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Notre Dame ties to Vatican strengthened

University begins new chapter in relationship

By MADDIE HANNA
Associate News Editor

ROME — Like millions of people around the world every year, University President Father John Jenkins and the Board of Trustees climbed the marble steps to St. Peter's Basilica this week.

Steps into a gorgeous and almost mystical religious experience — and toward a more deeply cemented relationship with the Vatican.

St. Peter's, with its white and beige grandeur, delicate yet strong cupola and immense bronze and gold sculptures, dwarfs Notre Dame's Basilica of the Sacred Heart a thousand-fold.

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Pope's first encyclical expounds on love, charity

By KATIE PERRY
Assistant News Editor

Pope Benedict XVI last week issued the first encyclical of his papacy, a highly anticipated two-part meditation underscoring the fundamental Catholic values of love and charity that has since prompted a range of interpretations from Notre Dame experts.

Titled "Deus Caritas Est" — or "God is Love" — the encyclical of the supreme pontiff was released Jan. 25 and addressed bishops, priests, deacons, men and women religious and "all the lay faithful."

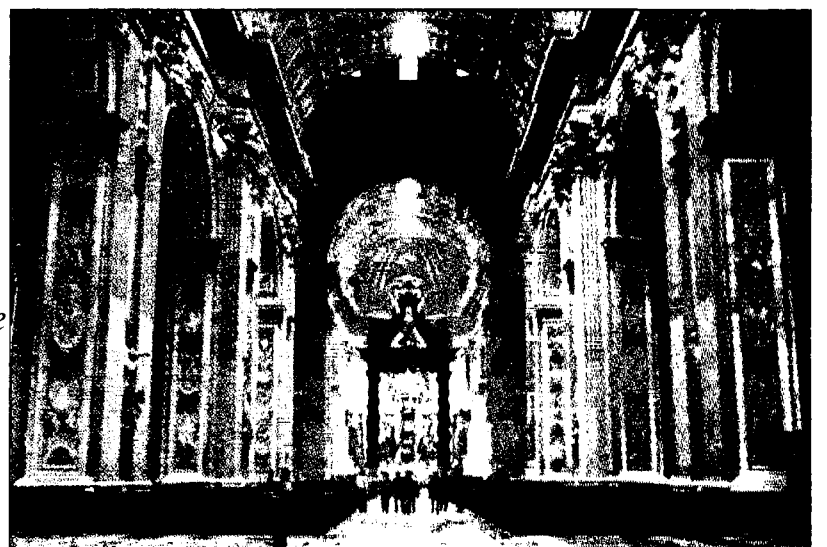
"In a world where the name of God is sometimes associated with vengeance or even a duty of hatred

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Above, St. Peter's Basilica looms above Rome. At left, Michelangelo's Pieta is displayed inside the church. At right, Bernini's altar crowns the Basilica's main aisle.

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Student presidential candidates announced

Five tickets marked by young candidates

By AMANDA MICHAELS
Assistant News Editor

The Judicial Council officially announced the tickets approved to run in the upcoming student body presidential election in a campus-wide e-mail Friday morning.

Five tickets will appear on the Feb. 13 general ballot, with what Judicial Council president James Leito called an "extraordinary" number of freshmen running for top government positions.

"Normally the people who are running for these positions are sophomores and juniors, and [5] freshmen on the tickets is very unusual," Leito said. He added he could not think of anything that would have contributed to the rise in younger candidates.

The presidential and vice

presidential candidates include freshmen Ryan Black from Knott and Catherine Martinez from Cavanaugh; junior Jason Laws from Fisher and sophomore Bob Costa from Zahm; freshmen Ryan McCune and Tim Szewczyk, both from Zahm; juniors Lizzi Shappell from Badin and Bill Andrichik from Stanford; and sophomore Erica Wells from Pangborn and freshman George Chamberlain from Sorin.

Traditionally, the candidates are announced during a meeting of the Student Senate — held Wednesdays at 6 p.m. — but Leito said there was a delay in collecting the tickets' Web site information, and Judicial Council made the decision not to make a formal announcement until Thursday.

The first debate will be held in the Huddle area of LaFortune at 8 p.m. on Feb. 9.

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Ebersols break silence to Oprah

Family speaks about losing youngest child, living with grief

By KELLY MEEHAN
Assistant News Editor

The family of Notre Dame graduate Charlie Ebersol appeared on "The Oprah Winfrey Show" Thursday to discuss the tragic 2004 plane crash that took the life of its youngest son, Teddy.

It marked the first time the Ebersols have spoken to the media together about the crash and their mourning process.

Charlie Ebersol said this is "the first and only time" that the family will publicly speak about its tragedy.

Along with him, Charlie Ebersol's father, NBC Sports Chairman Dick Ebersol, his mother, actress Susan Saint James, and his younger brother Willie Ebersol emotionally recalled the life, death and

memory of the youngest family member, Teddy Ebersol.

Winfrey introduced the famous family through a review of their many successes, which concluded when she said, "in one moment their life would change forever."

This moment occurred on Nov. 28, 2004 when their private plane crashed on takeoff at Montrose Regional Airport in Colorado, killing Teddy, Dick and Charlie Ebersol were also aboard.

Dick Ebersol recalled the rocky takeoff that day, as Teddy turned to him and said, "I'm scared."

He said it was only moments later that the plane crashed and skidded off the runway, eventually stopping on the edge of a 60-foot cliff.

Charlie Ebersol told Winfrey

he remembers every moment of the crash.

"It is one of those moments; they say it lasts 15 seconds, but it seems like it lasts for hours," he said.

Charlie told Winfrey at time of the crash he was the only person on board without a seatbelt, but was also the only person who remained conscious after the crash.

Dick Ebersol said in the moments following the crash when Charlie found himself in a burning plane, he identified his father after seeing his white head of hair in the wreckage.

"I was laying in the aisleway and the ceiling had collapsed on me, and I thought to myself, 'Oh my God, I cannot get through this without my dad,'" Charlie Ebersol said to Winfrey.

Charlie Ebersol, who broke his back in two places and hand in six places, ruptured his eye and received a third degree burn to his left arm in the crash, described the event as "very violent." He then told Winfrey of

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Ebersol



Winfrey

INSIDE COLUMN

Sports
Doldrums

I realized the other day that we're in the first week in February, and that made me feel a little uneasy. That's because after this Sunday's conclusion of three hours of quality commercials, also commonly referred to as the Super Bowl, begins the worst four week stretch of sports for the entire year.

Greg Arbogast

Sports Writer

I hate this time of year, and I'll tell you why. Check your calendar. You're not going to find a lot to get excited about. Looking at this in a narrow context, you'll see that February means the middle of the NBA, NHL and college basketball seasons. This means that the postseason for any of these sports is somewhere from one to two months away. That's okay, though, because even though they're in their off-seasons, we can look for the mainstream American sports (baseball and football) to keep us entertained, right? Well, not quite.

Baseball's Spring Training is still a month away from becoming interesting, and with most of the off-season moves centered around the Winter Meetings in December, baseball's hot stove has currently been reduced to ashes.

The NFL is finishing this Sunday, leaving nothing to look forward to until the draft, which isn't until April 29 — well, that is unless you enjoy the 100 obligatory Mel Kiper Jr. appearances between now and then.

Even college football doesn't offer us much of a release. In fact, the last noteworthy college football date until next season happened yesterday.

Okay, so the more well-known sports don't have much going on in February. Maybe this is the perfect opportunity to catch up on some of the lesser-known sports. How about golf? Well, the first major, the Masters, isn't until April, and honestly, who can watch any golf tournament that isn't a major?

It's indicative of the gravity of the situation that I'm even suggesting this, but what about tennis? Bad timing yet again. The Australian Open, which takes place in January, just finished, and the next major, the French Open, isn't until May.

It's worth mentioning that the Winter Olympics takes place in February this year, but with the Olympics taking place only once every four years, this February is more of an aberration than the norm. Besides, do you consider two leotard-clad Frenchmen prancing around on ice-skates a sport? Me neither.

Basically, the sports scene of post-Super Bowl February is about as enjoyable as the current ... on second thought, the typical February South Bend weather. That leaves us with a couple of options. We can either get used to hearing, "In our top story, the Chicago Bulls were defeated by opponent X last night," or we can use this reprieve to accomplish alternative objectives, perhaps the homework we avoided during the NFL playoffs. Whatever you do, try to stay sane during February because the madness of March is only a few weeks away.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: IF YOU COULD CREATE AN OLYMPIC SPORT, WHAT WOULD IT BE?



Kevin Carrier
sophomore
Fisher

"Jousting, maybe javelin duels perhaps."



David Tighe
sophomore
Dillon

"Ultimate."



Laura Fox
sophomore
PE

"Hopscotch. I'm really good at it."



Reese Moore
sophomore
Howard

"Freeze-tag."



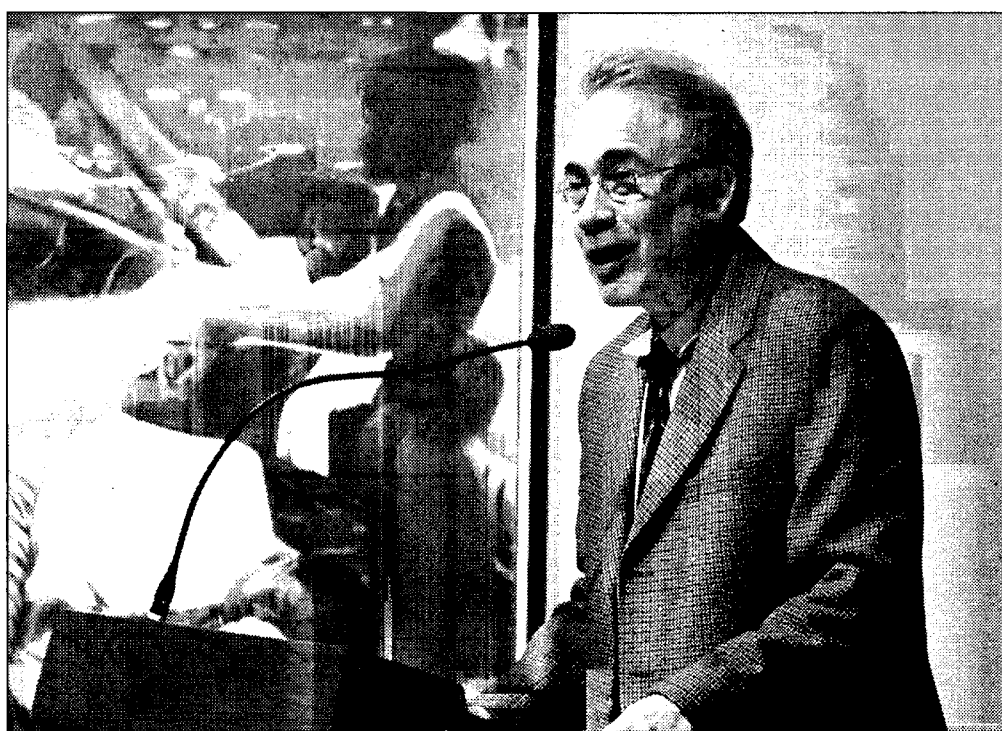
Liz Fox
sophomore
Welsh Family

"Broomball. Trigon Blue Cross Blue Shield, baby!"



Christian Galvan
freshman
Keenan

"Olympic karaoke. And I'd take the gold."



PHIL HUDELSON/The Observer

Program of Liberal Studies department chair Henry Weinfield read his translation of "The Chimeras of Gerard de Nerval" at a ceremony at the Snite Museum Thursday night, where professor emeritus Doug Kinsey's illustrations of the translation are displayed in an exhibit.

OFFBEAT

Burglar gets stuck in vent

ORLANDO, Fla. — An alleged burglar was rescued Thursday after he got stuck overnight in the oven vent of the convenience store he was trying to rob, the fire department said.

Investigators said Lonnie Shields, 37, climbed into a small vent on the roof of the New City Mart at about 2 a.m. and wasn't found until store employees arrived at about 8 a.m.

Shields, who faces charges of burglary of a structure, was treated at a nearby hospital and booked into Orange County Jail on \$1,000 bond.

"He was banged up and crunched up and uncomfortable from being in that pipe for about six hours," Orlando fire chief Greg Hoggatt said.

Naked man attacks cars

WITTENBERG, Wis. — Authorities had no trouble locating the suspect after getting a call about a pedestrian attacking two moving cars. He was the one with no clothes.

Police said the first complaint came in at 9:36 a.m. Thursday after a woman encountered a naked man on a road. As she drove around him, he charged the

vehicle, hit the right fender and jumped on the hood, smashing the windshield and breaking off the passenger side mirror, authorities said.

He slid off and was laying on the road but got up into a football-type stance and charged a second vehicle as it approached, damaging a fender.

The 42-year-old man was taken in for medical treatment and psychological assessment, Cook said.

The motorists were not injured.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

The band Nice Save! will play tonight at 10:30 p.m. at Corby's.

As part of the ND Asian Film Festival, there will be a showing of "Peacock" today at 1 p.m. and "Tae Guk Gi: The Brotherhood of War" today at 4 p.m. in the Browning Cinema at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Tickets are \$3 for students.

As part of the ND Arab Film Series, the film "Destiny" will be shown tonight at 7 p.m., and the film "Ali Zooua: Prince of the Streets" will be shown tonight at 10 p.m. in the Browning Cinema at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Tickets are \$3 for students.

The Department of Romance Languages and Literatures is presenting Moliere's "L'Ecole des Femmes" tonight at 7:30 p.m. in the Philbin Studio Theatre at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Tickets are \$5 for students.

RecSports' Late Night Olympics will take place in the Joyce Center from 6 p.m. Saturday to 4 a.m. Sunday. Donations of \$1 are taken at the door and benefit St. Joseph County Special Olympics.

Robert Campbell, a Pulitzer Prize winner and veteran architecture critic for the Boston Globe, will present a lecture titled "Why Don't the Rest of Us Like the Buildings the Architects Like?" at 4:30 p.m. Monday at Bond Hall.

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

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LOCAL WEATHER						
	HIGH 45 LOW 25	HIGH 33 LOW 25	HIGH 33 LOW 23	HIGH 32 LOW 22	HIGH 30 LOW 20	HIGH 30 LOW 20

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Marriage topic of theology talk

By KATIE KOHLER
News Writer

On Wednesday night, Saint Mary's lit up with the spark of discussion when students engaged in a "Theology on Fire" session on "Marriage and the Church: Truth and Fiction."

The "Theology on Fire" program was started by Saint Mary's senior Jenny Robbins as a student initiative to educate students on important issues in the Church today.

"I wanted to increase mature faith development on campus," Robbins said.

Sylvia and John Dillon, directors of Marriage Preparation and Religious Education at Notre Dame, led Wednesday's discussion, explaining Catholic marriage using what Sylvia Dillon called "interactive dialogue."

She described marriage as a calling similar to that of a religious vocation.

"Marriage is equally as important as a religious vocation because it is a conscious choice recognized by the church," she said.

John and Sylvia Dillon said many couples they encounter have similar family backgrounds, values and fundamental ideas that help their marriages become stronger.

Sylvia Dillon then discussed the importance of age on marriage, as recent statistics show that the median marriage age for a female is 25 and 27 for a

male.

"Age is a strong predictor of marriage success and stability," she said. "The older a couple is, the more mature, experienced and settled in a job or career they are."

John Dillon directed the conversation toward the familiar issue of college relationships approaching graduation.

"Many couples feel artificial pressure and graduation anxiety for the future of their relationships," he said.

He expressed the importance of enjoying independence in college and "finding yourself."

"In college, you make your own decisions for the first time in your life," he said. "Enjoy that time. Celebrate it. Follow your dreams. Get to know yourself to be a better partner in marriage."

The goal for college, as John Dillon put it, is to have as many healthy relationships as you can based on friendship and self-discovery.

Another issue the Dillon couple commented on was interfaith marriages.

They stressed that they are not at all uncommon in today's society. On the retreat they are leading this coming week, five out of the 25 couples enrolled is interfaith.

"This is not at all uncommon today and should not be seen as a 'problem,'" Sylvia Dillon said. "It is better to have two people of different faiths passionate about their beliefs rather than two people of the same faith sharing lukewarm beliefs."

John Dillon mentioned cohabitation before marriage, saying most couples only live together before they get married out of convenience. Some, however, use their living situation as a "trial marriage," which he said often produces poor results.

The topic of marriage could not be complete without discussing divorce. Although divorce rates are near 50 percent today, Sylvia Dillon said during the past decade, the rate has slowly and steadily declined to a stable number. When talking about divorce, both Sylvia and John Dillon stressed the importance of marriage preparation in order to secure a successful partnership.

The forum attracted more than 40 students of all ages.

"I came because I wanted to be educated about marriage so when I get to that place in my life, I can approach it with maturity," freshman Megan Ryan said.

"I came because I wanted to be educated about marriage."

Megan Ryan
freshman

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RecSports prepares for Late Night Olympics

By MOLLY LAMPING
News Writer

The Joyce Center will open its doors to athletes at all levels of competition as it plays host to the 20th annual Late Night Olympics Saturday night.

Sponsored by RecSports, this event raises money for St. Joseph County's Special Olympics.

Assistant Director of RecSports and Late Night Olympics organizer Bill Reagan estimated that anywhere between 1,000 and 1,500 students will turn out for one or more of the 17 competitive events — they include everything from three-on-three basketball and volleyball to lesser-known sports such as inner-tube water polo, Nerf football and broomball.

"Last year, we had over 1,200 [student participants]," Reagan said.

Thirteen brother/sister dorm teams from both Notre Dame and Saint Mary's, in addition to Notre Dame's MBA Association, will compete for the title of

"champion."

For the last six years, the team of Keough and Welsh Family Halls has taken home the crown.

"They seem to have quite a dynasty going," Reagan said.

While the fierce competition between the dorm teams is the main attraction of the event, the real business of the evening is raising money for Special Olympics. Last year, more than \$8,600 was raised.

"The unique thing about [the money] is that there is no corporate sponsorship," Reagan said. "It is all coming from the students."

Fundraising will take the form of open skate fees, penny wars, entry fees, raffle and simple donations.

Sporting events begin at 6 p.m. Saturday and continue until about 4 a.m. Sunday, Reagan said.

"It should be a really good time for a really good cause," Saint Mary's freshman Katie McInerney said.

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Bill Reagan
Assistant director
RecSports

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Katie McInerney
freshman

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ASST. MANAGING EDITOR

Applicants for Managing Editor and Assistant Managing Editor should demonstrate strong journalistic and management skills. An in-depth understanding of newspaper production, including skills in Microsoft Word, Quark XPress and Photoshop, is required. Experience with Macintosh computers is helpful.

Applications for any of the above positions should be at least five pages and should explain the applicant's qualifications and goals.

Managing Editor and Assistant Managing Editor applications are due by Friday, February 3 at 5 p.m.

Submit all applications to Mike Gilloon in the Observer office located in the South Dining Hall basement.

Please direct questions about these positions or the application procedure to Mike Gilloon and Claire Heininger at 631-4542.

Pope

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and violence, this message is both timely and significant," the pope said. "I wish in my first [encyclical] to speak of the love which God lavishes upon us and which we in turn must share with others."

Encyclicals were first issued by the ancient Church as letters to be sent to all churches in a given area. Today, encyclicals represent one of the highest forms of papal teaching and usually address a significant issue or topic concerning Catholic faith.

Theology professor Lawrence Cunningham praised the "brief and straightforward" document, one he said contrasted greatly from the "long, tortured and complicated" encyclicals of the late Pope John Paul II.

"This is an excellent encyclical," Cunningham said. "It's very well-crafted by a pope who is probably one of the best theologians in the past 1,000 years of popes ... It is a very affirmative, pastoral and deeply spiritual document."

The 71-page document stressed love and charity as crucial aspects of the Catholic faith and outlined the Church's role concerning social justice. Benedict XVI emphasized the

Church's ability to assuage suffering through love and charity, but warned acts of charity should not be used as a means for proselytization.

The pope divided the encyclical into two distinct parts. In the first, "more speculative" section, he analyzed the meaning of love and how it is expressed by humankind.

History professor R. Scott Appleby, who also serves as director of the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, called the first part of the encyclical an "elegant and refined ... wonderful and profound exposition of the Christian theology of love."

"Today, the term 'love' has become one of the most frequently used and misused of words, a word to which we attach quite different meanings," the pope said.

"[The encyclical is] very well-crafted by a pope who is probably one of the best theologians in the past 1,000 years."

Lawrence Cunningham
theology professor

Cunningham said Benedict XVI described both the dual nature and universal importance of love.

"The pope said that in English, we don't have different ways of expressing love, but in Greek there are the terms 'eros' and 'agape' — both of these are good forms of love," Cunningham said. "Eros holds up the idea of love between a husband and wife, but love also has to spill over to ... Christian charity. If you allow only eros, it's easy for love to become [a commodity]."

Cunningham illustrated the Holy Father's message by employing the example of a young couple who wed and are affectionate towards each other — that is, they "hold hands, kiss and have sexual relations."

"If one of the spouses becomes ill or incapacitated, the true mark of love is if [they stay together]," Cunningham said. "That's the point the pope is trying to get at."

The second, "more concrete" section addresses the ecclesiastical exercise of the commandment of love of neighbor.

"[Jesus'] death on the Cross is the culmination of that turning of God against himself in which he gives himself in order to raise man up and save him," the pope said. "By contemplating the pierced side of Christ, we can understand the starting-point of this [encyclical letter] ... In this contemplation the Christian discovers the path along which his life and love must move."

Appleby said everything the Christian does unfolds in the context of what God has done and is doing, "in Jesus Christ and in us."

"The pope is reminding us of priorities and foundations — what 'comes first' is God's self-gift in love and our response in love," he said. "That loving relationship, and nothing else, is the foundation for our just relationships to others in the world, to politics, to society, to economy and the like."

Benedict XVI said love is the service the Church carries out in order to alleviate suffering in the world. Liking the Church to "God's family in the

world," the pope said no member of the family should go without the basic necessities of life.

The encyclical said the Church must cooperate with government in order to ameliorate social discrepancies instead of acting alone in such endeavors.

"The Church cannot and must not take upon herself the political battle to bring about the most just society possible," the pope said. "She cannot and must not replace the State. Yet at the same time she cannot and must not remain on the sidelines in the fight for justice."

Cunningham said in this statement, the pope asks if the state should "take over all the works of justice."

"The pope says the Church ought to cooperate with the state," Cunningham said. "He argues that there ought to be some unity between charitable works of the state and charitable works of the Church."

Appleby said the "more controversial" second part outlines the Church's mission of charity in the world.

"[The second part] declares that the Church must be concerned with social justice, through forming consciences, but is not directly responsible for building just social structures — that is the task of the laity," Appleby said.

Appleby said this part provides little comfort for people who believe bishops should intervene directly in politics by denouncing — or praising — Catholic politicians. In addition, he said the language of the encyclical "seems to place the laity in the world establishing justice, with the Church somewhat apart from the world, forming consciences."

"[The Church] cannot and must not remain on the sidelines in the fight for justice."

Pope Benedict XVI

"The Church-world dualism is troubling to Catholics who understood Vatican II to be calling for an end to that kind of dualistic thinking," Appleby said.

Cunningham said he disagreed with press reports calling the encyclical "uncontroversial" because of its failure to address abortion, divorce and other hot-button issues on the minds of today's Catholic populace.

"It is true that the press reports are saying that [Benedict XVI] isn't being controversial," he said. "I think the press comments came from people who didn't read the encyclical."

The pope also described the Church's "deepest nature" as a three-part obligation to proclaim the word of God, celebrate the sacraments and exercise the ministry of charity — duties which "presuppose each other and are inseparable."

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Chavez accuses U.S. officer of spying

CARACAS, Venezuela — President Hugo Chavez said Thursday that Venezuela is expelling a U.S. Navy officer for allegedly passing secret information from the Venezuelan military to the Pentagon and warned he will throw out all U.S. military attaches if further espionage occurs.

He also accused Navy Cmdr. John Correa of encouraging Venezuelan officers to consider overthrowing his government, which weathered a brief coup in April 2002.

The U.S. Embassy denied any of its military attaches had been anything wrong.

Venezuela's accusations of espionage, which began last week, have heightened tensions in an already rocky relationship between Washington and Chavez's government. Chavez, whose nation is a major supplier of oil to the United States, is an outspoken critic of U.S. economic policies.

Greek officials had phones tapped

ATHENS, Greece — Mobile phones belonging to top Greek military and government officials — including the prime minister — and the U.S. embassy were tapped for nearly a year beginning in the weeks before the 2004 Olympic games, the government said Thursday.

It was not known who was responsible for the taps, which numbered about 100 and included Greek Prime Minister Costas Karamanlis and his wife, and the ministers of foreign affairs, defense, public order and justice. Most of Greece's top military and police officers were also targeted, as were foreign ministry officials and a U.S. embassy number. Also tapped were some journalists and human rights activists.

NATIONAL NEWS

Congress will extend Patriot Act

WASHINGTON — Congress will send President Bush a second five-week extension of the Patriot Act as Senate negotiators say they're closer to a deal with the White House on renewing the antiterrorism bill with some new civil liberties protections.

Sixteen provisions of the 2001 law were to have expired Dec. 31, but Congress extended them until Friday after Democrats and a handful of Senate Republicans demanded an avenue of appeals when the FBI makes demands for people's financial and other private records.

The Senate scheduled a vote Thursday night on extending the current law unchanged through March 10 to give negotiators more time to reach a deal. The House passed the extension Wednesday.

Police kill kidnapper after car chase

HOUSTON — A man suspected of kidnapping his ex-girlfriend and her 4-year-old daughter opened fire on a crowded freeway Thursday, shooting repeatedly at motorists as he fled from police.

Authorities said the suspect kidnapped the mother and child Wednesday near Dallas and forced the mother at gunpoint to drive toward Houston. On Thursday, he punched out the back window of the car and cleared a path through traffic by firing at cars in his way.

"Bullets were flying everywhere," said witness Kymberly Rooks, whose car was sideswiped by the vehicle carrying the gunman.

LOCAL NEWS

Bill on hunting, fireworks passes

INDIANAPOLIS — It would be legal to hunt deer and elk inside fenced areas for seven more years under legislation approved by the Indiana House on Thursday.

The House also passed a bill that would make it a criminal offense bring knives to school, and another one that would make it legal for people to set off fireworks on their own property or someone else's if they have approval to use it for that purpose.

Attack at gay bar injures three

Teen dressed in black, armed with hatchet and gun sought rampage in Massachusetts

Associated Press

NEW BEDFORD, Mass. — The attacker hid his weapons in a hooded sweat shirt as he strode into a popular gay tavern known for its quiet atmosphere and trouble-free customers.

The young man flashed an apparently fake ID, the bartender said, and calmly ordered a drink, asking if he was at a gay bar. Told that he was, he attacked the patrons with a hatchet and handgun, sending three men to the hospital early Thursday, one with critical injuries.

Authorities in this historic seaport searched for Jacob D. Robida, 18, who was charged in an arrest warrant with assault, attempted murder and civil-rights violations.

According to court papers attached to the warrant, Robida's mother told police he came home around 1 a.m., bleeding from the head, then left again. Officers who searched his bedroom found what they described as "Nazi regalia" and anti-Semitic writings on the wall, the police affidavit said. It said Robida was recognized by a woman in the bar.

"Obviously, we have a man who's dangerous, who's not rational, and he has weapons," said Bristol District Attorney Paul Walsh Jr.

The bartender at Puzzles Lounge told The Associated Press the assailant walked in around midnight and drank a rum on the rocks. He ordered another and walked to the back of the bar, where two men were playing pool.

The attacker shoved one of the men to the ground, then pulled a hatchet from his sweat shirt and began



A Puzzles Lounge bartender who identified himself as Phillip, right, hugs friend Derrick Amaral after an attacker entered the bar with a gun and hatchet Thursday morning.

swinging it at the man's head, said the bartender, who asked to be identified only by his first name, Phillip, because of concerns about his own safety while the gunman is at large.

The second pool player intervened, swinging at the assailant with his pool cue, but the attacker fended him off, the bartender said.

Several other patrons tried to stop him, and he was knocked off his feet, sending

the hatchet flying, Phillip said.

The attacker then pulled out the handgun and shot one man, according to the bartender. He fired another bullet into the chest of a patron who was leaving the bathroom.

"He was shooting at everyone," Phillip said.

The attacker shoved the bartender before leaving the building and running up the street, he said.

Police arrived moments later, finding the hatchet on the barroom floor and a knife lying on the ground outside, though it was apparently never used in the attack.

Court documents said a woman in the bar recognized Robida as a current or former student at New Bedford High School. School officials declined to confirm whether Robida was enrolled there.

IRAQ

Trial continues without Saddam

Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Two prosecution witnesses testified before an empty defendants' box Thursday as Saddam Hussein boycotted his own trial, choosing to watch the proceedings by video linkup.

The chief judge — who has appeared determined to push ahead whether Saddam and seven co-defendants attend or not — ordered the case halted until Feb. 13, apparently to give time to resolve a standoff that could damage the trial's credibility.

Saddam's original defense team refuses to take part unless chief judge Raouf Abdel-Rahman, who they allege is biased against the former Iraqi leader, is removed. Saddam and four other defendants have rejected court-appointed lawyers and refused to attend court sessions Wednesday and Thursday.

Abdel-Rahman ordered the remain-

ing three defendants barred Thursday, saying they had caused a disturbance outside the court.

The two witnesses Thursday, who testified from behind a curtain to conceal their identities, said they were detained, then beaten and tortured at the Baghdad headquarters of the Mukhabarat, or intelligence agency.

Both men named Saddam's half brother and co-defendant Barzan Ibrahim, who led the Mukhabarat at the time, as a participant in their torture.

Saddam, Ibrahim and six other defendants have been on trial since Oct. 19 for the killing of more than 140 Shiites after a 1982 attempt on the former president's life in the town of Dujail north of Baghdad. If convicted, they face death by hanging.

The first of Thursday's witnesses said he was 12 when he was arrested in Dujail, then tortured by interrogators who strung him by the hands and gave him electric shocks. He told the court his sister was stripped naked and beat-

en in front of him.

"People returning (to their cells) from torture sessions could not walk for days. We had to carry them to the toilet," he said. He told the court his dead brother's body was lined up in a group of eight bodies in Dujail the day after the attempt on Saddam's life.

He also watched his father being beaten by a man he was later told was Ibrahim.

After several months at the Mukhabarat, and then in Abu Ghraib prison, the witness and his family were taken to a detention camp in the southern desert.

"The families there couldn't recognize me because of the effect of torture on me," he said.

The second witness said Ibrahim tortured him after his arrest in the Dujail crackdown. He said interrogators forced him to strip and hung him from his feet. They beat him with hoses and applied electric shocks to his body, including "sensitive parts."

Ebersol

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his efforts to reenter the wreckage to rescue Teddy, and being unable to find him.

Teddy's body was not recovered until the next day, when rescuers lifted the plane to find that he had been ejected and stuck underneath the wreckage.

Saint James said she was relieved her youngest son's body was intact.

"That was a cool thing because Charlie knew he would have never ever found him [under the wreckage]," she said to Winfrey.

During the show, which was taped Jan. 11 at Harpo Studios in Chicago, the family was most notably moved when reflecting on its emotionally difficult grieving process.

"Susan gave everyone in our family this great release," Dick Ebersol said. "She let us know it is OK to cry, and that we weren't going to be angry ... or mad [about Teddy's death]."

Saint James said while she was raised a Catholic and has faith, she was forced to redefine her beliefs after her son's death in order to come to terms with the accident.

"Having resentment is like taking poison and hoping the other person dies," Saint James said to Winfrey. "That is the motto I live by."

"It's been one year and two months [since the accident], and we are all here and smiling," Willie Ebersol said to Winfrey.

The Ebersols agreed the first part of recovering from the tragedy is acceptance of the fact that Teddy is gone, and continuing to live life to the fullest. They said they were particularly touched after they discovered Teddy's autobiography, in which he wrote, "The finish line is just the beginning of a whole new race"—a motto the family lives by each day.

"Every parent has that flash ... [that] this is so horrible. How do you get through it?" Saint James said. "You get up the next day, you brush your teeth, comb your hair ... Life is so powerful you just keep on living."

"One thing that is so amazing about your family is that you all love deeply," Winfrey said to the Ebersols. "You have thick love and aren't afraid to show it."

Charlie Ebersol will also be featured in an upcoming episode of "The Oprah Winfrey Show" — set to air sometime later this month — about an award-winning movie he co-produced during his junior year at Notre Dame.

The documentary film, entitled "Ithuteng [never stop learning]," is about the lives of three students who attend an at-risk school in Soweto, South Africa. Winfrey donated \$1.14 to the school after viewing the film earlier this year.

Ebersol said he was inspired to make this film to share the life lessons he learned from the children at the school who said that pain and grief should not be hidden, and people should share their feelings with others.

"It is so common in America, especially for men, to not experience their grief and I think one of the things we wanted to show was, 'Look, horrible things happen in your life, but you

have to experience [them],'" he said.

Ebersol said he was amazed at how comfortable Winfrey made him and his family feel while on the set.

The Ebersols told Winfrey they will never completely get over the death of Teddy, but his death has allowed them to look at life in a new way.

Charlie Ebersol said since the family taped the show they received many letters from audience members who had experienced a similar tragedy, and were able to view their grief in a new way after hearing the Ebersols' philosophies on unexpected death.

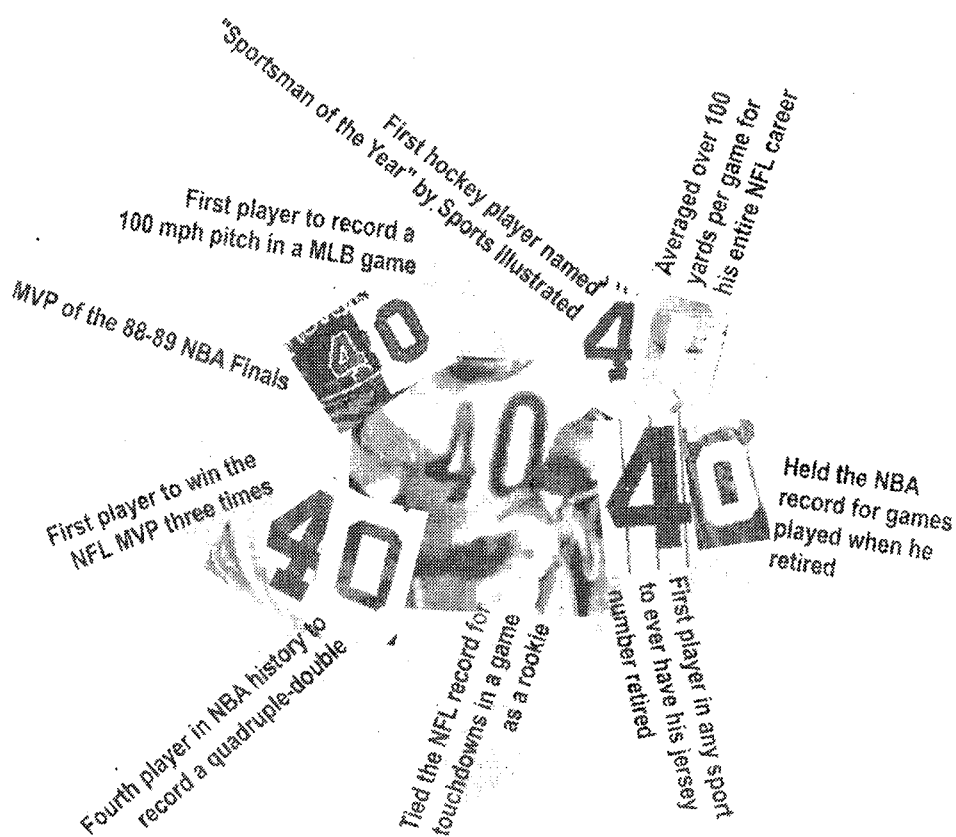
"I don't think we have any secret," Charlie Ebersol said. "Because of whatever circumstances that we are in, we aren't any more qualified [than anyone else] to offer advice to other people ... it's like paying it forward."

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*"Life is so powerful
you just keep on
living."*

Susan Saint James
Teddy Ebersol's mother



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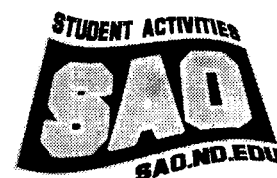
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Up: 988 Same: 140 Down: 2,304 Composite Volume: 2,613,703,610

AMEX 1,851.26 -4.23
NASDAQ 3,111.79 -30.29
NYSE 8,038.00 -74.22
S&P 500 1,270.84 -11.62
NIKKEI(Tokyo) 16,581.71 -128.84
FTSE 100(London) 5,747.30 -54.30

COMPANY	%CHANGE	\$GAIN	PRICE
NASDAQ 110 TR (QQQQ)	-1.71	-0.72	41.43
INTEL CP (INTC)	-1.62	-0.35	21.20
JDS UNIPHASE CP (JDSU)	-3.16	+0.10	3.06
MICROSOFT CP (MSFT)	-1.28	-0.36	27.68
SUN MICROSYS (SUNW)	+0.22	+0.01	4.53

Treasuries

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30-YEAR BOND	-0.32	-0.15	46.95
5-YEAR NOTE	-0.09	-0.04	45.02

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PORK BELLIES (cents/lb.)	-0.73	73.10

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IN BRIEF**Bush to request bigger defense budget**

WASHINGTON — President Bush next week will request a \$439.3 billion Defense Department budget for 2007, a nearly 5 percent increase over this year, according to senior Pentagon officials and documents obtained Thursday by The Associated Press.

The spending plan would include \$84.2 billion for weapons programs, a nearly 8 percent increase, including billions of dollars for fighter jets, Navy ships, helicopters and unmanned aircraft. The total includes a substantial increase in weapons spending for the Army, which will get \$16.8 billion in the 2007 budget, compared with \$11 billion this year.

Senior defense officials provided the totals on condition of anonymity because the defense budget will not be publicly released until Monday. The figures did not include about \$50 billion that Bush administration officials said Thursday they would request as a down payment for the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan in 2007. The administration said war costs for 2006 would total \$120 billion.

Senate works to maintain tax cuts

WASHINGTON — The Senate pushed forward Thursday with \$70 billion in tax cuts, one step in an effort that Republican leaders hope will preserve President Bush's tax reductions for capital gains and dividends.

A day of wrangling between Republicans and Democrats over whether to debate a long list of politically hot topics showed senators ready to jump into the boxing ring this election year. Lawmakers grumbled as they worked through formalities usually skipped by agreement between the party leaders.

"This is not a good sign of the times," said Sen. Trent Lott, R-Miss.

The central feature of the tax bill, left over from last year's agenda, holds back the alternative minimum tax, which threatens millions of families with higher taxes this year unless lawmakers stop its growth.

Originally intended to prevent the wealthy from erasing their tax liabilities through deductions and credits, the alternative minimum tax encroaches further on the middle class each year. Inflation and recently passed tax cuts have fueled its growth.

Fiat looks to boost image, sales

Major exposure expected to follow car-maker's sponsorship of Winter Olympics

Associated Press

ROME — No sooner had the 2006 Winter Games been awarded to Turin seven years ago than they were nicknamed the "Agnelli Olympics" — a sign of the influence in and around the host city of the family that controls Fiat.

Now that the Games are just around the corner, Fiat SpA is coming off encouraging figures after years of declining fortunes. It will gain massive exposure during the Olympics thanks to a \$48 million worth sponsorship deal that analysts say may boost the company's lackluster image.

"What better occasion to brush up the Fiat brand than an international event taking place in the company's own hometown?" said Franco Di Dio Magri, marketing professor at Rome's La Sapienza University. "Fiat wants to project an image of a healthy company, capable of keeping up with the times."

Just like Detroit automakers General Motors Corp., Ford Motor Co. and DaimlerChrysler AG's Chrysler Group play a big role in this weekend's Super Bowl in the Motor City, Fiat has spared no effort in the Feb 10-26 Games. It supplies vehicles for the games, sponsors athletes, hosts cultural events.

Raffaello Porro, head of corporate communications of Fiat Auto, said "Fiat's presence is underlined by the appealing, positive values that the brand wishes to convey."

Italy's biggest private-sector employer, Fiat has been a symbol of post-World War II reconstruction for decades: generations of Italians have owned its compact city cars and been fascinated by the jet-setting life of longtime chairman Gianni Agnelli,



Winter Olympic banners hang by the headquarters of Italian car-maker Fiat in Torino. Fiat has a \$48 million sponsorship deal with the Games in 2006.

who died in 2003.

But recent years tell a different story: a deep crisis that saw Fiat's auto unit lose more than \$1 billion in 2002 as its brand lost appeal across Europe, developing a reputation for poor quality and frequent repair.

In October, the company suffered an embarrassing blow when the head of the auto division's brand promotion was rushed to the hospital from the apartment of a transvestite, for what doctors said was a drug overdose.

Lapo Elkann, grandson of Gianni Agnelli, was dismissed from the hospital after a little over a week, and has been out of the spotlight since.

This week, however, Fiat's turnaround strategy — focused on the auto business, the sale of noncore interests and development of research and innovation in an effort to snag consumers with new models — started to pay off.

In results released Monday, Fiat posted a fourth-quarter profit of

\$46.3 million and a net profit for the full 2005 for the first time since 2000. The quarterly profit compared with a loss of \$550 million in the same quarter a year earlier.

The performance, largely due to gains from asset sales and progress in the auto division, earned the company cautious praise from industry analysts. The closely watched Fiat Auto unit posted a fourth-quarter profit of \$25.6 million, compared with a loss of \$189.9 million in the same quarter a year ago.

Enron leaders lied for stock's sake

Associated Press

HOUSTON — The leadoff witness for the government against two former Enron Corp. chiefs says the company altered its earnings figures to please Wall Street and keep Enron stock — meticulously tracked by the two leaders — high.

Mark Koenig, who was Enron's former top contact for investors, stopped short of saying CEOs Kenneth Lay and Jeffrey Skilling ordered the books to be cooked — but he said both were aware changes were being made.

And Koenig said Skilling misled analysts on conference calls about how Enron was recording revenue, all in a bid to make the company's critical broadband division appear to be a moneymaker when it made virtually no money at all.

"We thought it would maintain or increase the stock price," Koenig testified Wednesday. Koenig was to

return to the witness stand Thursday for more questions from prosecutors.

He eventually will face cross-examination from lawyers for Lay and Skilling — who will almost certainly go after Koenig for striking a plea deal with the government.

A critical part of the defense is suggesting that most of the 16 former Enron executives who have pleaded guilty were pressured to do so by prosecutors — and therefore will say anything the government wants to hear.

Koenig's testimony on Tuesday appeared to contradict another pillar of the defense — the claim that no fraud occurred at Enron and that the company collapsed because of a market panic worsened by some relatively minor misdeeds by employees, like embezzlement.

He portrayed both former CEOs as intimately involved in the company's operations, well aware of Enron's stock price on any given day, and

careful readers of analyst reports on the company.

He walked jurors through several drafts of a July 2000 press release in which quarterly earnings were raised from 32 cents per share to 34 cents because Enron executives wanted to beat Wall Street estimates by 2 cents.

While Koenig did not say Skilling or Lay ordered a fraudulent change, he said he discussed the July 2000 change with Skilling, then the company's president, who had to approve any changes to the financial figures.

In another case, in January 2000, Enron changed its quarterly earnings from 30 cents per share to 31 cents after analysts unexpectedly raised their estimates to the higher level, Koenig said.

On the morning of Jan. 19, 2000, Koenig said, Lay told him "he went to bed and we were 30 cents, and when he awoke, he was watching one of the business stations, and he saw that it was 31 cents."

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But the relationship between Notre Dame and the Vatican is less lopsided.

The event marks Jenkins' first big trip as University President and a new era in Notre Dame-Vatican relations.

But the relationship between the University and the Vatican doesn't only go one way. It's also essential for Notre Dame to show the Church what it has to offer, Campus Ministry Director Father Richard Warner said Wednesday.

"It's important for us to be familiar with the Church and for them to know us ... it's mutual respect," Warner said.

Trips like this, he said, help the Vatican "to see Notre Dame as the treasure it is for the Church."

While the connection between Notre Dame and the Vatican has been strong and stable for a long time, Warner said there are two periods in modern time that define the relationship between Notre Dame and the Vatican — University President Emeritus Father Theodore Hesburgh's personal relationship, and University President Emeritus Father Edward Malloy's institutional relationship.

The Hesburgh years

It was a personal relationship that largely set the tone for the University's interaction with the Vatican during the last few decades.

In 1960, Cardinal Giovanni

Battista Montini joined President Dwight D. Eisenhower at Notre Dame's commencement ceremonies to receive an honorary degree from the University — and also happened to meet a lifelong confidante.

"We spent three or four days just touring the campus and we became very good friends," Hesburgh said Tuesday about the man who in June 1963 would be elected Pope Paul VI. "In future years, every time I went to Rome he asked me to lunch or dinner with him, and he asked me about Catholic higher education, which he was very interested in."

A few years later, Paul VI's interest in universities and his trust for Hesburgh led the pope to ask the Notre Dame president for an important favor. The pope decided it was time to revitalize the International Federation of Catholic Universities — an organization Hesburgh called

"the only official representation of all of the Catholic universities in the world [to] the Church" — and knew just the man to do it.

"Universities were not very visible at that time, because they were really not heard very much in the Vatican," Hesburgh said.

But Paul VI believed they should have a voice, and instructed Hesburgh and the Federation to rewrite the organization's constitution to make universities more independent.

"[Rewriting the constitution] gave us much more freedom of action," Hesburgh said. "It was Notre Dame that helped get [the Federation] brought back to life when it was rather dead ... [and]

from that time on we've had a very helpful and fruitful relationship with the Vatican through that organization."

The Malloy years

Warner visited the Vatican with Malloy once a year for 15 years. They met with the late Pope John Paul II every other year.

While Paul VI often invited Hesburgh to spend weekends with him, "there was a need seen to also [have] an institutional relationship," Warner said.

Establishing one involved four specific tasks, Warner said — paying regular visits to the Vatican, familiarizing Vatican offices with Notre Dame, awarding one honorary degree a year to a member of the Vatican and introducing the degree recipient to Notre Dame students and faculty during Commencement Weekend.

It's very important for Vatican officials "to get exposed to who we are in a day-to-day world," Warner said.

Malloy also dealt with John Paul II on matters of higher education. He was one of three U.S. educators to serve on a 15-member commission to help revise the papal Apostolic Constitution, a draft document released by the World Congress on Catholic higher education in November 1989.

He described several of his experiences with John Paul II to The Observer in March 2005.

"I've been with him in his chapel in the Vatican a couple of times, and that's a very moving experience," Malloy said. "He's clearly a man of deep prayer."

Malloy also visited the church where John Paul II was baptized and the late pope's home.

During one of their visits to the Vatican, Malloy and Warner met the then-Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, who they invited to speak at Notre Dame and receive an honorary degree.

While Ratzinger declined the invitation, it meant nothing negative about the current pope's regard of Notre Dame.

"He was knowledgeable about the University of Notre Dame and committed to the Catholic Church's mission of higher education," Warner told The Observer in April 2005, calling the pope a "truly holy man" and a "man of deep faith."

The Jenkins years

It's a little early to say if the relationship between the world's most prominent Catholic university and the center of the Church will take a different turn under Jenkins.

But judging by this week's trip and administrative statements — including Jenkins' own — it appears the ties can only grow stronger.

"We're part of a common mission," Jenkins told The Observer Tuesday.

He referred to "a sense of mutual understanding" and "a common purpose," explaining that the Church must be aware of Notre Dame's importance in confronting the complex issues of the time.

"I believe as we face the challenges of the 21st century, a Catholic university like Notre Dame is absolutely critical," Jenkins said. "I think those in the curia kind of see that, and we need to work together so the Church can

be enriched by Notre Dame's work and Notre Dame can be enriched by its connection to the universal Church."

Francis Rooney III, the U.S. ambassador to the Holy See who received an honorary degree from Notre Dame Wednesday, said that as the premiere Catholic institution in the United States, Notre Dame has an important leadership role to play.

"Notre Dame is creating the next generation of leaders in the Church," Rooney told The Observer Wednesday.

To give an example of Notre Dame's role, he referred to director of the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies R. Scott Appleby's presence at a recent one-day seminar held by the U.S. Mission to the Holy See on the recent papal encyclical on religious freedom, "Dignitatis Humanae."

"Scott was fantastic," Rooney said. "He represented Notre Dame well and the Church well ... We love to engage Notre Dame in every possible opportunity."

Hesburgh also mentioned Notre Dame's prominence and said that unique role makes the relationship between Notre Dame and the Vatican so important.

"If you look at the Naval Academy, or West Point, or the Air Force Academy, it's important that they have a relationship with the U.S. government because they're training officers for all three services," Hesburgh said. "And we are training and educating some of the most intelligent Catholics in America, and I'm assuming our graduates will have an impact on the future of the most powerful nation on earth."

"So it's a good relationship and I'm sure this meeting in Rome will benefit it."

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University President Father John Jenkins and Board of Trustees Chairman Patrick McCartan present an honorary (doctor of laws) degree to L. Francis Rooney III, U.S. Ambassador to the Holy See.



CLAIRE KELLEY/The Observer

Thaddeus Jones, a Vatican official and 1989 Notre Dame alumnus, speaks about the relationship between Notre Dame and the Vatican.

Malloy reappointed to board of Notre Dame Australia

Trustees of university praise ND president emeritus' contributions to Catholic education around the globe

Special to The Observer

University President Emeritus Father Edward Malloy has been reappointed to the board of governors of the University of Notre Dame Australia.

In reappointing Malloy to the board through 2009, the

trustees of Notre Dame Australia cited his numerous contributions to the university and his support in carrying out its mission of Catholic education.

Malloy and Catholic university leaders from Notre Dame and around the world were integral in initial research and

studies before Notre Dame Australia was established in 1990. The University's enrollment has grown from 60 in 1992 to over 3,000 today.

Malloy served from 1987 to 2005 as the 16th president of Notre Dame and led the University during a period of significant growth in resources,

faculty and academic reputation. He continues to teach a first-year undergraduate seminar and lives on campus in a student residence hall as he did during his presidency.

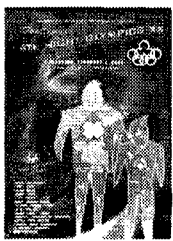
Malloy has been a member of the Notre Dame faculty since 1974. His sixth book, "Monk's Notre Dame," was published

last fall.

The University of Notre Dame Australia is the nation's first Catholic university and has campuses in three Australian cities. Although there are no legal or financial ties between the institutions, Notre Dame Australia was patterned after its U.S. namesake.



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	Team B	6:40		
Women's Basketball	Team A	6:15	Kickball	11:10
	Team B	6:30		
Nerf Football		9:00	Wiffleball	Team A 8:15
				Team B 8:30
Target Golf	Team A	8:30	Monster Dodgeball	12:00
	Team B	8:15	Innertube Water Polo	8:00
Co-Rec Soccer	Team A	10:35	LNO Obstacle Course	Team A 9:00
	Team B	9:20		Team B 9:15
Kayaking	Team A	12:15	Table Tennis	CALL 1-6100
	Team B	8:45	Dance Marathon	Team A-B 10:00

O'Neill/Lyons

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	Team B	6:20		
Women's Basketball		NA	Kickball	11:30
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Target Golf	Team A	8:45	Monster Dodgeball	12:00
	Team B	8:30	Innertube Water Polo	Team A 9:15
Co-Rec Soccer	Team A	12:15		Team B 8:50
	Team B	6:55	LNO Obstacle Course	Team A 10:15
Kayaking	Team A	11:15	Table Tennis	Team B 9:45
	Team B	9:45	Dance Marathon	CALL 1-6100

Dillon/Walsh

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	Team B	6:25	Women's Racquetball	CALL 1-6100
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	Team B	8:15		
Women's Basketball	Team A	7:00	Kickball	10:50
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Co-Rec Soccer	Team A	9:20	LNO Obstacle Course	Team A 10:00
	Team B	7:20		Team B 9:15
Kayaking		8:30	Table Tennis	CALL 1-6100
			Dance Marathon	NA

Alumni/Lewis

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Target Golf		NA		
Co-Rec Soccer		8:05	LNO Obstacle Course	NA
Kayaking	Team A	10:15	Table Tennis	CALL 1-6100
	Team B	11:00	Dance Marathon	NA

Knott/Pasquerilla East

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Target Golf		8:45	Innertube Water Polo	10:30
Co-Rec Soccer		9:45	LNO Obstacle Course	10:30
Kayaking		10:45	Table Tennis	CALL 1-6100
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Fisher/Howard

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Target Golf		9:15	Innertube Water Polo	8:25
Co-Rec Soccer		NA	LNO Obstacle Course	9:45
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Siegfried/Pasquerilla W.

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	Team B	11:30	Dance Marathon	Team A-C 10:00

Sorin/Pangborn

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Nerf Football		9:00	Wiffleball	8:15
Target Golf		NA		
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	Team B	10:10	Innertube Water polo	9:40
Kayaking		9:15	LNO Obstacle Course	10:45
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	Team B	6:40		
Women's Basketball		6:45	Kickball	NA
			Wiffleball	8:45
Nerf Football	Team A	8:00	Monster Dodgeball	12:00
	Team B	10:20	Innertube Water Polo	NA
Target Golf		NA		
Co-Rec Soccer	Team A	10:10	LNO Obstacle Course	Team A 9:30
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	Team B	6:00		
Women's Basketball		NA	Kickball	11:10
Nerf Football		7:00	Wiffleball	Team A 7:45
				Team B 9:00
Target Golf		NA	Monster Dodgeball	12:00
Co-Rec Soccer	Team A	7:20	Innertube Water Polo	9:15
	Team B	11:25	LNO Obstacle Course	11:15
Kayaking		10:30		
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Nerf Football	Team A	7:20		
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Target Golf		NA	Innertube Water Polo	8:50
Co-Rec Soccer	Team A	9:45	LNO Obstacle Course	10:30
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	Team B	6:00		
Women's Basketball		NA	Kickball	12:10
			Wiffleball	7:15
Nerf Football	Team A	8:00	Monster Dodgeball	12:00
	Team B	9:40	Innertube Water Polo	NA
Target Golf		9:00		
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Kayaking		NA	Table Tennis	CALL 1-6100
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Women's Basketball		6:15	Kickball	NA
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Nerf Football		NA	Monster Dodgeball	NA
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Target Golf		NA	LNO Obstacle Course	9:30
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Kayaking		NA	Table Tennis	CALL 1-6100
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Rome trip brings clarity

It was a lasting image, one that will endure throughout University President Father John Jenkins' tenure at the helm of Notre Dame. Hands clasped with Pope Benedict XVI in front of the Vatican auditorium Wednesday, surrounded by the historic backdrop of Rome, Jenkins accepted a welcome compliment from the Holy Father on behalf of the University community.

"A great Catholic university," the pope called Notre Dame.

Coming at what many inside and outside the University have called a critical juncture for Notre Dame's identity — Jenkins' impending decision on the balance between academic freedom and Catholic character — the 30-second encounter between the first-year pope and first-year president was not merely symbolic. It was a reminder, amidst exaggerated rhetoric to the contrary, that the University's core Catholicism is nowhere near at risk.

Since 2001, Notre Dame entertained the idea of arranging for its Board of Trustees to hold one of its triannual meetings in Rome. With both the Vatican and University administrations changing hands within the past year, this winter was Notre Dame's choice — and, intentional or not, the trip's timing on the heels of Jenkins' addresses revealed plenty about where the University stands.

Arguments can be made that Notre Dame's Catholic character is evolving, for better or for worse. But it is not eroding, and those who claim it is should instead take the pope at his word.

Notre Dame's institutional link with the Vatican — nurtured over the decades by personal and professional relationships between presidents, popes and those close to both — dates to the University's founding in 1842. That link informs the University's present goals, as Jenkins reaffirmed when he said Notre Dame and the Church share "a common purpose" and "a common mission" as both advance in the 21st century. And while trustees flooding St. Peter's Square and Jenkins kissing Benedict's ring aren't necessary steps to maintain that relationship, such gestures certainly enrich and renew it.

Staying on the Vatican's radar as the premiere Catholic university in the world is important to Notre Dame, and the trustees' and officers' pilgrimage this week helped accomplish that goal.

Now, Jenkins and his circle return to campus, spiritually enriched and likely with a renewed sense of purpose. Their pilgrimage wasn't cheap. But the moments of clarity it brought will be invaluable to the ongoing debate about the destiny of Notre Dame.

The Observer Editorial

Cheering Bettis onward to victory

Notre Dame enthusiasts can attest to the almost spiritual draw that football generally has on its fans. Partisans range from the ridiculous who recite every statistic from every game ever played by their favorite teams to those who merely climb aboard the team bandwagon during championship games. Oftentimes a team will conquer a championship only when fortune smiles through a twist of luck. Seldom, though, do the stars align in such storybook fashion on a specific player like they have this year on Jerome Bettis. I will experience the rare opportunity to share the pinnacle of a 12-month trek the Pittsburgh Steelers are traveling which, in various ways, holds several lessons of life.

This column infrequently ventures into the realm of athletics, but with my suburban Pittsburgh upbringing and a Notre Dame undergraduate degree in hand, Detroit beckons me to personally cheer Bettis to Super Bowl victory. I am lured to witness his final game, the ultimate stage of football which has eluded Bettis for 13 years.

After following the Steelers all season, I conclude that Seattle cannot evenly match with Pittsburgh. The Steelers size, style of "smash mouth" physical play and level of competition by defeating the top three AFC teams on the road will net 27 to 34 points versus Seattle's 17 to 24 points. Bettis will win his coveted championship ring.

Just as Bettis can teach us to cherish our opportunities in life, many of the game's legendary greats advise

the Super Bowl players to savor their seldom attained moment. John Elway describes both football and life as a challenge, having lost many times until he eventually won back-to-back Super Bowls before retiring. Dan Marino, the Miami quarterback who played his only Super Bowl game in a losing cause during his second season, mistakenly expected to return and warns players to leave no regrets during their play and to relish Sunday's game. Even Steelers head coach Bill Cowher reflects on how difficult it has been to return from a decade ago.

Bettis shows us how to freeze time to savor a precious moment. His character teaches youth how to successfully play sports on the field and how to be sportsmanlike in life. His outlook is trademarked with a daily smile while he offers himself to others. Watching him after an almost disastrous fumble at the Indianapolis Colts' one yard line perfectly exemplifies the fiber of his being. Rather than sulk, mope or kick a water cooler in disgust, Bettis sensed the irony of the moment by shaking his head and smiling an "I don't believe I did it" expression.

Having grasped a share of Bettis' final Notre Dame game at the Sugar Bowl, I now clutch onto this moment with my first Super Bowl visit. I expect him to dismantle Seattle in the way I witnessed him dismember the Florida defense. In the second half, Bettis burst for a touchdown run where in the end zone a Florida fan threw a cup of beer at him. That act defined the shortcomings and small essence of the fan.

In the final moments of the game, Bettis blasted for another touchdown run of about thirty yards. Upon arrival in the end zone, he held up the ball to the beer-throwing Florida fan as though to say, "See what your

bad Karma brought you?"

Notre Dame strives to teach the virtues of service and instill traits for its students to master life's lessons. For the Steelers team to wear Bettis' green Notre Dame number 6 jersey to Detroit speaks volumes of their respect, love and admiration of him. His selfless giving, his cheery outlook and his positive support of others are the attributes that have solidified the team in preparation for Super Bowl XL. Those qualities in a uniquely humble national celebrity like Bettis can powerfully influence others.

The Steelers' sense of purpose, sense of mission and dedication to award Bettis a championship ring in his hometown exemplifies their desire to respond to his humility. Hard work mixed with a touch of fate can reward anyone. We should not need celebrities for inspiration to absorb the essence of life although those role models are never a bad reminder for us to learn how to better treasure our existence. The secret for us is to learn how to make each phase of our lives a Super Bowl moment.

Jerome Bettis is embracing this championship week with all the gusto he can muster, and I am latching on for a ride. Graduating from Notre Dame ends a premier experience reserved only for youth. Grab your moment and squeeze out all of the marrow it contains, for the Super Bowl you next experience will be your own.

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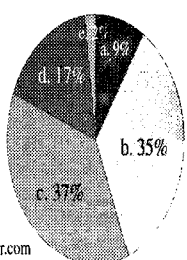
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What do you think of the Board of Trustees meeting in Rome?

- It's bad timing after Father Jenkins' academic freedom address
- It's a waste of money
- It's good for Notre Dame to strengthen connection to the Vatican
- I didn't know they were going
- Other

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Laughter gives us distance. It allows us to step back from an event, deal with it and then move on."

Bob Newhart
comedian and actor

ACADEMIC FREEDOM & CATHOLIC CHARACTER

Interrogating the Jenkins litmus test

Last week, University President Father John Jenkins did something we rarely see in these days of increasing secularization: he took a stand for Catholic identity. Yet, while many of us applaud this move and his openness, I have to wonder why he chose the "Vagina Monologues" and Queer Film Festival on which to focus his bold evaluative lens. Why kick off this Catholic campaign by scrutinizing two contentious student performances that provide space for groups too often marginalized at our university: women and homosexuals? Rather than focusing strictly on the "pelvic" issues, Jenkins could have chosen any number of less contentious campus issues that provide unambiguous test cases for his framework.

One such issue of immediacy would have been the Winter Career and Internship Fair, which included a number of (im)moral giants, including Lockheed Martin and Raytheon, two companies well known for

their weapons systems around the world. Is the presence of these companies annually at career fairs on campus an affront to our Catholic identity? The U.S. Catholic Bishops wrote in "The Challenge of Peace" in 1983, "The whole world must summon the moral courage and technical means to say 'no' to nuclear conflict; 'no' to weapons of mass destruction; 'no' to an arms race which robs the poor and the vulnerable; and 'no' to the moral danger of a nuclear age which places before humankind indefensible choices of constant terror or surrender." Yet, even with this clear teaching, Notre Dame has lacked the courage to say no.

Another issue that Jenkins could have applied is the lack of a living wage for workers on campus, forcing many to work two or three jobs to support their families. To date, Jenkins has refused to commit to the principle of a living wage or meet with workers. Yet, the Catholic Church's teaching is quite clear as put by Pope John XXIII in "Pacem in Terris." The pope writes, "Furthermore, the worker has a right to a wage determined according to criteria of

justice, and sufficient, therefore, in proportion to the available resources, to give workers and their families a standard of living in keeping with the dignity of the human person." Why does Jenkins remain silent on this issue where Notre Dame's current position is so obviously at odds with certain fundamental Catholic values?

A third and final example of an issue that Jenkins could have tackled in his speech is that of diversity. When he took office in 1987, Father Edward Malloy said the promotion of diversity was a priority. This commitment is affirmed through Catholic teaching on the common good. The pastoral document, "Gaudium et Spes," proclaims, "Every social group must take account of the needs and legitimate aspirations of other groups, and even of the general welfare of the entire human family." Jenkins has not only avoided this topic, but some of his actions seem to have undercut diversity on campus. His initiative and vote in the firing of then-coach Tyrone Willingham, Notre Dame's first ever black football coach, brought the suspicious ter-

mination of a coach before his first contract expired. Further, sponsorship of the infamous "Higher Education" commercial broadcast during televised football games last year did little to promote a spirit of welcome and diversity.

However, instead of speaking to these moral issues that get more to the heart of our weaknesses, Father Jenkins chose last week to investigate two student performances that claim to provide space for marginalized groups on campus. This is certainly his prerogative, but I question his litmus test for Catholic character and whether it will be applied to all relevant issues. I certainly hope he will be more consistent, for if not, Notre Dame will stand not as a prophet in our times, but as a portrait of modern hypocrisy.

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'Monologues' or Dialogue: another perspective

I would like to ponder a number of issues relevant to the recent presidential address, "Academic Freedom and Catholic Character." These are the topics of (1) doctrinal pluralism at a Catholic University, (2) the special status of various performing and visual arts (staged plays, film, art shows and the like), topics which I discussed Wednesday. The president of the University also discussed (3) the academic freedom of students, but I formulate a reasonable, alternative to current and prospective policy in that area, as I discussed Thursday. As a University community we must also give more attention to (4) criteria for fair procedures of dispute resolution and adjudication, as well as the accountability required if executive power is not to be absolute, which I go into today.

4) Procedural guarantees of fairness and accountability. It is hard to describe Notre Dame's history in this critical sector as better than "poor" in its guarantees of fairness in the resolution of disputed disciplinary decisions while procedures ensuring the accountability of its leading executives and its Board of Trustees have been "abysmal." The Board is clearly "accountable only to God."

Jenkins' presidential address laid the issue of executive privilege squarely on the table by its insistence on the prerogatives of presidential leadership to proceed unilaterally in the face of an opposed majority and even when facing an opposed faculty consensus. An academy governed by principles of political liberalism need not hamstring its executive by requiring that a president act only at the direction of a faculty consensus or a majority, although it is generally understood that freedom of executive action will be exercised less as faculty grow in professional competence and responsibility. However courageous Jenkins' declaration of presidential privilege may have been, it is a little strange to hear it praised for its vigor in 2006, when so many resolutions so strongly supported by the Faculty Senate — inclusion of sexual orientation in the University's non-discrimination clauses, entrance into the Big Ten — have been flatly rejected, without discussion or explanation, by Notre Dame's executive, its Board of Fellows, and its Board of Trustees.

Just what can and should be done to insure presidential accountability to the faculty and the students of a major Catholic research University containing, as it were, a relatively small Catholic liberal arts college? What must be done in the extreme cases where a president sees himself or

herself as an embattled defender of the religious identity of the institution?

The widest possible consultation, exactly of the sort welcomed by Jenkins' presidential address, although not fully realized in the processes leading up to his address, is surely one essential step toward presidential accountability. But what of those, hopefully rare, circumstances, e.g., in matters that do with protection of the civil liberties of homosexuals and affiliation with a strong academic consortium, in which the president finds that his duty lies in acting in opposition to a majority of, or a wide consensus among the faculty? In a word, in such circumstances the president owes the rest of the community an explanation of his actions. We all recognize the humor in the punch line "Shut up!", he explained. And correspondingly we know that the cogency of executive explanations must be subjected to continuing scrutiny and criticism, and that some serious efforts must be made on both sides to reduce the gap between leader and led through mutually respectful and intelligent dialogue.

In other words, the sort of collegial process in which the president, faculty and students of this University are currently engaged, must become a continuing part of ordinary life at Notre Dame. Hopefully, such dialogue will not, in the future, be as sterile and impotent in the transformation of the status quo as it has been in the past.

In conclusion, I am suggesting that the unquestioned doctrinal pluralism — in research, teaching and publication — evidently and steadily growing at Notre Dame for the past four decades has not been matched by any comparable development of procedures ensuring truly collegial participation — by an ever more highly qualified faculty and excellent study body — in the governance of the University. The absence of procedural guarantees of fairness in disciplinary hearings concerning students and faculty has caused unnecessary suffering, as has this same deficit in procedures granting recognition to student organizations. Finally, the members of this University must find ways to hold its top executives and its Board of Trustees accountable for measures which enhance Notre Dame's religious identity by restricting the range of responsible activity rather than by exercising the many positive, constructive strategies available for that purpose.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Protecting freedoms

The Foundation for Individual Rights in Education is an independent organization dedicated to preserving free speech on the campuses of America's institutions of higher learning. FIRE analyzes the speech codes of many American universities and rates them on a scale of "green," "yellow" or "red," indicating the extent to which student expression is censored or controlled on campus. According to the FIRE's Web site, Notre Dame is rated "red" — indicating that Notre Dame has "at least one policy that both clearly and substantially restricts freedom of speech" of its students.

However, Notre Dame is a private institution. It is not bound by any legal responsibility to respect the right to free speech of its students. For all intents and purposes, we, the students of Notre Dame, have no "right" to free expression. The situation the administration faces is perilous; the decisions to be made will not be easy, and we can at least respect the difficulty inherent in these circumstances.

The students are, however, the true reason this University exists. We are not merely consumers; indeed, we pay tuition in exchange for a product, but there is a deeper connection implied in being a Notre Dame student. We are a family.

Father John Jenkins has shown himself to be a man of principle, and the students of Notre Dame should be thankful that he has brought the Queer Film Festival and the "Vagina Monologues" out of the Viewpoint section of The Observer. Consideration of the issues these events address is now in the forefront. He has stated that he will listen, and we believe him.

Jenkins and the University administration must recognize that a rating of "red" from FIRE is unacceptable. As students, we all have a significant stake in the product this University offers. To limit the possibility of what a Notre Dame student may learn does discredit to the mission of education, and the perception that Notre Dame "clearly and substantially restricts freedom of speech" cheapens the education for which we all have labored — and paid — so extensively. Our hard work and commitment to our own education should be rewarded with respect for the educational rigor and integrity that the Notre Dame name represents. Whether we are Catholic or atheist, conservative or libertarian, gay or straight, we have all come here to learn, and grow, but also help the University grow.

Therefore, we respectfully ask Jenkins, the faculty, the staff and all students of Our Lady to strive for something more. Restricting or censoring student expression is not a step towards growth, and will only lead towards further loss of student freedom. Preserving the University's Catholic tradition is not incompatible with allowing free expression; indeed, to quote the University's mission statement: "The University insists upon academic freedom which makes open discussion and inquiry possible. Notre Dame's character as a Catholic academic community presupposes that no genuine search for the truth in the human or the cosmic order is alien to the life of faith. The University welcomes all areas of scholarly activity as consonant with its mission, subject to appropriate critical refinement."

Protecting the freedoms that are integral to the mission of all education, Catholic or secular, should be paramount for the administration and for all members of this University. As Thomas Paine wrote: "He that would make his own liberty secure must guard even his enemy from oppression; for if he violates this duty, he establishes a precedent that will reach to himself." We must guard the freedoms of our fellow students. We cannot let voices be silenced, and we must stand together.

DPAC SPOTLIGHT

'L'Ecole' takes viewers to school



MATT SMEDBERG/The Observer

Molière's "L'Ecole des Femmes," a classic French satirical play, will make its debut on the Notre Dame campus Friday night at 7:30 p.m. The play will be acted out in its original language of French.

By ANALISE LIPARI
Scene Writer

Can the work of a man nearly 400 years senior to Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students prove entertaining in this modern age? The Notre Dame Romance Languages department firmly argues "oui!" with the latest of their annual French performances, Molière's "L'Ecole des Femmes."

The funny, satirical play describes the mishaps of Arnolphe, a shrewd and wealthy Frenchman who, in contrast to Molière's other works, is far more intelligent than his servants Georgette and Helene. Arnolphe has spent the last decade raising a young girl, Agnes, to someday love him with blind faithfulness as his future bride.

Unfortunately for Arnolphe, when Agnes comes of age she does fall in love — with Horace, the dashing young son of Oronte, Arnolphe's dearest friend. What results is a witty look at love and life, with a dash of zany comedy thrown in.

"Chaos ensues, but, like all Molière plays, all's well that ends well," says Notre Dame senior Anne Macrander, who plays Georgette.

Professor Paul McDowell, who plays Oronte, has orchestrated the performance of French plays at Notre Dame in conjunction with his "French Theater Production" class since 1991. Since that time the works performed change annually, as last year's production was Molière's final work, "Les Fourberies de Scapin."

What's interesting about the performance is that in a university, community and nation whose most prominent language is English, the work is to be firmly and deftly acted out in its original French. To McDowell and his students, this is one of the show's best features.

"Maybe the biggest 'effect' [of keeping the original language] that our production has is that spectators have a unique opportunity to appreciate the genius of Molière in French," he says.

To the cast, it is Molière's universal meaning behind the words that can attract both speakers of French and their counterparts.

"Our whole task here in acting, as I see it, is to become the kind of people who would use language in this way, such that it is no longer so

much the words themselves but the effects they work on us before our audience that allows us to work the effect on them. It's a beautiful thing," said senior Danny Kettinger, who plays Arnolphe, or "Monsieur de la Souche."

In the climate of debate over topics such as academic freedom and free speech that has been so pervasive of late, it is ironic that a centuries-old work such as "L'Ecole des Femmes" would prove to be topical. In fact, McDowell sees the context of the work as somewhat familiar.

"This play touched a raw nerve among Molière's enemies in France at the time," McDowell says. "Molière was not lacking for enemies: in the Church, among his rivals, doctors, lawyers, and in certain elite circles, all of whom were objects of Molière's satire at some point. He fought like hell to defend his theatre and himself against attacks of immorality and obscenity for 'L'Ecole des femmes.'"

Senior Mary Twetten, who plays young Agnes, agrees that the play is continually relevant, especially in today's environment. To Twetten, the themes of Agnes' storyline, of her independence and freedom from an abusive relationship through love, prove both modern and, interestingly, Catholic.

"I think this play is extremely relevant to today's society and to our situation at Notre Dame, as a positive and Catholic way to counteract the terrible abuse and stereotyping of women that still exists today," Twetten says.

"I think it's really great that we're able to perform this play at this point in time, with all this discussion about the role of art and its power to address the problems of abuse (particularly of women) that has arisen from Father Jenkins' addresses."

Ultimately, it is a strong testament to the power of Molière's works that the play has survived to be performed by McDowell's students today.

"Even after 350 years, love stories never get old," Macrander says. "Plus, Arnolphe gets beaten with baguettes. Everyone loves baguettes."

There are performances at DPAC Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 2:30 p.m.

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Film fes Asian through a

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The University of Notre Dame will be hosting the annual Asian Film Festival this weekend, the biggest cultural phenomenon to hit the United States since Yao Ming. Organized by Susan Bloom, the Director of the Center for Asian Studies, and Aaron Magnan-Park, a professor in the Film, Television and Theater department, the festival will highlight Asian cultures revolving around the silver screen.

"The Asian Film Festival was started several years ago independent of the FTT Department, as the courses that taught Asian cinema were not FTT," says Professor Aaron Magnan-Park. "Since then, the Festival has become interdisciplinary and includes FTT as well as East Asian Languages and Literature (EALL)."

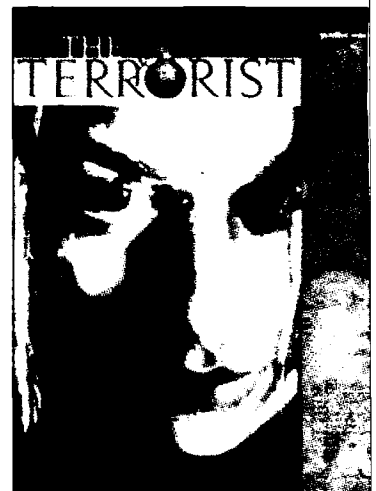
The Festival is intended to highlight the diversity and importance of Asian cinema in a global context, as the rise in prestige and awareness of the continent's films rose dramatically in the second half of the twentieth century.

"The United States as a country, and Notre Dame in particular, has far stronger ties to Europe and the Americas than to Asia," said Magnan-Park. "I'm not sure why that is, but I think something like the Asian Film Festival would bring a heightened awareness to Asia and would help remove some of the mystery."

The festival will feature four films, all presented in 35 mm prints:

◆ "The Terrorist" (1999, directed by Santash Sivan), an Indian film about a political assassination

◆ "Song of the Stork" (2004, directed by Jonathan Foo and Phan Quang binh Ngyuen), a film about the Vietnam war, collaborated on by a



Vietnamese and a Singaporean actor.

◆ "Peacock" (2005, directed by Lim Gu Changwei), a Chinese film about the Cultural Revolution

◆ "Tae Guk Gi: The Brotherhood of War" (2004, directed by Je-Gyu), a Korean film about a family in the Korean War

The opening of the DePaul Performing Arts Center (DPAC) provided a proper and convenient campus venue for the screening year, the films highlight the diversity of the festival, which has increased in size and stature over the years.



In "Tae Guk Gi: The Brotherhood of War," Jin-Tae, played by Dong-Kun Jang, is one of the four films that comprise the Asian Film Festival. The festival lasts from Feb. 3-5.

Festival focuses culture cinematic lens



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emphasize the range of styles and themes of different cinema from different countries within Asia.

"In the beginning, there was one film from one country," noted Magnan-Park. "Then, by last year, we had expanded to three films from three countries. This year we have four films from four countries — China, Korea, India and Vietnam."

The Asian Film Festival is especially noteworthy because of the talent it draws. In the past, such luminaries as Michelle Yeoh ("Crouching Tiger Hidden Dragon," "Memoirs of a Geisha," "Tomorrow Never Dies") and

Lu Chuan (director of "The Missing Gun" and "Kekexili: Mountain Patrol") were the guests of honor, speaking to audiences after screenings of their films.

"Professor Jonathan Noble has many connections in China and is able to attract talent to the University," said Magnan-Park.

This year, director Je-Gyu Kang will be present at the screenings of his picture "Tae Guk Gi: The Brotherhood of War." Considered one of Korea's leading filmmakers, Je-Gyu Kang's latest picture followed the international success of 1999's "Shiri" — a critically acclaimed landmark in the progress of the rapidly rising Korean film industry. He will be speaking about "Tae Guk Gi: The Brotherhood of War," which tells the Korean War from the perspective of two brothers forced to fight in the South Korean army.

"We are still in the university-mandated decade of the arts," said Magnan-Park. "It is important for students and faculty to understand the prominence of art performance. The Asian Film Festival is an excellent way for them to be exposed to a type of cinema they might not otherwise necessarily see."

Conveniently located at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center, the Asian Film Festival provides a convenient way for students to acquaint themselves with foreign cinema while remaining on campus.

With a personal appearance by Je-Gyu Kang, the world-renowned director of "Tae Guk Gi," the Asian Film Festival is an excellent opportunity for all members of the Notre Dame community to discover Asian cinema.

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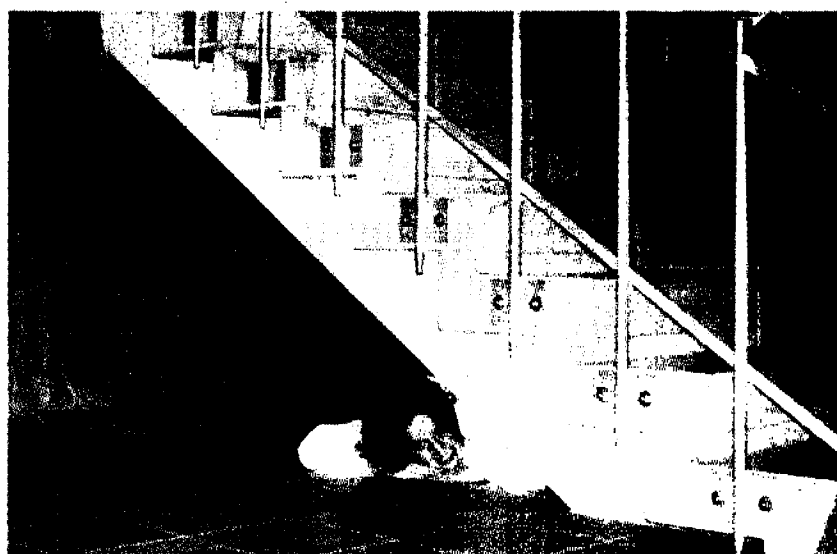


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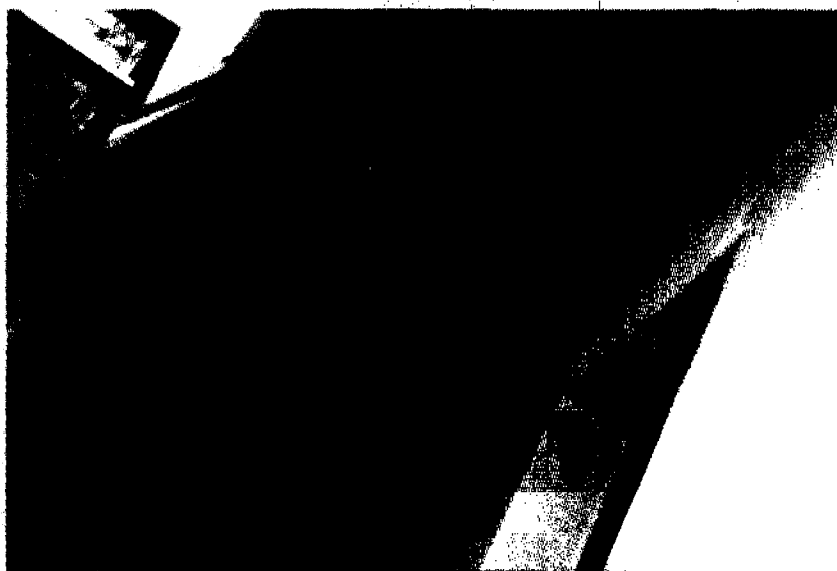
mounts a mission to rescue brother in the midst of the Korean War. The movie is one of 3-5 and includes the movies "Song of the Stork," "Peacock" and "The Terrorist."

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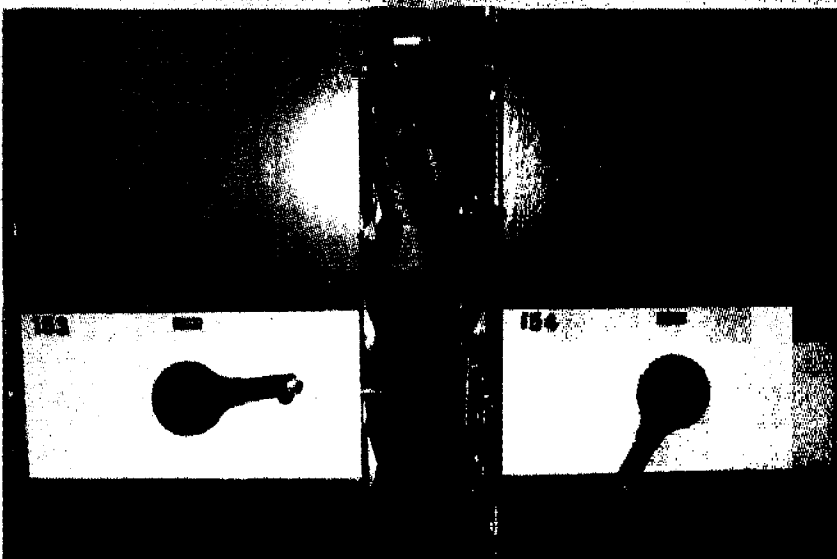
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NHL

Miller leads Buffalo to win over Philadelphia

Nashville keeps home winning streak alive as Sullivan scores late in overtime to lift his Predators over the Avalanche

Associated Press

BUFFALO — With the crowd chanting USA! USA!, Ryan Miller got a little emotional.

Miller, left off the United States Olympic, made 21 saves to lead the Buffalo Sabres to a 4-2 victory Thursday night over Philadelphia and goalie Robert Esche, who will be playing for team USA at the Turin Games.

Miller's omission from the U.S. team hasn't gone over well with Sabres fans, and they've been voicing their displeasure with the snub.

The goalie himself has been letting his play speak for itself, winning four straight and going 6-1 in his last seven starts.

"It was flattering to hear them. Our fans are great," Miller said. "It just feels really good. I just want to beat the Flyers no matter what. I'm not going to pick out the other goaltender and key on him."

Esche made 33 saves in the loss, the Flyers' third in the last four games. Esche was making his fourth start since returning from a groin injury.

"With a talented team like they are, they make you move so much," he said. "Those forwards on that team are very underrated. I think they are some of the best in the game right now."

The crowd chanted for the first time after Miller made a spectacular save in the second period on Flyers forward R.J. Umberger, robbing him with a

sliding, right toe save. In the third, the sellout crowd was at it again after Miller made a crucial save on Sami Kapanen, who was bearing down on the goalie on a partial breakaway.

"I was on the bench and I said, 'This is unbelievable,'" said Sabres rookie Jason Pominville. "I couldn't imagine how he felt out there."

Taylor Pyatt, Brian Campbell, Jochen Hecht, and Pominville scored for the Sabres, who have won four in a row.

Making their first appearance in Buffalo since finishing a season-long, six-game road trip with a win in Atlanta on Tuesday, the Sabres broke out quickly.

Buffalo peppered Esche with 16 shots in the first period.

The Flyers, though, came out of the frame with a 1-1 tie, and rebounded with a strong second period. Unfortunately, they were unable to solve Miller, who made another scintillating right leg save on Flyers forward Jeff Carter when the Sabres were two-men short late in the second.

"He played well, what else can I say," Philadelphia captain Derian Hatcher said about Miller. "Both goalies played well."

Simon Gagne and Mike Knuble scored for the Flyers, who were playing without injured center Peter Forsberg (groin).

"The first period hurt us a lot," Flyers coach Ken Hitchcock

said. "We mounted a comeback in the second, but couldn't score."

Predators 4, Avalanche 3

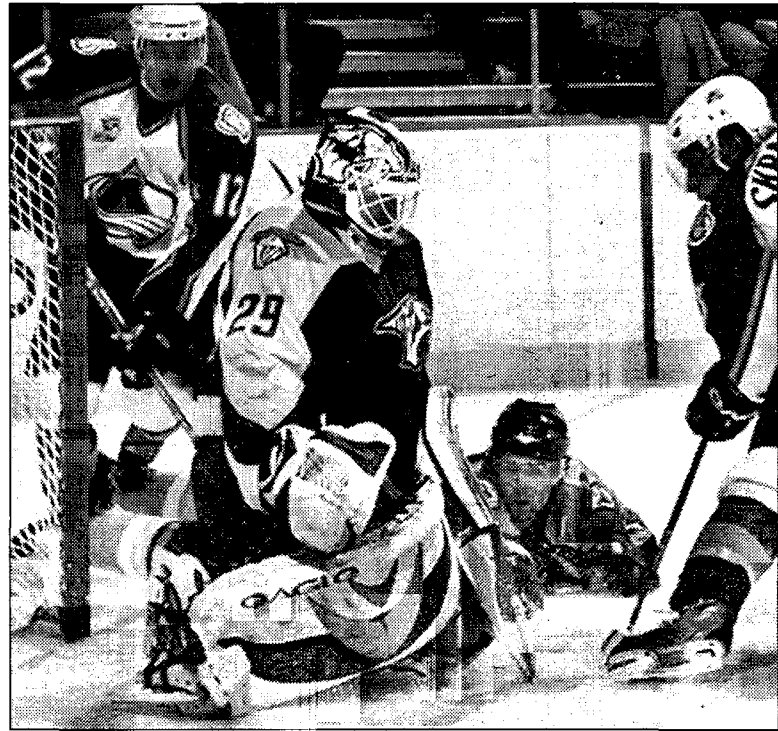
Steve Sullivan scored on a breakaway 2:09 into overtime, and the Nashville Predators beat the Colorado Avalanche Thursday night to snap a three-game skid.

Scott Walker scored two goals, the second tying the game with 2:39 left in regulation. Mike Sillinger also scored his first goal since being traded to Nashville from St. Louis on Sunday, and the Predators took the season series 3-1 from Colorado.

Joe Sakic, Cody McCormick and Brett Clark scored for Colorado, which went 0-for-8 on the power play. The Avalanche have lost three of four, including two in shootouts.

The Predators are at their best when they're at home, coming into the game tied for the NHL's third-best record at 19-5-1. They're tied for the league's best in one-goal games, and they improved that mark to 20-10 after tying the game twice in the third period to force overtime.

Sullivan, Nashville's leading goal scorer, tied the Predators' mark for goals in a season with his 26th, and he did it in style. He picked up a loose puck near the Nashville blue line and skated up on a breakaway, beating David Aebischer by going top shelf over his glove.



Predators' goalie Tomas Vokoun makes a save in Thursday's 4-3 win over Colorado. The game improves Nashville to 19-5-1 overall.

The Predators came out very sluggish after a 2-1 loss at Dallas on Wednesday night, and they gave up a season-high 46 shots.

But Tomas Vokoun didn't allow another goal after Sakic poked the puck across the line from behind the goalie's back in the crease for a 3-2 lead at 11:11 of the third.

Colorado had its best opportunities in the first with six power-play chances, including a brief 5-on-3. The Avalanche outshot Nashville 17-6 but led only 1-0 after Clark scored his sixth this season at 4:38 from the left circle on a one-timer off a rebound of a shot by Hejduk that bounced off Vokoun's right pad.

The crowd of 12,057 wasn't happy with the early rash of penalties and let the officials know it by booing them when they skated onto the ice for both the second and third periods. Nashville got the final three power plays, the last coming with 4:32 left in the third and Colorado leading 3-2.

With 7 seconds left in the power play, Walker tied the game when he scored his fifth this season from in front of the net off assists from Yanic Perreault and Paul Kariya.

Blues 6, Blackhawks 5

Rookie Lee Stempniak scored two goals and got the winner in a shootout for the second time this week, giving the Blues a victory over the Chicago

Blackhawks on Thursday night.

Petr Cajanek had a goal and two assists for the Blues, who are 8-15-3 at home and won after squandering a 3-0 second-period lead. The Blues, tied for last overall with the Penguins, have won consecutive games at home for the first time all season, and have won consecutive games only twice all season.

The other modest streak for the Blues, who have been stripped of most of their front-line talent to facilitate a sale, was Nov. 16 and 19 at Columbus and Detroit.

Stempniak, whose goal beat the Flames on Monday, beat Blackhawks goalie Corey Crawford on the third round to snap a 1-1 tie. Fellow rookie Jay McClement also scored in the shootout for the Blues, while Radim Vrbata converted a back-hander for the Blackhawks.

Duncan Keith had two goals, including a wrist shot from the right point that forced overtime with 4:18 to go, for Chicago. Tyler Arnason had a goal and an assist and Kyle Calder had three assists for the Blackhawks, who have lost four of five.

The teams had four shots apiece in overtime. Keith Tkachuk fanned on a breakaway in the opening minute, the best chance of the period by far.

Stempniak has four of his seven goals in the last three games for the Blues, who got a goal and an assist from Vladimir Orszagh.



Blues' forward Dennis Wideman collides with the Blackhawks' Corey Crawford in a shootout attempt on Thursday. The goal gave helped St. Louis to the win in the high scoring contest.

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6	Oklahoma	17-4	6
7	N.C. State	13-7	7
8	Ohio State	17-2	8
9	Maryland	19-2	16
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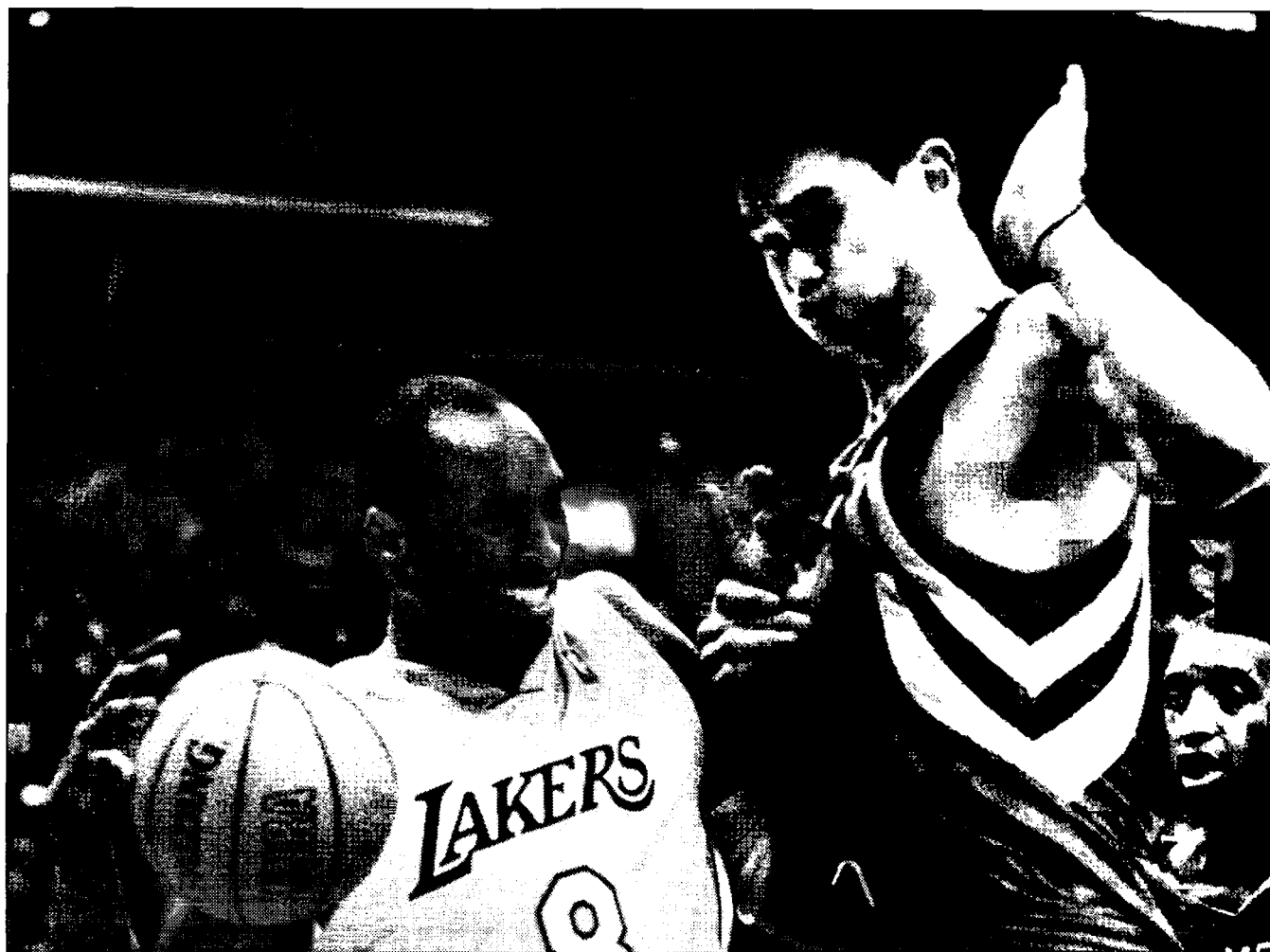
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NBA



Yao Ming plays defense against Kobe Bryant earlier this year. Yao and Bryant were the top two vote-getters for the NBA All-Star Game. Yao finished just 71,107 votes ahead, the closest margin since the 2000 season.

Yao, Bryant top All-Star Game voting

Associated Press

Yao Ming edged Kobe Bryant as the top votegetter in fan balloting for the 55th NBA All-Star game, and Shaquille O'Neal became the fifth player in league history to earn 13 consecutive selections for the midseason showcase.

Yao and Tracy McGrady give the host Houston Rockets two starters in the Feb. 20 game. They were joined on the Western Conference squad by Bryant, San Antonio's Tim Duncan and reigning MVP Steve Nash of Phoenix — who will be a first-time

All-Star starter.

Cleveland's LeBron James was the top Eastern Conference votegetter, edging O'Neal by 15,155 votes. It's the second straight All-Star trip for James, who says he's still drawing motivation from being snubbed during his rookie season.

"What happened two years ago, that really motivated me to come out and play even harder," James said.

Philadelphia's Allen Iverson, Indiana's Jermaine O'Neal and first-time All-Star starter Dwyane Wade of Miami

rounded out the East's starting five. "Hopefully, I can become a staple, like my teammate Shaq," Wade said. "I'm grateful that NBA fans think so highly of my game."

Jermaine O'Neal will miss the game with an injury; Detroit's Rasheed Wallace finished third in the voting among East forwards, meaning he'll likely be a strong candidate for that starting spot. But no Pistons were voted into the starting lineup, despite the team's 38-6 record — the NBA's best by a wide margin.

Yao edged Bryant by

71,107 votes for the top overall spot in the balloting, despite missing 21 games following surgery to clean out an infection in his left big toe.

It's the fourth All-Star trip for the 7-foot-6 center from China and the eighth for Bryant, who leads the NBA in scoring and had an 81-point effort — the second-biggest night in NBA history — last month in the Los Angeles Lakers' win over Toronto.

Nash, meanwhile, is a first-time starter after improving the numbers that earned him MVP honors a year ago.

IN BRIEF

Brown fined after ejection

NEW YORK — Knicks coach Larry Brown was fined \$20,000 Thursday by the NBA for failing to leave the court in a timely manner after he was ejected from New York's 130-97 loss to the Los Angeles Lakers.

Brown was thrown out for arguing with referee Steve Javie in the third quarter Tuesday night after New York was called for a flagrant foul and a technical within a 2-minute span.

Brown was ejected during a timeout, picking up two quick technicals. He then walked onto the floor right up to Javie to continue the argument before being pulled away.

"I didn't curse him," Brown said Wednesday, before the fine was handed down. "I hadn't talked to him the whole game. Obviously he thought I went over the line and that's his prerogative. Those things happen. It's the first game I got kicked out."

Brown did not speak to reporters

after the Lakers game.

Cowher's daughter stars at Princeton

PRINCETON, N.J. — Bill Cowher isn't the only one in his family having a super season.

While Cowher has his Steelers in the Super Bowl, his oldest daughter is emerging as the star of the Princeton women's basketball team.

Meagan Cowher, a 6-foot-1 sophomore forward, has been Ivy League Player of the Week twice this year and has the Tigers riding a six-game winning streak and tied with Dartmouth for first place.

She'll play against Yale on Friday and Brown on Saturday night before jetting to Detroit to join her family and root on her father's team.

"I've got two games that I've got to take care of, and that's what I'm thinking about. That's where my mind is," she said. "Then I'll start to think about the Super Bowl."

The 19-year-old comes from a family with athletic talent.

Kim loses arbitration case

NEW YORK — Pitcher Sunny Kim lost to the Colorado Rockies on Thursday in the first salary arbitration case of the year and will earn \$600,000 rather than the \$800,000 he asked for.

The decision was made by arbitrators Stephen Goldberg, Gil Vernon and John Sands, who heard the case a day earlier in St. Petersburg, Fla.

A 28-year-old right-hander who earned the \$316,000 minimum salary last season, Kim went 6-3 with a 4.90 ERA in 10 starts and 14 relief appearances for the Washington Nationals and Rockies. Colorado claimed him off waivers on Aug. 5.

Five players agreed to one-year contracts, leaving 19 players left in arbitration. Hearings are scheduled through Feb. 20.

New center fielder Juan Pierre agreed at \$5.75 million with the Chicago Cubs, who also settled on a \$610,000 deal with left-handed reliever Will Ohman.

NFL

Seattle coach puts game in back seat



Seahawks defensive coordinator Ray Rhodes answers questions from reporters during Super Bowl XL press day in Detroit.

Associated Press

DETROIT — For once, Ray Rhodes is being forced to think about things other than football.

Little things, the kind of things people take for granted.

Like being able to see, being able to walk. Like being around for his wife and four daughters.

Football coaches usually don't think of those kind of things. They're usually too immersed in 16-hour days looking at film and trying to come up with schemes to think about their own mortality.

Rhodes wasn't any different. His only thought when the season began was trying to keep opponents from scoring against the Seattle Seahawks.

He ends it Sunday at the Super Bowl with a different perspective on both the game and his life.

Suffering two strokes will do that to you.

"At one time, you think you're invincible," Rhodes said. "This just can't happen to you but, when it happens, the reality sets in that you either change or you die. You realize you've got only one life."

That realization began dawning on Rhodes one morning last September when he woke to a world that had suddenly gone blurry. He couldn't focus his eyes, couldn't get his balance.

"I tried to get out of bed and I fell down," Rhodes said.

Not to worry. Rhodes was a tough-as-nails football player once himself, and the kind of coach who brooked no nonsense and expected players to overcome any obstacles before them.

He wasn't going to wake his wife and bother her. He would solve this himself.

On his knees, Rhodes crawled out of the bedroom and down the stairs. He sat in the family room, fumbled for the remote control and turned the television on.

Bad move. Staring back at him from the TV were six or seven heads.

His wife, Carmen, eventually came down and wondered why he was sitting in the dark. Resting, Rhodes replied, trying to buy time until things got better.

Things didn't get better, though. He finally broke down and told his wife: "Something is

wrong."

Something was terribly wrong. At the age of 55, Rhodes had suffered a stroke, something he still tried to deny as his wife got him to the hospital and he tried to "John Wayne it" by refusing a wheelchair.

When he couldn't get out of the SUV, though, he finally relented.

"That was hard because you lose your manhood," he said. "You're helpless."

Rhodes spent two days in the hospital, where doctors tested him and then counseled him about changing his ways. The stroke was stress-related, they said, and warned the former head coach of the Philadelphia Eagles and Green Bay Packers that he had to back off his obsession with his job and the game.

It worked for a few weeks, but old habits die hard. Rhodes went back to work as defensive coordinator until one day at work in early November he began feeling tired. The symptoms returned and he went to the hospital again.

This time, he realized another stroke might be even worse.

"Without your health you have nothing," Rhodes

said. "It made me do some soul searching."

It wasn't easy. His life had revolved around football for 40 years, and Rhodes found it tough to back away.

He had no choice, though, and went home to rest.

He came back again at the end of the season, but on a limited basis. John Marshall had taken over his duties, and Rhodes stood at practice in the corner of an end zone simply observing.

He was back in the game. But things were different.

"I had a stroke and that affects your brain — you're going to change," he said. "You start thinking about everything that you should be doing right and make sure you put that foremost first. You say to yourself, 'This is what I have to change about my life.'"

Sitting in a seat at Ford Field a few days ago watching the Seahawks on media day, Rhodes seemed resigned to the fact his life had changed. He wasn't happy about it and he wasn't all that happy about talking about it, but the realization was someone else was running the Seahawks defense.

'12th Man' trademark in courts

Texas A&M files lawsuit over Seahawks' use of their team slogan

Associated Press

BRYAN, Texas — The Seattle Seahawks ran an end-around on Texas A&M, filing notice Thursday to remove from an Aggie hometown court the dispute over the "12th Man" slogan.

In a three-page "Notice of Removal" filed about two hours before a scheduled hearing in a Brazos County court just a few miles from the A&M campus, the Super Bowl-bound Seahawks transferred the case to federal court in Houston, about 100 miles away.

Because Texas A&M is alleging a violation of its federally registered trademark by the Seahawks, a federal court has jurisdiction in the case, according to documents filed by J. Michael Bell, a Houston-based lawyer for the team.

"It brings everything here to a screeching halt unless the federal court decides to remand it," state District Judge J.D. Langley said.

Langley said the maneuver was fairly common for a case involving entities from different regions.

U.S. District Judge Ewing Werlein set a pretrial and scheduling conference for June 16.

Steve Moore, A&M's chief marketing officer and vice president for communications, said the legal tactic was not unexpected.

"The surprise to me is that they've been just so silent and have not reached out with any solution," Moore said.

The move to federal court means the case will not be resolved before Sunday's Super Bowl in Detroit, where the Seahawks face the Pittsburgh Steelers.

"We never intended to try to coincide with the Super Bowl," Moore said. "The situation we were in is if we didn't do something with the Super Bowl coming, we would be in very, very dangerous territory because with something as large as the Super Bowl, it's very hard to say you didn't know infringement was taking place, or I'm being a nice guy and I'm going to let them do it during that time."

"What you're saying from a trademark standpoint, you're saying you don't care about your trademark. And if you didn't protect it, then in fact there is no dilution and everyone can use it, and we certainly weren't prepared to do that."

Bell, listed on court documents as "attorney-in-charge" for the Seahawks, did not return telephone calls from The Associated Press.

The university owns the trademark to its generations-old "12th Man" reference for Aggie supporters in the stands. The school won a temporary court order in Bryan earlier this week from Langley, an A&M gradu-

ate, to keep the Seahawks from using "12th Man" in their marketing.

The Seahawks have recognized their followers as a "12th Man" since the mid-1980s and even retired the No. 12 jersey in 1984. Now with Seattle in the Super Bowl, their "12th Man" promotion, which previously has aggravated the Aggies, has gained an even higher profile.

Texas A&M has been arguing the NFL team is infringing on the school's legal claim to the slogan, which it says it has used for more than 80 years. The school twice has registered trademarks for the "12th Man" label — in 1990 and 1996 — that include entertainment services and products such as caps,

T-shirts, novelty buttons and jewelry.

"The surprise to me is that they've been just so silent."

Steve Moore
chief marketing officer
Texas A&M

Seattle's version of a "12th Man" banner, a flag with the No. 12 on it, was flying this week from the team's hotel in suburban Detroit. So was a flag atop Seattle's signature Space Needle and the state Capitol in Olympia. Then there's all the team

merchandise and apparel with the "12th Man" logo.

At A&M, the slogan dates to 1922 when a student, E. King Gill, was pulled from the stands to suit up for the injury-depleted Aggies as they faced top-ranked Centre College. Gill didn't play, but he was the last player standing on the sidelines in



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NFL

The Bus finally gets his chance at a Super Bowl ring

After 13 seasons, Pittsburgh's Jerome Bettis will play for his first career NFL Championship in hometown Detroit

Associated Press

DETROIT — Jerome Bettis returned for one more chance to make a run at a championship. Against long odds, he got it.

Many stars in all sports go entire careers without playing for a ring. A few — Bettis, Mark Grace, Oscar Robertson, Ray Bourque come to mind — finally get a shot at one as they're heading for the exit.

It doesn't happen often or easily.

"In sports, you're going to have players who are great but haven't won championships," said Robertson, a Hall of Famer who got his NBA title with Milwaukee near the end of his career. "That's true. You only get one winner a year, and the rest of the guys don't win."

They sure try.

Like Bettis, who decided to play another season for the Steelers in hopes of reaching the Super Bowl, athletes will push their bodies as far as they'll go — and sometimes hang on longer than they should — to get the thing that sets a winner apart.

The ring.

"You look at me — I played 17 years and didn't get one," quarterback Warren Moon said. "That had a lot to do with how long I played. I was still chasing that elusive, one last goal that I had left to accomplish in my career. Unfortunately, it never happened. But I'll tell you what: I did try."

Pro Football Hall of Fame spokesman Joe Horrigan notes that it's commonplace for stars to miss out on a shot at a cham-

pionship. Before free agency changed the dynamics of sports and gave players freedom to pick their teams, a player could be stuck on a struggling franchise for a long time.

Archie Manning is Exhibit A. He spent his first 11 years with New Orleans, becoming the face of misery for 'Aints fans who hid their own faces with paper bags. Now, it's up to sons Peyton and Eli — quarterbacks for the Colts and Giants, respectively — to do what their father never could.

"I never got close," Archie Manning said this week at a Super Bowl function. "Everybody just wants to get here, and I hope both of my boys get to do it."

Folks around these parts know that greatness doesn't translate into glory. Running back Barry Sanders spent 10 years with the Lions, but had only one playoff victory to show for it.

"It's a reality of the game," Sanders said. "Coming into the NFL, my assumption was that this is the NFL and, naturally, I'll get to the Super Bowl because all you have to do is win three games in the playoffs. That was a mistake I made, because I later found out how tough it was."

It's universal.

Robertson was already a superstar — the only player to average a triple-double for a season — during his 10 seasons with the Cincinnati Royals when the struggling franchise traded him. With Kareem Abdul-Jabbar — then Lew Alcindor — as his teammate, he got an NBA championship in his first season with

Milwaukee.

"It meant that the critics who needed something negative to say about my career couldn't say something negative about it," Robertson said.

Grace spent the first 13 years of his career with the Chicago Cubs — enough said — before heading to Arizona and getting his long-awaited chance. He was 37 years old when it finally came.

Grace's single started a ninth-inning rally that swept the Diamondbacks a 3-2 victory in Game 7 of the 2001 World Series against the Yankees.

That same year, Bourque got his last-chance Stanley Cup title with Colorado. The Hall of Fame defenseman spent the first 21 years of his career with the Boston Bruins, never getting to hoist the Cup over his head.

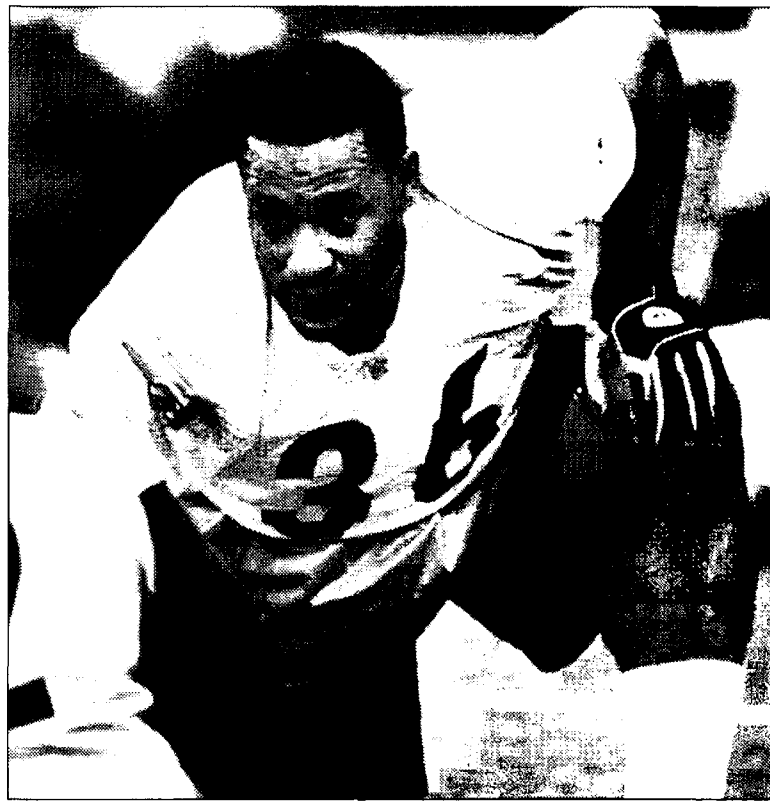
For each of these late-in-life success stories, there's dozens who fail.

Again, the Cubs provide a benchmark. Ernie Banks put together a Hall-of-Fame career during 19 years in Chicago, but never even came close to the ultimate prize.

"Some guys are more fortunate to be in the right place at the right time, part of that right chemistry on that right team," Moon said. "And other guys aren't. You look at Ernie Banks in baseball — he never even played in a playoff game his whole career."

Even in the era of free agency, going to a winner doesn't guarantee getting a shot at becoming the ultimate winner.

"Look at A-Rod with the



Jerome Bettis stretches during practice Tuesday in Detroit. Bettis will play in his first Super Bowl in 13 NFL seasons Sunday.

Yankees," Robertson said, referring to Alex Rodriguez. "It doesn't mean that you're going to win. I'm sure he thought when he went to the Yankees that they were going to walk through the World Series."

Now, it's Bettis' turn to make that one, final stab at a title. He considered retiring after the Steelers lost in the AFC title game last season, but came back in part because this year's Super Bowl is in his hometown

of Detroit.

It looked like he'd frittered the chance away when he fumbled near the Colts' goal line with 1:20 left in a second-round playoff game, and Nick Harper scooped up the ball and headed downfield.

If quarterback Ben Roethlisberger doesn't double back and make a lunging ankle tackle on Harper, Bettis doesn't get his chance.

And if Mike Vanderjagt doesn't miss badly on a 46-yard attempt, the game might go to overtime and a different outcome. It took all of those quirky things to get the Steelers a 21-18 win and get Bettis to his Bowl.

That's how fine the line is between getting a shot and being shut out.

"Jerome Bettis had 13 years to prove how great he is," said the Hall of Fame's Horrigan. "If he wouldn't have made the decision to play this year, we would be talking about 'poor Jerome.'"

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PGA

Tiger at the top of his game

Woods turns in another great round at the Dubai Desert Classic

Associated Press

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — Jet lag doesn't seem to bother Tiger Woods.

He won the Buick Invitational in San Diego on Sunday. Then he flew across 12 time zones — halfway around the world — to play at the tip of the Arabian peninsula in the Dubai Desert Classic.

No problem for golf's most international player.

His 5-under 67 in Thursday's first round in Dubai put him three strokes off the lead, shared by Retief Goosen, Richard Green and Jamie Donaldson.

"That's why I work out as hard as I do," said Woods, who was three behind with five others, including playing partner Henrik Stenson.

"You get over it quicker and the more in shape you are the easier it is to get over jet lag."

This is Woods' third attempt to win at the Emirates Golf

Club, a palm-lined oasis surrounded by one of the world's fastest growing cities. Dubai is the Middle East's economic boomtown, and the most westernized city in the region.

Woods started with a rush. He was 4-under after only four holes, which included an eagle at the 568-yard No. 3. His drive was followed by a 4-iron over the back of the green, then a chip into the hole from 40 feet.

"I got off to a pretty sweet start," said Woods, who remained at 4-under after nine holes, then took a clumsy bogey on 549-yard 10th. He pushed his drive right, pitched out from under a tree, hit an 8-iron approach into the rough, chipped on and then two-putted from 15 feet.

"I thought I might be able to keep it going, but I lost a lot of momentum on 10," Woods said. "It's a simple birdie hole and I make 6. I really could have put the hammer down on

the back nine. But I didn't do that."

Scoring was easy Thursday, and Woods suggested it will stay that way on the 7,264-yard Majlis Course with light winds and temperatures in low 80's expected over the four-day event.

"It (scores) will be pretty low," Woods said. "The greens are perfectly smooth out there, and on top of that the pin locations aren't tight to the sides."

Defending champion Ernie Els was four behind after a 68.

Goosen is coming off a six-week break; Woods came off a six-week break and won last week's Buick Invitational in a playoff. Woods didn't touch a club for 24 days during his break, and Goosen went five weeks.

"I put them in the cupboard," Goosen said. "It's the first time I've done that — not played for five weeks."

The South African played two practice rounds last week, went twice to the driving range, and surprised himself Thursday with his quick start.

"If I take a six-week break and keep shooting 64, maybe I'll take time off until Augusta," he said.

After missing the first three fairways and scrambling for pars, Goosen picked up an eagle on the par-5 13th, hitting a 5-iron to 20 feet and holing the putt. He followed that with five birdies on the next seven holes and a birdie on his final hole — the ninth.

"It was nice to get off to that start, and then I had a good run in the middle of the course," Goosen said. "I missed a lot of fairways, but I made a lot of putts."

Green, an Australian who won this event in 1997, said playing at the Emirates Golf



Tiger Woods hits an iron from the 18th fairway on Thursday at the Dubai Desert Classic. He is currently 3 strokes off the lead.

NFL

Martz deal fails, he will take next year off

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Mike Martz backed out of the Detroit Lions' offensive coordinator position on Thursday, and the ex-St. Louis Rams coach appears content to sit out next season.

"Obviously, I took the job," Martz said in a telephone interview with The Associated Press. "It just didn't work out with the money."

"There's a bottom-line figure my agent has and I didn't want to have the details, so we just move on."

Martz thought he and new Lions coach Rod Marinelli would have been a very good fit, and that would have been his main reason for taking the job. Martz also thinks Marinelli is a coaching star in the making.

"My visit with Rod was exceptional," Martz said. "I think he's going to be a superstar. Everybody's got talent, nice facilities and all those kinds of things, but who you work with is critical and that was a big plus."

Martz's agent, Bob LaMonte, did not immediately return a telephone message.

Martz has been unemployed since the Rams fired him on Jan. 2, the day after St. Louis

finished a 6-10 season. He sat out the last 11 games recovering from endocarditis, a bacterial infection of a heart valve, but was cleared to return to duty the day before his six seasons as Rams head coach ended.

The 54-year-old Martz also interviewed for head coaching openings in New Orleans and Oakland, but emphasized he'd be perfectly happy taking a year off. The coach has sold his home in St. Louis County, saying it was "time to downsize anyway," and will relocate to a second home in San Diego in the next week or two.

During his year away from football, he plans to travel with his wife, Julie.

"There's a wrong impression that I'm desperate for a job," Martz said. "I'm not pursuing anything."

"This Detroit thing got real interesting because I like Rod so much, but at this point in my life I'm going to be very choosy, very selective."

But he emphasized his desire to return to the NFL. Martz led the Rams to the playoffs in four of his five full seasons, including a Super Bowl after the 2001 season, and helped the franchise win its only Super Bowl title as the offensive coordinator in 1999.

"I have no desire to retire," Martz said. "But to have a year when you have your health, it's a blessing."

Martz wasn't expecting to be called about the opening, saying it "came out of left field."



Mike Martz

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FENCING

Irish set for regional teams at OSU Duals

Team looks to repeat success from Notre Dame Duals in Ohio

By DAN TAPETILLO
Associate Sports Editor

This weekend, the Irish will travel to Ohio State and compete in the Ohio State Duals with a field of 13 teams.

The Irish are hoping to capitalize on the success that both the No. 1-ranked women's and No. 4-ranked men's teams found at last weekend's Notre Dame Duals. Both finished with 8-0 records against some of the nation's top competition, including Duke and Northwestern.

Last week's tournament also proved both the strength and depth of the men's roster, as the Irish beat the competition even though several of the team's top competitors did not compete. Additionally, eight different fencers gave double-digit win performances, including junior epeeist Patrick Gettings and freshman epeeist Karol Kostka.

"I think [the Notre Dame Duals] made people feel good about their [skills] and it will show when we go to Ohio State," freshman sabre Ashley Serrette said. "We are pretty confident that we can use our [experience]

to do well against the rest of the competition this weekend."

Among the teams in the Duals the Irish will face this weekend are foes Michigan, Michigan State and Purdue.

However, the Irish will be competing without top fencers such as juniors Amy Orlando and Valerie Provenza, who are currently competing in Paris at the Junior World Competition.

At the Notre Dame Duals, Provenza began the competition 11-0 after suffering a couple of defeats against Duke. Orlando found success as she defeated two-time NCAA epee champion Anna Garina of Wayne State.

Despite the disadvantage, the Irish remain confident they will pull out wins against the competition.

"They are club teams like those we competed at the Notre Dame Duals and a lot of them were beginners because they don't fence varsity athletes and have trouble getting recruits," Serrette said. "So we shouldn't have too many problems and we are just looking to give everyone on our team a chance to compete."

Following the conclusion of this weekend's bouts, the Irish will head to the UC San Diego Duals in San Diego, Calif. on Feb. 11.

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MEN'S TENNIS

Irish go down to Tobacco Road

By KATE GALES
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There was some rest for the weary Irish this week — but not much.

After playing two matches last weekend to improve to 2-1, the No. 26 Irish are back on the road to face North Carolina tomorrow and Duke Sunday.

"We're excited to be here," coach Bobby Bayliss said in a telephone interview from North Carolina Thursday night. "In any sport, when you play UNC and Duke back-to-back, you've got your hands full, but we think we're up to the task."

Last weekend, Notre Dame came within one match of defeating then-No. 1 Virginia before falling 4-3 in Richmond. The team rebounded with a dominant shutout of William and Mary in its home opener on Sunday.

Tomorrow, the Irish take on the Tar Heels at noon EST. North Carolina stands at No. 30

in the national rankings and boasts a 5-0 record going into the match with Notre Dame. Four of UNC's wins this season are 7-0 shutouts — against Campbell, Elon, Gardner-Webb and North Carolina A&T.

Their other match came against a mutual opponent of the Irish. The Tar Heels upended Northwestern 5-2, losing in the top two singles positions. Notre Dame began the season with a win over the Wildcats, winning 6-1 with a loss at No. 6 singles.

"Carolina's a team that's been ranked, traditionally, in the 15-30 range most years," Bayliss said. "I think at the end of the year, they're going to be there and be a good NCAA Tournament team."

On Sunday, the Irish will make the eight-mile trek to Durham. After a win over Old Dominion to start the season, Duke will face its most difficult challenge yet.

"They're good," Bayliss said of the Blue Devils. "They're a team

with potential to do some really serious damage nationally."

However, the Irish are looking to make some noise themselves. The team has focused on their doubles matches after revamping the lineup between the Northwestern and UVA matches.

"We've put a lot of time into our doubles," Bayliss said. "We still need to continue to do that because it's a big key. ... [but] I'm pretty confident that we can become very good."

In three matches, the Irish have played nine individual doubles matches, winning six. One more win may have given the team a victory over Virginia, but Bayliss is focusing on the future — and the challenge in Chapel Hill tomorrow.

"North Carolina's No. 1 doubles team is ranked No. 1 in the country," he said. "If you're ranked 1 in the country you're doing something right."

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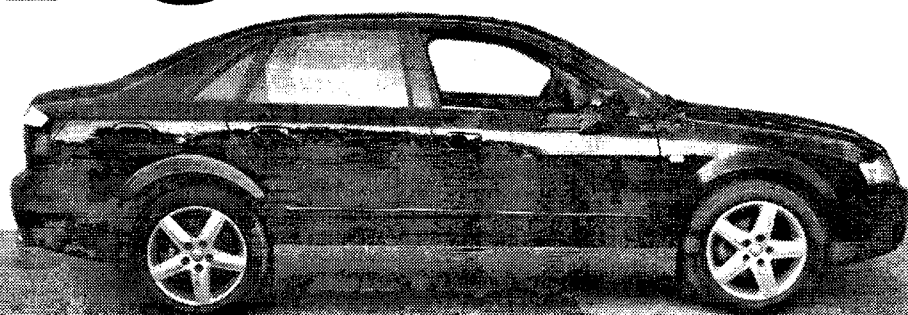
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SEC and Big East — are slated to compete. The centerpiece of the meet is the Meyo Mile, which annually produces some of the top times in the country for that distance.

The Irish are coming off a strong performance at the Notre Dame Invitational.

Junior Kurt Benninger rewrote the record books with his first-place showing in the men's mile, clocking in with a time of 3:58.77. With that time he became the first Irish runner in Notre Dame history to record two miles under four minutes in his career.

Even more stunning is that he believes it wasn't even his best performance.

While Benninger stole the show at the Invitational, he wasn't the only Irish athlete to

have an exceptional outing. Freshman Mary Saxer set a new Notre Dame record in the pole vault, clearing a height of 4.05 meters. While this mark is indeed a school record, it is below her personal goals. Saxer, like Benninger, is looking forward to the opportunity to better her marks as the season progresses.

One more record fell at the meet Jan. 27 with freshman

Alyssa Hasan setting a new Notre Dame record in the pentathlon with 3,655 points — just short of the NCAA qualifying mark.

The competition figures to be stiff over the weekend, as some of the best squads in the nation will be competing in South Bend. Benninger, who finished fourth in last year's mile run at the NCAA championship, is especially looking forward to the pres-

ence of the defending NCAA champion in that event, Nick Willis of Michigan.

"The defending national champion will be running, so I am anxious to compete against him," Benninger said. "I think I am fit enough to win the event."

Looking ahead, the Irish will travel north of the border next weekend as they compete in the Windsor Invitational, the final tuneup before the Big East Championship.

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Calvin

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streak. We're feeling great about the team."

There's no question that the win over Olivet was a statement game for the Belles, who are creeping into the upper echelon of MIAA teams.

"I think the intensity [from the Olivet game] is going to stay through [the Calvin game]," freshman forward Erin Newsom said. "We can stay with any team in the conference."

The new-look Belles have no lack of confidence when playing teams they've lost to in the

past, thanks in large part to their 3-1 record this year in second games against conference foes.

"I don't think it makes a difference anymore," Newsom said of the Belles' loss to Calvin. "How we did against a team in the past is over."

Some of the Belles, though, seem to take each loss personally.

"It was kind of a tough loss," Beier said. "We're really looking forward to being able to play them again, and this time, get a win."

Documented by the 3-1 mark, a strength of the Belles and first-year head coach Steve Bender is being able to

adjust their game when facing an opponent the second time, and correcting deficiencies that have plagued the team in its losses.

One of those deficiencies in the Belles' losses was the team's post play.

"We need to box out better rebound better," Beier said. "We struggled at the end of the game last time. Hopefully this time we can improve on that."

Newsom said if Saint Mary's continues to do what it has been doing in the past six games, the Belles will have no problem coming away with a win against Calvin.

"I think if we keep playing like a team, and keep playing good solid defense, we'll come up on top," she said.

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Friars

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7, and they have lost five of their last seven games by 10 points or more.

"I think there's going to be an air of desperation in the arena," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said Thursday. "They've got to win to get into the Big East tournament, I guess."

"And we've just got to win." Despite the poor record, Providence does have three players averaging double digits in scoring and two approaching 10 rebounds per game.

Junior forward Shauna Snyder missed seven games earlier this season but has averaged 13.2 points per game for the Friars since returning.

Freshman guard Chelsea Marandola has contributed early and often, starting all 20 contests and scoring 12.8 points per game.

But senior Gayle Nwafili is Providence's most versatile and dangerous weapon. The 6-foot-1 center enters Saturday's contest averaging 12.7 points and 9.2 rebounds a night.

"She's a tough matchup for us because she plays a lot on the perimeter," McGraw said. "She's very mobile, and she will even shoot from the three-point line — she's made some threes this year. She's a tough matchup for all of our posts."

Notre Dame's inside presence will be a key to the game. The team has not established a dominant post game, and cleaning up the glass has been one of Providence's few strengths.

"We've struggled all year rebounding, and our post players are the ones that are struggling," McGraw said. "[Junior forward] Crystal Erwin is leading our team in rebounding. She's doing a really good job inside. And [freshman guard] Lindsay [Schrader] doing a good job rebounding. But everybody else needs to do better."

McGraw said she hopes Schrader plays as well Saturday as she did against Syracuse.

With standout guard Megan Duffy held to just seven field goal attempts within the three-point line, Schrader led the Irish Tuesday with 24 points on 9-of-19 shooting from the floor.

"I think that because they guarded Megan so well — she didn't get enough shots — Lindsay was there to pick up the slack," McGraw said. "I

think in a normal game Megan will get a few more and Lindsay may get a few less. But I see [Schrader] getting 15 shots a game."

After the Irish posted 42 points in the second half of their Tuesday victory at Syracuse, McGraw said she hopes the offense can produce just as well at home this weekend.

"I'm feeling a lot better about the offense right now [than after Notre Dame's 69-43 loss to Rutgers]," she said. "I think we're stepping up and taking more shots."

Notes:

♦ The NCAA released its official Ratings Percentage Index (RPI) standings for the first time Wednesday. The official formula, long kept secret and used by the NCAA Tournament selection

committee in determining the tournament bracket, was not released, but team rankings were assigned.

Notre Dame ranked No. 28 out of 332 Division I teams through games played on Monday. That leaves Notre Dame near the traditional "bubble."

Each year, the tournament selection committee chooses 33 teams for at-large bids, along with the winners of each conference championship.

CollegeRPI.com, a private Web site that tries to duplicate the official RPI rankings, lists Notre Dame's at No. 31 with a strength of schedule — likely an important factor in the official ratings — ranked No. 13.

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Spartans.

"We've had trouble scoring goals in the past, but Caruso's one of the best goaltenders in our league," he said. "I don't think we got enough chances; I don't think we had enough traffic by the net; I think he saw too many shots."

"We've worked on those things in practice. We do every week."

Notre Dame won't need many goals if junior goalie Dave Brown plays like he did against the Buckeyes. After being pulled one week earlier against Northern Michigan in favor of freshman Jordan Pearce, Brown allowed just one goal last weekend, including the sixth shutout of his career on Saturday.

"The puck was big to him last weekend," said Jackson, who said he pulled Brown in order to refocus his team. "If he can play the way he did last weekend, he gives us a chance to win every night."

Notre Dame will travel to East Lansing, Mich. for the second half of the home-and-home, marking the third straight weekend that the Irish will be on the road for at least one of their games.

"It's a long spell when we don't get a pure weekend at home," Jackson said. "To me, when you have to travel on a weekend, it's a travel weekend. We have to get on a bus Friday right after the game."

Irish practices have been shortened this week from their usual two hours to an hour and a half. Jackson said he wants to keep the team fresh for and focused on the weekend games.

"It's a long season, and school

is back in session," Jackson said. "They need more time to recover. It's that time of the year when things need to be crisp and short. As long as they're intense, practices are shorter."

Saturday's game in East Lansing, like tonight's at the Joyce Center, will face off at 7:35 p.m.

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Pitino

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takeover a game against Georgetown or Villanova. It's a punch here, hang in there, make a run, see if you can win it at the end."

Louisville is one of several new members of the Big East this year, and this will be the first league meeting between the Irish and the former Conference USA powerhouse. Quinn expects the matchup to be challenging given their raucous home court.

"They have a lot of history when it comes to Kentucky basketball, Rick Pitino and even Louisville basketball," Quinn said. "They love their team down there and I'm sure the crowd will

be great."

Louisville is averaging 18,980 in home attendance this season, second in the Big East to Syracuse.

The Cardinals (14-7, 2-6 in the Big East) have struggled during league play for much of the season. Their two wins came against Providence and Cincinnati.

Louisville's struggles do not concern the Irish, who are looking for any win they can get. Notre Dame dropped to 1-7 in the Big East

Wednesday after losing by one point to West Virginia.

"We know we can play with anybody after the past week," Quinn said. "We played the No. 6-ranked team and

the No. 11-ranked team and we were right there and could have beat any one of them. We're confident; I know I'm very confident

"They have a lot of history when it comes to Kentucky basketball."

Chris Quinn
Irish guard



PHIL HUDELSON/The Observer

Irish guard Colin Falls, left, defends a Villanova player during the Wildcats' 72-70 win on Jan. 28. Notre Dame faces Louisville Saturday in a game crucial to its Big East Tournament hopes.

in my team."

Louisville's primary weapon is guard Taquan Dean. Dean is averaging 15.4 points and 3.8 assists per game this season.

Dean was injured earlier this season against Pittsburgh and sat out the next two games with a high ankle sprain. Louisville struggled without its leading scorer.

"[Dean] is a great player and can really shoot the ball," Quinn said. "You saw how much he meant to that team when he was out. They didn't have the same flow that they had when he was in there."

The Irish want to continue to

do the same thing on offense that has worked all season. Quinn said he has been pleased with Notre Dame's play on that end of the court.

"Offensively, pretty much all year in the Big East season we move pretty well," Quinn said. "We've been able to put some points on the board and get some pretty good looks."

Notre Dame came out with a different look in the second half against West Virginia Wednesday.

To go along with Quinn, guards Colin Falls, Russell Carter and Kyle McAlarney and forward Rick Cornett joined the mix for much

of the half. The Irish had success moving the ball, outscoring the Mountaineers by three in the second half. Quinn said there is a chance the Irish will use more of that lineup as the season progresses.

"That lineup was pretty good to us in the second half," Quinn said. "We were able to get some stops, and 'Big Rick' [Cornett] was very good for us inside. Russell Carter did a great job of getting on the backboard and getting some rebounds. That lineup has some promise."

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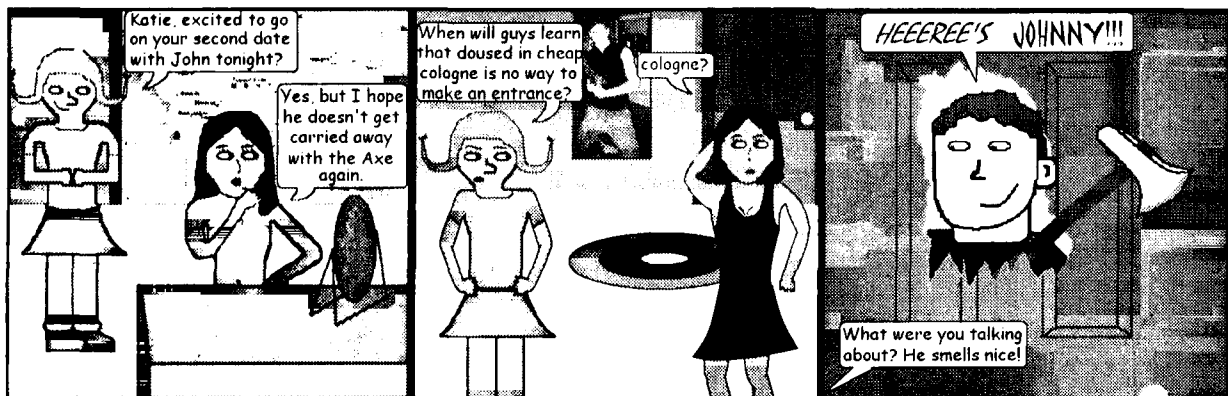
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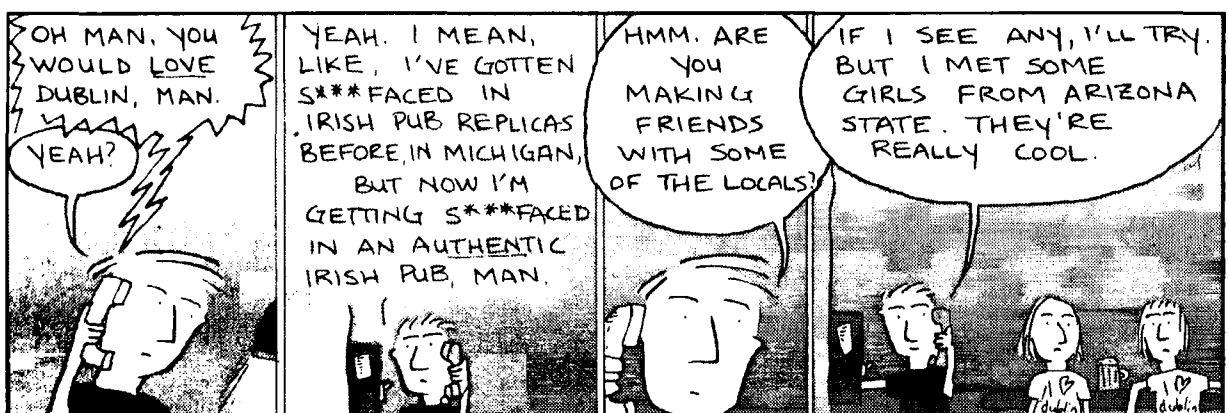
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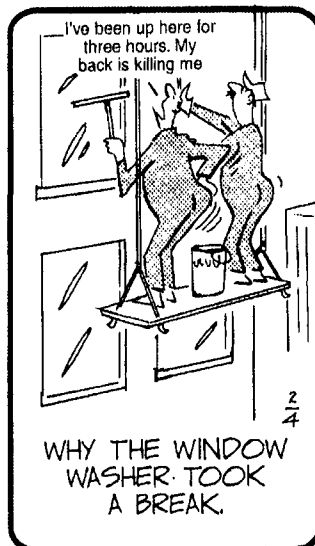
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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by Henri Arnold and Mike Argirion



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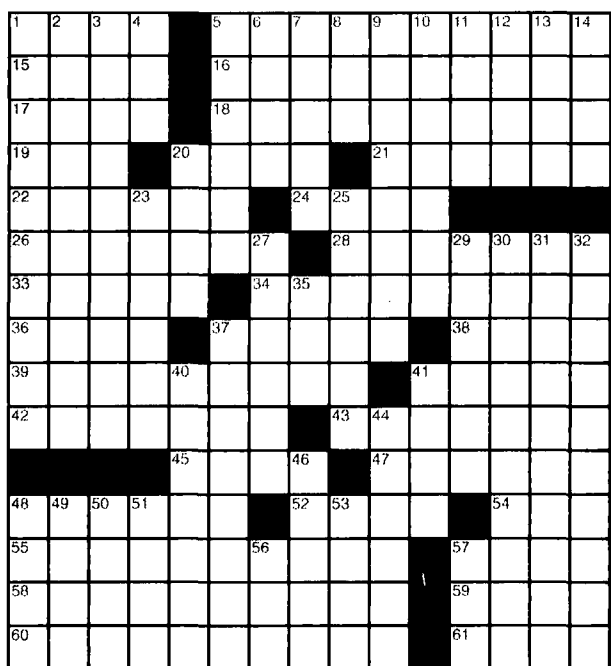
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WILL SHORTZ

- ACROSS**
- 1 Mideast leader?
- 5 Dropped by
- 15 Take the bait
- 16 Be mature
- 17 Iowa kin
- 18 Something politicians are loath to do
- 19 Part of A.S.T.: Abbr.
- 20 TiVo forerunners
- 21 "Kate & Allie" actress
- 22 Neckwear for SpongeBob SquarePants
- 24 "___ one ..." (opener's opening)
- 26 Not permanently wet
- 28 Stymied
- 33 Treat with Graham crackers
- 34 Verse site (French department)
- 36 Rhin
- 37 Outstanding issues
- 38 Modern pentathlon event
- 39 "Easy as pie!"
- 41 Dress shirt feature
- 42 Some wedding arrangements
- 43 Accept
- 45 Convertible alternative
- 47 Obviously enjoy, as a joke
- 48 Impersonated at a party
- 52 Tennis score
- 54 H
- DOWN**
- 1 Cruising, say
- 2 One puppy to another
- 3 "See?" follower
- 4 Cost of doing business
- 5 Lot for sale
- 6 Rent-___
- 7 Reply to "Who's there?"
- 8 Pageboys, e.g.
- 9 Pasqueflowers, e.g.
- 10 Practiced
- 11 Watson's "___ Holmes ..."
- 12 ___-Altenburg (old German duchy)
- 13 Entertainment exec Robert
- 14 Hardy soul
- 20 Part of an aura
- 23 Parade pattern
- 25 Foul-mouthed
- 27 Still
- 29 See 57-Down

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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WHENYOUHTTA SHY
NANO WRONGNOTE
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PASSE SNO SENNA
SPHINX ATEN
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RICA DEJAVU
AMANA PAM BEADS
SONATA LANDUP
THATMAKES TORA
SHE ITGOODORBAD
OYL CORON BEENE
TSP SOAKS JESTS



Puzzle by Manny Nosowsky

- 30 Fantastic notions
- 31 How to shoot ducks at a shooting gallery
- 32 One destined to pass the bar
- 35 Fox competitor
- 37 Weight-watcher's drink
- 40 The Acropolis, once
- 41 Hacienda hand, maybe
- 44 Red eye cause
- 46 Ottoman honorific
- 48 It ends with two bars
- 49 Literary stream
- 50 Team since 1962
- 51 One-named artist
- 53 Per _____
- 56 SFO posting
- 57 With 29-Down, greeting for Mrs. Kowalski in "A Streetcar Named Desire"

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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Michael T. Weiss, 44; Christie Brinkley, 52; Farrah Fawcett, 59; Tom Smothers, 69

Happy Birthday: The less time spent explaining yourself or your plans, the better. Watch your spending habits and refrain from being too generous. Take the attitude that charity begins at home this year or you could be left with too little to cover your own expenses. Your numbers are 10, 17, 22, 29, 36, 41

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Don't mix business and pleasure. You will be emotional about work. A problem with a deal you are trying to complete must not be pushed aside. Be very careful that you do, in fact, get a fair deal. ***
TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Jealousy could prove to be a problem for you. Not everyone will be out to get you. You need to be more tolerant and less accommodating. A quiet and secretive approach will bring the best results. ***
GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Someone you meet through work will have something worthwhile to share with you but don't take what this person says as gospel. Add your own touch and intelligence to use the information effectively. ***

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Take the time to visit someone if this person has something to offer you. A face-to-face conversation will allow you to foresee possible future problems. Overspending will have to be avoided or you will appear to be frivolous. **

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You can set the stage and do your own thing today. Not everyone will agree with you but as long as you see the benefits go full speed ahead. Take a leadership position. *****

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You will have plenty of data to filter through. Someone you least expect may try to hold you back or control what you are doing. Personal investments will pay off. You are in a good position to make financial gains. ***

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): It's up to you to set the stage and control what is happening. So many opportunities are present but you have to choose one. A creative idea will cause some controversy. A partnership will prove to be your saving grace. ***

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Don't fight the changes going on around you. Acceptance will be the key to getting out of a situation that hasn't been good for you for a long time. Rid yourself of partners who have not played fair. ***
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Pull in the reins a little and confine yourself to things you know you can handle and you will make financial gains. Trying to do things on too big a scale will backfire. Not everyone will be honest with you. *****

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Just when you think you have everything, you will come up against something or someone who wants to stand in your way. Don't pay the price of someone else's mistakes. **

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You are right on target on moneymaking ideas. Stick to your original plans and you convince someone to get involved in what you want to do. ****

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You will be extremely versatile today and this will help you adapt to whatever changes are required. Someone may become upset if you don't abide by the rules. ***

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ND BASKETBALL

Conference calls

Irish 'desperate' for league win at home against Friars

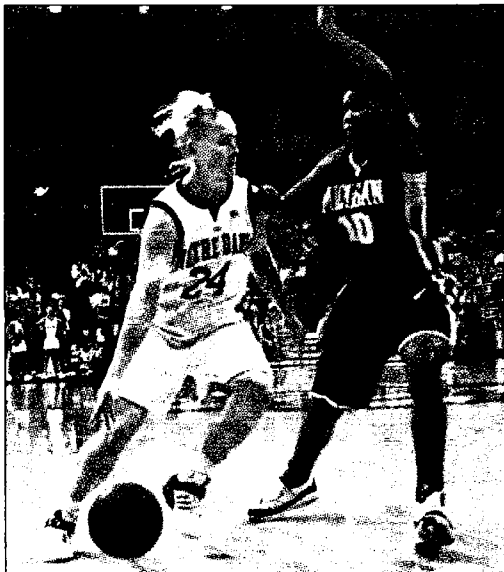
By KEN FOWLER
Sports Writer

Notre Dame hopes to continue its winning ways and climb back to .500 in Big East play Saturday at home against Providence.

The Irish (13-7 overall, 4-5 Big East) topped Syracuse 67-55 Tuesday night in the Carrier Dome and will face the struggling but well-balanced Friars at 1 p.m.

Providence (6-14, 1-8) suffered a blowout loss at the hands of Marquette Tuesday to remain tied with Georgetown at the bottom of the conference standings. The Friars lone conference victory was a 58-57 victory over Cincinnati Jan.

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At left, freshman Irish guard Lindsay Schrader dribbles past a Michigan defender during Notre Dame's 55-45 win over the Wolverines on Nov. 18. Right, Chris Quinn dribbles in the post on Jan. 28 in Notre Dame's 72-70 loss to Villanova.



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Ahead of Louisville game, Quinn remains confident

By BOBBY GRIFFIN
Associate Sports Editor

Irish guard Chris Quinn was calm and relaxed after practice Thursday, an interesting mood given the fact Notre Dame is on the verge of missing the Big East tournament — unless something changes very soon.

The Irish are running out of chances to reverse the course of their challenging season. Saturday at noon, Notre Dame has another opportunity to earn a much-needed league win when it travels to Louisville.

"I hope we give ourselves a chance to win again," Irish coach Mike Brey said. "We're not going to go in there and

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HOCKEY

Irish set to take on No. 14 Spartans in a home-and-home

Jackson says the team is confident facing a defensive powerhouse

By CHRIS KHOREY
Sports Writer

Notre Dame will play its first home game in three weeks tonight at 7:35 p.m. when the

Irish take on No. 14 Michigan State in the first contest of a weekend home-and-home with the Spartans.

The Irish (9-14-3 overall, 7-10-3 CCHA) enter the game tied for ninth in the CCHA with Bowling Green. They will face a Michigan State team that sits in fourth place in the conference but is riding a four-game winless streak dating back to Jan. 20.

Still, Notre Dame coach Jeff

Jackson said the Spartans, who tied No. 6 Michigan twice in a home-and-home last weekend, will be a tough matchup.

"I think they're playing as well as any team in our league right now, maybe with the exception of Miami," he said. "They went through some tough times with injuries, but they're healthy now and they've showed what kind of team they can be."

The Spartans are led by forward Bryan Lerg. The sophomore tops the Spartans in points with 29, including 10 goals.

In net for Michigan State, junior Dominic Vicari and freshman Jeff Lerg have split time. Jeff Lerg, who is Bryan Lerg's cousin, has a goals against average of 2.06. Vicari is giving up 2.67 scores per contest.

They will face a Notre Dame

unit that had been putting up at least two goals per game until it ran into the wall known as Ohio State goalie Dave Caruso last week. The Irish scored only one goal on Caruso in two games, although they did earn a split with the Buckeyes in a pair of 1-0 games.

Jackson said he hopes the offense will return against the

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ND TRACK & FIELD

Team to host Meyo Invitational



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Irish pole vaulter Mary Saxer sets a school record Jan. 27, clearing 4.05 meters during the Notre Dame Invitational.

Benninger hopes to top reigning NCAA one-mile champion

By JORDAN BELTZ
Sports Writer

One of the most prestigious events in NCAA track and field will convene on campus this weekend when Notre Dame hosts the Meyo Invitational.

The action kicks off today at 5 p.m. at Loftus and picks up again Saturday morning at 10 a.m.

Squads from all of the major conferences — including the ACC, Big 10,

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SMC BASKETBALL

Belles look to avenge earlier loss to Calvin

Saint Mary's has a 3-1 record in second meeting with teams

By TIM KAISER
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's is out to prove that it's a different team in this second half of the season — and so far, so good.

After avenging a previous loss to Olivet with a 74-66 win on Wednesday night, the Belles will look to even their season series with the Calvin College Knights Saturday at 3 p.m.

The Belles dropped a heart-breaker to Calvin on Jan. 7, falling short 67-62. And while the Knights are currently in second in the MIAA with a 10-1 conference record, that doesn't intimidate the streaking Belles.

The Belles have won five of their last six and have a three game winning streak after beating third-place Olivet. With an 8-4 conference record, they are just a win or a Calvin loss away from being in third place themselves.

"We've won a few games in a row," freshman center Nicole Beier said. "We're on a good

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SPORTS AT A GLANCE

FENCING

Ohio State Duals

Notre Dame faces regional competition in Columbus a week after beating Duke and Northwestern.

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MEN'S TENNIS

The Irish travel to Tobacco Road to face the Tar Heels Saturday and the Blue Devils Sunday.

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Dubai Classic

Tiger Woods showed no signs of jet lag Thursday and is only three shots off the lead.

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Jerome Bettis is set to play in the Super Bowl he always dreamed of, and it's in his native Detroit.

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The Seahawks replied to a Texas A&M lawsuit over the term "12th Man" with a request to move the trial.

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NBA

Rockets center Yao Ming beat out Kobe Bryant for the most votes for the NBA All-Star Game.

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