willing to budge on the salary-cap issue — the NHL has said it is necessary in any

new deal, and the players' association has rejected it as a solution.

NHL chief legal officer Bill Daly was joined Sunday at the five-hour meeting by outside counsel Bob Batterman, with players' association senior director Ted Saskin and outside counsel John McCambridge on the other side.

The sides were assisted by mediators twice before, as recently as a Feb. 2 negotiating session in Newark, N.J. Sunday's meeting was requested by Scot B. Beckenbaugh, the acting director of the U.S. Federal Mediation & Conciliation Service.

Neither side thought mediation would help end the stalemate that has lasted five months.

The lockout reached its 152nd day Monday, a day after the NHL was to hold its All-Star game in Atlanta.

## IN BRIEF

### Santana agrees to contract after record season

MINNEAPOLIS — AL Cy Young Award winner Johan Santana and the Minnesota Twins agreed Monday to a four-year contract.

The 25-year-old left-hander, who had been scheduled for a salary arbitration hearing Tuesday, led the league with a 2.61 ERA and 265 strikeouts last season. He became the first Venezuelan to win the Cy Young and the first unanimous winner in the AL since Pedro Martinez in 2000.

He set a Twins record by winning 13 consecutive games and didn't lose in 15 starts after the All-Star break, going 13-0 with a 1.21 ERA to help Minnesota win its third straight AL Central division title.

Santana, who would have been eligible for free agency after the 2006 season, had asked for a raise from \$1.6 million to \$6.8 million and had been offered \$5 million by the Twins.

### Suspended Horton pleads guilty to domestic violence

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — Michigan point guard Daniel Horton pleaded guilty Monday to a charge of domestic violence.

Horton, who has been one of Michigan's best players the past three seasons and was named the MVP of last season's NIT, is accused of grabbing his girlfriend by the neck and choking her on Dec. 10.

"We got into a heated argument, and I pushed her," Horton told District Judge Ann Mattson.

Horton, who is free on bond, could face up to 93 days in jail and a \$500 fine on the misdemeanor charge when he is sentenced March 9. But his attorney, Gerald Evelyn, said he expects his client to be sentenced to probation and counseling.

Michigan coach Tommy Amaker suspended Horton on Jan. 25 after the junior from Cedar Hill, Texas, was

charged. Horton, who has missed six games, is averaging 12.4 points per game this season.

### Weber, 'best known bowler worldwide,' dies at 75

ST. LOUIS — Dick Weber, one of bowling's first national stars and a three-time bowler of the year, died. He was 75.

Weber died Sunday night in his sleep at his home in the St. Louis area, said Steve James, retired executive director of the American Bowling Congress Hall of Fame. A cause of death was not immediately known.

Weber had just returned from the opening of the congress' championships in Baton Rouge, La.

In an e-mail to the Bowlers Journal, Weber's wife, Juanita, said Weber began having breathing problems Sunday night.

"He was a lot bigger than the tour," James said Monday. "He was probably the bestknown bowler worldwide."

## CLUB SPORTS

# Women's ice hockey tops Michigan State

*Figure skating takes fourth place in Bowling Green Invitational Saturday and Sunday*

Special to the Observer

Last Saturday the women's ice hockey team lost a hard-fought battle against Michigan State 7-5. The Irish dominated the Spartans everywhere but the scoreboard, outshooting the Spartans 39-10. Megan Mattia led the team with two goals, followed by Tori Blainey, Jacky Kehler and Brittany Hartford.

However, Sunday was a different story as the Irish, playing their only game of the season at the Joyce Center, came out strong and scored the game's first goal on a heads up play in front of the net by Kara Brennan. However, Michigan State struck back in the third period to tie it up at 1-1. But with less than two minutes left in the game, Tori Blainey rocketed home a goal to put the Irish ahead for good. Irish coaches Dave Olson and Justin O'Neill were both pleased.

"The girls really came together as a team, worked hard and most importantly, didn't give up, even after the Spartans rallied back," the coaches said. The Irish will close their season against the University of Michigan in Ann

Arbor next weekend.

## Equestrian

The ND/SMC equestrian club turned in a pair of fine showings this weekend at two tightly contested IHSA shows. Saturday, the Irish played host at Marion, Ind. and claimed high point team honors with 39 points, behind the high point rider performance of Katie Baron. Indiana was second with 28 points, followed closely by Purdue. On Sunday, the Irish took reserve high point honors, as they were narrowly edged at Purdue by the host Boilermakers, 31-30.

Katie Baron shared first in open fences with Kelsey Ostberg, and garnered another first in open flats. Claire Freeman placed second in open flats, with Molly Kopacz sixth.

In intermediate fences, Andrea Oliverio's third and Molly Schmieg's fourth were top Irish finishes.

Allie Montana captured first place in intermediate flats, while teammates Oliverio, Marina Cardona and Schmieg finished second, fifth and sixth respectively. Mary Dorgant and Hayden Piscal gave the Irish a first-second finish in novice fences.

The Irish dominated the novice flat with Kristen LaSota and Brittany Gragg each taking first in their novice flat classes. Catherine Linn placed second, Marta Ascadi and Megan Murphy both finished third, with Piscal in fourth and Katie Ryan in fifth completing the scoring in the event.

The Irish completed the show with strong efforts in two events. Heather LaDue's second, Katy Booth's third, Laura Hale's fourth and Caitlin Mahan's sixth dominated the advanced walk/trot/canter. In walk/trot, Nicole Gonsalves took third.

In Sunday's action at Purdue, Claire Freeman garnered first in open fences, with Katie Baron third. Open flats was a particularly strong event for the Irish, with Kelsey Ostberg first, Molly Kopacz second, Freeman third, Liz Bell fourth, Baron fifth and Julia Burke sixth.

Allie Montana claimed her second first place of the weekend in open flats, followed by Chelsea Brown and Marina Cardona both in third, Caitlin Landuyt fourth and Ana Richter sixth. Burke and Montana each finished sixth in

their intermediate fences class.

In novice events, Megan Murphy earned fourth and Mary Dorgant fifth in fences, while Kristen LaSota's first place led an assault in flat competition. Dorgant and Catherine Linn were close behind in second and third, with Piscal, Ascadi and Murphy all tying for fifth.

Nicole Gonsalves claimed the last first place for the Irish, in walk/trot, while teammate Katy Booth finished third in walk/trot/canter.

## Figure skating

Notre Dame's figure skating club finished fourth in the Bowling Green Invitational this weekend. The Irish were in third until the end of the performance, when they suffered their only fall. The top two finishers, Michigan State and Miami (Ohio), are ranked at the top of the national standings. Bowling Green edged the Irish for third place.

## Gymnastics

Zach Gagnon's high bar routine earned first place at the Purdue Golden Grips Invitational this weekend. Gagnon placed sixth in all-around competition to lead the men to a fourth-place showing

behind Illinois, Purdue and Triton. Brian Dunn and Paul Kane led a strong supporting men's cast.

A shorthanded women's squad was unable to turn in a complete team score for the event, but showed improvement over last week's performance at Miami. Wendy Jo Svetanoff led the women with a second place finish on the balance beam. Mary Blazewicz, Krissy Jackson, Susan Jennings and Cecilia Torres also turned in solid performances for the Irish.

## Skiing

The Notre Dame's women's and men's squads finished sixth and fourth this weekend in MCSA competition. In women's slalom, Danielle Clements turned in the best performance for the Irish with an eight place finish. Casey Dunne placed 30th, Lauren Dacey 43rd, Maria Destino 38th and Mary Kate Sweeney 48th. The men were led by captain Joe Payne's 12th place finish. Brothers Pat and Bill Leimkuehler finished 32nd and 37th, sandwiching Brian Hedges in 34th. Steve Fuetz completed the scoring, finishing 42nd.

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# Recruits

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junior year. She chose to compete with the Under-18 team from the Chicago Magic boys club, rated the nation's top youth program. Bock also earned the 2003 Golden Boot Award after helping Team Illinois win the 2003 ODP national title. This team included Irish players Jen Buczkowski, Kim Lorenzen and Jill Krivacek.

Coach Randy Waldrum had only words of praise for the recruit.

"We had her tagged as one of the top players. She was the one that we felt like was the player we really wanted to get after," Waldrum said. "She sees the field so well, and she is good at making the game happen. She can find other players. She can score goals. She is definitely one of the better players in the country coming out this year."

In addition to Bock, the class includes defender Carrie Dew, midfielder/defender Kerry Inglis and midfielder Rebecca Mendoza.

Dew joined the Irish after helping La Costa Canyon High School win a pair of CIF (California Interscholastic Federation) state titles. Current Irish freshman Ashley Jones was co-captain with Dew on the 2004 national championship team. She is also a three-time NSCAA All-American ('02-'04) who has played with the U.S. Under-16, Under-17 and Under-19 teams. Her club team, the San Diego Surf, is ranked as the nation's top women's club program according to Soccer America. Dew is currently the team's captain and has helped them win three state titles.

"We really had to spend time finding backs [with the loss of Tancredi and Gunnarsdottir] and the more we saw her play, we knew she was the answer," Waldrum said. "She is dynamite in the air and she is going to be one that we are counting on to step in and play."

Inglis has also been receiving attention as she was recently chosen as a finalist for Indiana

player-of-the-year award. Inglis joins the team with the experience of playing for the ODP Region II team, the Fort Wayne Citadel club and the Nelson Snider High School team where she holds a school record with 215 career points (84 goals, 47 assists). She also is rated by StudentSports.com as the nation's seventh best defender and was also on its first team fall All-America team for 2004.

"She is going to be one of those players with a lot of versatility," Waldrum said. "She is a great athlete and physically ready to play where she is right now. She has a tremendous upside and hasn't even begun to peak."

Mendoza, meanwhile, joins the Irish after making her debut with the Mexican National Team. One of her teammates on national team was former Irish defender

*"[Inglis] is going to be one of those players with a lot of versatility."*

**Randy Waldrum**  
Irish coach

Monica Gonzales, captain of Mexico's 2004 Olympic quarter-finalist team. She also plays for the Dallas Sting, one of the nation's top club programs. She totaled 77 goals and 58 assists in her first three seasons at Garland High School.

"Her ability on the ball is extremely high," Waldrum said. "She is going to be a lot of fun to watch because she can do a lot with it. She brings a different level to us."

Waldrum anticipates this year's recruiting class to help and achieve the same level of success the Irish found this past year.

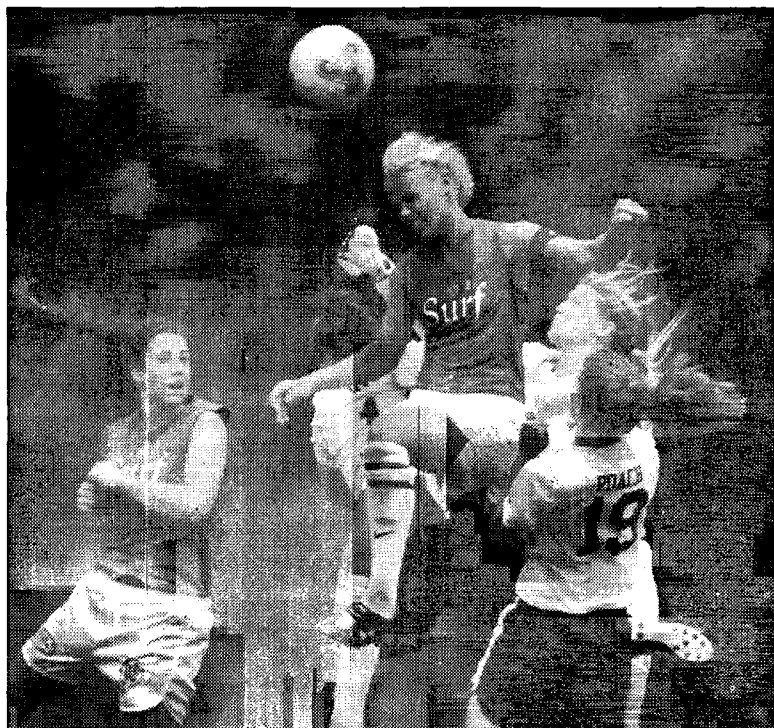
"They are all playing on teams that have won championships so they are all coming from successful backgrounds and are highly competitive kids," he said. "You always want your veterans challenged everyday and these four are really going to push our championship team to keep competing."

"What helped us win the championship was our depth and they've just added to it. So we've got a good shot at competing [for another national title] next season."

## Notes

♦ Also joining the Irish will be two prep-All Americans from the 2004 freshman class who did not play last season, forwards Kerri Hanks and Susan Pinnick. Hanks opted to compete with the Under-19 World Championship and Pinnick is returning from a season-ending injury suffered in a summer car accident.

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**Carrie Dew, top, is one of the nation's best defenders. Rebecca Mendoza, bottom, will join Dew next fall at Notre Dame.**



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# Weis

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rings stuck out on his right hand that held a cup of coffee. "Usually the change is made because expectations weren't met. So, when the [players] are whining to the administration well, 'You let the head coach go,' I said 'Well, fellas, if you weren't 6-6 they wouldn't have let the head coach go.'"

In his first interactions with the Notre Dame campus, Weis entertained the crowd with a combination of his humor and a no-nonsense attitude that he first introduced when he was hired Dec. 12.

"It's easy as the student body to say 'This is what we're looking for,' but here's what I can tell you," Weis said. "I've never been in a program that's lost. I'm 48 years old. I've never been in a program that's lost. Everywhere I've been, we've won. It hasn't been because of me, but I've been part of the reason we've won."

Weis briefly talked about his past coaching experiences for the Super Bowl champion New England Patriots. Weis also said he only really wanted two other jobs besides the one at Notre Dame — the head coaching job of the New York Giants, for which he interviewed last year and didn't get, and the head coaching job at South Carolina, where he coached previously.

"There were only a couple jobs in this country that I really coveted," he said. "[When I didn't get the Giants head coaching job], that kind of crushed me at the time."

Weis also said he had an opportunity to take an NFL job

this year — the Miami Dolphins were interested, as was an undisclosed team who called the night he flew into South Bend to accept the Notre Dame job to tell him they were interested in hiring him.

But Weis, a 1978 Notre Dame graduate, said he is where he wants to be.

"I intend to be here a long time," he said. "I'm not three and out. I'm not taking a job in the NFL, because I could have this year, but I wanted to be here ... [I'm] here with only one goal in mind — leave this campus on my own terms about a decade from now with everyone saying, 'God, I'm glad we hired that guy'."

Weis also refused to make excuses for losing. When he

talked about next year's schedule, one that has the Irish opening up with four of their first five games on the road, including Pittsburgh, Michigan,

Washington and Purdue, he said it was no reason not to win.

"Everyone says you start off with four of five on the road, Aw," he said sarcastically. "You don't make a whole lot of excuses. There's too many excuses — excuses about the coaching change, recruiting, coaching itself, classes."

On the heels of the Feb. 2 signing day, Weis also touched on recruiting. Two big-name recruits, defensive end Lawrence Wilson and wide receiver David Nelson chose Ohio State and Florida, respectively, over the Irish. Weis said the athletes offered scholarships by Notre Dame who decided to go to other schools are the ones missing out.

"We didn't lose them," Weis said. "They didn't want to come here, and that's their loss as far

as I'm concerned."

Weis also referred to a comment he made about Southern California, which he said is a better team than Notre Dame at this point. At halftime of the Notre Dame men's basketball game against Villanova Jan. 8, Weis told the crowd he hoped the Trojans, who have beaten the Irish by 31 points in each of the past three years, were undefeated when they come to Notre Dame Oct. 15.

"[USC head coach] Pete Carroll is a friend of mine, but he's never done very well against me," Weis said. "Right now USC is a better team than us. You watch them play and you watch us play. Now if you were gonna pick one group of guys to play for you on Saturday, which group would you be picking them, and that's the problem."

As far as on-the-field performance, Weis reiterated he would bring the students a prepared football team each week, including improvement in different areas, especially special teams.

"I thought special teams here stunk," he said. "So all the front-line players, they're all playing special teams."

"Here's what you're gonna get. We are always going to be prepared. Each week will be its own separate entity."

After answering six questions, including one about former Heisman Trophy winner Tim Brown, whom Weis said does not have a current role in the football office, and about which Super Bowl ring he will wear on Saturdays, (he will wear his wedding ring), Weis thanked the students for coming out so early.

And with that, Weis departed to another standing ovation for a 7 a.m. staff meeting.

His first full day had begun.

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## ND SOFTBALL

# Irish overcome slow start, show promise

By RYAN DUFFY  
Sports Writer

When Notre Dame opened the GRU Classic tournament this weekend with back-to-back losses on Friday, most opponents counted them out. But coach Deanna Gumpf and her team knew the Irish still had something to prove.

"It was all about attitude, and I think this team proved it in the final three games," Gumpf said. "It's just a matter of making a mental decision, deciding whether to play their game or someone else's. When this team sets a tone, they can beat anybody."

Coming back on Saturday with an aura of confidence and determination, Notre Dame battled to win games against Coastal Carolina and No. 21 South Florida, moving the Irish into Sunday's title game. With the tournament on the line, the Irish held on in dramatic fashion to take down undefeated and No. 19 Florida 4-2.

"We really started down — losing the first game wasn't too bad, but we came into the second game with no emotion," Gumpf said. "We were going through the motions, and this is the type of team that has to play with energy. This team has a plan, and they need to follow that plan, to be that plan, every day. And that's what they decided to do on Saturday and Sunday."

Given their play in the first day's games, and the caliber of opponents they were expected to face, Notre Dame was given an outside shot at best to win the tournament. But by the end of the weekend, the Irish had converted their doubters with three games of confident, aggressive play.

"It's a confidence, it's what you bring to the game," Gumpf said. "When they bring that something extra, that something special, they can be a good team. They expected to come back, and that's the best part."

Notre Dame's comeback performance was keyed by strong pitching performances from junior Heather Booth and sen-

ior Stephanie Stenglein. Stenglein threw a complete game three-hitter and struck out 10 while giving up only one earned run in the victory over No. 21 South Florida, and Booth scattered five hits with eight strikeouts against No. 19 Florida to clinch the title for the Irish. After starting shaky on Friday with both hurlers losing, the pitching, like the rest of the team, responded.

"Heather and Stephanie never pitched a bad game; they just didn't complete their first games," Gumpf said. "We made mistakes in the first game, but we played them tough. The second game, though, we came with nothing, and that was the turning point, the eye-opener. The team knows they don't want to be in that position again — they know they're a better team, and they want to prove it."

While the pitchers played an important role, the resurgence in the second half of the tournament was undoubtedly a team effort.

"Our two pitchers kept the team in the ball game and set the tone, but the whole team was just different," Gumpf said. "It wasn't just one player; the whole team came out with an attitude, ready to fight. Everyone contributed. Each one gave the team a little bit more, and to win in the future, each girl is going to have to continue to give a little bit more."

Perhaps more importantly than the tournament victory, the win gives the Irish much-needed energy heading into a difficult upcoming schedule.

"I think we couldn't carry better momentum than what we have right now," Gumpf said.

No matter who the Irish face in the future, their resilience in this weekend's tournament has them pointed in the right direction for 2005.

"This team is on the right track," Gumpf said. "I liked the way we finished the first tournament, and we hope to keep playing like this."

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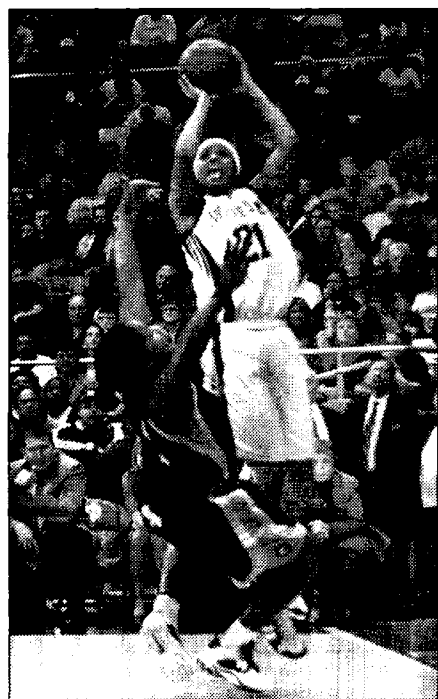
## Eagles

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home. The team is 9-1 at the visitor's arena and 13-2 inside the Joyce Center.

"I really think it is maturity. Our upperclassmen have just done a heck of a job all year long of letting the underclassmen know that this is how it's supposed to go," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. "They've set the tone in every game and the underclassmen have just followed their lead. I'm really proud of our leadership this year."

Notre Dame is on a season-high nine-game winning streak, which began with an 86-69 victory against Purdue Jan. 16. The Irish, now 22-



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Irish forward Jacqueline Batteast shoots over a Georgetown defender.

3 and 10-2 in the Big East, hold a half-game advantage on first place in the Big East standings over Connecticut and Rutgers, who are both 9-2.

McGraw has regularly used an eight-player rotation and usually starts Megan Duffy, Jacqueline Batteast, Teresa Borton, Breona Gray and either Crystal Erwin or Courtney LaVere. Freshmen Charel Allen and Tuylah Gaines come off the bench for significant minutes as well.

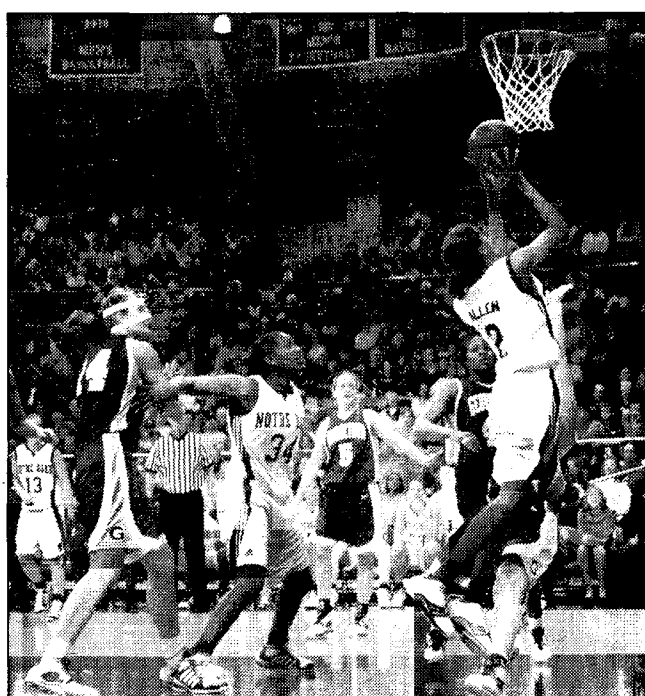
But the Irish start and end with Batteast. The All-American picked up her fourth Big East player of the week award this season for averaging 21.5 points, nine rebounds and 4.5 assists in Notre Dame's wins against Providence and Georgetown last week. She had 23 points and 10 rebounds against the Friars and followed that performance with 20 points and eight boards against the Hoyas.

Against Georgetown, Batteast also passed Alicia Ratay for fourth on the all-time scoring list. Following the game, she said the team is much more confident this season than a year ago, especially on the road.

"I think we're not as intimidated as we were last year," she said. "We're just coming in and treating each trip more business-like and just trying to go take care of business and do what we practiced — trying to rebound more, trying to take care of the ball."

Notre Dame faces three road tests, including the Boston College and Rutgers games, in its next four matchups. The Irish have next week off before facing West Virginia in the home finale Feb. 26 and Seton Hall in New Jersey March 1.

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GEOFF MATTESON/The Observer  
Freshman Charel Allen has been a pleasant surprise for the Irish, contributing energy and scoring off the bench.

## Allen

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Allen hasn't just earned playing time — she's made the most of it. Heading into Tuesday's matchup against Boston College, the freshman has played in all 25 games and averages 24.7 minutes per contest. She posts 8.1 points and 4.5 rebounds per game, good for fourth and third on the team, respectively. After averaging 12.5 points and four rebounds in two Notre Dame victories the week of Feb. 2, she received Big

East Freshman of the Week honors — the first Irish player to accomplish such a feat since Courtney LaVere did during the 2002-03 season.

Allen's production doesn't stop at points and rebounds, either. Despite having a slim build, she frequently bumps her way around the paint for a loose ball or ends up on the floor after diving for a steal.

"I just try to get back up," she said. "I'm little, and I know I'm going to get hit, but I just try to brush it off."

Allen's thin frame has

even earned her a nickname — "chicken."

"Crystal [Erwin] gave me that nickname. She says my legs are really little. At first I didn't like it, and I don't like it still," Allen said. "Coach doesn't like it either. I'm going to try and get them back to saying 'Charel.'"

After such an impressive start to her Notre Dame career, Allen has already drawn comparisons to another Irish great — teammate and all-American, Jacqueline Batteast. Batteast agrees with the resemblance.

"She reminds me of me in a way," Batteast said. "I was a skinny little kid, too. People underestimate her and she comes in and she shocks a lot of people. I don't think she scored 3,000 points in high school by accident."

Allen said she's made the most of playing beside Notre Dame's fourth all-time leading scorer.

"Jackie — just look at her. You could learn a whole bunch from her by just watching her," Allen said. "At practice she's working hard all the time. When you're around her, you pick up little things she does."

In three years, a new freshman may be saying the same kind of compliments — only then, the words could be about Allen.

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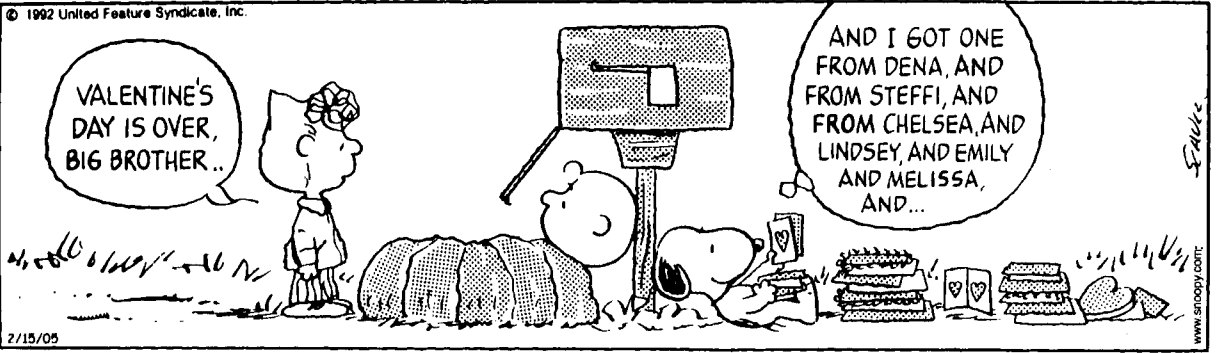
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Answer: Many will do this on Valentine's Day — TAKE IT TO "HEART"

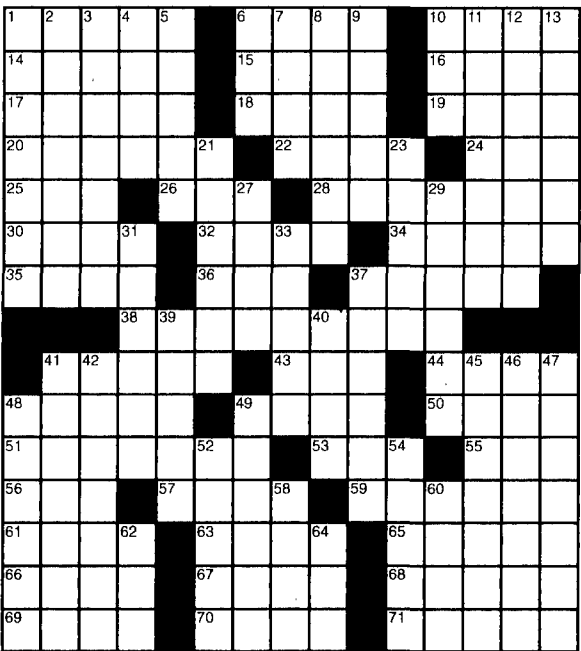
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WILL SHORTZ

- ACROSS**
- 1 Philosopher William of \_\_\_\_  
6 Kid around with  
10 Helgenberger of "CSI"  
14 "Naughty you!"  
15 Wheel shaft  
16 Radio "good buddy"  
17 All smiles  
18 Quilters' parties  
19 "Elephant Boy" boy  
20 Crops up  
22 Hatchling's home  
24 Actor Herbert of "Pink Panther" films  
25 One way to stand  
26 Purge  
28 Dense fog  
30 Cheese in a ball
- 32 Lee's uniform color  
34 Shrewd  
35 Kosher \_\_\_\_  
36 Amount left after expenses  
37 Feted with sherry, say  
38 Woman associated with seven other answers in this puzzle  
41 Loathe  
43 "You've got mail" co.  
44 Houlihan portrayer  
48 Way up or down  
49 B'way hit signs  
50 Mambo king Puente  
51 Kodak inventor  
53 "What's up, \_\_\_\_?"  
55 Bro. or sis.
- 56 Utmost  
57 Chop \_\_\_\_  
59 Observant ones  
61 Clump of hair  
63 Good buy  
65 \_\_\_\_ home (out)  
66 In alignment  
67 Poet Pound  
68 Poetry Muse  
69 Joad family's home state: Abbr.  
70 Part of a Fifth Ave. address  
71 A bit stupid

DOWN

- 1 Circular in form  
2 Acting out of a phrase  
3 London or Lisbon  
4 Sound boosters  
5 Mob figure  
6 Sharp left or right  
7 Yoked team  
8 Ready to turn in  
9 "Steppenwolf" author  
10 TV hosts, briefly  
11 Mother-of-pearl source  
12 Hoopster's grab  
13 In a cranky mood  
21 Milano Mr.  
23 Not spoken  
27 Prepared to shoot in a shootout



Puzzle by John Underwood

- 29 Least crazy  
31 Bad, as a tennis shot  
33 Doing battle  
37 W.W. I president  
39 Benchmarks  
40 Where the boyz are  
41 Founder of modern Turkey  
42 Given to blushing  
45 Bug  
46 Say over  
47 "War and Peace" author  
48 Directed at  
49 Tormented by pollen, say  
52 Poet W. H. \_\_\_\_  
54 Funnel-shaped  
58 Ball material  
60 Corrida charger  
62 Tetley product  
64 Nonprofessional

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**CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY:** Billy Idol, Bo Jackson, Ben Stiller, Clay Aiken

**Happy Birthday:** You haven't made the best choices in the past, but you can turn things around. You have a sense of what you should be doing, so have a little faith and confidence in yourself. You have it in you to make things work this year. Your numbers are 10, 27, 33, 36, 41, 46

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** You will probably make an impulsive move if you aren't in control of your emotions. Think before you act. Things are not as bad as they seem. \*\*

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Plan a lunch date with someone who has information you need. What you learn will change the course of your life. An opportunity to visit or travel must be taken. \*\*\*\*

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Something to do with services for the home or a product that you can offer will lead to a financial gain. Consider starting your own business or forming a partnership. \*\*\*

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Stop yourself before you make a blunder. You are not being rational about personal issues, which can lead to a mistake that will haunt you in the future. \*\*

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Secret love affairs will be tempting. Consider the consequences and you will spare yourself from ending this year on a low note. Get back to basics. \*\*\*

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** You have everything to be proud of and to look forward to. Self-criticism is the enemy, so accept praise and trust in your efforts. \*\*\*\*

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** The only thing that is important today is what you do and if you feel good about it. Let your uniqueness shine through and work for you. \*\*

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Stand up, be counted and praise will be yours. Your love life should be picking up and everything you want to do should be scheduled in. \*\*\*\*\*

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** You will feel like a weight has been lifted off your shoulders if you have made some financial adjustments. The stress has taken its toll, so be good to yourself for a change. \*\*\*

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Don't trust someone who is trying to sell you something. Use your own discretion. Put business aside and spend time with your lover. \*\*\*

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** This is not the time to play hooky. You will miss a perfect chance to get ahead if you are sleeping on the job or showing little interest. \*\*\*

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** You can make a difference to children, lovers and friends today. Plan something special for each and every person who counts in your life. \*\*\*\*\*

**Birthday Baby:** You have the look that will get you what you want. You are a creative thinker with a zest for life and storytelling. You can be entertaining but very sensitive and willing to listen.

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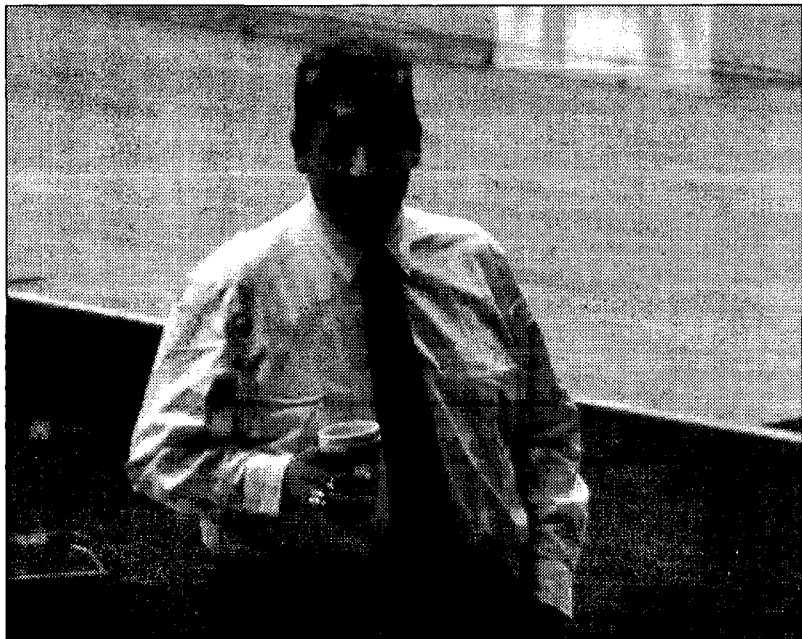
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## FOOTBALL

# Good morning, coach Weis



*New Irish football coach speaks to students at 6 a.m.*

By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN  
Sports Editor

To start his first full day on the job, new Notre Dame football coach Charlie Weis received a standing ovation, seven months before even stepping on the football field.

Weis met with Notre Dame students at 6 a.m. Monday in the Joyce Center to talk about his aspirations for the football program.

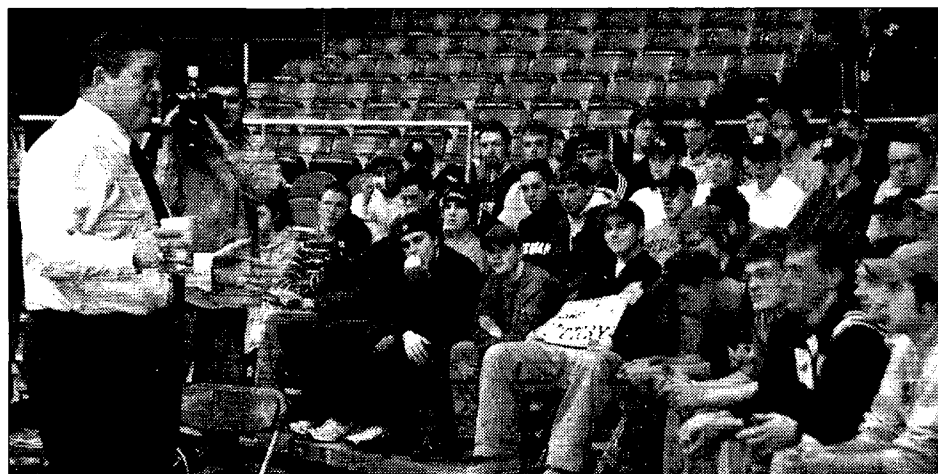
"Everything for me is

Notre Dame," Weis, who comes to Notre Dame full-time after winning the Super Bowl Feb. 6 as the offensive coordinator for the New England Patriots, told the group of students gathered in the Joyce Center. "Now I'm here, and all my energies are here."

Weis briefly touched on the coaching change, saying the only reason former coach and current Washington head coach Tyrone Willingham was fired was because he didn't win.

"Anytime there's a change, there's a change for a reason," Weis said as one of his gaudy Super Bowl

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*Top, new Notre Dame football coach Charlie Weis speaks to about 200 Notre Dame students. At left, Weis talks to students Monday morning about his plans for football.*

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TIM SULLIVAN

## ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

# Team inks four top recruits

By DAN TAPETILLO  
Sports Writer

After winning the national title just two months ago, the Irish have announced four outstanding national letter-of-intent signees.

These players will join an experienced and talented team, as the Irish lose only starting central backs Melissa Tancredi and Gudrun Gunnarsdottir to graduation.

This recruiting class is comprised of three national-team players, including midfielder Brittany Bock, who was recently rated by womensworldfootball.com as the world's top female soccer player for her age group.

Bock is currently completing her senior season at Neuqua Valley High School after not playing high school soccer her



Bock

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## ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

# Flying into the Eagles' nest

*No. 5 Irish try to maintain conference lead against No. 19 Boston College*

By JOE HETTLER  
Sports Writer

The first time Notre Dame and Boston College matched up — two weeks ago in a game the Irish won 64-57 in South Bend — the Eagles lost leading scorer and 3-point shooter Jessalyn Deveny to a ruptured Achilles tendon early in the first half.

Boston College hasn't been the same since.

After Deveny went down, the Eagles dropped their next three games before beating Syracuse 75-50 Feb. 12. In the victory, Boston

College had four players score in double figures, including forward Brooke Queenan, who had 16 points. Queenan has stepped into a starting role for the injured Deveny, and the junior is averaging more than 11 points per contest.

Meanwhile, the Irish begin a tough two-game road stretch against the Eagles and Rutgers on Saturday. Unlike last season when Notre Dame struggled away from the Joyce Center, going just 5-8, the 2004-05 Irish have posted a better road mark than

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Charel Allen drives against Rutgers Jan. 23. The Irish face Boston College tonight on the road.

*Freshman guard Allen has exceeded expectations in her first year for ND*

By JOE HETTLER  
Sports Writer

Muffet McGraw had concerns about freshman guard Charel Allen handling the pressure of big-time college basketball earlier this season.

It hasn't taken Allen long to turn her coach's concerns into confidence.

"I'm not going to worry about her anymore," McGraw said. "I was worried about her going to Connecticut and playing in front of that huge crowd. I was worried about her in big games and all that. But now I haven't had any worries."

Allen, who was Pennsylvania's player of the year twice during high school and scored more than 3,000 points during her career, has been a spark for No. 5 Notre Dame all season off the bench. She routinely ignites the Joyce Center crowd with her athleticism and all-out play and has been a crucial component of the 22-3 Irish.

"I figured [coming into the season] I could step up and try to work hard for a position," Allen said. "I thought, 'go out and do your best and you might get playing time.'"

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## SPORTS AT A GLANCE

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Notre Dame started its season off on the right foot this weekend, taking the GRC Classic.

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Women's ice hockey defeats Michigan State in rematch, figure skating takes fourth place in Invitational.

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#### Windsor Team Challenge

Led by sprinters Dwight Ellick and Terrail Lambert, the Irish took fourth place.

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### MLB

Jose Canseco's book about steroid use in major league baseball, among other things, sold well on its opening day.

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The Panthers knocked off the Orange at the Carrier Dome in Big East play.

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