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## Shappell-Andrichik secures majority

*General election vote decides race for student body president, vice president*

By MARY KATE MALONE  
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Juniors Lizzi Shappell and Bill Andrichik ran away with the victory in the student government president and vice president election Monday, winning 51.78 percent of the vote and narrowly escaping a run-off — the first time a ticket has done so since 1999.

The pair will take on its new posts April 1. Shappell will replace current student body president Dave Baron, and Andrichik will replace Shappell, the current vice president.

Typically no ticket wins the majority vote in the general, and that results in a run-off election between the two with the highest number of votes. But this year was different, as Shappell and Andrichik managed to clinch the majority and avoid a week of historically dogged campaigning leading up to the

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Vice president-elect Bill Andrichik embraces president-elect Lizzi Shappell after learning of their victory in Monday's general election.

*Losing tickets look toward future, remain supportive of elected administration*

By KATHLEEN MCDONNELL  
News Writer

While not all candidates at the national level exhibit graceful concessions, those who campaigned to lead Notre Dame's student body next year did so with humility on Monday evening.

Before the Lizzi Shappell-Bill Andrichik ticket achieved an outright majority — rare for a student body election — some candidates had been counting on having a last shot at campaigning before the assumed run-off election on Thursday.

Despite this, the losing tickets quickly reoriented after the results were announced and were already planning how to positively impact the University next academic year.

Junior Jason Laws and sophomore Bob Costa took special interest in

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## Election victory indicates mandate for Shappell, insight of Notre Dame student body

I didn't think it would actually happen.

I'd joked for days about how great it would be for the election to be decided without a run-off, but with two strong tickets leading the charge, I knew that was just the pipe dream of a reporter who

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had slogged through the three-round slugfest that was the 2004 Charlie Ebersol and Adam Istvan race.

So when the call came last night that Lizzi Shappell had secured a majority the first time around, I literally stared at the receiver in shock.

Add another item to the list of landmark events this semester.

Not only was Shappell given a powerful student mandate —

one withheld since the 1999 election — but she also will stand as just the third female student body president in Notre Dame history.

It is a testament to the respect garnered by Dave Baron and Shappell over the course of this term that on a campus criticized for strained gender relations, a woman was elected to lead without hesitation.

Notre Dame students also stepped up, shaking off their oft-bemoaned cloaks of apathy and turning in a performance as impressive as that of Shappell. Elections are always a complex mish-mash of mixed messages and torn loyalties, even more so on a college campus. One candidate seduces with attractive — and usually impossible — promises, while another oozes enough charisma

to trap potential voters like flies. Merely living in the wrong dorm or owning the wrong type of car can spell doom for a ticket. Competency and realistic ideals are overlooked in favor of glad-handing and sheer volume.

But this time around, the student body seemed to experience a moment of clarity while

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## 'Monologues' opens in new academic setting

*Audience reacts to controversial play staged in classroom*

By HEATHER  
VAN HOEGARDEN  
News Writer

Amidst ongoing debate about whether academic freedom should permit University departments to sponsor events deemed to conflict with Catholic values, Notre Dame students performed "The Vagina Monologues" for a nearly full auditorium of students, faculty and administrators Monday night, touching on themes from sexual awakenings to female genital mutilation.

This year's play — sponsored by the English and sociology departments and set to continue tonight and Wednesday — was performed in 101 DeBartolo Hall

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Student players in "The Vagina Monologues" act out one of the many experience-oriented skits in the work.



An audience of students, faculty and administrators wait in DeBartolo Hall 101 for the performance of the "Monologues" to begin.

*Panel discussion caps performance, addresses sexuality*

By MADDIE HANNA  
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After the first of this week's productions of "The Vagina Monologues" ended Monday, two theologians and one social scientist delved deeper into the discussion of female sexuality and violence against women — an academic approach that retained almost 100 people in DeBartolo 101 after the performance.

Theology professor Robin Darling Young, theology and law school professor M. Cathleen Kaveny and sociology professor Jackie Smith spoke Monday night on the ability of "The Vagina Monologues" to confront often-unspoken issues and bring them

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INSIDE COLUMN

# Don't stop believin'

I know the situation looks bleak. After a promising 10-2 start, Notre Dame basketball stumbled their way to becoming the greatest 1-8 team in Big East history.

It felt like I was having déjà vu every time I had the misfortune of watching the Irish in the last five minutes of a game. I mean, how many of you just knew that that

Greg Arbogast

Sports Writer

prayer of a 3-pointer by Taquan Dean would somehow find its way to the bottom of the net at Louisville? Watching the reaction of the Notre Dame bench after that shot went in made you question not only whether this team could take anymore, but quite possibly the existence of a higher power as well.

There's just something about this team though. Something about this team that hasn't let me give up on them yet. Something about this team that makes me think that the seemingly unattainable idea of an NCAA tournament bid is still a tangible possibility.

Allow me to draw on the immortal wisdom of Bluto Blutarski when he says, "Was it over when the Germans bombed Pearl Harbor?" No, it wasn't over then, and it isn't over now for the Irish and an NCAA tournament bid.

"Why?" you ask. Well, first and foremost, I'm a strong believer in the "You can only lose so many games where you walk back to your dorm wanting to cry" theory. Although this might be a little painful for some, here's a recap of such moments from this school year: football, Michigan State and USC; basketball, Georgetown and Villanova. I mean, how much punishment can the sports gods possibly expect us to endure in one year?

That theory in mind, I come back to the idea that there's just something about this team. A weak team would have rolled over and died after the Villanova game. The majority of teams would have packed it in after the West Virginia heartbreaker. Even a mentally tough team would have decided this just wasn't their season after the Louisville loss.

If, however, the Irish had packed it in for the season already, like most teams would have in their situation, they would have come out against an undermanned Rutgers team and proved to a noticeably less than enthusiastic Leprechaun Legion that the team felt their season was over.

That's just the thing, though. Chris Quinn and company don't feel that this season is over. Whatever their reason — an undying spirit, a superior mental toughness, a possible subscription to the aforementioned "close game" theory — Notre Dame believes they can turn those heartbreaking losses into emotional wins in this season's remaining games.

The Irish haven't given up on this season, and until they do — if they do — we owe it to this year's team not to give up on the season either.

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

## QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHO DID YOU VOTE FOR IN THE STUDENT BODY PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION?



Kushal Parikh  
sophomore  
Sorin



Caleb Laux  
freshman  
Morrissey



Katie Paquette  
freshman  
Farley



Jeffrey Koch  
freshman  
Fisher



Jenna Laedtke  
freshman  
Farley



Rob Huth  
sophomore  
Stanford

"The candidate who looks out for the minorities."

"I'm not voting, because I have a coup plan for next week."

"Lizzi Shappell, because she has lots of experience."

"Laws and Costa, because they're going to get the most done."

"Lizzi Shappell, because she's made the biggest effort of trying to get her campaign out around campus."

"Shappell and Andrichik, because they're both upstanding young citizens."



ANN KELLEY/The Observer

McGlinn juniors Barbara MacDonald, left, and Tanya Noronha sell make-your-own Valentine's Day cookies for \$1 in LaFortune Monday night. The cookies sales continue tonight and Wednesday from 11 p.m. to 2 a.m. Proceeds benefit Operation Smile.

## IN BRIEF

A Student Night hosted by Kevin Guilfoile and featuring slam poet Saul Williams will be held tonight at 7 p.m. in Washington Hall. The event is sponsored by the Creative Writing Program as part of the 2006 Literary Festival and is open to the public.

Notre Dame graduate and author of historical fiction Tasha Alexander will speak tonight at 5:30 p.m. in the LaFortune Ballroom. The event is sponsored by the Creative Writing Program as part of the 2006 Literary Festival and is open to the public.

Keith Beauchamp, civil rights activist and filmmaker, will discuss his documentary "The Untold Story of Emmett Louis Till" Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the Hesburgh Center auditorium.

Poet Rane Arroyo will lecture Wednesday night at 7:30 p.m. in the McKenna Hall Auditorium. The event is cosponsored by the Creative Writing Program and the Institute for Latino Studies as part of the 2006 Literary Festival and is open to the public.

The Notre Dame men's basketball team will take on the University of South Florida at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Joyce Center.

The Saint Mary's psychology department will host a lecture by Notre Dame head football coach Charlie Weis Thursday at 1 p.m. in the Vander Vennet Theatre in the Student Center. Weis will discuss autism and global delays as part of psychology week at the College.

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

## OFFBEAT

### Couple reunites after sixty years

ADRIAN, Mich. — Willard Mason and Ilah Ost are giving new meaning to the phrase: "Love is patient." More than 60 years ago, the couple were engaged to be married, but life's circumstances got in the way.

Now, after they each married others, raised families and their spouses died, the two are together again.

"Ilah was my first girlfriend," Mason told The Daily Telegram. "I first met her when I was a sophomore at Blissfield High School."

The two began dating and got engaged.

But in 1941, Mason moved to Ypsilanti to work at the Willow Run bomber plant. There, he met a woman named Helvi, and broke his engagement to Ost. He married Helvi in 1942.

Ost later married her husband, Marvin, and had three children before he died in 1974.

Mason's wife died in 2003, and by chance, he ran into Ost's brother in Blissfield in 2004, and he encouraged Mason to call Ost.

The two started dating,

with Mason driving from his home near Houghton Lake to Adrian, where Ost lived.

On one of his trips to Adrian, Mason blacked out and struck a tree with his car. Tests showed he needed a new pacemaker, Mason said.

He then moved to near Adrian and invited Ost to move in with him.

"We get along perfectly," Mason said. "We've never had an argument. She's a great cook, and she takes care of me."

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

## CORRECTIONS

In the Feb. 13 edition of The Observer, a news article about "The Vagina Monologues" stated Notre Dame/Saint Mary's Right to Life opposes the YWCA and the SOS receiving funding raised by "The Vagina Monologues" because the groups on a national level have an anti-life sentiment. However, Right to Life believes SOS is an acceptable recipient of funds because the group has an established relationship with the University and because it does not counsel women to have abortions. Right to Life does find the YWCA problematic because of its national pro-choice stance. The Observer regrets the error.

Due to an editing error, coordinator of the ND Holocaust Project Betty Signer was incorrectly identified in her Letter to the Editor as Becky Signer on Monday, Feb. 13. The Observer regrets the error.

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## CAMPUS LIFE COUNCIL

# Leito gives 'wish list'

By MARY KATE MALONE  
Assistant News Editor

After months of meetings and brainstorming within the Campus Life Council's task force on campus grounds and structures, task force chair James Leito delivered a five-pronged report Monday seeking improvements and additions to the University's athletic facilities.

The report calls for additional tennis court facilities for recreational use, a new baseball/softball field adjacent to Riehle Fields and new lights for the Riehle and West Quad fields. The report also calls for bathrooms, trash cans and drinking fountains on various athletic fields on campus and a more timely sprinkler schedule that does not spray students as they walk to class.

"RecSports supported everything we talked about," Leito said. "The hardest thing is lighting because it's the most expensive, but it can really improve [interhall] teams' ability to use the practice fields, especially on West Quad where there are no lights at all."

Student body president Dave Baron clarified the report as a "wish-list." It does not carry a timetable with it, but, ideally, it will be looked to whenever University officials discuss construction and campus improvement in the future, Baron said.

The Council unanimously approved a resolution endorsing Leito's report — which was created in conjunction with the Student Senate's committee on residence life. CLC will send the resolution and Leito's report to vice president of student affairs Father Mark Poorman, who can then forward it to appropriate administrators for future campus construction decisions.

"This is great work," Dillon Hall rector Father Paul Doyle said. "I support it 100 percent."

### In other CLC news:

♦ In response to recent campus debate concerning academic freedom and the University's Catholic character, Baron asked the Council to create a task force charged with evaluating how Jenkins' remarks will affect programming for student activities.

Baron said the newly-created task force on programming standards will address how controversial events sponsored by student activities might be affected by Jenkins' comments. The task force will provide recommendations on how such events should be handled in light of these comments.

CLC will discuss the academic freedom issue more thoroughly at their next meeting, Baron said.

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## BOARD OF GOVERNANCE

# Group votes on event funding



From left, BOG president Kellye Mitros, vice president Susan McIluff, senior Elizabeth Palasky, and Student Diversity Board president Amanda Shropshire discuss spending for the end of the year.

By LIZ HARTER  
News Writer

Saint Mary's Board of Governance voted to provide \$2,795 — more than half of its remaining co-sponsorship funds for the semester — to help finance the upcoming Midnight Madness and Fire and Safety Fair at its meeting Monday night.

Technology commissioner Ashley Enright said individuals, including Vice President of Student Affairs Linda Timm, and local businesses donate prizes to Midnight Madness, but the planning committee still needs the financial support of student government and requested \$5,000.

"[We're] asking for a lot of money, but it is just half of the cost of what is going on," she said.

Following Enright's proposal, board members discussed BOG's past financial involvement with Midnight Madness and the effect providing the money would have on future co-sponsorship requests.

Executive treasurer Jillian Waters reminded officers the BOG would be receiving a request of as much as \$7,000 for The Show in coming weeks.

Last year, student government gave \$2,000 to Midnight Madness, Waters said, but not through an official co-sponsorship grant.

"This year they're trying to make it a little more professional on where they're getting their [money]," she said.

Some officers expressed concern about the amount of money requested and how it was going to be spent.

"Looking back at the whole year, do we want to spend \$5,000 on food and prizes and shirts?" missions commissioner Jennifer Robbins said. "I mean, maybe that is where it ends up anyway, but it just seems like a lot of money."

Student body president Kellye Mitros said while every co-sponsorship affects a large number of students in theory, financial support of Midnight Madness would actually do so in practice.

"They are asking for \$5,000, which is all we have in our budget, so I'm guessing you are not going to vote for that," Mitros told the Board.

Mitros also expressed the possibility of utilizing club co-sponsorship funds for non-club events. Student Activities director George Rosenbush said officers could potentially redirect money from the club lines to finance other activities.

Senior class president Lauren Condon moved to give half of the requested amount, which was immediately voted on and approved.

In a second co-sponsorship proposal, Residence Hall president Jackie Wright, who sits on the College's Fire Safety Committee, requested \$295 to help purchase whistles and safety tip cards to be distributed at the Saint Mary's Fire and Safety Fair this spring.

After minimal discussion, the board voted to provide this money.

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Recommended programs for foreign study include, but are not limited to: Loyola University in Rome, Boston University in Padua, UCLA in Pisa, Miami University in Urbino, Columbia University in Scandiano. Interested students are encouraged to consult the materials on Italian foreign study in the Department of Romance Languages, 343 O'Shaughnessy Hall.

Students are invited to submit a letter which should include:

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- 2) a personal statement indicating their background, interests, and long-term goals;
- 3) a description of the research project or the program they intend to follow;
- 4) a budget indicating the costs involved;
- 5) the names of two references.

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# Famous author kicks off Literary Festival

By WILL KEARNEY  
News Writer

The annual Notre Dame Literary Festival, once host to distinguished writers such as Kurt Vonnegut and Norman Mailer, continued its tradition of drawing acclaimed authors Monday night with a lecture by James Salter.

Salter, the renowned novelist and short story writer who has been hailed as "one of the best writers in this country" by critic Robert Burke, was the featured author for the first day of the festival. Salter shared some of his critically esteemed work along with insights on writing with an audience in the Oak Room.

Salter began the lecture with a reading of his short story "Common." The story was meant to highlight Salter's distinct style of using the relationships between men and women to explore the intricacies of human desire.

Following the reading, Salter spoke about why success among literary critics does not always translate to popular success.

"Fame is a vapor, popularity an accident," Salter said. "You can only write what you are."

Salter drove home the point that although an author's writing can and should devel-

op over time, the essence of his or her writing always will retain its own identity. The 82-year-old Salter, who still has not received widespread popular acclaim, was upbeat about the prospect of success for himself and all aspiring writers.

"You always have the possibility for success, even if you have never succeeded before," he said.

Salter, an ex-fighter pilot and veteran of the Korean War, also discussed the importance of drawing from personal experience when writing.

"In 'Common' alone, there are twelve people who I can think of that gave me ideas for parts of the story," he said.

Salter explained how his writing is sustained by a well of life experiences combined with self-confidence — a quality "they don't teach you in the classroom." It is this motivating and sustaining self-confidence that Salter said he wished to impart with his audience.

The author also said the spirit of the Literary Festival and of his own motivation to continue to write is encapsulated in his favorite quotation from writer Samuel Johnson: "The chief glory of every people depends on its authors."

The lecture series of the Literary Festival continues tonight at 5:30 in LaFortune Ballroom with Tasha Alexander and runs through Thursday.

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Salter

## Play

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instead of the DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts after University President Father John Jenkins required that it take place in an academic setting. Jenkins' compromise for this year's event — he has not yet issued a formal long-term policy affecting future performances — also meant organizers could not charge admission to the "Monologues" to raise money as they had in previous years.

"It makes it a little less slick [having it in a classroom]," said Glenn Hendler, director of undergraduate studies and associate professor in the English department. "I think there are, in some ways, some good things about that. There's kind of a rawness and everydayness about it that I don't think other shows have."

"... [But] you're talking about not having the legitimacy that the theatre has. You're talking about not being able to raise money for the charities that are losing \$15,000 they were expecting to get — that's not good. There's nothing good about that."

The audience, more female than male, was enthusiastic and participative, singing along with songs played between individual monologues, laughing at appropriate times and even yelling an expletive term for vagina when prompted by a monologue.

Dean of the College of Arts and Letters Mark Roche was in attendance Monday, and he said it was his first time seeing "The Vagina Monologues." He also said he attended the play on his own accord — not at Jenkins' request — but declined to comment on his personal reactions to the event.

Discussions with Roche helped initiate a departmental vote to decide whether the English department would sponsor "The Vagina Monologues" again this

year, Hendler told The Observer for a Jan. 26 article. The vote to sponsor the play was unanimous among the 30 professors who attended the meeting, out of a department of about 40 people, Hendler said.

Junior Madison Liddy, this year's director of "The Vagina Monologues" — who delivered an impassioned moaning performance of her own as one of the play's final acts Monday — said she was pleased with the turnout on the first night and reinforced the importance of having the play on campus.

"I think we are a determined bunch of girls and we're dedicated [to the cause]," Liddy said. "If that means we have to get creative in our ways, we will. No one is scared — we are vagina warriors."

Senior Lauren Williams, who attended Monday's showing and also saw "The Vagina Monologues" as a freshman, said she thinks the play brings important perspectives to campus.

"The controversy made me want to support it more, having seen it and realizing that I support the cause," Williams said. "Yes, absolutely [it belongs at Notre Dame]."

Jackie Smith, a professor of sociology and peace studies who also served on the discussion panel following the play, said that after conducting much research on violence against women and seeing the performance for the first time, she thinks "The Vagina Monologues" needs to be performed at the University.

"I think it should be here, it needs to be here," Smith said after the performance and before the panel. "I think the Church needs to be much more open to hearing the voices of women, and the fact that they're giving us such a hard time about performing is exactly the message that this play is about. And by denying space for this kind of performance on campus, we're really not doing our duty as a University to

provide students with lots of different perspectives on the world and on experiences of people, [and] we're also contributing to the continued silence and oppression that comes from that."

Freshman Chris Hall, who saw the play for the first time, said he enjoyed the performance and identified some academic aspects.

"I thought it was a really good show," Hall said. "There were a lot of interesting points, different perspectives. I guess you could say it was educational."

Freshman Jessica Keppel said her first experience at "The Vagina Monologues" was a positive one, although she was at times taken aback by its frankness.

"I thought it was really awesome," Keppel said. "I definitely wanted to go see it; I had heard all over about the whole academic freedom thing. And violence against women is an issue really close to my heart. At first it shocked me at how frank they are, especially [the monologue entitled "Reclaiming (expletive)"]. That was just really frank and out there for me."

Notre Dame Right to Life, which has demonstrated against the play in the past, decided not to protest Monday's event, saying the group instead would pray for those involved in the play.

"We will continue to pray that those involved will realize that the play is an explicit, sexually provocative and inappropriate means of making a point about ending violence against women," club president Arina Grossu told The Observer in an e-mail.

"The Vagina Monologues" will take place again tonight and Wednesday at 7 p.m. in 101 and 102 DeBartolo Hall, respectively, followed by a panel discussion at 9:15 p.m.

Maddie Hanna contributed to this report.

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## Panel

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to the forefront of debate.

While she presented the Church's point of view, Young made her opinion perfectly clear before she even began speaking — by slapping the heavy "Documents of Vatican II" volume onto the table.

"This is theology, as good as it gets," Young said, provoking a few laughs. "Now that we have Catholic theology here, let me say what I have to say."

Young, a specialist in early Christianity, said throughout the history of the Church, universities and bishops have "occasionally clashed," since their roles in teaching can overlap.

South Bend Bishop John D'Arcy's duty in the Notre Dame community, Young said, is to voice his objection to a production he believes is promoting "masturbation, abortion, lesbianism and seduction of an underage girl."

D'Arcy is "genuinely concerned for the University and its wellbeing," she said.

But there aren't many Church documents on violence against women to provide the official Catholic viewpoint, Young said. Women are frequently silenced, and there has been little consideration of "how the culture inside the Church can be violent."

The tension between Church and culture, however, began quite a while ago.

"It's very interesting that in the history of early Christianity, you

can often see a kind of tension between social custom and the nagging of conscience ... of people who have read and heard the Gospel," Young said.

This trend of silencing women continues today, Young said. She cited a "local Catholic high school where girls are told they must not tempt boys."

Young said this historical background combined with current context gives the "Monologues" an important role at Catholic universities nationwide.

"I think it's possible to ... not take the statements of 'The Vagina Monologues' as advances of particular practices," Young said. "[That's the] malicious interpretation of groups trying to take them off Catholic campuses."

It also comes down to keeping the Church in touch with the times, she said.

"We must understand the aspiration, yearning and often dramatic features of the world in which we live," Young said.

Kaveny, who also spoke from a theology-based background, added a legal perspective to the analysis.

The first step in discussion, Kaveny said, is to understand "what kind of a piece 'The Vagina Monologues' is."

"Unless you encounter it in the right way, you're going to misunderstand it," she said. "If you're taking it as a set of theological doctrines ... you're going down it the wrong way."

The "Monologues" are about "women's feelings of embodiment," she said.

She drew parallels between the

styles of the "Monologues," Saint Augustine's "Confessions" and victim impact statements in a courtroom.

"Victims of crime get to stand up before the court, before the community, before the perpetrator and speak about what happened to them," Kaveny said.

The Supreme Court has upheld the practice as legitimate, but Kaveny said the statements can be both "important and dangerous" — important in that they give victims a voice, dangerous in that they are insufficient in "the formation of general norms."

Drawing heavily on the teachings of Augustine, Kaveny outlined a list of reasons why she believes the Catholic Church should pay attention to the content of the "Monologues" — the first being the previously mentioned comparison to the "Confessions."

"Augustine places all of his experiences, good and bad, before God," she said.

Kaveny focused on the idea of embodiment, simultaneously present in the "Monologues" and Catholic teaching.

"We're not all body or all soul, but embodied souls," Kaveny said.

She recalled Augustine's humorous description of the connection between original sin and male genitalia: "If we hadn't had 'the Fall,' we could look down and say 'Arise,' and it would have risen."

This lighthearted approach, Kaveny said, should be granted to women, as well.

"So why women cannot reflect with humor on embodiment is beyond me," she said.

Another of Kaveny's arguments

tied closely to one established by Young earlier in the discussion — Catholicism's relationship to modern culture.

"Catholic thought does not isolate itself from human experience," Kaveny said. "We cannot live in a bubble."

The Church must listen to the voices of victims, she said, "because [it] needs to reform itself."

Smith, the last to speak, examined the silencing of women and gender inequalities through a more scientific, statistical lens while commenting on the goals of the "Monologues."

"The only way things change is when people who don't have power stand up and demand change," she said, describing the "Monologues" as "an attempt to empower the powerless."

"The performance of 'The Vagina Monologues' is a political statement. It's meant to be shocking," Smith said. "The playwright [Eve Ensler] has shown us the tip of the iceberg ... [and] is asking us to imagine the rest of the iceberg."

Social studies research reveals that the systematic silencing of women "allows them to be dehumanized, fosters intolerance," Smith said.

She gave examples of oppression against females, such as the delayed right to vote worldwide, the relatively small number of females in power in the U.S. — 15 percent of government officials are women — and the prevalence of untreated HIV among the female population.

"Treatment is denied to a vast majority [of women]," Smith said.

"In South Africa ... 15 percent [of women] have access to a drug that costs less than \$50. That's violence."

Smith said unequal economic distribution is another form of violence against women.

"Women in the U.S. make just 80 cents for every dollar a man earns," she said.

Considering time taken off during and after pregnancy, that statistic drops to just 56 cents per dollar, Smith said.

But "The Vagina Monologues" and V-Day campaign are helping raise awareness of these issues, she said.

"The V-Day activities in 81 countries shows the resonance these themes have around the world," Smith said.

Gail Bederman, organizer of the panels and history professor, introduced the discussion by explaining it was not meant to be a response to University President Father John Jenkins' recent addresses on academic freedom and Catholic character.

"There's been a great deal of talk — I think good talk — about the values, or lack of values of 'The Vagina Monologues,'" Bederman said. "That's not the purpose of the panels ... I envisioned the event as being an exercise of academic freedom rather than a debate over academic freedom."

Bederman said people "sometimes forget" about issues of female sexuality and rape.

"[The 'Monologues'] make us remember," she said.

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## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

### Haitians riot against election results

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — Supporters of Haitian presidential candidate Rene Preval erected smoldering roadblocks across the capital and occupied a luxury hotel Monday. At least one protester was killed, but U.N. peacekeepers denied witness accounts that they had shot him.

As Port-au-Prince descended into chaos, Preval returned to the capital for the first time since the election Tuesday. He was the clear winner with about 90 percent of the votes counted, but supporters claimed electoral officials were tampering with results to prevent him from getting the majority he needs to avoid a runoff.

### Danes say country misrepresented

COPENHAGEN, Denmark — Denmark's prime minister complained Monday that his nation had been unfairly portrayed as intolerant in the international furor over the Prophet Muhammad cartoons, and his foreign minister said a government apology would be pointless.

After meeting with a newly formed network of moderate Muslims, Prime Minister Anders Fogh Rasmussen called for peaceful dialogue to defuse Denmark's biggest international crisis since World War II.

"This meeting just testifies that the Danish government wants a positive dialogue with all groups in the Danish society," he said. "The way forward is peaceful."

However, critics said the network did not represent Denmark's estimated 200,000 Muslims and warned the prime minister could be heightening tensions by not reaching out to radical groups.

## NATIONAL NEWS

### Bald eagle population increases

WASHINGTON — The American bald eagle, after battling back from the threat of extinction because of habitat loss and DDT, took another step Monday toward coming off the endangered species list.

The Interior Department's Fish and Wildlife Service issued draft voluntary guidelines spelling out how landowners, land managers and others should protect the bird once it no longer is safeguarded by the 1973 law.

It also proposed prohibitions on "disturbing" the bald eagle, which could include anything that would disrupt its breeding, feeding or sheltering or cause injury, death or nest abandonment.

The Clinton administration proposed removing the bald eagle from the endangered species list in 1999. But the delisting has taken far longer than the typical year, partly because updated counts are required from each of the states, and some of those have their own rules that add to red tape.

### Lawyer's group denounces spying

CHICAGO — The American Bar Association denounced President Bush's warrantless domestic surveillance program Monday, accusing him of exceeding his powers under the Constitution.

The program has prompted a heated debate about presidential powers in the war on terror since it was disclosed in December.

## LOCAL NEWS

### Prisoner dies from drug overdose

PENDLETON, Ind. — A prisoner at the Pendleton Correctional Facility was found dead from a possible drug overdose, the second such case in less than a week, the Department of Corrections said.

A third inmate apparently hanged himself on Jan. 26 at the central Indiana prison.

In the latest death, Keith Lausterer, 40, was found unresponsive in his bed Sunday. Prison staff tried to resuscitate him, but he was pronounced dead at 10:07 a.m.

## White House defends reaction

*Bush 'highly engaged' in Katrina response, Homeland Security representatives said*

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration on Monday pushed back hard against Katrina-response criticism leveled by ex-disaster agency chief Michael Brown and congressional investigators.

"I reject outright the suggestion that President Bush was anything less than fully involved," said White House homeland security adviser Frances Fragos Townsend.

Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff "unequivocally and strongly" rejected suggestions that his agency was preoccupied with terror threats at the expense of preparing for natural disasters.

Both spoke at a conference of state emergency management directors in suburban Alexandria, Va.

Their rebuttal came as a Republican-written House report blamed government-wide ineptitude for mishandling Hurricane Katrina relief.

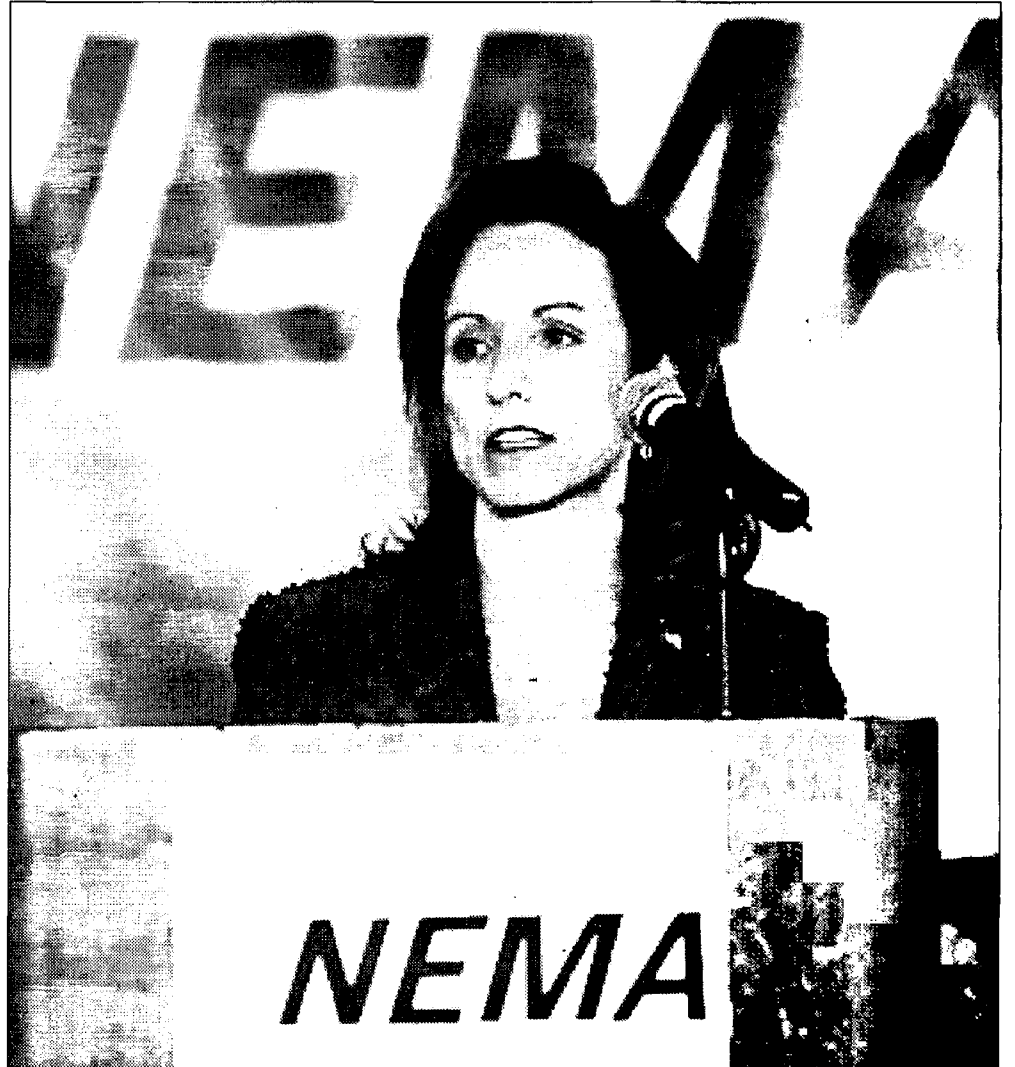
A report by Congress' investigative arm, the Government Accountability Office, reached similar conclusions and singled out Chertoff for delays.

Both Townsend and Chertoff took swipes at Brown, who resigned under pressure in September as head of the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

"There is no place for a lone ranger in emergency management," said Chertoff, whose Department of Homeland Security is FEMA's parent agency.

Brown testified before a Senate committee last week that he issued repeated warnings to the White House and DHS the day the hurricane struck, Aug. 29, that levees had failed and New Orleans was seriously flooding.

He suggested that the White House and DHS had dragged their feet. Bush and other federal officials



White House Homeland Security adviser Francis Fragos Townsend firmly defended Bush's response to Hurricane Katrina at NEMA's mid-year conference Monday in Arlington, Va.

have said they did not know until the next day, Aug. 30, that levees had been breached.

On Monday, Brown defended his performance.

"For Secretary Chertoff to claim that I failed to keep him informed belies the numerous telephone calls and e-mails between me and him prior to, during and after landfall" of the storm, Brown said in an e-mail to The Associated Press.

Brown also applauded congressional investigations into the government's response.

Townsend, without naming names, criticized those at FEMA she said had "become bitter" and lashed out "trying to find someone else, anyone

else, to blame."

"We cannot attempt to rewrite history by pointing fingers or laying blame," Townsend said.

Townsend, who at Bush's request is conducting her own "lessons learned" inquiry, said her report would be released later this month.

A Senate panel is conducting a separate review due in March.

While both Chertoff and Townsend acknowledged that the federal response left much to be desired, both suggested federal officials up to Bush had been unfairly criticized.

Bush, who was traveling in Arizona and California the day the storm roared ashore, was "highly engaged" in monitoring its advance, Townsend

said.

And she said it was Bush himself who first conceded several days after the storm — one of the nation's worst natural disasters — that "the response to the hurricane was insufficient."

The White House welcomes congressional inquiries into Katrina and the aftermath, and will cooperate with them, Townsend said.

"But let's be clear about the facts," she said. "As you know, President Bush was highly engaged in the preparation and response effort, beginning when Katrina was a tropical storm off the coast of Florida."

Chertoff announced wide-ranging changes to FEMA.

## IRAQ

## Hussein returns to courtroom

Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Prosecutors produced documents and put former aides to Saddam Hussein on the stand Monday as they made their strongest attempt yet to link him directly to torture and executions.

The ousted president, who looked disheveled and appeared in his slippers, shouted "Down with Bush!"

Saddam's half brother, Barzan Ibrahim — dressed only in an undershirt and long underwear — struggled

with guards as he was pulled into the courtroom. Ibrahim, the former chief of intelligence, then sat on the floor with his back to the judge in protest for much of the session.

The defendants have rejected court-appointed attorneys named to replace their own lawyers who walked out of the trial last month, and are demanding the removal of chief judge Rouf Abdel-Rahman. In Jordan, Saddam's chief defense lawyer said there were no plans to end the boycott and denounced the court for forcing the

former leader to attend.

"This is a cheap attitude," Khaled al-Dulaimi told The Associated Press.

After the raucous start, prosecutors tried to prove Saddam's role in a wave of arrests and executions that followed a 1982 attempt on his life in the Shiite village of Dujail.

Twenty-six prosecution witnesses have testified since the Saddam trial began Oct. 19, many providing accounts of torture and imprisonment in the crackdown, but they could not directly pin them on Saddam.

## Election

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run-off.

"I was definitely surprised [that we didn't need to have a run-off]," Judicial Council president James Leito said. "We had a lot of good candidates mixed up between classes."

Shappell and Andrichik won 2,202 votes, while junior Jason Laws and sophomore Bob

Costa came in second with 1,458 votes, or 34.28 percent of the vote. Freshmen Ryan McCune and Tim Szewczyk were a distant third, winning 3.62 percent of the votes.

One hundred seventy-one students abstained, and freshmen Ryan Black and Catherine Martinez and sophomore Erica Wells and freshman George Chamberlain split the remaining votes.

A record-breaking 4,253 votes were cast — the highest in the general election in at least four years, constituting about 51 percent of the student body.

Leito said the election process was smooth, despite an early morning delay in sending out an election e-mail to all students providing a hyperlink for

casting their vote.

"We sent our letter [to the Office of the Registrar] over the weekend, but for whatever reason they didn't send it out," Leito said.

Leito called the Registrar at 11:30 a.m. Leito said the e-mail was sent five minutes later.

The Shappell-Andrichik ticket won the majority vote in every class and received the greatest number of votes from the class of 2008.

They also dominated in every residence hall except Cavanaugh, Fisher and Howard.

Shappell was all smiles after Leito announced the election results in the LaFortune Club Resource room Monday night.

"I'm excited and surprised," Shappell said. "It was unlikely that we could win it in the first round since there were five tickets. A lot of good ideas came up as far as the other campaigns, so it's surprising."

Since both Shappell and Andrichik each already hold positions in student government — Andrichik is junior

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**Lizzi Shappell  
student body  
president elect**

class president — Andrichik said he is confident the transition into the presidency and vice presidency will be "pretty smooth." He said they both plan to continue tackling community relations — a pillar of their campaign platform — in the coming weeks.

"We were confident about making the run-off," Shappell said. "But now it's [time to] take a deep breath and get started."

Though they originally had planned to have a strategy meeting for what they thought would be a whirlwind week of campaigning and debating for a run-off election, Shappell and Andrichik instead celebrated a victory last night in the student government office.

The last time a ticket for student body president and vice president won the majority in the general election was in 1999, when juniors Micah Murphy and Michael Palumbo won with 54.67 percent of the vote against nine other tickets.

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making student government inclusive and available to all students in their campaign. Their slogan, "We have only one voice ... yours," embodies this critical issue, and their Web site emphasized the importance of involving all students so as to truly chant, "We are ND."

Costa seemed satisfied with the effort he and Laws put forth, and the influence it would have on student government.

"I'm proud to be part of a team with a guy like Jason," Costa said. "At the end of the day, I think we've helped bring up the idea of a more open and inclusive student government. That is really important for making Notre Dame a better place."

Laws said he plans to continue his work towards improving diversity and promoting equality next fall. By focusing on the minority community and working to form a black student union, he said, he hopes to accomplish one of his campaign's fundamental goals despite the defeat.

Both Laws and Costa offered support and encouragement to the victors. They expressed confidence in the leadership capabilities of Shappell and Andrichik and vowed to support and assist as much as needed in the upcoming year.

"We've been prayerful throughout the last few months," Laws said, "and [we] know that when God closes a door, he opens another. If needed, we'll be here to support."

Other presidential hopefuls expressed similar senti-

ments.

Erica Wells, a sophomore who ran alongside freshman George Chamberlain, said she felt the most deserved candidate won.

"I think Lizzi [Shappell] will do a great job as president," Wells said. "There was a good deal of overlap in platforms — many candidates brought up similar issues. I'm sure she will work hard for the changes."

Both Wells and Chamberlain said they want to stay active within the Notre Dame community. Wells said she intends to continue working extensively with Gender Relations and performing

community service next year, while Chamberlain plans on running for class council.

This year's election was unusual in that so many freshmen took the initiative to run in the general election. Candidates Ryan McCune and Tim Szewczyk did not attend the election results announcement Monday night, but Ryan Black and Catherine Martinez were present for the announcement.

With three more years at the University, these hopefuls have plenty of time in which to continue working towards their platform goals.

"Lizzie will do a great job," Black said. "She expressed similar views to us by emphasizing gender relations as things that need to be addressed. Cat [Martinez] and I look forward to stepping in, in any way we can, to make sure the needs of students are being addressed."

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*"If needed, we'll be here to support."*

**Jason Laws  
presidential candidate**

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standing in the midst of polarizing debates on academic freedom and heated encounters with South Bend residents, and it picked the candidate most qualified to deal with the big issues. The students chose the ticket most familiar with the ongoing problems they face at this University and with the most credible approach to finding some solutions.

Perhaps I'm giving campus

voters too much credit. Perhaps they just picked a candidate based on whom the media endorsed or who stuffed the most flyers in their mailbox or who looked the best in a skirt. But hopefully not. I'd like to think students benefiting from a \$40,000 a year education are a little wiser, a little more informed than that.

And if you know any different, please keep it to yourself.

So, what's next? As Baron bows out, Shappell will have to juggle picking up where his successful term leaves off while forging her own policy path.

She'll inevitably face diplomatic struggles with the University administration and the citizens of South Bend. And judging by the way this semester is going, I wouldn't be surprised if another obstacle were looming on the horizon.

But the one thing Shappell won't have to worry about is whether she has the student body behind her, and after last night's voting, she can confidently stick it to whatever or whomever stands in the way.

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## Cheney warned for breaking law

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Vice President Dick Cheney has been given a warning citation for breaking Texas hunting law by failing to buy a \$7 stamp allowing him to shoot upland game birds.

The warning came from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department after it investigated Cheney's accidental shooting of a fellow quail hunter Saturday on the private Armstrong Ranch in the south part of the state.

The department found the accident was caused by a "hunter's judgment factor" when Cheney sprayed another hunter while aiming at flying birds.

The report said the victim, prominent Republican attorney Harry Whittington of Austin, was retrieving a downed bird and stepped out of the hunting line he was sharing with Cheney. "Another covey was flushed and Cheney swung on a bird and fired, striking Whittington in the face, neck and chest at approximately 30 yards," the report said.

Cheney, an experienced hunter, has not commented publicly about the accident. His office said Monday night in a statement that Cheney had a \$125 nonresident hunting license and has sent a \$7 check to cover the cost of the stamp. "The staff asked for all permits needed, but was not

informed of the \$7 upland game bird stamp requirement," the statement said.

Whittington also received a warning for failing to have the stamp. A department spokesman said warnings are being issued in most cases because the stamp requirement only went into effect five months ago and many hunters aren't aware of it.

Whittington was in stable condition at Christus Spohn Hospital Corpus Christi-Memorial and was moved from intensive care to a "step-down unit" Monday. Doctors decided to leave several birdshot pellets lodged in his skin rather than try to remove them.

Katharine Armstrong, owner of the ranch where the shooting occurred, said it happened toward the end of the hunt, when it was still sunny but as darkness was encroaching and they were preparing to go inside. She said Whittington made a mistake by not announcing that he had walked up to rejoin the hunting line, and Cheney didn't see him as he tried to down a bird.

Armstrong said she saw Cheney's security detail running toward the scene. "The first thing that crossed my mind was he had a heart problem," she told The Associated Press.

She said Cheney stayed "close but cool" while the agents and medical personnel treated Whittington, then took him by ambulance to the hospital. Later,

the hunting group sat down for dinner while Whittington was being treated, receiving updates from a family member at the hospital. Armstrong described Cheney's demeanor during dinner as "very worried" about Whittington.

Pamela Willeford, the U.S. ambassador to Switzerland, another member of the hunting party, told The Dallas Morning News for a story in Tuesday's editions that she and Cheney didn't realize Whittington had picked up a bird and caught up with them.

Willeford said she has hunted with Cheney before and would again.

"He's a great shot. He's very safety conscious. This is something that unfortunately was a bad accident and when you're with a group like that, he's safe or safer than all the rest of us," she said.

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Up: 1,971 Same: 139 Down: 1,313 Composite Volume: 2,133,249,290

**AMEX** 1,864.05 +13.29  
**NASDAQ** 3,111.19 +0.14  
**NYSE** 8,019.87 +18.47  
**S&P 500** 1,265.02 +0.99  
**NIKKEI(Tokyo)** 16,757.42 +9.66  
**FTSE 100(London)** 5,772.40 +13.10

| COMPANY               | %CHANGE | \$GAIN | PRICE |
|-----------------------|---------|--------|-------|
| INTEL CP (INTC)       | -0.63   | -0.13  | 20.61 |
| ORACLE CORP (ORCL)    | +0.33   | +0.04  | 12.25 |
| MICROSOFT CP (MSFT)   | -1.34   | -0.37  | 27.17 |
| APPLE COMPUTER (AAPL) | -6.33   | -4.55  | 67.30 |
| NASDAQ 110 TR (QQQQ)  | -0.27   | -0.11  | 40.81 |

| Treasuries   |       |       |       |
|--------------|-------|-------|-------|
| 10-YEAR NOTE | +0.26 | +0.12 | 45.45 |
| 13-WEEK BILL | -0.34 | -0.15 | 43.47 |
| 30-YEAR BOND | -0.34 | -0.16 | 46.22 |
| 5-YEAR NOTE  | +0.33 | +0.15 | 45.10 |

| Commodities              |       |       |        |
|--------------------------|-------|-------|--------|
| LIGHT CRUDE (\$/bbl.)    | -0.26 |       | 65.11  |
| GOLD (\$/Troy oz.)       |       | +2.70 | 574.30 |
| PORK BELLIES (cents/lb.) |       | +0.60 | 75.90  |

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| YEN            |  |  | 118.8700 |
| EURO           |  |  | 0.8350   |
| POUND          |  |  | 0.5716   |
| CANADIAN \$    |  |  | 1.1467   |

## IN BRIEF

### FEMA ends hotel payment program

NEW ORLEANS — A judge let the federal government Monday drop some 12,000 families made homeless by last year's hurricanes from a program that has been paying directly for their hotel rooms.

FEMA has promised the evacuees from Hurricanes Katrina and Rita that they will still receive federal assistance that they can use toward hotel stays or fixing their ruined homes, although the agency will no longer pay for the hotels directly.

Attorneys for the evacuees tried to get U.S. District Judge Stanwood Duval to issue a temporary restraining order, saying the forthcoming money from FEMA won't be enough for reasonable living accommodations or for hotel stays.

### Senate prepares \$70 billion tax bill

WASHINGTON — Senators argued Monday over the Bush administration's tax cuts for investors while sending a \$70 billion tax bill into final negotiations.

Although the bill makes no mention of tax cuts for capital gains and dividends, Democrats lined up motions to attack the tax reductions and Republicans rushed to defend them.

The election year debate proved a mostly political display. The motions under debate don't bind lawmakers who will hammer out the final version of the tax bill. They can only make suggestions to negotiators.

Sen. Trent Lott of Louisiana, a Republican member of the Senate Finance Committee, said he hoped to be chosen as one of those negotiators. "You think I'm going to pay attention to any motions to instruct me?" he asked. "Baloney."

The bill would cut taxes \$70 billion over five years, mostly extending tax breaks scheduled to expire before the end of the decade.

The centerpiece of the House bill would preserve tax cuts for capital gains and dividends for two years after their scheduled disappearance at the end of 2008. The biggest feature of the Senate bill would prevent millions of families from owing the alternative minimum tax this year.

Democrats urged negotiators to make their priority the alternative minimum tax, intended to trap wealthy tax dodgers but now encroaching on the middle class.

## Jurors listen to Lay's Enron tapes

Conference call recordings show Enron executives had early knowledge of losses

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Enron Corp. founder Kenneth Lay disclosed hundreds of millions of dollars in quarterly losses and a surprise \$1.2 billion writedown in shareholder equity six weeks before the company fell into bankruptcy proceedings in December 2001, jurors in his fraud and conspiracy trial heard Monday on a tape of a quarterly earnings conference call.

But prosecutors contend he still held back some bad news from investors or wrongly described the losses as one-time events to give Wall Street false hope that business would improve, while he allegedly knew the company was in serious trouble. Lay is on trial alongside former chief executive Jeffrey Skilling.

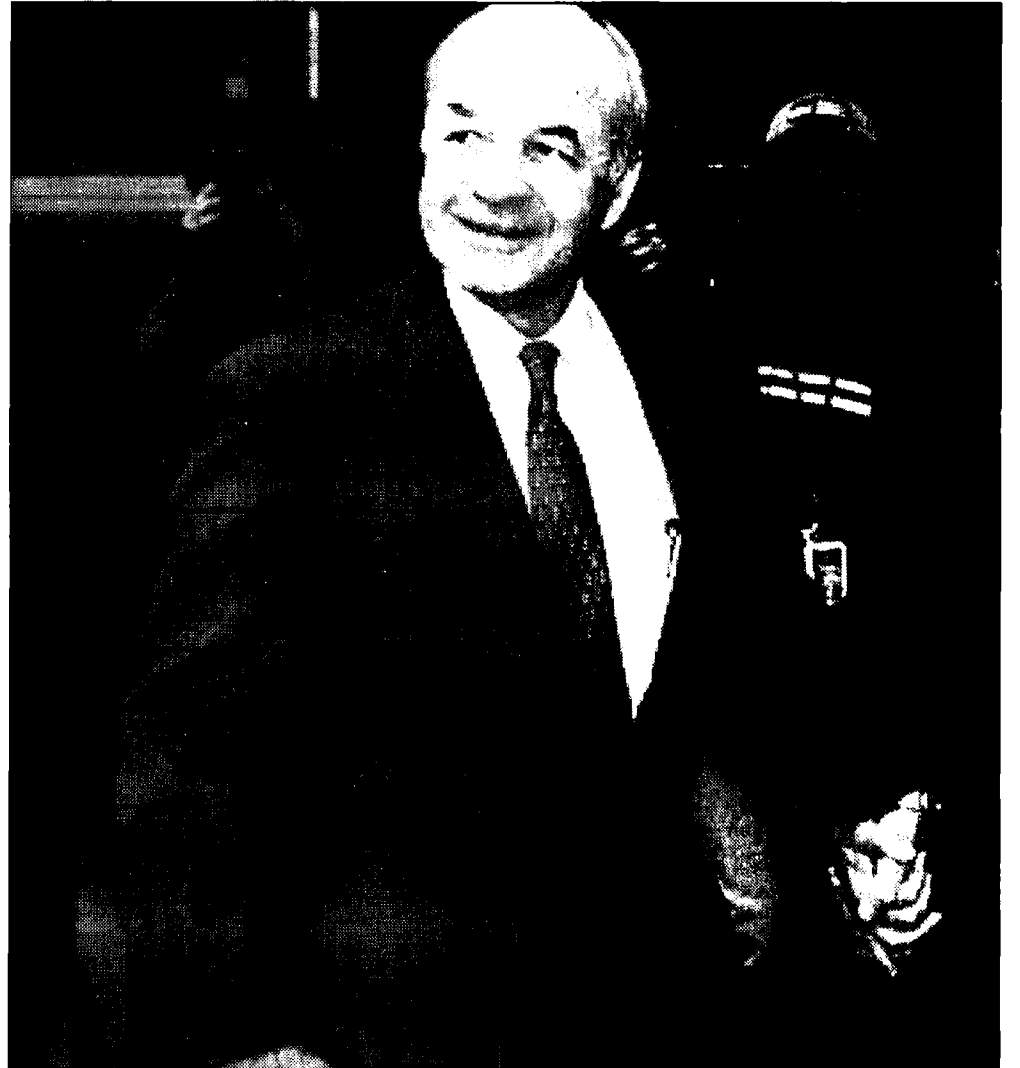
The defense teams contend there was no fraud at Enron and negative publicity coupled with loss of Wall Street confidence fueled its collapse.

Lay lawyer Michael Ramsey kicked off the third week of the trial Monday by trying to show that his client hid nothing when he disclosed a list of problems that included a \$638 million third-quarter 2001 loss and the reduction in shareholder equity.

"Was this a surprise, the writedowns?" Ramsey asked former Enron investor-relations chief Mark Koenig, in his seventh day on the witness stand Monday. He was to return for an eighth day Tuesday.

"They were a surprise," Koenig said. He backtracked a bit when Ramsey later had him read reports from analysts produced after the call that said the losses and writedown were smaller than expected.

The losses stemmed from bad investments in broadband and water ventures and the unwinding of so-called Raptors, four fragile financial structures backed by Enron stock used to help keep hundreds of millions of dollars in debt off the energy



Former Enron CEO Kenneth Lay leaves the federal courthouse at the end of the first day of the third week of his fraud and conspiracy trial Monday in Houston, Texas.

company's books. When the company's stock price fell throughout 2001, Enron was on the hook to issue more stock or repay the debt.

Lay assured analysts on the Oct. 16, 2001, conference call heard Monday that Enron "cleaned up some items here" and expected no credit-rating downgrades — which would alert investors to other problems.

There were more problems. The Wall Street Journal published several articles in the days after the earnings release about partnerships called LJM1 and LJM2 run by then-Enron finance chief Andrew Fastow that had done millions of dollars in deals with Enron.

Fastow had sold his inter-

est in those two partnerships to one of his former top aides in July 2001. But the publicity prompted the Securities and Exchange Commission to investigate the entities and the propriety of Fastow running partnerships that did deals with his main employer.

Enron's directors had waived a company conflict-of-interest policy to allow Fastow to run the partnerships when they were created in 1999 and 2000.

Enron held another conference call with analysts on Oct. 23, 2001 — played for jurors on Monday — during which Lay said, "Andy has been doing an outstanding job as CFO" and there was a "Chinese wall between LJM and Enron." Lay also said

the LJM partnerships had been vetted by lawyers and auditors.

Ramsey had presented SEC filings with footnotes that mentioned LJM as early as 1999, when the first of the two was created, to demonstrate that they weren't hidden. But on the Oct. 23 call, an analyst noted he was still mystified by the details of the transactions.

The next day, Enron ousted Fastow.

Nearly six weeks later, Enron filed for bankruptcy protection amid revelations of off-the-books debt and inflated profits. The collapse of what was once the country's seventh-largest company left thousands jobless and wiped out billions in investors' wealth.

## Fannie Mae misses housing goals

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Mortgage giant Fannie Mae last year fell a bit short of some of the government-set goals for making home ownership affordable as it worked to untangle its accounting in an \$11 billion scandal.

A preliminary analysis by the government-sponsored company, which finances one of every five home-mortgage loans in the United States, shows that it "fell slightly short" — by less than 1 percent — of two housing "sub-goals," a Fannie Mae official said Monday.

Bush administration officials have said in recent years that Fannie

Mae and Freddie Mac, its smaller rival in the \$8 trillion home-mortgage market, must do more to help low- and moderate-income families become homeowners. In 2003, the companies met the government-set goals only because three unusual multibillion-dollar deals were counted toward the targets.

Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac have been under intense scrutiny and political pressure since their accounting scandals surfaced in September 2004 and June 2003, respectively. Legislation pending in Congress would tighten federal oversight of the two companies.

The Securities and Exchange Commission, which has ordered Fannie Mae to restate earnings

back to 2001, and the Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight are investigating the company's accounting. The Justice Department is pursuing a criminal investigation.

"It ... appears that we fell slightly short" of the two sub-goals, Chuck Greener, Fannie Mae's senior vice president for communications, said in a statement. "We are fully committed to working with HUD in an effort to meet these goals."

The Department of Housing and Urban Development sets the annual affordable housing goals. HUD spokesman Lemar Wooley said the agency had no comment on the matter because it hadn't yet seen Fannie Mae's loan data.

# Show remembers dogs of Katrina

## Westminster Kennel Club show features video montage tribute

Associated Press

NEW YORK — When he was a boy, Hiram Stewart took a bus to Virginia, put a puppy in a paper bag and cradled it all the way home to New Orleans.

For more than three decades, he's cared for dogs in the Big Easy. Usually champion dogs, the kind that will reach the Best in Show ring this week at Westminster.

Still, nothing prepared him for what he saw happening to pets around town after Hurricane Katrina hit. Like that pair of little beagles with the pleading eyes, chained inside a garage.

"Every time a car would drive by, they'd come out, hoping it was their owner," Stewart said. "I knew the situation better than those two poor dogs did. It wasn't going to be just a few days."

Stewart believes those beagles came out OK. But thousands of their companions didn't, and America's most prestigious dog show remembered them — and those who helped — with a moving tribute Monday night at Madison Square Garden.

Hours earlier, the Westminster Kennel Club show started a day after the biggest snowstorm in city history blanketed New York. A total of 2,622 dogs in 165 breeds and varieties were entered — some didn't make it because of the bad weather, though there was no exact count.

A colored bull terrier named Rufus, the top-winning pug ever, a Rottweiler led by a former Florida State linebacker and a Dalmatian called Boomer were the big winners Monday night.

In a show featuring lots of underdogs, Rufus beat a favored Norfolk terrier named Coco and a Dandie Dinmont ter-

rier co-owned by Bill Cosby to win the terrier group.

"I guess we're going shopping," winning handler Kathy Kirk said.

Shaka became the first Rottweiler to win the working group at Westminster. Owner-breeder-handler Keith Carter pumped his fist when his dog was picked.

"I don't know if I can articulate what this win means," he said.

Boomer took the nonsporting group and will try to become the first of his kind to win Best in Show in 130 years of Westminster. Dermot the pug won the toy group and will aim for his 66th overall Best in Show title.

The hound, herding and sporting groups were to be judged Tuesday night, with Best in Show chosen shortly before 11 p.m.

While some paint this as the Miss America of dog shows — in fact, Miss America 1990, Debbye Turner, is hosting the USA Network telecast this year — Westminster is known for reaching out into the canine community.

There was hardly a dry eye in the building in 2002 when 20 German shepherds and retrievers came onto the Garden's green carpet to honor search and rescue dogs for their tireless work at the World Trade Center and Pentagon after the Sept. 11 attacks.

The Katrina tribute, featuring dogs and those that saved them, brought a standing ovation.

A video montage on the scoreboard showed images of injured and abandoned dogs, accompanied by a song from Jackson Browne. Moments later, a half-dozen dogs with Gulf Coast connections were introduced,

including one that recovered from burns and an amputated toe.

Sandra Bethea brought her Bedlington terrier from Gulfport, Miss. With Mardi Gras beads on her grooming stand, she primped Tallyn to a best of breed victory.

Bethea then passed on watching the tribute.

"I can't, it would be too emotional," she said backstage. "All in my own time. My husband will tape it."

Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama are not prime areas for purebred champions, producing a total of only 30 entries at Westminster this year. Yet veterinarians and volunteers

poured into the area after the storm blew in, joining those already in place to offer time, services and donations.

As Katrina approached in late August, Lisa Myers packed 13 dogs — and a gun, just in case — into her mobile trailer and left Covington, La. Her husband stayed

behind with a horse and two Basenjis; one of the dogs ran away when the winds blew and was killed.

"I saw some terrible things along the drive. People just letting their pets out on the side of the road. I don't see how anyone could do that," she said. "The things people did to their animals during Katrina are inexcusable."

Lashes, a champion Chinese Shar-Pei, is now with Myers at Westminster.

"I thought about not coming this year, but this continuity, it's a rite of passage," she said. "If I didn't do this, I've given in to the adversity."

Stewart, one of the most highly regarded handlers in the business, was set to attend Westminster again. His mother died last week, and he stayed home in Kenner, La.

*"The things people did to their animals during Katrina are inexcusable."*

**Lisa Myers**  
Louisiana resident

## IRAN

# Newspaper requests Holocaust cartoons

## Contest responds to Muhammad cartoons

Associated Press

TEHRAN — An Iranian newspaper's contest for cartoons about the Holocaust, launched Monday in response to a series of caricatures about the Prophet Muhammad, has already drawn at least one entry, the paper said.

Hamshahri, one of Iran's top five newspapers, said its contest was a test of the Western world's readiness to print cartoons about the Nazi slaughter of 6 million Jews in World War II. It called for cartoons under the title: "What is the Limit of Western Freedom of Expression?"

The caricatures of the prophet, which first appeared in a Danish newspaper and were reprinted in several European newspapers that cited freedom of expression, have outraged Muslims and generated protests worldwide.

The first entry in the Iranian contest depicts a man smoking a cigarette and wearing a blue and white striped prison uniform, with a tall wall and guard tower in the background.

The man, with a mustache and several days growth of beard, is wearing a white keffiyeh and is holding his right hand over his forehead and eyes.

On his chest is a red Muslim crescent with a letter "P." Below that is the number 7256, the significance of which was not immediately clear, although Israel is said to be holding about 8,000 Palestinian prisoners.

The Brazilian artist listed as the author of the cartoon

could not immediately be reached to confirm the entry was by him.

Masoud Shojai, chairman of the committee that will judge the contest, said an Australian was among those who sent entries to the contest last week before it was officially opened.

But Michael Leunig, one of Australia's best-known cartoonists, on Tuesday denied entering two of his works in the contest, saying he was the victim of fraud.

"I learned last night that some of my cartoons from a few years back have been submitted as an entry in that competition," Leunig told the Australian Broadcasting Corp. radio. "This is a fraud and hoax emanating, we believe, from Australia."

Leunig said had been contacted late Monday by a concerned editor at Melbourne's The Age newspaper, which publishes many of his cartoons.

The cartoons were pulled from the Iranian newspaper's Web site after he contacted their editors, Leunig said.

"A reply came back, they were sorry, they removed the cartoon instantly without a qualm and with an apology," he said.

An Iranian Web site for cartoonists carried a reproduction of the Brazilian entry and printed a notice at the top of the page that indicated it might also be connected to a conference sponsored by Iran's Foreign Ministry to examine what it called the scientific evidence surrounding the Holocaust.

An English-language notice on the site warned that it "possibly will be closed by United States." It then provided links to three other sites.

# Judge Judy reaches a decade of on-the-air ruling

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Judith Sheindlin, familiarly known as television's Judge Judy, fixes the lawbreaker with her trademark brace-yourself-buddy glare.

"You're drinking my tea?" she says to Jerry Sheindlin, her husband of 29 years, who's lunching alongside her during a production break on her court show. Not bothering to appeal, he stops pouring from her cup into his and returns the property to its rightful owner.

For Judge Judy Sheindlin, marking her 10th season as the star of one TV's top-rated syndicated shows, watched by 10 million people daily, enforcing justice is a full-time job. Her grandchildren may enjoy some slack; all others, watch out.

That unforgiving approach to small-claims disputes culled from courts nationwide is what draws viewers. When Phil McGraw barks at an errant spouse or parent on "Dr. Phil," he's reflecting the influence of Sheindlin's decade of TV toughness.

"Accept responsibility for what you do in everything," the former New York family court judge said in an interview. She was referring to her own expectation of how

judges should behave and, in a more expansive view, the world.

At one point, she interrupts herself to search her purse for a stash of newspaper clippings, reports on a series of violent deaths of New York children that have raised questions about city government oversight.

"All these articles, you know who they blame? They blame the Administration for Children's Services. Now, I'm not absolving them. ... But that's not where the fault is, really," she said. "The people who are supposed to protect children are their parents."

Her unshakable mantra is personal responsibility. It's a position that played well when her show began and may be even more beguiling in a time vexed by the forces of war and terror. The real power is yours, Sheindlin tells us; who wouldn't want to believe?

The 63-year-old who reminds you she successfully raised five children and stepchildren will not brook excuses from those she sees as skirting their duties.

A defendant who faced her recently found out how that applied to him. The college student, who stiffed a roommate for rent after an injury forced him out of a good-paying valet job, told Sheindlin he had no choice.

The judge did some quick math. If he had taken a minimum-wage job, say at a fast-food restaurant, and worked 10 hours a day, seven days a week, he could have met most of his financial obligation to the roommate.

"She's not related to you. She doesn't love you like your mother does," Sheindlin told him, delivering her lecture in the pitiless tone so at odds with the visual: A petite woman, dwarfed by a realistic courtroom setting, and with her black robe softened by a dainty lace collar.

Afterward, the defendant weighed in for the camera. "I was made to look like a fool" and a deadbeat, he wailed — while the show picked up the tab for the roughly \$2,000 judgment, as it always does.

Petri Hawkins Byrd, who served as her bailiff in New York and cuts an imposing figure in the same role on TV, admires Sheindlin as "blunt, witty, sharp as a tack" and for her refusal to accept any nonsense. Would he want to come before her in court?

"Hell, no," he said, laughing. "And I don't advise any of my friends to do so. Not if they want

to maintain their love of the judicial system."

Sheindlin was scheduled to receive a special Valentine Day's treat: her star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame. Also, she garnered a Daytime Emmy Awards nomination, her 10th overall, for the upcoming April ceremony.

A big air kiss came her way last year when her name was floated

*"I think she's an equal opportunity abuser."*

**Randy Douthit**  
executive producer

by novelist Kurt Vonnegut and a newspaper columnist as a replacement for retiring Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor. The suggestions may have been ironic

but she likely could have found more public favor than Harriet Miers.

Sheindlin's popularity earns her a reported \$30 million yearly. She travels to work by private jet from the Naples, Fla., home she shares with her husband, a retired judge who also did his time in a TV courtroom with "People's Court." She flies in every other week to Los Angeles for three days of taping.

While new judges crowd into the TV courtroom, including "Judge

Alex" and the upcoming "Judge Maria Lopez," Sheindlin remains the queen bee with ratings that put her in the company of top syndicated performers including Oprah Winfrey and "Wheel of Fortune."

"I think Judge Judy is, like Oprah, sort of the star of her genre," said analyst Stacey Lynn Koerner of New York-based media agency Initiative. "She lays it on the line and she doesn't let you get away with anything. ... She stands out as an ethical voice that speaks to the common man."

Some uncommon voices, however, have been raised against her. Harvard Law professor Alan Dershowitz declaimed that she presented the image of a judge as tyrant. A New York Times column recently accused Sheindlin of using the law as a bludgeon against the underclass: "...the lower a party's apparent status, the harsher Judge Judy is free to be."

Sheindlin once coyly parried Dershowitz, in print, by joking that she should have gone to the prom with him. Randy Douthit, the show's executive producer and director, takes on the allegation of class warfare.

"I think she's an equal opportunity abuser," Douthit said.



# PAKISTAN

## Missiles hit nomads

*U.S. blamed for shots along Afghani border*

Associated Press

MIRAN SHAH — Suspected U.S. military fire struck the tent of a nomad family on the Pakistan side of the rugged border with Afghanistan, killing two women and injuring at least four children, two Pakistani officials said.

The Pakistani officials said four rockets or shells were apparently fired by the U.S. military in fighting with suspected militants in Afghanistan's eastern Khost province late Saturday, and one hit the nomads' tent at Bangi Dar, in Pakistan's North Waziristan tribal area.

The officials — one an intelligence official, the other a local government administrator — spoke on condition of anonymity as they were not authorized to speak to media. There was no immediate confirmation from the Pakistan government or military.

In Kabul, Lt. Mike Cody, a spokesman for the U.S. military in Afghanistan, said a security post along the border in Khost

was attacked from the Pakistani side Saturday afternoon, and the U.S. military, coordinating with the Pakistani military, returned fire.

Cody said there were no reports of casualties on either side. The intelligence official confirmed that a coalition post had been fired at.

About 20,000 U.S. troops are in Afghanistan hunting for Taliban militia and al-Qaeda fugitives.

Fire from coalition forces has sometimes landed in Pakistani territory.

Pakistan is a key ally in the U.S.-led war on terrorism but does not allow U.S. troops to operate on its side of the rugged and ill-defined border where foreign militants are believed to be hiding.

Last month, Pakistan protested to the U.S. military in Afghanistan over two air strikes — one on a village in North Waziristan that killed eight people, and the second, a missile strike that hit a village in Bajur tribal region where top al-Qaeda figures were suspected to be meeting. Thirteen civilians died, and according to Pakistan, five foreign militants, including an al-Qaeda operative.

## Trial starts for Texas mother

*Woman pleads not guilty to killing 10-month-old daughter*

Associated Press

McKINNEY, Texas — A woman accused of killing her 10-month-old daughter by cutting off the baby's arms with a kitchen knife went on trial Monday after pleading not guilty by reason of insanity.

Police found Dena Schlosser, 37, covered in blood in her kitchen, still holding a knife and listening to a church hymn.

During opening statements, her attorney said Schlosser clearly did not know right from wrong during the November 2004 slaying of baby Margaret.

"This is somebody who at the time was not capable of knowing what she was doing was wrong," defense attorney William Schultz said. "She didn't see it coming ... Normally Dena is a sweet woman. She cares, she has compassion."

Prosecutor Curtis Howard

disagreed, saying that while Schlosser obviously had mental problems, she did know right from wrong when she killed her daughter.

"At some point that morning, Dena Schlosser put Maggie Schlosser down on the bed and cut off her arms," he said.

The first witness was Steve Edwards, the 911 operator who took Schlosser's call. In a tape of the conversation, Schlosser could be heard calmly describing her actions. When Edwards asked her if there was an emergency, she responded "Yes."

"Exactly what happened?" Edwards asked.

"I cut her arms off," Schlosser replied as a hymn played in the background.

"You cut her arms off?" he repeated.

"Uh-huh," she answered.

As the tape played, Schlosser slumped in her chair and

pressed her chin into her chest, staring down at her hands.

She was diagnosed with manic depression after her arrest. In February 2005, a jury deliberated only a few minutes before deciding Schlosser was mentally incompetent to stand trial and she was committed to North Texas State Hospital in Vernon. But in May, a judge decided Schlosser was competent.

Her two surviving daughters, ages 6 and 9, are in their father's custody.

Schlosser had been accused of child neglect in the months before Margaret's death, but a state investigation found she did not pose a risk to the baby or her other two daughters.

Texas' troubled Child Protective Services came under intense scrutiny after a number of high-profile child abuse deaths, including the Schlosser case.

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Curtis Howard  
prosecutor

# IRAN

## Talks with Russia postponed

Associated Press

TEHRAN — Iran notched up the brinkmanship over its disputed nuclear program Monday, abruptly postponing talks with Moscow on a plan to enrich Tehran's uranium on Russian territory to allay fears it is building an atomic weapon.

Diplomats in Europe said Iran had started small-scale enrichment of uranium, a process that can produce fuel for an atomic bomb.

"Uranium gas has been fed into three machines," said a senior diplomat in Vienna, Austria, who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to comment on the matter. Another diplomat confirmed that limited enrichment had begun at Iran's Natanz site.

State-run Iranian television later reported that Alaaeddin Boroujerdi, head of the national security and foreign relations committee in parliament, said the country had begun peaceful nuclear enrichment activities Monday. Boroujerdi said inspectors from the Vienna-based International Atomic Energy Agency were present.

The talks with Russia had been slated for Thursday but were postponed indefinitely because of the "new situation," said Iranian presidential spokesman Gholamhossein Elham. He was referring to the IAEA's decision this month to report Iran to the U.N. Security Council because of uncertainty over its nuclear intentions.

Iran maintains its nuclear program is designed solely to generate electricity, but the United States and some U.S. allies claim the program is a cover for producing an atomic

bomb.

Moscow had proposed that Iran ship its uranium to Russia, where it would be enriched to a level suitable for nuclear reactors. It would then be returned to Iran for use at the Russian-built Bushehr plant, which is due to begin operating this year.

The plan, backed by the United States and the European Union, was an attempt to avoid international objections to Iranian uranium enrichment by providing oversight so no weapons would be made. Iran had said the plan did not fulfill its requirements but was worth pursuing.

Despite resumption of enrichment, uranium gas must be fed into hundreds of centrifuges to produce significant amounts of enriched uranium, which — depending on the degree of processing — can be used for civilian nuclear reactors or warheads.

Iran is years away from running the 50,000 centrifuges it says it wants to operate as a source of fuel for its Bushehr plant.

But even small-scale enrichment is significant because it represents symbolic determination by Tehran to go ahead with a technology that most nations want it to give up because of fears of misuse.

In Washington, White House press secretary Scott McClellan said Iran's restarting of enrichment shows its "continued defiance of the world."

"The regime in Iran knows what it needs to do," he said. "So far, they're continuing to choose defiance and confrontation over cooperation and diplomacy."

Also Monday, Tehran issued its third veiled threat in as many days to withdraw from the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty.

If the international community does not agree to Iran's right to enrich uranium under the NPT, "there is no reason to continue our current nuclear policy while we are deprived of the positive aspects of the treaty," said a spokesman for President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad.

North Korea — the world's other major proliferation concern — quit the treaty in January 2003, just a few months before U.S. officials announced that the North had told them it had nuclear weapons and may test, export or use them depending on U.S. actions.

Iran had warned it would resume large-scale enrichment of uranium after it was reported Feb. 4 to the U.N. Security Council by the 35-nation IAEA board. The resolution indirectly linked the referral to breaches of the treaty and concerns that Tehran's activities represented a threat to world peace.

The IAEA is to issue a report on Iran at its March meeting. After that, the Security Council is expected to consider taking steps against the country.

German officials expressed disappointment the Moscow meetings were postponed.

Canceling or postponing the talks means the time before the March IAEA meeting "would not be used as effectively as is possible and necessary to push on toward a diplomatic solution," German Foreign Ministry spokesman Jens Ploetner said.

On behalf of the European Union, Germany, Britain and France had conducted lengthy but essentially fruitless discussions with the Iranians hoping promises of civilian nuclear technology and other economic incentives would lure Iran away from the nuclear path that could produce weapons.

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## My torrid affair with feminism

I have a confession to make. I, Scott Wagner of the Collège Libertarians, am a feminist. Yes, it is true. In my intellectual pursuit of practical libertarian philosophy, in opposing oppression and coercion in its myriad forms, I have developed quite the infatuation with the female liberation movement. Indeed, American feminist author Marilyn French said it best when, in her novel "The Women's Room," she proclaimed: "Whatever they may be in public life, whatever their relations with men, in their relations with women, all men are rapists and that's all they are."



Scott  
Wagner

Live and Let  
Live or Die

Wait a moment. Perhaps I'll take off my "boys are stupid, throw rocks at them" T-shirt for a second and ponder that quotation. I mean, such misandry seems somewhat counterproductive to the primary goal of feminism: equality.

So as Susan Brownmiller, author and historian, said: "[Rape] is nothing more or less than a conscious process of intimidation by which all men keep all women in a state of fear."

Okay, now I am confused. Or how about former Congresswoman Barbara Jordan: "I believe that women have a capacity for understanding and compassion which a man structurally does not have, does not have it because he cannot have it. He's just incapable of it."

Maybe my point has been made. Feminism has, in many ways, correctly or incorrectly become synonymous with misandry; I vividly remember hearing Rush Limbaugh on my grandparents' radio ranting about the "feminazis." Ideas of "lesbian separatism" and "testosterone poisoning" are aspects of an intellectual field that

has, in many ways, lost sight of its own importance. Instead of building support, much of feminist theory isolates it from the mainstream. Even "moderate" feminism, such as that espoused by the National Organization for Women, is anything but moderate. All of it is slanting left (unnecessarily, in my opinion) to some degree.

Radical feminism emerged in the late 1960s. In many ways, not merely politically, it still shares a fundamental mentality with Marxism: oppressor vs. oppressed, us vs. them. Many feminists associated the existence of Western patriarchy with class division, and Marxism became fairly popular within many radical feminist circles. Much of feminist ideology is concomitant with left-wing principles of economic redistribution, centralized state power and pseudo-egalitarianism.

Despite what you may be thinking, however, I stand by my first two sentences. In using the term "feminist" to describe myself, I also choose to reject the socialist sentiments that gave birth to much of today's contemporary feminism.

The important question now becomes: is it even possible to disassociate feminism from the left?

In fact, it is. A newly energized movement within feminism is gaining popularity; it does not build itself around a collective, sexual identity that fosters "gender war." It is termed (appropriately enough) "individualist feminism," and its roots go back to the 19th century when many female abolitionists found themselves in an uncannily similar struggle against their own legalized repression. Why fight for the rights of slaves when, for all intents and purposes, you were still a slave yourself?

Wendy McElroy, editor of the website www.ifeminists.com, is a major force within the ifeminist movement. She defines ifeminism in the following way: "The 21st-century feminist is anyone — female or male — who

rejects gender privilege and demands real equality for men and women under the law. She makes her own choices and takes personal responsibility for them." McElroy identifies at least three major goals of ifeminism: 1) The removal of all laws that distinguish between men and women; 2) defense of all lifestyle choices, whether they be to "stay at home" or run a multinational corporation; and 3) inclusion of males in all aspects of feminist discourse. To quote the ifeminists' website: "It is folly to 'solve' a human problem without consulting and co-operating with one-half of the species."

Those of you who are in the least bit acquainted with libertarianism may find the idea of ifeminism somewhat dubious. The fact is, ifeminism — at its core — is libertarianism, though specifically focused on the "role" women have within it. But like I said, if you are already familiar with libertarianism, you know that the philosophy makes absolutely no legal or political distinction between men and women. So the female "role" in society is, elementally, the same as the male: make your own choices, deal with the consequences and harm no one.

There is no "damaged chromosome" theory. There is no massive "anarcha-commune" necessary, nor a reevaluation of gender roles on a civilization-wide scale. Instead, there is the simple notion that men and women are equal, and justice must be "gender-blind." It does not get any simpler than that, or more beautiful.

So that, ladies and gentlemen, is the story of my love affair with feminism. Have a happy V-Day today, whatever that may mean to you.

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### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## Lack of vote troubling

I'm a first-generation domer, and this is my first year. I couldn't wait for Feb. 13 to come by: it was election day on campus. I had read up on every candidate, looked at all their platforms, and I was ready to vote. Imagine my surprise when I was told I'm not allowed to vote. The reason? I'm a grad student. Now, I know there is an organization called the "GSU" for a grad student like me (which, incidentally, doesn't represent all graduate students — sorry MBA and law students!) However, when someone is representing Notre Dame as "Student Body President," should not the entire student body be able to vote for him or her? I have a student ID card. It's the same card everyone else uses for Domer Dollars, to get into the dining hall or to go to pep rallies. When I watch home games, I'm standing in the student section. Heck, I even get the student discount at Café de Grasta.

Why is this so important? The very issues that affect undergraduate students also affect us grad students as well. The (undergraduate) student government has committees on minority affairs and diversity. Did you know

that the graduate student population is more diverse than the undergraduate population? A great many of us come from outside the United States and have many different backgrounds (I myself am a Canadian-born Muslim with Bangladeshi parents — how much more of a minority can I be, eh?).

The student government also has voting representatives from dorms on campus. Yet, Fisher-Graduate and O'Hara-Grace are not included. Don't grad students have rectors too? If we violate DuLac, are we not in trouble as well? Heck, there are also senior undergraduates living there — will they not be represented? But the biggest reason why this is important to me is because of something I learned very early on after coming to Notre Dame. We are one big family. We are ND. And when we all graduate, we join one governing association. Isn't it fair to do the same before we graduate?

Shawn Ahmed  
graduate student  
Jan. 13

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"The supreme happiness in life is the conviction that we are loved — loved for ourselves, or rather, loved in spite of ourselves."

Victor Hugo  
French poet

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

# Carry out simple fact-checking

My friend and colleague in philosophy, Fritz Warfield, wrote a piece ("Contesting academic equivalence") in the Feb. 10 Viewpoint section of *The Observer* critical of a comment made by University President Father John Jenkins in a Catholic News Service (CNS) release of Feb. 3. Warfield quoted Jenkins as having said that academic freedom at Notre Dame "is the same academic freedom that is enjoyed elsewhere." He then challenged Jenkins and his minions to investigate this claim by asking "presidents and department chairs at major universities whether academic freedom at their institutions permits academic departments to sponsor events as they see fit. The answer one can expect to get is an unambiguous yes." Warfield pointed his readers to the University of Michigan as a particular example.

Unfortunately, Warfield's letter fails to provide a context for Jenkins' remark and appears to perpetuate the myth that secular universities are in every respect freer than Catholic universities. He would have readers believe Jenkins was making a broad generalization about every facet of academic life at major universities, or at least that Jenkins was making a claim about academic departments. Otherwise what academic departments at other universities do would not pose the counterexample that Warfield would like.

And yet the actual context of Jenkins' remarks reported in the CNS story makes it clear that he was not making any such broad claim. He was simply describing the academic freedom enjoyed by students and scholars to think as they please, publish the results of their research and speak about their respective specialties. CNS paraphrased Jenkins as holding that "At Notre Dame, scholars and students — including non-Catholics — have the right to think what they like, publish their research and speak about their field of expertise." The story then immediately quoted him as saying "It is the same academic freedom that is enjoyed anywhere else." The pronoun "it"

in the direct quotation from Jenkins clearly refers to the preceding claim about the freedom of students and scholars to publish and speak about fields of expertise. It makes no reference to departments and other academic units within universities, or to the issue of their capacity to sponsor events.

However, the story then immediately reports that Jenkins himself raised the question of the role of academic departments and their sponsorship of events in his examination of questions of academic freedom. Thus the story describes him as suggesting that "a university may want to look critically at what events are being sponsored and seemingly endorsed by its academic departments" in light of the mission and character of the university. Anyone who listened to Jenkins' talk with the faculty knows that he highlighted this as a central issue for the academic community to think through. As Jean Porter pointed out in her comments at the talk, it is perhaps the most challenging issue we confront, a point that Jenkins readily conceded. For my colleague to insist that the behavior of departments at other institutions settles the case against Jenkins' quotation in the CNS is both selectively to quote Jenkins out of context and to beg the very question that he has raised and that everyone attentive to his discussion knows that he has raised.

Warfield suggests that it is a simple "fact-checking exercise" to determine that at other major universities, the University of Michigan being his chosen example, "academic departments [are free] to sponsor events as they see fit." The University of Michigan is an ironic choice. In the late-1980s, it tried to impose a speech code upon the university community so broad that not only was it thought by many to be in conflict with academic freedom, but was struck down by the courts as violating the Constitution of the United States in *Doe v. University of Michigan* (1989).

Irony aside, on Jan. 27 of this year, the departments of philosophy and theology at

the University of Notre Dame sponsored an event, a Roman Catholic Mass to celebrate the vigil feast of St. Thomas Aquinas. Given that St. Thomas is the patron saint of universities and students, this was not only a liturgical event but also an academic event, including an erudite homily about the nature of Catholic intellectual life and universities, as well as prayer for the University, its students, faculty and staff. Several hundred students, faculty, staff and community members filled the Basilica of the Sacred Heart. Such an event perfectly exemplifies the Catholic refusal to segregate the worship of God from the intellectual life, or to divorce faith from reason in academics, in contrast to prevailing secular norms like those at the University of Michigan and elsewhere. Or does my colleague really believe that the department of philosophy at the University of Michigan is free to sponsor this type of event "as it sees fit?"

This past autumn, the department of philosophy at the University of Notre Dame sponsored the annual meeting of the American Catholic Philosophical Association. At the request of the leadership of the department, the College of Arts and Letters provided several thousand dollars to underwrite the activities of the Association. In order to bring this association to Notre Dame, the department had to commit itself to official sponsorship so that the Association's regular daily Masses could take place on campus. This commitment was required by the Association in order to meet here. Again, does my colleague believe that if we asked the chair of the department of philosophy at the University of Michigan, he would claim that his department is free to sponsor this professional gathering of philosophers, as part of its freedom to sponsor events "as it sees fit?" The University of Michigan and its department of philosophy could sponsor Roman Catholic Masses "as [they] see fit?" I doubt that a claim that they do not endorse what they would be sponsoring would cut it in this case.

Of course, the same is true of all secular universities. Their norms and values, including assumptions that religious worship and academic life be rigorously divorced, constrain their freedom to host events such as the annual meeting of the American Catholic Philosophical Association. So much for the myth that secular universities ipso facto have greater academic freedom than Catholic universities.

Notre Dame is free to draw within itself that which is best in the secular academy, particularly the gifts and talents of those who may not share the animating religious faith of its mission. But it is also free to go beyond and above that secular freedom to place what it does at the service and in the hands of the Sacred. As with any freedom, there are particular responsibilities that attend the greater freedom present at a Catholic university, and particular difficulties that will arise because of it, as the community tries to protect and promote that freedom. But in our discussion of those problems, it is worthwhile remembering that they are difficulties that arise and can be considered here precisely because of our greater freedom.

Jenkins described academic freedom as "sacred." But it is difficult to see how it can be genuinely so in communities that positively exclude any hint of the genuinely sacred from entering into their midst. If academic units such as the department of philosophy at the University of Michigan are unable to sponsor a meeting of a professional association of philosophers, their academic freedom could hardly be described as "sacred," and Warfield's claim that they are able to sponsor "events as they see fit" is false. It would appear that he has failed to carry out the simple fact-checking he urges upon Jenkins and his minions.

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Feb. 13

## University profits vs. student losses

As an avid hockey fan, I was more than willing to arrive early at this weekend's hockey game. Upon our arrival, we were greeted by ushers who informed us that we were to sit at least three rows up from the ice, as the University was selling tickets in the student section to the general public. As disappointing as this was, we were appreciative of the pre-warning from the staff, as it allowed us to get seats where we were assured that we could enjoy the game without having to move. Shortly after we were seated, the first row, then the second and then the third row filled up. At this point, we expected that the staff would have conveyed to the box office that the section was filled and ticket sales would have ceased, but this was not the case.

Soon, students in the fourth row of the student section were asked to move. By this point, the aisles were teeming with seatless students. An usher approached our group and asked us if we had tickets, which we did, and then asked to see them. The group complied with this request and was greeted with the sarcastic response from the usher of, "Well aren't you the smartest group of students that I have ever seen. You didn't pay for this seat, and you have to move." We calmly explained that we were told that we were allowed to sit where we were by one of the other ushers. Even if we were to move, where were we to go, seeing as how the stands and aisles were packed with people? The "professionalism" of one member of the JACC staff successfully managed to ruin the first period for many of the students who had come to enjoy a night of Irish hockey. Reflecting on Friday night's events, I have to wonder, what was the University thinking?

Obviously dollar signs were more important than the students of Notre Dame in this case. In the future, I hope that the JACC staff manages events with more professionalism and courtesy to all persons involved.

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## EDITORIAL CARTOON





## SCENE & HEARD

# And the award goes to...

'Tis the season to be Joan Rivers. Marked by a parade of Escada, Prada and Chanel, countless specials on E! and, of course, the red carpet award ceremony season, 2006 is officially underway.

The Oscars, Golden Globes and even the Screen Actors Guild Awards offer us a glimpse into the glamorous lives of our favorite celebrities as they pay tribute to the previous year's most talented actors.



Mary Squillace

Scene Critic

As the king of all award shows, the Oscars dictates to us which films we should have enjoyed. Alternatively, the Golden Globes offers us the city recreational league of film and television award shows, in that even the competitors who don't quite have what it takes to make the varsity squad get a chance to vie for shiny gold hardware. And the Screen Actors Guild forces us to look at acting as an art.

However, regardless of the differences between these programs, after awhile they all blend together, each star becoming a beaming, faceless mass in a Versace gown. Instead, the award for best award show has to go to the Grammys — a slightly edgier and eclectic presentation.

Sure, the Golden Globes effectively brings together film-buffs and couch-potatoes alike, but the Grammy Awards deliver real diversity, uniting NASCAR-watching Toby Keith fans and teenaged girls holding their breath for a Maroon 5 victory under the same three-hour block of television.

The Grammy Awards' stage in itself is a melting pot. For years it has drawn artists together for collaborations that have transcended age, race and style. In fact, the vibes of euphoria on this stage are so strong that they even once moved Eminem to extend his hand to Elton John in the name of music, and, oh yeah, publicity.

The stage is a place where acts with questionable stay-power, like Linkin Park, can earn credibility by performing with the legendary Paul McCartney and industry mogul, Jay-Z. Conversely, the Grammy stage also gives stars on the verge of washing up a chance to prove that they have yet to kick the entertainment-biz bucket by pairing up with hipper, trendier acts.

In the past, Madonna's Grammy performance filled her with such a sense of

effervescence that she took part in that unforgettable sorority-girl stunt where she locked lips with performer Britney Spears. This same youthful feeling must have inspired Madonna again during last week's 2006 awards, compelling her to don a leotard.

The Grammy's wide range of nominees and award recipients also lends itself to a number of Cinderella stories. Take Kelly Clarkson, who, despite her recent success, still appears as star-struck as her own screaming fans. And while Bruce Springsteen and Bonnie Raitt probably had no idea who the girl sobbing at the podium was, they probably still can't get "Since You've Been Gone" out of their heads.

Although Kelly represents a touching rags-to-riches story, this year's true Grammy miracle was Mariah Carey's resurrection. Her sanity may not yet be fully intact, but it appears that Mariah's career is back on track, and she has eight Grammy nominations to show for it. Now she only has to garner about four more awards and find a cure for cancer before she fully redeems herself for subjecting us all to "Glitter."

Additionally, unlike the recipients of Oscar, Golden Globe, or SAG awards — for the most part — Grammy award recipients have no formal acting training. Furthermore, they deserve extra recognition for their efforts in trying to convey a careful balance between elation and gratitude during acceptance speeches. To add to their challenge, recording artists also have to preserve their deviant musician reputations by saying something radical — typically, approaches that promote a political cause or are completely self-promoting work.

Not to mention, regardless of seat assignment — which could place someone anywhere from sandwiched between Eminem's entourage or next to this year's nominee's for best New Age album (who has a Grandparent-esque understanding of songs like "Gold Digger") — artists have to maintain those made-for-TV smiles while seated. After all, no one wants to appear on the Grammy big screen broadcast with a gigantic grimace.

So while we may be knee-deep in the fanfare of award shows with the Oscars just around the corner, don't expect the others to live up to the antics that the Grammy's and its collection of eccentric performers brought last week.

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The band U2 accepts an award on-stage with Mariah Carey at the 2006 Grammy Awards. Carey has staged a recent comeback with her musical career.

## BOOK REVIEW

# 'Arthur and George'

By ROQUE STREW

Scene Critic

While Julian Barnes' work is generally feted for its oh-so-clever innovations and clanging forward motion, his new novel is — both in milieu and manner — an august voyage backward.

Like "Flaubert's Parrot," Arthur and George enlarges and bedecks a moment of history with the ornaments of his imagination. But shorn of that book's souped-up, highbrow experiments, "Arthur and George" gains a warmth and humility that radiates from its first pages.

Around the turn of the century, and considered its version of France's Dreyfus Affair, a string of animal mutilations enveloped Britain in scandal. Named after the Staffordshire village in which they occurred, the Great Wyrley Outrages offer the spark for Barnes' two tales — a narrative double helix twisting the lives of Arthur Conan Doyle and George Edalji into proximity.

Arthur is, of course, the famous creator of Sherlock Holmes. George is a humble solicitor and the casualty of a vicious miscarriage of justice — wrongfully convicted and incarcerated in 1903, he is the Dreyfus to Arthur's

Zola. On its face, the book examines the route by which Doyle came to Edalji's rescue. To his credit, Barnes is something of a trickster and the book is much deeper, enriched by a larger investigation — the ugly psychology of the zeitgeist.

Cutting between the developments of the eponymous characters — Arthur on one page, George on the next — at times, Barnes gently choreographs the final collision of their fates. Where Arthur was raised Catholic in shabby-genteel Edinburgh, George was brought up in a Church of England vicarage. Arthur was a sporting ophthalmologist turned writer — an overnight success. George toiled in obscurity, a solicitor and author of a tract on railway law. The two men seemed destined never to meet.

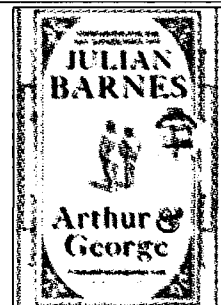
The rhetorical question that runs through "Arthur and George" — how can you make sense of the beginning unless you know the ending? — sheds light on Barnes' self-reflexive treatment of destiny, or the way an author's hand can shape and reshape the past to suit his designs. Barnes threshed acres of research to accumulate the book's raw material. The sturdy structure into which he transforms it gives the whole novel an air of inevitability — the Whig history of two desperate men.

All of the circumstances of their final meeting reveal the desperation of an age — the conflicted uncertainty of a country in flux. The pas de deux between Doyle and Edalji reflects many of the inner tensions that persist today — the unsolvable mysteries between the religious and the rational, race and identity and nationalism.

Doyle fancied himself an

## Arthur and George

Julian Barnes



## VIDEO GAME REVIEW

# 'Special Forces' expansion

By TREVOR GASS

Scene Critic

It's the next best thing since the last best thing.

In a world where some of the most anticipated games are re-hashes of previous successes, developers know that the quicker they can turn out another title, the quicker they can turn a tidy profit.

However, a recent avenue that developers have found to be profitable is something called the expansion pack. Expansion packs are traditionally cheaper than the base game and work to promote high replay value at low production cost. Entirely new game engines need not be designed in the world of expansion packs. Simply a new level, gadget or side story needs to be developed, something that can easily be incorporated into the current game engine.

Enter "Battlefield 2: Special Forces." If you're wondering whether or not "Special Forces" is special enough to earn your hard earned \$30, ask these questions — Do the possibilities of new maps excite you into

frenzy? Does the concept of additional weaponry make your gun finger twitch in excitement? Does the idea of more complex strategy make you shake in your computer chair in anticipation?

"Special Forces" adds a selection of five new weapons that can be unlocked through online ranked play. These include the over-powered F2000 assault rifle/grenade launcher and the ridiculously accurate G36E. The Russian RPG is also a fun addition. Since many of these guns can be used on all servers, they can give you an advantage over players who conserved their money for other things like dates with girlfriends.

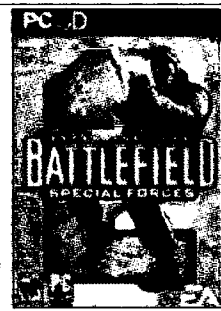
New maps and armies have also been added. There are few real differences in the ability to play as the Russian Spetsnaz other than the starting weapons, the language they speak in-game and the victory and defeat tunes that end each round.

The new maps do their job by keeping the game fresh and adding new elements that highlight the other additions. Beyond the new weaponry, support equipment has been added to spice up the tactical side of fragging friends. Night maps have made grainy green night vision a necessity for any operating soldier while the addition of flash bang grenades can momentarily blind infantry while causing helicopters to crash rampantly.

Tear-gas and gas masks have been added as well. These new items are handy but are not fully utilized because most players still charge in with their primary weapon aimed at anything with a red nametag hovering

## Battlefield 2: Special Forces

Electronic Arts



## a satisfying success

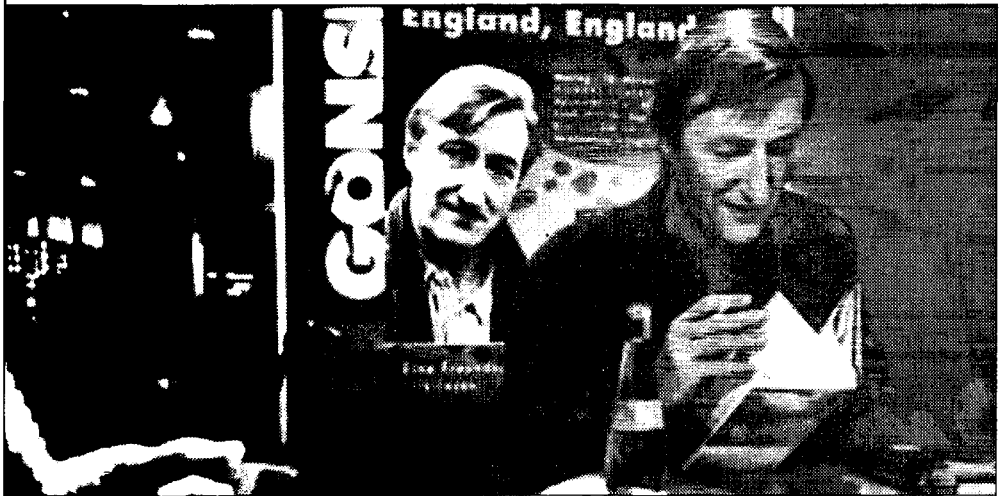


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**Ian Barnes leafs through his latest book for a publicity still. His work is famous for being innovative, with "Arthur and George" following the trend.**

...official Englishman" — not unlike Barnes, the dyed-in-the-wool Francophile — who was both like and unlike his fellow countrymen. Taking up Edalji's cause meant taking sides amid a polarized public — the empire's bigoted relics versus the outraged moderns.

This conflict is again invoked through one of Barnes' pet themes — death. Death gracefully takes center stage in a great moment, when George, approaching a memorial, is struck by the realization that everything was going to be dead. This dual sense of finitude and fatalism, which pervades the entire novel, mirrors Britain's own waning empire, as new ideas and technologies steadily overwhelm the provincial minds of the old world.

"Arthur and George," Barnes' less astute as might grumble, lacks the wry wit, the distance to classification and the postmod-

ern playfulness of the writing to which they have grown accustomed. It is, to them, unbecoming in its straightforwardness. But they would be mistaken. Written with Flaubert's formal purity, in a stately Edwardian mode, "Arthur and George" is a luminously unassuming return to form, solidly rooted in his motherland's fraught past — the clash of entitled imperialism and the new century's promise of a level, color-blind world.

Quoting Doyle at one point, Barnes recites his list of writerly imperatives — "Firstly, to be intelligible, secondly, to be interesting, and thirdly, to be clever." While balancing the demands of the detective novel and double biography, "Arthur and George" elegantly pays homage not only to a writer, but also to a forgotten epoch and its sensibility.

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## sion prove lackluster

...its head. The last two new combat accessories include probably the most useful and useless additions. The grappling hook makes nearly inaccessible locations now just a throw away. From these higher locations, one can spot enemy troops or vehicles being relatively out of harm's reach. It is unfortunate that the sniper class is tipped with the zip cord and not the grappling hook. The zip cord functions as a show with a line attached. To use it one must already be in a high location. It is not useful and can't be used as a weapon. The final major addition that SF boasts is a wide array of new vehicles that can be used. Civilian cars and pickup trucks with mounted guns are now available as well as

four-wheelers, jet skis and forklifts. Nothing is more embarrassing than having your entire squad mowed down by a vicious enemy forklift.

"Special Forces" is a solid addition to the "Battlefield" universe, but at the price of \$30, more enticing purchases are easy to find. More people still play on the normal "Battlefield 2" servers where plenty of military mayhem can be found. If you track down someone with the new guns unlocked, you can steal their weapon and play with it as your own. If you think it's worth 30 big ones, go from there. "European Forces," the second expansion for "Battlefield 2", comes out later this month.

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...ny S.E.A.L.s work in tandem, zip-lining in efforts to obtain an objective stealthily. "Special Forces" adds new, innovative forms of transport such as civilian vehicles.

## RECIPE REVIEWS

### Valentine's Day comfort food

By MAUREEN MALLOY  
Scene Writer

Amid New Year's resolutions, pre-spring-break diets and crowds at Rolls, a girl needs a little comfort food once in a while. Everyone has a favorite comfort food, whether it is their mom's creamy macaroni and cheese or a special chicken noodle soup served when they are sick.

While comfort food loses its appeal if you eat it all the time, now and then it serves as a soothing end to a long day on campus.

Treat yourself to one of these rich dishes and remember that if you share it with a friend, the calories don't count.

#### Barefoot Contessa's Mac and Cheese

Kosher salt  
Vegetable oil  
1 pound elbow macaroni or cavatappi  
1 quart milk  
8 tablespoons (1 stick) unsalted butter, divided  
1/2 cup all-purpose flour  
12 ounces Gruyere, grated (4 cups)  
8 ounces extra-sharp Cheddar, grated (2 cups)  
1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper  
1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg  
3/4 pound fresh tomatoes (4 small)  
1 1/2 cups fresh white bread crumbs (5 slices, crusts removed)

Preheat the oven to 375 degrees Fahrenheit. Drizzle oil into a large pot of boiling salted water. Add the macaroni and cook according to the directions on the package, six to eight minutes. Drain well. Meanwhile, heat the milk in a small saucepan, but don't boil it. Melt six tablespoons of butter in a large (four-quart) pot and add the flour. Cook over low heat for two minutes, stirring with a whisk. While whisking, add the hot milk and cook for a minute or two more, until thickened and smooth. Off the heat, add the Gruyere, Cheddar, one-tablespoon salt, pepper and nutmeg. Add the cooked macaroni and stir well. Pour into a three-quart baking dish. Slice the tomatoes and arrange on top. Melt the remaining two tablespoons of butter, combine them with the fresh bread crumbs, and sprinkle on the top. Bake for 30 to 35 minutes, or until the sauce is bubbly and the macaroni is browned on the top. Recipe courtesy of Ina Garten.

#### Sour Cream Carrot Cake

2 cups all-purpose flour  
2 cups sugar  
2 tsp baking soda  
2 tsp pumpkin pie spice  
1 tsp salt  
4 eggs  
3/4 cups vegetable oil  
1 cup sour cream  
3 cups grated carrots  
1 cup grated apple  
1 cup raisins

Preheat oven to 350 degrees Fahrenheit. In a large bowl, combine flour, sugar, baking soda, pumpkin pie spice and salt. Add

eggs, vegetable oil and sour cream and mix well; add carrot apples and raisins. Pour into three nine-inch round greased, floured pans. Bake for approximately 40 minutes. Remove from oven and cool for five minutes. Remove from pans, place on wax paper and allow to cool completely before frosting.

#### Cream Cheese Frosting

1 1/2 (12 oz total) packages cream cheese  
1 cups sour cream  
1 (24 oz total) boxes powdered sugar  
1 tsp vanilla  
1 tsp pumpkin pie spice  
2 cups chopped pecans

Combine all ingredients except for nuts and beat until fluffy. Frost cake. Sprinkle nuts on top.

Recipe based on "Grandma Heir's Carrot Cake", The Lady and Sons Savannah Country Cookbook by Paula Deen.

#### Quick Creamy Tomato Soup

2 (15-ounce) containers, chicken or vegetable stock/broth (preferred brand: Kitchen Basics)  
1 (28-ounce) can concentrated crushed tomatoes  
1 cup heavy cream  
Coarse salt and black pepper  
20 leaves fresh basil, cut into chiffonade, for garnish  
Soup toppers, for garnish, recipe follows

Combine broth and tomatoes in a medium saucepan over moderate heat. When soup bubbles, stir in heavy cream and reduce heat to low. Season with a little salt and pepper and simmer gently 15 minutes, stirring occasionally. With an immersion blender, puree soup. Serve bowls of soup with basil chiffonade and floating soup toppers.

#### Soup Toppers

4 slices crusty bread, 4 inches across, 1/4-inch thick-slice artisan breads at counter in market  
2 cloves cracked fresh garlic, optional  
Extra-virgin olive oil  
Freshly ground black pepper  
1/2 pound shredded cheese to compliment your soup: provolone, Asiago, cheddar, Gruyere, Swiss, etc.

Toast bread slices in your toaster until golden. Rub the toasted bread rounds with crushed garlic, if using. Arrange bread on cookie or baking sheet. Drizzle each slice with extra-virgin oil and top with a grind of black pepper and a layer of shredded cheese. Place under hot broiler to melt cheese until toppers are golden brown in color.

Yield: four servings

Preparation time: five minutes

Cooking time: one minute

Recipe courtesy of Rachel Ray.

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Carrot cakes are delicious treats and are perfect as comfort food. The sour cream carrot cake, above, can be prepared in under an hour.

## NBA

# James scores 44 in Cleveland win over Spurs

Blazers end losing streak against Bobcats; Raptors down Minnesota, 98-94; Hornets beat Wizards at the buzzer

Associated Press

LeBron James and the Cavaliers play like title contenders at home against the NBA's best.

Monday night was the perfect example.

James dominated with 44 points and Cleveland defeated defending champion San Antonio to end the Spurs' nine-game winning streak.

Now, if the Cavs could just be as good against the bad teams.

Cleveland is 14-2 at home against teams over .500, and 5-5 against teams under .500. The win over the Spurs came two days after a lackluster home loss to Golden State.

"We have to grow up," James said. "We can't keep beating Phoenix, Detroit and San Antonio and then lose to sub-par teams."

James led Cleveland with his sixth game over 40 points this season. He went 19-for-33 and added five assists, three rebounds and four steals. James scored 18 in the third quarter, tying his career high for points in a period, and had 36 through three quarters.

"He willed himself to the rim and he willed this win for us," Cavaliers coach Mike Brown said.

The win ended a two-game slide for the Cavaliers and stopped another streak for the Spurs — a franchise-record nine straight road victories.

James got plenty of help from Zydrunas Ilgauskas, who had 17 points and 11 rebounds and Drew Gooden, who finished with 10 points and 10 rebounds.

Cleveland has reached the 30-win mark before the All-Star break for the second straight season.

## Trail Blazers 91, Bobcats 83

Charlotte Bobcats coach Bernie Bickerstaff sounded embarrassed after his team's poor showing against the Portland Trail Blazers.

The Trail Blazers entered the contest having lost their last three games by 33, 32 and 32 points respectively, but shot 46 percent against Charlotte in a victory on Monday night.

Zach Randolph had 21 points and nine rebounds to help the Trail Blazers snap a four-game losing streak overall in a matchup of the last place teams in each conference.

"The bottom line is whether

we were prepared and ready to play when they threw the ball up," Bickerstaff said. "It didn't appear that way to me and I think that's a responsibility that when people come to the arena and pay their hard-earned cash to watch you perform, then you owe them a performance. And that's effort. And damn if we gave effort tonight."

"And that is not speaking of the collective group, but there were players who did not have effort and that's inexcusable."

Bickerstaff sent that same message to his players in the locker room after the game.

"He's right, our effort was horrible," said point guard Brevin Knight said. "(Portland) had come out the last three games and lost by 30 points on average and they come in here today and kick our butts from beginning to end. It's embarrassing. Bernie is right in everything he said. The effort we put forth can't be tolerated at any level. And there is no excuse for how we played."

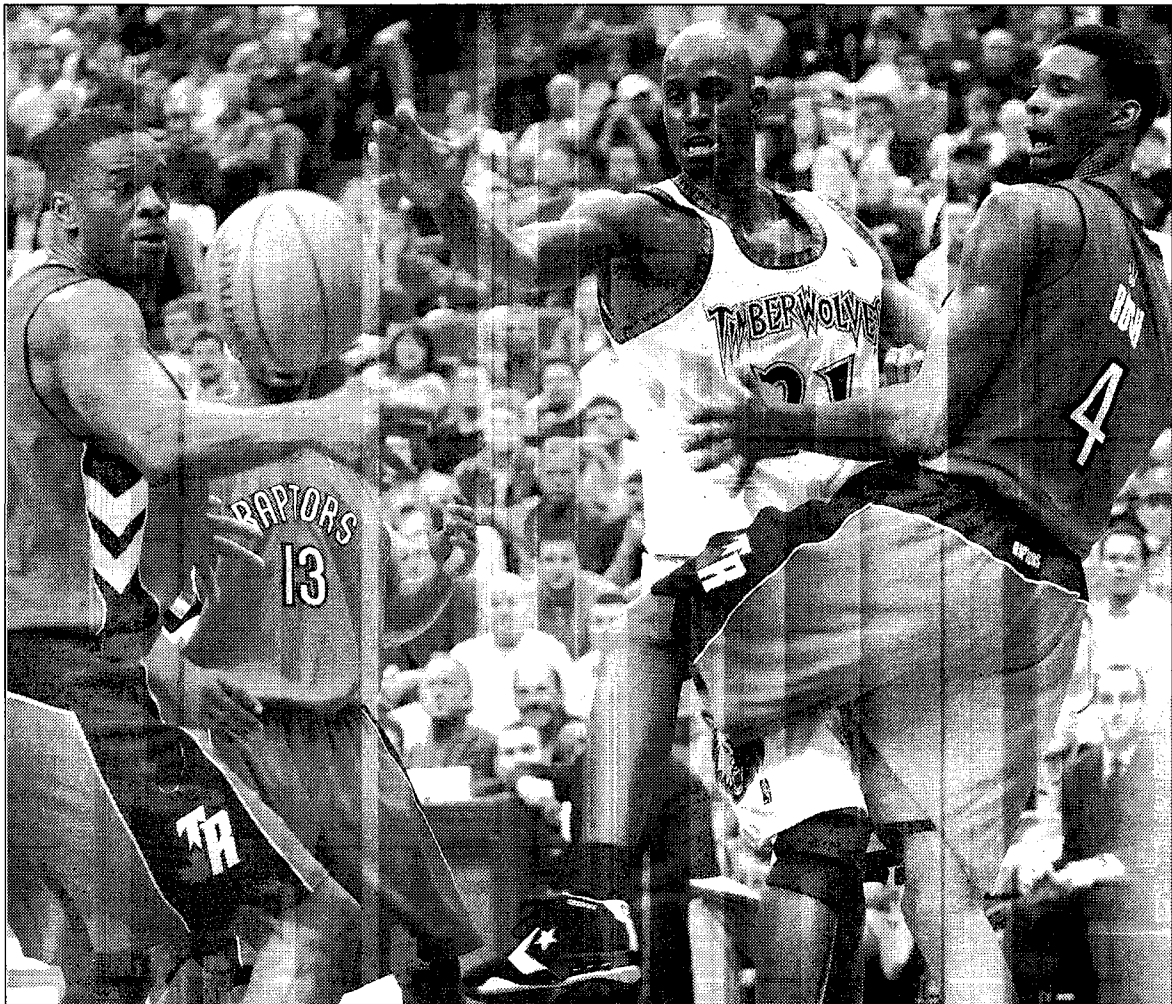
Darius Miles, playing in his first game since Dec. 4, gave the Trail Blazers a boost on offense with 14 points, while Juan Dixon scored all 12 of his points in the first half. Miles had been sidelined with a sprained left knee.

Portland had expected to hold Miles out until after the All-Star break, but he was pressed into action due to a knee injury that sidelined starting center Theo Ratliff.

"What I was hoping was by bringing in him would be that these guys would be excited to see him and we could get a lift — and I think they were," said Portland coach Nate McMillan. "He came in and did some pretty good things. He made some nice shots and ran some pick and rolls. We needed to have a change and he was a change. I think the guys responded to him returning tonight."

Added Randolph: "We had to bounce back. Our guys came out and played hard. D-Miles came back and we just came out and played hard."

Randolph scored 10 points in the fourth quarter and put the game away with an impressive scoring flurry in the final five minutes. With Portland nursing a five-point lead, Randolph hit a short jumper, added a free throw and then drew a foul on a dunk with 2:21 left in the game on a pretty pass from



Minnesota All-Star forward Kevin Garnett, middle, fights for a loose ball against Toronto's Antonio Davis, left, and All-Star Chris Bosh Monday. The Timberwolves lost to the Raptors, 98-94.

Sebastian Telfair.

## Raptors 98, Timberwolves 94

Mike James scored 27 points, including two key baskets and two free throws down the stretch, to help the Toronto Raptors beat the Minnesota Timberwolves on Monday night for their third straight win.

Morris Peterson had 20 points and Charlie Villanueva added 16 for the Raptors, who shot 11-for-17 from behind the arc.

Kevin Garnett had 23 points and 19 rebounds for Minnesota, which lost its fourth straight and fell seven games below .500 for the first time since the 1996-97 season. All four of those losses have come at home.

Ricky Davis had 14 points and tied a season-high with nine assists, and Anthony Carter had 10 points and six assists for the Timberwolves, who have lost 11 of their last 14 games.

Trailing 77-70, Minnesota closed within three midway through the third quarter. But,

Toronto responded with a jumper from Jose Calderon and a runner from James to restore the seven-point lead.

The Wolves came right back with six straight points, before James hit a 3-pointer to make it 92-88 with 2:15 left. Garnett hit a short jump hook to make it 92-90 and the teams exchanged baskets to make it 94-92 with 30 seconds left.

James then hit another big shot, taking seven-footer Mark Blount to the basket and scoring on a driving left-handed layup to make it 96-92. After Trenton Hassell's dunk, James sealed the game with two free throws.

## Hornets 97, Wizards 96

David West hit a 20-footer from the top of the key at the buzzer to give New Orleans a win over Washington on Monday night, for the Hornets' fourth straight victory.

West's shot was his third game-winner of the season. He also made last-second shots to beat Milwaukee on Jan. 30 and Houston on Dec. 28. New

Orleans has won eight of its last nine games and moved five games above .500 (28-23) for the first time this season.

All-Star guard Gilbert Arenas scored 43 points to lead Washington, which had its five-game winning streak snapped. With the Wizards trailing by a point in the final seconds, Arenas missed a 23-footer, but after a scramble for the rebound, Antawn Jamison got the basketball and made a 20-footer on the baseline with 0.5 seconds left, putting the Wizards ahead 96-95.

After a timeout, New Orleans' Desmond Mason inbounded to West, who swished his jumper to cap a 19-point performance. Game officials reviewed the shot to see if West released the basketball in time and ruled that he did. Arenas, named the Eastern Conference player of the week earlier in the day, scored 40 or more points for the seventh time this season. He had his streak of consecutive made free throws end at 49 when he missed one with 8:36 left in the game.

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## TORINO GAMES

## Blood tests are negative for skiers

## Suspended athletes now cleared for play

Associated Press

PRAGELATO, Italy — Four suspended Olympic cross-country skiers took new hemoglobin tests Monday and all passed — including two Americans and a German gold medalist.

A dozen skiers were suspended five days last week for elevated levels of hemoglobin, the part of the red blood cell that can increase endurance. The rest chose to put off their tests because they weren't scheduled to compete in the men's and women's team sprint Tuesday.

"All of those who are going to be on start lists for tomorrow had tests that were negative," International Ski Federation cross-country race director Juerg Capol told The Associated Press.

Some skiers may have wanted to time their tests to fall closer to their events, giving them more time to bring their hemoglobin below mandated levels. For example, Sean Crooks will be tested in the coming days because he wasn't slated to race until the individual sprint Feb. 22, Cross Country Canada said.

German cross-country

skier Evi Sachenbacher and the two Americans — Kikkan Randall and Leif Zimmerman — were among the four who were retested Monday. The identity of the fourth skier was not immediately released.

Randall is set to ski Tuesday; Zimmerman is not racing but simply chose to be tested immediately after his five-day suspension was served.

*"Now my Olympics can begin. I have this anger in me, and I want to show them all."*

**Evi Sachenbacher**  
German skier

"They're all groovy," U.S. Nordic director Luke Bodensteiner said.

Sachenbacher told The AP she was not given her new hemoglobin levels from testers, but that she could compete in team sprint event, and German coach Jochen Behle confirmed she would ski Tuesday.

"Now my Olympics can begin," Sachenbacher said at the cross-country stadium. "I have this anger in me and I want to show them all."

A five-day suspension announced Thursday kept Sachenbacher out of Sunday's double pursuit.

Twelve in all were suspended. Eight were suspended Thursday and four more

skiers were added to that list Friday.

There is no proof that the athletes did anything wrong: Elevated hemoglobin can be caused by simple dehydration or by the body getting acclimated to higher elevations. But the test result raised the possibility of blood doping with synthetic hemoglobin or transfusions; the International Ski Federation routinely suspends skiers who test for high hemoglobin as a precaution.

The German ski federation appealed Sachenbacher's case to the Court of Arbitration for Sport, which turned down the request Saturday.

"I hope I've overcome this disappointment," Sachenbacher said. "I was in a really bad mood."

Sachenbacher was a member of the German 4x5-km relay team that was awarded the gold medal after Russian star Larissa Lazutina was disqualified for doping at the 2002 Salt Lake City Games. Sachenbacher also captured a silver in sprint four years ago.

Sachenbacher clutched a water bottle as she spoke Monday. Drinking fluids can lower hemoglobin levels.

"I drank a lot and I did all I could, hoping that it would work out," she said. "I hope that now I have enough strength to come out and show them all. I think I do."

*"[The Americans are] all groovy."*

**Luke Bodensteiner**  
U.S. Nordic director



Joey Cheek of Greensboro, N.C., celebrates winning the gold medal in this winter's Olympic 500-meter speed skating race.

## Southerner wins in speed skating

## Cheek plans to donate bonus cash to Africa

Associated Press

TURIN, Italy — Joey Cheek has never done things by the book. In the sixth grade, he insisted on reading The Wall Street Journal on the way to school. At 14, he watched Johann Olav Koss win three speedskating gold medals at the Lillehammer Olympics and decided that's what he wanted to do.

"There's only one problem," Cheek's mother told him at the time. "We live in North Carolina."

Details, details. Cheek overcame that little obstacle on the way to a dominating victory Monday in the Olympic 500 meters. Then, in keeping with his unique approach to life, he said he would donate his \$25,000 U.S. Olympic Committee bonus to an organization run by Koss, with hopes of helping war-torn Africa.

"I always felt like if I did something big, I wanted to give something back," Cheek said. "The best way is by helping someone else."

Cheek was so committed to the idea that, just a few hours before the race, he went to the athletes' village office of Koss' group, Right To Play, to read up on some literature.

It was time well spent when Cheek skated the two best races of his life, posting a combined time that was 0.65 seconds ahead of the silver medalist, Russia's Dmitry Dorofeyev. That's a huge gap in a furious sprint race normally decided by hundredths of a second. South Korea's Lee Kang Seok took the bronze.

"I'm kind of stunned that I skated that fast," said Cheek, the only one to break 35 seconds all day — and he did it in both of his back-to-back races. "Obviously, I wanted to get some medals here, but I had no idea it

would come together like it did."

After the first race, Cheek initially misread the scoreboard, thinking his time was 35.37. Actually, that number belonged to Canada's Jeremy Wotherspoon, who skated in the adjoining lane. The American's time was 34.82 — which put him a commanding 0.42 ahead of Dorofeyev.

Cheek flipped back the hood on his skinsuit and revealed a sheepish grin, as if he really couldn't believe he had skated so much faster than everyone else. When he returned a couple of hours later for the second 1 1/4-lap trip around the oval, all he had to do was avoid a fall.

"I don't want to jinx him," teammate Tucker Fredricks said, "but there's no way he's going to lose."

Fredricks was right. Starting slowly but building speed with every frantic push of his clap-skates, Cheek put up another time (34.94) that was better than any of his competitors.

"It's incredible," said Kip Carpenter, another of the Americans in the race. "He's by far the best skater out there today. It looks like he's the only one who brought his 'A' game to this competition."

Cheek has been prepping for this moment since he started roller skating at age 10 — another of those refugees from the wheeled sport who turned to ice with hopes of capturing Olympic gold.

In fact, ex-inliners from the unlikely places have won the first two American speedskating golds of the Turin Games: Chad Hedrick, the Texan who captured the 5,000 on Saturday, and now Cheek, from Greensboro, N.C., giving the U.S. its second straight victory in the 500.

"Chad and Joey have opened up a whole new group of people to enjoy what I think is a pretty neat sport," said Bonnie Blair, the retired U.S. speedskating star who followed a more traditional route in the Upper Midwest.

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## NHL

### Eastern Conference, Atlantic Division

| team         | record   | pts. | L10   |
|--------------|----------|------|-------|
| NY Rangers   | 35-15-8  | 78   | 8-1-1 |
| Philadelphia | 33-16-9  | 75   | 4-5-1 |
| New Jersey   | 30-22-6  | 6    | 5-4-1 |
| NY Islanders | 25-27-4  | 54   | 5-3-2 |
| Pittsburgh   | 14-34-11 | 39   | 3-5-2 |

### Eastern Conference, Northeast Division

| team     | record   | pts. | L10   |
|----------|----------|------|-------|
| Ottawa   | 37-14-5  | 79   | 5-4-1 |
| Buffalo  | 36-15-5  | 77   | 7-1-2 |
| Montreal | 26-22-8  | 60   | 5-3-2 |
| Toronto  | 27-25-5  | 59   | 3-5-2 |
| Boston   | 24-24-10 | 58   | 5-3-2 |

### Eastern Conference, Southeast Division

| team       | record  | pts. | L10   |
|------------|---------|------|-------|
| Carolina   | 39-14-4 | 82   | 7-3-0 |
| Tampa Bay  | 32-22-4 | 68   | 7-2-1 |
| Atlanta    | 26-26-6 | 58   | 3-7-0 |
| Florida    | 22-27-8 | 52   | 4-5-1 |
| Washington | 19-32-5 | 43   | 2-8-0 |

### Western Conference, Central Division

| team      | record  | pts. | L10   |
|-----------|---------|------|-------|
| Detroit   | 39-13-5 | 83   | 7-1-2 |
| Nashville | 34-18-6 | 74   | 4-6-0 |
| Columbus  | 23-33-2 | 48   | 6-4-0 |
| Chicago   | 18-31-8 | 44   | 2-6-2 |
| St. Louis | 16-31-9 | 41   | 6-2-2 |

### Western Conference, Northwest Division

| team      | record  | pts. | L10   |
|-----------|---------|------|-------|
| Calgary   | 33-17-7 | 73   | 5-3-2 |
| Vancouver | 33-21-5 | 71   | 5-5-0 |
| Colorado  | 32-21-6 | 70   | 5-2-3 |
| Edmonton  | 30-20-8 | 68   | 5-3-2 |
| Minnesota | 29-25-5 | 63   | 5-4-1 |

### Western Conference, Pacific Division

| team        | record   | pts. | L10   |
|-------------|----------|------|-------|
| Dallas      | 38-17-3  | 79   | 7-2-1 |
| Los Angeles | 32-23-5  | 69   | 3-5-2 |
| Anaheim     | 27-19-11 | 65   | 6-3-1 |
| San Jose    | 27-21-8  | 62   | 4-4-2 |
| Phoenix     | 27-28-4  | 58   | 3-5-2 |

## CCHA Standings

| team              | conference | pts. | overall |
|-------------------|------------|------|---------|
| Miami (OH)        | 17-4-2     | 36   | 10-5-4  |
| Michigan          | 13-8-3     | 29   | 18-11-3 |
| Michigan State    | 11-7-6     | 28   | 17-10-7 |
| Lake Superior     | 11-9-4     | 26   | 15-9-6  |
| Nebraska-Omaha    | 11-9-4     | 26   | 17-11-4 |
| Ferris State      | 9-10-5     | 23   | 14-12-6 |
| Northern Michigan | 10-12-2    | 22   | 16-14-2 |
| Ohio State        | 10-11-2    | 22   | 14-14-4 |
| Alaska Fairbanks  | 9-12-3     | 21   | 13-13-4 |
| NOTRE DAME        | 9-12-3     | 21   | 11-16-3 |
| Bowling Green     | 8-15-1     | 17   | 13-18-1 |
| Western Michigan  | 6-15-3     | 15   | 7-21-4  |

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### WINTER OLYMPICS

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## WINTER OLYMPICS



Team Canada executive director Wayne Gretzky fields questions Monday after a team practice in Toronto. Gretzky said that the recent gambling scandal will not affect Canada's Olympic performance.

## Gretzky ignores rumors, prepares for Torino

Associated Press

TURIN, Italy — Wayne Gretzky arrives Tuesday at the Olympics, and a nervous Canada wonders if he's bringing the formula for another hockey gold medal or a whole mess of trouble.

No matter what Team Canada does starting Wednesday, questions will accompany Gretzky throughout the games about what he knows, if anything, about a gambling ring allegedly fronted by his top assistant coach with the NHL's Phoenix Coyotes and supposedly patronized by Gretzky's

wife.

Yes, actress Janet Jones is accompanying her husband to Turin as the Coyotes' coach reprises his 2002 role as gold medal-winning Team Canada's executive director. But how much excess baggage are they packing with them, and will it weigh down a team that is favored to follow up the gold won by that Gretzky-assembled team four years ago?

Unlike those Salt Lake City Olympics when Gretzky tried relieving the heavy pressure on a team that was slumping early in the games by charging "the

whole world wants us to lose," this distraction wasn't intentionally perpetrated.

Gretzky has said he didn't bet with the gambling ring and knew nothing about it, even though his best friend allegedly ran it and his wife is linked to it. But Gretzky has said little else, and no doubt wishes to keep it that way during the Olympics.

"The bottom line is I didn't do it," he said.

As much as he tries, Gretzky can't escape the questions. At a news conference in Ontario on Monday — his final media availability before he left

for Turin — the NHL great repeatedly was asked about the integrity of the game.

"That's not for me to talk about," said Gretzky, before a Hockey Canada official cut off the news conference after just 4 1/2 minutes.

The very mention of Gretzky's name has caused an appreciable stir in a sport where his reputation and conduct have been beyond reproach. And it certainly hasn't been a welcomed mention — especially not in Canada, where hopes are high that this is the best team the country has fielded in its national sport.

## IN BRIEF

### Hughes to replace Kwan on USA figure skating team

SYOSSET, N.Y. — Figure skater Emily Hughes practiced at a rink near her hometown Monday. How she's getting to Italy for the Olympics was still being worked out.

The 17-year-old younger sister of 2002 Olympic winner Sarah Hughes was told Saturday night by U.S. skating officials to pack for Turin to replace Michelle Kwan, who pulled out because of an injury.

Hughes, from Great Neck, N.Y., finished third at nationals last month but was bumped after Kwan got the medical bye onto the Olympic team.

John Hughes, Emily's father, told The Associated Press in a phone interview on Monday that he was still trying to make flight arrangements for Italy.

"It's more difficult than you think," he said. "We'll get there. I promise."

John Hughes said he thought Emily would arrive too late to prac-

tice in a mountain town near Turin with the other U.S. skaters, Sasha Cohen and Kimmie Meissner.

### USA upsets Norway in curling opening round

PINEROLO, Italy — The U.S. men routed the defending Olympic champions 11-5 in the opening game of the curling tournament on Monday, scoring a whopping five points in the eighth end and forcing Norway to concede with two frames to go.

It was tied 3-3 in the fifth when American skip, or captain, Pete Fenson knocked out a red Norwegian stone and left three yellow ones closest to the middle. Norway made it 6-5 in the sixth and was setting up for another three points in the seventh when U.S. vice-skip Shawn Rojeski executed a perfect three-stone takeout.

With an open target, Fenson threw long with his first stone and then intentionally threw his second through the house — giving up an easy point to retain the last-throw

advantage and try for multiple points in the eighth.

### Johnson's crew chief ejected from Daytona 500

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Jimmie Johnson's crew chief was thrown out of the Daytona 500 on Monday for illegal modifications made to Johnson's car during pole qualifying.

Chad Knaus was accused of raising the rear window on the No. 48 Chevrolet to alter aerodynamics during Johnson's run Sunday. The infraction was discovered in a post-qualifying inspection when the car failed to fit NASCAR templates.

NASCAR said Knaus cannot appeal the ejection.

NASCAR also said the Hendrick Motorsports team could be subject to additional penalties, which would be announced after Sunday's Daytona 500.

Team owner Rick Hendrick said lead engineer Darian Grubb will replace Knaus as crew chief for Sunday's "Great American Race."

## TORINO GAMES — FIGURE SKATING PAIRS

## Totmianina and Marinin win gold for Russia

Associated Press

TURIN, Italy — Tot and Max's Russian rout made the judges' jobs easy.

Tatiana Totmianina and Maxim Marinin eliminated any chance for controversy and kept their nation's domination of Olympic pairs going Monday night with a balletic free skate reminiscent of the greatest Russian couples.

Tot didn't try to hold back the tears on the medals podium, while Marinin smiled widely. Not a bad way to finish off a career that also includes two world titles.

Their huge margin, 14.75 points over China's Zhang Dan and Zhang Hao, avoided any suspicions of judging improprieties in the first Olympic pairs event since the 2002 Salt Lake City scandal that led to the new code of points system.

Shen Xue and Zhao Hongbo of China won their second straight bronze medal.

A Russian or Soviet pair has won the gold medal every year since 1964, and this one was as good as any. Go ahead, add Totmianina and Marinin to Gordeeva and Grinkov and the Protopopovs as the top of perhaps the greatest dynasty in Olympic sports.

"I can't even explain the emotions because they are very very high," she said. "It was a long, long way and it wasn't the easiest way. I'm just thrilled with everything. We've done so well, our personal best at the Olympic Games."

While the Russians were untouchable, Zhang and Zhang showed incredible courage and stamina.

Skating last, Zhang Dan fell in a split while attempting an unprecedented throw quad salchow and doubled over in pain. They stopped skating as Zhang Hao struggled to help her off the ice.

After a few minutes talking with coaches, she asked to continue. With the fans clapping in support, the event referee allowed it.

"We didn't say any words of giving up," he said. "We said we could go on."

Somehow, they nailed every element in the next four minutes.

She again doubled over when they finished and Zhang Hao cried. They had nothing to cry about when they saw the marks that kept them in second place with a personal best.

"I think it's a very valuable experience for competition," she said. "It's so important for myself because I made a mistake on the first element, but I think I can do all the other elements, so why not keep going?"

But they were far behind Tot and Max's personal best of 204.48, and Marinin picked up his longtime partner and cradled her in his arms when the final scores were posted.

No one raised a voice against the scoring this time, unlike the boos that echoed throughout the arena at Salt Lake City, touching off the biggest scandal in Winter Games history.

Back then, a French judge admitted after the pairs competition that she'd been "pressured" to put Russia's Elena Berezhnaya and Anton Sikharulidze ahead of Canada's Jamie Sale and David Pelletier.

The scandal so rocked the



Maxim Marinin, right, and Tatiana Totmianina celebrate their gold medal Monday in the pairs figure skating finals in the Torino games.

Olympics that the International Olympic Committee took the rare step of awarding duplicate golds to Sale and Pelletier.

The International Skating Union then decided to scrap its 6.0 scale for a more objective points-based system.

U.S. champions Rena Inoue and John Baldwin, the only couple to hit a throw triple axel in competition — at U.S. nationals and in Saturday's short program — couldn't duplicate the magic. She fell on their signature move, and they also struggled with some spins and their side-by-side triple toe loops.

"I didn't give her quite the

throw I gave her in the short program," Baldwin said. "I was more cautious."

But they were fast and, unlike many of the other couples, didn't tire deep into their program. That was a problem for nearly every duo that skated earlier.

Inoue and Baldwin wound up seventh, one spot down from their short program standing but the best full-field international finish for a U.S. pair since the 2002 worlds.

With their fans chanting, waving Chinese flags and shaking colorful rattles, Shen and Zhao capped their first competition of the season with a spectacular performance. The two-

time world champions missed the entire season as he recovered from an August torn Achilles' tendon. He hurried back from the injury and showed no sign of any physical problems.

On both of their throws, a triple salchow and a triple loop, she soared much higher than the boards. Their flying triple twist was immense and they moved as one in their circular steps, making "Madame Butterfly" come to life.

"Today was very difficult, especially after these two months where I got injured," he said. "We got a good result. I am very happy about that."

## Courageous Chinese pair recovers for silver

*After devastating fall, the Zhangs still medal*

Associated Press

TURIN, Italy — Zhang Dan crashed to the ice with her legs split wide, a brutal fall that drew gasps from the crowd. She limped off the ice doubled over in pain, seemingly finished.

Stunningly, she recovered to win an Olympic silver medal.

Zhang Dan and her partner Zhang Hao of China displayed as much courage as skill Monday night in the Olympic pairs free skate.

Skating last, Zhang Dan spun awkwardly into the ice while attempting an unprecedented throw quad salchow. The skaters stopped their routine and, with Zhang Dan bent over, they struggled to the sideboards to talk to their coaches.

After gathering her composure, she asked to continue, and the event referee said yes.

The crowd roared and she even managed a slight smile.

Then the Zhangs nailed everything.

"We didn't say any words of giving up. We said we could go on," he said.

"I think it's a very valuable experience for competition," she added. "It's so important for

myself because I made a mistake on the first element, but I think I can do all the other elements, so why not keep going?"

Skating's rules don't specifically deal with injuries that occur just seconds into a program. Usually, the referee tells the skaters they have two minutes to continue from the point of interruption.

No one could have expected much from Zhang and Zhang after such a gruesome mishap. No one except Zhang and Zhang.

"Gradually after we restarted, it became more clear in our mind how we could continue," he said. "We were challenging the extreme power of human beings [to handle pain]."

Four minutes later, the entire crowd was standing and cheering their effort, which gave them second place behind Russia's Tatiana Totmianina and Maxim Marinin.

Shen Xue and Zhao Hongbo of China won their second straight Olympic bronze medal. Pang Qing and Tong Jian were fourth, indicating the Chinese, not the Russians, might be the pairs power of the future.

Shen and Zhao's first competition of the season was better than anyone could have predicted. Zhao recovered incredibly fast from an August torn Achilles' tendon, and the two-time world champions were in terrific form Monday night.

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## MEN'S NCAA BASKETBALL

## Sutton takes leave of absence after DUI offense

*Coach may return to courtside next season*

Associated Press

TULSA, Okla. — Eddie Sutton may have coached his last game, a 35-year career possibly ending six victories short of 800 because of a traffic accident in which he was injured and cited for driving under the influence.

Oklahoma State announced Monday that the 69-year-old Sutton would take a medical leave and that Sean Sutton, his son and designated heir apparent, will finish this season as coach. The school said no decision had been made on who will coach next season.

Sutton said in a statement released by the university that he nearly took medical leave after a Feb. 4 trip to Kansas State because of chronic back pain that was "making it very difficult to coach."

"After Friday's events, I know it is best to go on medical leave the remainder of the season to address my future health," he said. "It is very difficult to step away from the team. But I know they are in great hands."

Eddie Sutton spent the night in the hospital with a head injury following Friday's accident in Stillwater.

Witnesses described Sutton's sports utility vehicle as driving dangerously and erratically, forcing cars to swerve out of the way before he hit another SUV from behind at about 60 mph, according to police reports released Monday.

The driver of the other SUV received minor injuries and was released at the scene.

One witness at the accident scene told police that Sutton seemed confused, responded angrily to questions and had a "slight fruity odor" on his breath.

The same witness reported seeing a bottle of prescription hydrocodone, a narcotic painkiller, on the seat of Sutton's SUV.

Stillwater police cited Sutton after the accident but did not jail him on a complaint of driving under the influence because of a lack of physical evidence, the city's police chief said Monday.

Witnesses told police that shortly before the accident, Sutton was unsteady on his feet and struck his head after falling in the parking lot of Gallagher-Iba Arena before entering his vehicle. Sutton refused an ambulance at that scene and insisted on driving, police reports show.

The results of blood tests — which could take six to eight weeks to receive — will show whether the coach was driving under the influence, Stillwater Chief Norman McNickle said. Sutton was not given a field sobriety test at the time because he needed medical treatment, he said.

Police also filed complaints against Sutton for speeding and crossing the center line.

Under Oklahoma law, driving under the influence can include a range of substances, including prescription painkillers or alcohol. The university said it would not comment on the DUI citation because of privacy and legal reasons.

When Sutton came to his alma mater in 1990, he acknowledged he had undergone treatment for a drinking problem and said "I've dealt with it."

In Monday's statement, Sutton said he had been under a tremendous amount of stress because of "my deteriorating physical condition and other issues."

Sutton has weathered other tough times to become the fifth winningest men's coach in Division I history, trailing only Dean Smith (879), Adolph Rupp (876), Bob Knight (866) and Jim Phelan (830).

Sutton is in his 16th season at

Oklahoma State.

"I hope he's back next year. I mean this sincerely," Oklahoma coach Kelvin Sampson said. "I've never coached against a better coach than Eddie Sutton."

Sutton resigned in 1989 from a Kentucky program placed on four years' probation. In 2001, a plane crash killed two Oklahoma State basketball players and six team staffers.

The Cowboys have advanced to postseason play 14 times in 15

years under Sutton, including 13 NCAA tournament appearances. He took the Cowboys to the Final Four in 1995 and 2004. He also reached the Final Four with Arkansas.

After last season, there was much speculation about whether Sutton would retire. Instead of stepping aside, he stayed on and his son became his replacement in waiting, though no specific timetable was given for the change of power.

The Cowboys are 13-11 and 3-7 in the Big 12 with six regular-season games left. Sutton recently criticized his team's toughness, calling it the "softest team in 16 years that I have ever coached."

With Oklahoma State scheduled to play Kansas at home Monday night, Sutton spoke to players twice Sunday, assistant coach James Dickey said during the Big 12 coaches conference call Monday.

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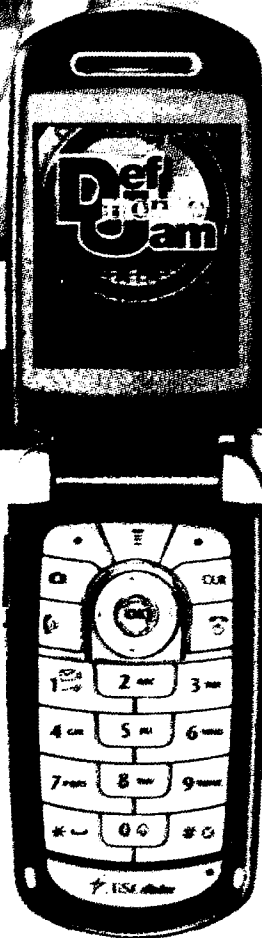
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**MEN'S NCAA BASKETBALL**

# No. 4 Villanova shoots down No. 1 Connecticut

*Ray leads Wildcats in conference upset*

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Villanova went inside in the first half and stayed outside in the second. Add some solid defense and an offensive boost from an unlikely source, and the Wildcats came up with a way to beat No. 1 Connecticut.

Allan Ray keyed the Wildcats' 7-for-9 effort from 3-point range in the second half and fourth-ranked Villanova beat the Huskies 69-64 Monday night, its first victory over a top-ranked team in nearly 11 years.

"It was a big test for us. UConn was a great team," said Ray, who had 19 of his 25 points in the second half. "A lot of teams didn't think we were going to win. It was just a great test for us to go out and see where we were at."

Ray had five 3-pointers in a 22-4 run that gave Villanova (20-2, 10-1 Big East) the lead for good in its ninth straight victory. The Wildcats, who forced the Huskies into 17 turnovers, also got a lift from their center in an offense that relies on four guards.

The four guards account for 79 percent of the team's points, but center Will Sheridan, who averages 4.5 points per game, matched his career high with 13 points and grabbed 10 rebounds to help the Wildcats stand up to Connecticut's size advantage.

"We need to get our forwards involved. We've been working on it," Villanova coach Jay

Wright said. "Will has been defending, making plays, but not scoring as much. Tonight he took it to another level in a big game against an outstanding team, which I think tells you a lot about Will Sheridan."

Sheridan, not known for his outside shot, hit two big jumpers from the corner in the second half.

"They made 3s, Sheridan hit some tough baselines. I don't know what adjustments you'd like us to make for Allan Ray's 28-footers," Connecticut coach Jim Calhoun said.

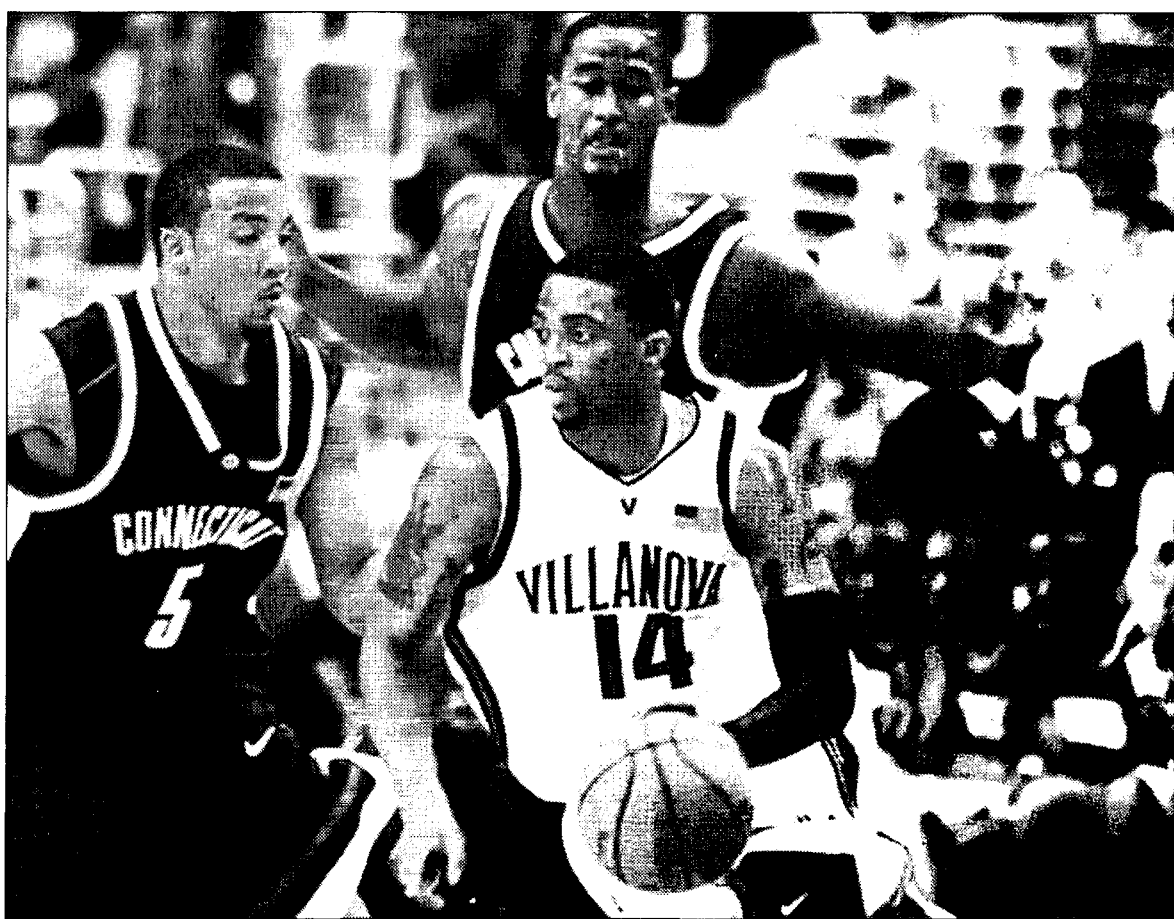
Rudy Gay had 19 points and 10 rebounds for the Huskies (22-2, 9-2), who had an 11-game winning streak snapped and dropped to 7-1 against ranked teams this season.

Connecticut had a chance to tie in the final seconds but Marcus Williams lost the ball for the Huskies' final turnover and Ray made two free throws with 2.2 seconds left to make it 69-64.

"There was supposed to be a pick but Rashad Anderson said Ray pushed him and we bumped and lost the ball," Williams said.

It seemed most of the 20,859 at the Wachovia Center, the largest crowd to watch a college basketball game in Pennsylvania history, stormed the court to celebrate the Wildcats' first win over a No. 1 team since Feb. 18, 1995, when they beat Connecticut.

"I think we beat them on a good night. They're great. They deserve to be No. 1," Wright said. "They answered everything we did, we answered what they did and that's what made a great game



Connecticut's Marcus Williams, left, and Hilton Armstrong guard Villanova's Allan Ray in the second half of the Wildcats' 69-64 upset of the No. 1 Huskies Monday.

between two outstanding teams."

UConn opened the second half with a 13-0 run to go ahead 45-33. That's when Ray, a 36 percent from 3-point range entering the game, started his long-range barrage. The first 12 points of the big run were on his 3-pointers and Mike Nardi, who had missed the last two games with tonsillitis, scored his only points of the game on another

3. The Wildcats were 2-for-10 in the first half on 3s, but they made five of their first six in the second half.

Kyle Lowry, who had 16 of his 18 points in the first half on a series of inside baskets against Connecticut's big front-line, which leads the nation in blocked shots, then scored on an offensive rebound and Villanova was ahead 50-47 with 11:35 to play.

After Williams scored on a drive, Ray hit the last of his 3s and Sheridan connected on a jumper from the corner and it was 55-49 with 9:20 to go.

Sheridan knows he isn't much of an outside threat.

"Everybody doubles our guards, why wouldn't you?" he asked. "They were kind of backing off a little bit. I just felt like I had good looks tonight. The guards were seeing me."

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**WOMEN'S NCAA BASKETBALL**

## Terrapins toppled by top-ranked Duke team

*Blue Devils now tied for first place in ACC*

Associated Press

DURHAM, N.C. — Monique Currie found very little motivation from her previous game. Helping Duke move into a first-place tie in the Atlantic Coast Conference? That's something different.

"I knew I needed to come out and be prepared for this game," Currie said. "I knew I needed to be more aggressive and make better decisions and try to be under control. I was really focused on doing that."

Whatever she did worked. Currie scored a career-high 31 points a game after finishing with only two, Mistie Williams added 14 points and 10 rebounds and the top-ranked Blue Devils pulled away to beat No. 4 Maryland 90-80 Monday night.

Against Virginia last week, Currie was 1-for-9 from the field with five turnovers and had only two points, her lowest output of a stellar career. She bounced back to help Duke (23-1, 10-1 Atlantic Coast Conference) move into a tie with North Carolina atop the conference.

"I was over it when the game ended," Currie said. "I try not to dwell on things that happen. It was a bad game. It was unacceptable to me, but I just have to keep moving."

Wanisha Smith and Jessica Foley had 12 points each as the Blue Devils won their 14th in a row in the series and denied the Terrapins a rare Tobacco Road double. On Thursday night, they handed the Tar Heels their first loss of the season, thanks to a fluke shot at the end of regulation to force overtime.

This time, there were no such dramatics for Maryland (22-3, 9-2).

"We are going to keep competing and we keep getting that margin down," Terrapins coach Brenda Frese said. "Duke is so talented and so deep."

The last of nine ties came at 59 when Marissa Coleman swished a jumper with 6:45 remaining, and Foley pushed the Blue Devils ahead for good with a 3-pointer. The margin still was only two about 3 minutes later before Duke took over.

Foley, known more as a stationary shooter, surprisingly drove for another basket to start an 11-0 run, with Currie adding five of the points.

## CLUB SPORTS

# Women's hockey earns win, tie against Illini

Water polo takes two contests in Ann Arbor; figure skating finishes second; gymnastics competes in West Lafayette

Special to the Observer

In the best weekend showing since sweeping Michigan two years ago, Notre Dame earned a tie and a victory over Illinois at the Joyce Center this weekend.

On Saturday, Saint Mary's Megan Mattia redirected Liz Lefebvre's shot on goal to give the Irish a 1-0 lead at the end of the first period. Aided by a pair of Irish penalties, the Illini controlled the second period, scoring early on a breakaway to tie the game. The visitors had several other point blank opportunities, but standout play by goalie Mindy Stack prevented any further damage. A back and forth third period saw each team come up empty on good scoring opportunities, and the game ended in a 1-1 draw.

Sunday's game also featured great defense and team play from both squads, as the game remained scoreless until the third period. Freshman Lauren Beuke scored for the Irish on a great cross-ice pass from senior Kate Abowd. The Irish scored another goal right away on a great play by Julia LaPointe, assisted by freshman Margaret Knoedler. Although the Illini scored with six minutes remaining in the game, a determined Irish squad led by the stellar play of captains Jacky Kehler and Holly Law shut down Illinois to claim the win.

## Women's Water Polo

The Irish women's water polo squad stepped up in competition at this weekend's Michigan Invitational in Ann Arbor, Mich. It was a rousing start for the Irish as they opened play with an 8-3 upset of the host Wolverines. Junior Bridget O'Neill scored a hat trick, while classmate Kristen Schmitt and senior Katie Lancos each found the back of the net twice for the Irish.

In Saturday's second game, the Irish streaked past Miami Ohio B, 14-4. Seven players scored in the one-sided contest, with O'Neill and freshman Kelly Horner each rifling home four

goals.

On Sunday, the Irish dropped a pair of back and forth games to third-ranked Michigan State, 12-9, and No. 4 Miami Ohio, 6-3. Against the Spartans, O'Neill again splashed home three goals, Lancos and Schmitt each scored a pair, and the remaining goals were fired home by Kristy Bohling and M.C. Cimino. A pair of Lancos goals and a solo score from O'Neill accounted for the Irish scoring against the Redhawks.

## Figure Skating

Captain Bridget Purcell and her fellow seniors, Gretchen Chriszt and Miia Rasinen, completed their competitive careers this weekend at the Tri-States in Dearborn, Mich. The finale proved to be memorable as the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's women excelled in their program.

The Irish finished a very close runner-up to Michigan State. Bowling Green was third to lead the rest of the pack.

The precision skaters will perform one last exhibition at the Joyce Center Feb. 25, during intermission of the men's ice hockey game.

## Gymnastics

Continued and steady improvement marked Notre Dame and Saint Mary's performance at Purdue's Golden Grips this weekend. While neither the men nor the women's squads finished among the top three schools, both had strong showings with partial rosters.

Anne Krishan anchored the women's team by capturing first in the vault and fifth on the beam. Cecilia Torres, Maura Steed, Kelly Pirozzi, Jacquelyn Carney, Courtney Collins and Lucianna Ravasio all earned team points for the Irish. Ohio won the women's competition, followed by Purdue and Virginia Tech.

Brian Dunn's fourth place finish in the vault paced the men's squad, with Alan Arico and Zach Gagnon also contributing points to the team total. The injury

plagued squad is recovering and the club is getting closer to realizing its potential. The Irish will next compete Feb. 25 at Indiana.

## Bowling

Notre Dame placed No. 22 among 29 teams in the American Heartland Bowling Conference tournament in Toledo.

Daniel Martin paced the club with a 193 average, including three games of 202, 205 and 207.

Captain Van Koppersmith rolled a 180 average, featuring a high game of 237. Jim Talamo posted a 169 average, while Tom Talamo averaged 158 and J.B. Bertumen completed the top five for the Irish with a 140 average.

The team will head to Indianapolis for the Hoosier Challenge next weekend, completing the season.

## Equestrian

The Notre Dame and Saint Mary's equestrians completed regular season competition with a pair of Reserve High Point finishes at Saint Mary's of the Woods College in Terre Haute, Ind.

Kelsey Ostberg finished the season as the top open rider in the region, and advanced to nationals in Harrisburg, Penn. where she will compete in both open fences and open flat for the Cacchione Cup. Indiana earned High Point honors and will represent the region at the Zones. Clair Freeman garnered High Point Rider honors in Sunday's show.

Several club riders qualified for April 2 Regionals, and will join Ostberg at Purdue, including Allie Minnis, open flat; Molly Schmiede, intermediate fences and flat; Caitlin Landuyt, intermediate fences; Lauren Desrosiers, intermediate fences and flat; Julia Burke, intermediate fences; Hayden Piscal, novice fences and flat; Brittany Gragg, novice flat; Mary Dorgant, novice fences and flat; Meghan Murphy, novice flat; and Heather LaDue, Alisha Wilkinson, and Laura Hale, advanced walk trot canter.

## Ski

The members of the Notre Dame Ski team were powered with aspirations of Olympic Gold this weekend, and skied like champions. Week Three saw some bright spots from freshmen Stephanie Dalton and Joel Sharbrough, and other members helped the team to top spots in the Midwest division landing them with a spot in the regional tournament next weekend in Marquette, Mich.

The men's team had quite a time in this weekend's races. Fresh blood in freshmen Conor Byrne and Joel Sharbrough helped the men's team finish in a solid fourth place in their Saturday morning slalom race. Sharbrough and Byrne placed fourth and 20th respectively. Following the two freshmen were senior Leif Pettersen who ripped up the course in his first run, ending up in 29th, Brian Hedges in 38th, Chris Eakins in 42nd, Tommy Balmat in 45th, Pat Leimkeuler in 46th, Alex Gloeckner in 49th, and Jon Merck rounding out the men's finishers with a 52nd place finish.

The women's team built on their success from past weeks with a third place finish in the Saturday slalom event. The brightest spots for the team were in senior Molly Butler and freshman Stephanie Dalton. Butler finished in eighth place, just a spot in front of Dalton. Other finishers for the women's team were senior Lindsay May in 16th, Sarah Rauenhurst in 19th, Katie Coniglio in 36th, Casey Dunne in 38th, Kerry McGuire in 43rd, Katie Paquette in 45th, and Mary Kate Sweeney rounding out the women's team in 48th place.

The men's snowboard team lit up the course again in Saturday's giant slalom event. sophomore Nick Cottingham and senior Dan VanDerWerff smoked the course, finishing in fifth and seventh place respectively. Mike Weber finished behind these two with a hearty ninth place finish. The men finished in third place

to solid Western Michigan and Grand Valley teams.

The women's snowboard team continued to be the bright spot of the Notre Dame team. Senior Nichole Mitchell donned her two silver medals from last week and cruised to a solid fourth place finish on Saturday. Mitchell was followed by freshmen Katie Rehberger in 8th place and Casey McNeill in 10th. Rounding out the women's team were Cat Dunne and Dayna Dantzcher in 14th and 20th.

The men's team on Sunday morning finished in fifth place. However, Joel Sharbrough continued to shine with his fifth place finish. Behind Sharbrough were Byrne in 26th, Leif Pettersen in 34th, Hedges in 38th, Pat Leimkeuler in 43rd and Alex Gloeckner in 50th. Again, Steve Feutz livened up the sleepy crowd with a DNF while Hedges saved himself from a disastrous fall that would have made even Hermann Maier proud.

The women's ski team finished in fourth place, just a few tenths of a second out of third place to Grand Valley State.

Freshmen Stephanie Dalton finished in seventh place. Following Dalton were Butler in 12th, Rauenhurst in 17th, Lindsay May in 24th, Casey Dunne in 36th, Katie Coniglio in 39th, Katie Paquette in 42nd, Kerry McGuire in 46th and Mary Kate Sweeney in 48th.

The men's snowboard team finished their event in mediocre form, slipping a few spots to fifth place overall. The team struggled greatly with DNF's from all three competitors who thought that speed was a little more important than finishing the course.

The women's snowboard team beat all of the competition except Michigan on Sunday's giant slalom, finishing in second by less than a second. Senior Nichole Mitchell finished fourth. Following Mitchell were Katie Rehberger in seventh, Casey McNeill in 14th, Cat Dunne in 16th and Dayna Dantzcher in 22nd.

## WINTER OLYMPICS

# Rash of injuries mars Alpine skiing

Equipment, speeds make popular sport more dangerous

Associated Press

Lindsey Kildow catches her left edge in training, does the splits at 50 mph and is catapulted into the air before landing into an uncertain Olympic future.

Johann Grugger of Austria also did the high-speed splits and slammed forward into the icy surface during a downhill race in December, dislocating his right hip. And Mario Scheiber didn't even fall but still shredded his knee ligaments when he made a routine turn during preseason training, ending his season before it began.

Faster equipment, man-made snow and powerful bodies make for a relentless evolution of Alpine racing, and skiers may

simply be unable to handle it.

"The equipment ... raises the quality of skiing, but it probably does put people at more risk," U.S. Ski Team surgeon Dr. Richard Steadman told The Associated Press.

Ski design has changed radically in recent years. In the 1970s, leg bones were the ones most often broken; today it's knees and ankles.

Boots are higher and more flexible, putting pressure on the knees. Skis have sharper edges and more pronounced hourglass shapes, allowing tighter turns. Bindings that release with the shock of impact in most violent crashes hold skis on the feet and increase the risk of injury with slower falls.

Weather, specifically less snowfall in Europe in recent years, may be a factor, too.

"This means there is only a small covering of snow on the course," said Salomon skis race

director Philippe Auer. "The terrain is more sharply defined and that makes it more dangerous. The snow cannons make this better, but if you make (snow) then it's very aggressive."

Aggressive as in hard and grippy — like the difference between grass and artificial turf.

Man-made snow is unforgiving for carving edges. One false move and a racer's ski swoops away, carrying only one leg with it. If a skier catches an edge in the grippy snow, it can jolt the knee hard enough to cause injury without a fall.

Aggressive snow also can aggravate a fall. A skier skidding prone on the snow can be badly hurt if a sharp edge hits the grippy surface, launching him into the air.

That's what happened to Kildow during her Olympic downhill training run Monday — though, amazingly, she escaped serious injury.

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# Seniors

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Western Lacrosse League in scoring the past two years and was nominated for the Tewaaron Trophy as the nation's top player in 2004. But rewriting the Irish offensive record books is not why he plays the game.

"Honors and stuff are always nice, but I'd rather be in the Final Four," said Walsh, who believes this year's team is capable of reaching that destination. "Everyone on our team has never been to the tournament. We have that motivation. We have a lot to prove."

Driscoll, a fellow 2005 honorable mention All-American and a defenseman, shares Walsh's expectations for the season. As one of the team's two captains, he sees the same commitment from every one of his seniors.

"Captain is only a title," he said. "Our entire senior class is acting like leaders. Our team motto is 'hard work,'

and everyone is busting their tails, living up to that motto. We want it to mean something. It's what our class embodies."

Despite missing the NCAA tournament by one spot in each of the past two years, the team remains determined. And Irish coach Kevin Corrigan is impressed.

"That's not something I have to remind them of," he said.

"They came here to win a national championship, and I think they are talented enough to do that. They understand what it takes."

Senior midfielder Drew Peters, co-captain with Driscoll, believes the senior class camaraderie will aid the team's chemistry.

"We understand each other," he said. "We know how much talent we have. We see it in practice every day. If we play well together, we can go far."

Walsh agrees the team is as close as he has seen them, in part because of a 10-day lacrosse trip the team took to central Europe last spring.

"It was laid back and brought some friendships together," he said. "It created a lot of team chemistry that will hopefully carry onto the field."

In order for that chemistry to carry the Irish into the tournament, where they have not been since a Final Four birth in 2001, Corrigan is still counting on Walsh and Driscoll to record similar seasons like Walsh's 21 goal, 22 assist campaign and Driscoll's 37 groundball performances in 2005.

Walsh said his biggest improvement is being able to recognize and take

advantage of situations as they happen during the game. His field savvy and mistake-free play is precisely what Corrigan feels sets him apart as one of the best offensive players in the country.

"Pat is a calm, cool and collected offensive player," Corrigan said. "He plays with a lot of poise. He probably knows the game of lacrosse better than anyone on the team and better than most

people playing the game."

Driscoll, on the other hand, is the prototypical defenseman, who plays at a "frantic pace" and with relentless effort.

"There's no quit in D.J. at any time," said Corrigan. "He's going to give it everything he has every day. He's got the respect of his teammates."

Driscoll definitely has earned the respect of one of the nation's top attackmen in Walsh, whose four years of competition in practice with the 2005 GWIL Defensive Player of the Year helped make Walsh develop into the on-field force he has become.

"[D.J.] is obviously one of the best defensemen in the country," Walsh said, "and he hasn't gotten the recognition he should have. He should've been All-American his first two years."

Both the players and coach recognize the individual accolades will increase when Walsh, Driscoll and company take the team to greater suc-

cess. Corrigan also knows his players understand the responsibility that comes with earning preseason honors, a responsibility which he believes "they're going to live up to ... every day."

In fact, Driscoll places the responsibility on his defense to take the Irish to new heights and believes they cannot rely on their offense, even one that has been near the top five in the nation in scoring the past couple of years.

Across the team, expectations are high for a defense that gave up 94 goals — tied for second lowest in program history — last season.

Driscoll said their ability to hang with defending national champion Duke in last Saturday's scrimmage was a confidence boost and a reflection of how hard the team has been working. Driscoll and Walsh just hope they get to play the Blue Devils again in a game that counts, where it really counts — in the NCAA Tournament.

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Driscoll

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Irish attacker

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Kevin Corrigan  
Irish head coach



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Notre Dame freshman guard Kyle McAlarney chases a loose ball in a 90-63 home win over Rutgers Feb. 8.

## McAlarney

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And McAlarney's statistics, along with his attitude and command of the court, caught the eye of Notre Dame coach Mike Brey, who has started his freshman five times already this season.

Built more like a strong safety than a traditional point guard, McAlarney showed a high degree of confidence Oct. 13 during media day — the first opportunity for media access to players. He spoke about taking over point guard responsibilities after current senior point guard Chris Quinn's graduation. He advertised his own explosiveness to the basket.

He was sure of himself, but this attitude evolved when the Irish jumped out to a 1-8 start in the Big East. It's not that he lost the confidence, but McAlarney — who dominated his league at Moore Catholic in New York City — was now just another freshman trying to find his way in arguably the toughest league in the country.

"Coming out of high school into a big time Division-I college basketball league, you think you know everything about the game," McAlarney said Wednesday after his team's 90-63 win over Rutgers. "You really learn a lot [and gain experience] from your mistakes. I learned a lot from my mistakes."

Learning from mistakes? A strange situation for a player one season removed from averaging 34.8 points per game.

McAlarney retains his scorer's mindset. He shoots when he is open and creates opportunities for his teammates when he penetrates. But the freshman point guard has learned this season there is more to basketball than simply scoring.

"It's definitely a humbling experience, because you realize in high school a lot of people get caught up with all the media and all the points and you think you're the greatest thing in the world," McAlarney said. "But then you come here and everybody is better than you, everybody is faster than you and stronger than you and bigger."

McAlarney has made strides in protecting the basketball. He works on staying in control and managing the floor rather than being the primary option on the court. He said he has focused specifically on improving his assist to turnover ratio — arguably the most telling statistic of a productive point guard.

The freshman understands his teammates with more experience at the college level must use it to the team's advantage, so he knows the best way he can contribute right now is by excelling in the smaller facets of the game.

"You just have to adjust your game," McAlarney said, "and my game at this level is just going to be running the team, running the show, and being tough out there."

It is clear McAlarney has not completely abandoned the ingrained toughness that makes him the player he is. In a Jan. 28 loss to Villanova, the Irish were in the midst of a comeback when McAlarney drilled a 3-pointer from the corner over Wildcats forward Jason Fraser.

Before getting back on defense, McAlarney stared his opponent down — a look far stronger than his 200-pound frame would evoke otherwise. After the game, McAlarney said Fraser hadn't done anything to warrant the glance, but rather, the look was just an example of him being a "dumb New Yorker," he said jokingly.

Then there was the preseason game against Lewis University. It was McAlarney's first appearance in a college basketball game, and he was welcomed with a hard screen at midcourt. McAlarney returned the favor minutes later, crediting his father for teaching him to always play tough against bigger opponents.

McAlarney has not lost his confidence — both in his on court actions and his ability to smile about it afterwards. But he has gotten smarter, and more mature as a basketball player, something that only can help the Irish as the freshman develops in the program.

"I thought Kyle not turning the ball over two straight games was fabulous," Irish coach Mike Brey said Feb. 8 after a win over Rutgers and two days after a loss

to Louisville. "He's been really good there, and smart with the basketball."

McAlarney's improvement has earned him an interesting role on this year's team. He is the one freshman who consistently sees significant minutes during games. He has become a major role player in this year's team.

But he is also responsible for developing with freshmen Luke Zeller, Ryan Ayers and Zach Hillesland in practice, forming a core group for the future.

This reality became visible at the end of the Rutgers game, when the four freshmen took the court along with sophomore forward Rob Kurz. At that moment, McAlarney was the only member of that game's starting five still on the court. He was running the point, and fans got a possible glimpse of Brey's future team.

"When the other freshmen come out and we're on the floor together, I have to handle the ball more and just be a leader, because I've gotten the most minutes out of everybody and I have the most experience," McAlarney said. "[Playing with the other freshmen] is a lot of fun, because we know we have three more years of this and we're going to be playing a lot more together."

"It's the future."

But just a minute later, McAlarney was pulled from the game and joined his older teammates on the bench to watch the end of the 90-63 victory — a symbolic moment considering his current situation.

"It is a big change in the guard," McAlarney said about playing with the freshmen and then coming out of the game. "I'm playing with Chris Quinn and Colin Falls, and they're so easy to play with. I assume a secondary role as far as handling the ball and just being solid."

McAlarney's role will change with time. When Quinn graduates, McAlarney knows he must step in and assert himself more on offense. But for now, the Notre Dame guard is content with working on the little things and leaving his mark in more ways than just by scoring points.

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freestyle, in which he holds the school record time of 15:19.30.

The team feels last year's experience will help its members deal with the added pressure of the championship style races.

"The team is ready to go," said junior swimmer Tim Kegelman, who will compete in the 100 and 200 butterfly events. "With all the experience the team has, the younger guys will most likely thrive under the added pressure."

Notre Dame will be under some added pressure in this season's meet with the addition

of Louisville and Cincinnati to the Big East, making the field of 11 teams the largest in conference history.

Big East officials also decided to allow an unlimited number of qualifiers for each school this year, which could be an advantage for a deep Irish squad. Notre Dame is sending 35 swimmers and divers to New York — 12 more than the maximum 23-man roster in last year's victory. "It is a decision to our advantage, [and] we anticipate having the largest team in the field," Welsh said. "So if we are swimming well, look out. We're going to score a lot of points."

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**Tim Kegelman**  
Irish junior

just that.

Pittsburgh, which Notre Dame held off earlier in the season in a 122-121 nail-biter, is the only other Big East squad to earn

votes in the top 25. The Panthers also have some strong experience at the Big East finals, having won the previous eight tournaments before the Irish ended their streak last year.

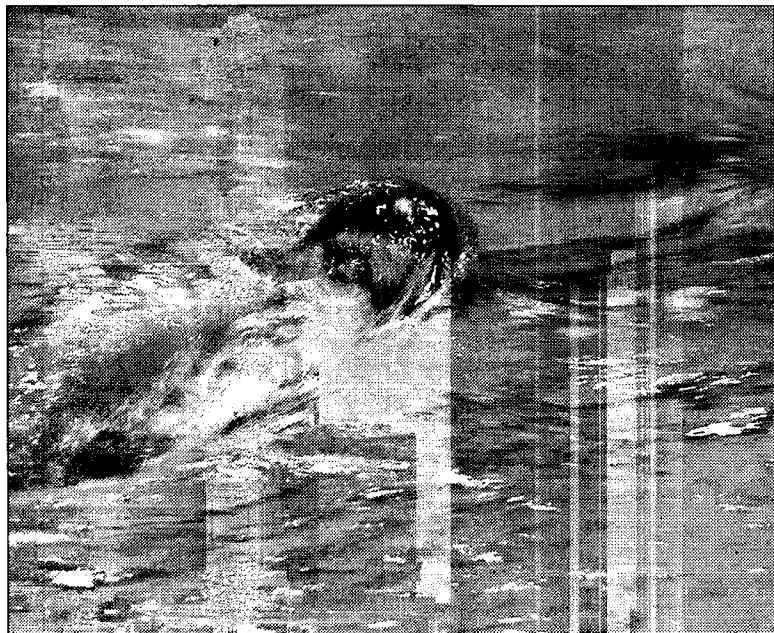
"There will be some tough races but as a team I think that we have an extremely good chance of repeating," Vanderberg said. "It's hard for other teams to pull ahead of us because we are very deep in

every race."

The Irish are enjoying the confidence that comes with back-to-back 10-2 seasons and arguably the best talent in the program's history. Welsh said the team has been loose and relaxed all week in practice.

"We don't think we can get any more ready at this point," he said. "It's time to start."

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A Notre Dame women's swimmer competes against California Oct. 28.

## Women

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No. 13 Rutgers. The Scarlet Knights are hot after defeating No. 12 Penn State in their last meet of the season. And the Irish took note of their conference foes' recent feat.

"When we saw that Rutgers beat Penn State, we thought they might be trying to send us a message," Irish junior Julia Quinn said after the Shamrock Invitational Jan. 28. "[Rutgers] will probably be our toughest competition as they have some stars, but they don't have the depth we [have]."

Notre Dame's depth is an asset, given the swimmers' past performances in the conference meet. Six Irish swimmers have collected first place finishes at

this tournament before. Katie Carroll leads the way with 10 victories, five individually and five as a member of a relay team. Rebecca Grove and Caroline Johnson each have four, while Jessica Stephens, Ellen Johnson and Katie Guida all have at least one championship.

Although Notre Dame will be competitive in most events, there are a few areas the team is heavily favored to win. Notre Dame's Jessica Stephens and Julia Quinn hold the top two Big East times this year in the 100-meter breaststroke. Stephens' mark of 1:03.57 is fast enough for an NCAA 'B' cut time, and Quinn is close behind with a time of 1:03.88.

The 400 individual medley (IM) is another strong event for the team as Carroll holds a time of 4:15.34 — the best time in

the Big East and the fourth-fastest clip in the country.

The Irish also feel confident about the 400-meter medley relay. Notre Dame has won this race seven times at the Big East Championships, and three of the four swimmers from last season's first-place team — Caroline Johnson, Stephens and Carroll — are back to defend their title.

With two and a half weeks between their last meet and the Big East Championships, the Irish put the time to good use as Coach Carrie Nixon allowed her swimmers to taper, or rest, for the first time all season.

That extra rest will be needed as this week's meet will last four days, the squad's longest meet of the season.

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## Recruits

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throughout the recruiting process.

"My family [members] are huge Notre Dame fans," Weissenhoffer said. "I'm really excited to play with the girls, [see] the campus and all the good stuff that goes along with being at Notre Dame."

She will step in and take the roster spot of Katie Thorlakson, who finished second this year in balloting for the Missouri Athletic Club Hermann Trophy, given annually to the nation's best player.

"Everybody's going to be really excited when they watch her," Waldrum said. "Offensively and defensively, she can do a lot of things for your team. I think she's going to have some similarities to Katie Thorlakson. She's built similar to Katie, and she's got that toughness to her that Katie's got."

Weissenhoffer said one of the best parts about filling the role Thorlakson had last year is the ability to team up with standout forward Kerri Hanks.

"I'm really excited to play with her," Weissenhoffer said of Hanks. "Hopefully, we'll get the chemistry going and we'll gel ... I think that to play with each other will be awesome. It will be really fun to learn from her and to feed off each other."

While Weissenhoffer likely will earn headlines as a goal-scorer, Rosen of Brecksville, Ohio, garnered the most national attention during the recruiting process after playing on the Under-17 U.S. national team.

Waldrum said her ball-handling skills make her a proto-

typical impact midfielder.

"She's a big land for us," he said. "The one thing I really like about her is she seems to be able to see the game so well. She can [be] like your point guard in basketball. She can find people and knows how to get people involved in the game."

Waldrum compared her favorably to junior midfielders Jen Buczkowski and Jill Krivacek, along with freshman midfielder Brittany Bock.

"In our system and the way we play, you've got to have a player that can [control the ball] for you," Waldrum said. "I think it was really important to kind of get her in now to learn from those players and get her the experience playing so she can take the lead when those two kids graduate."

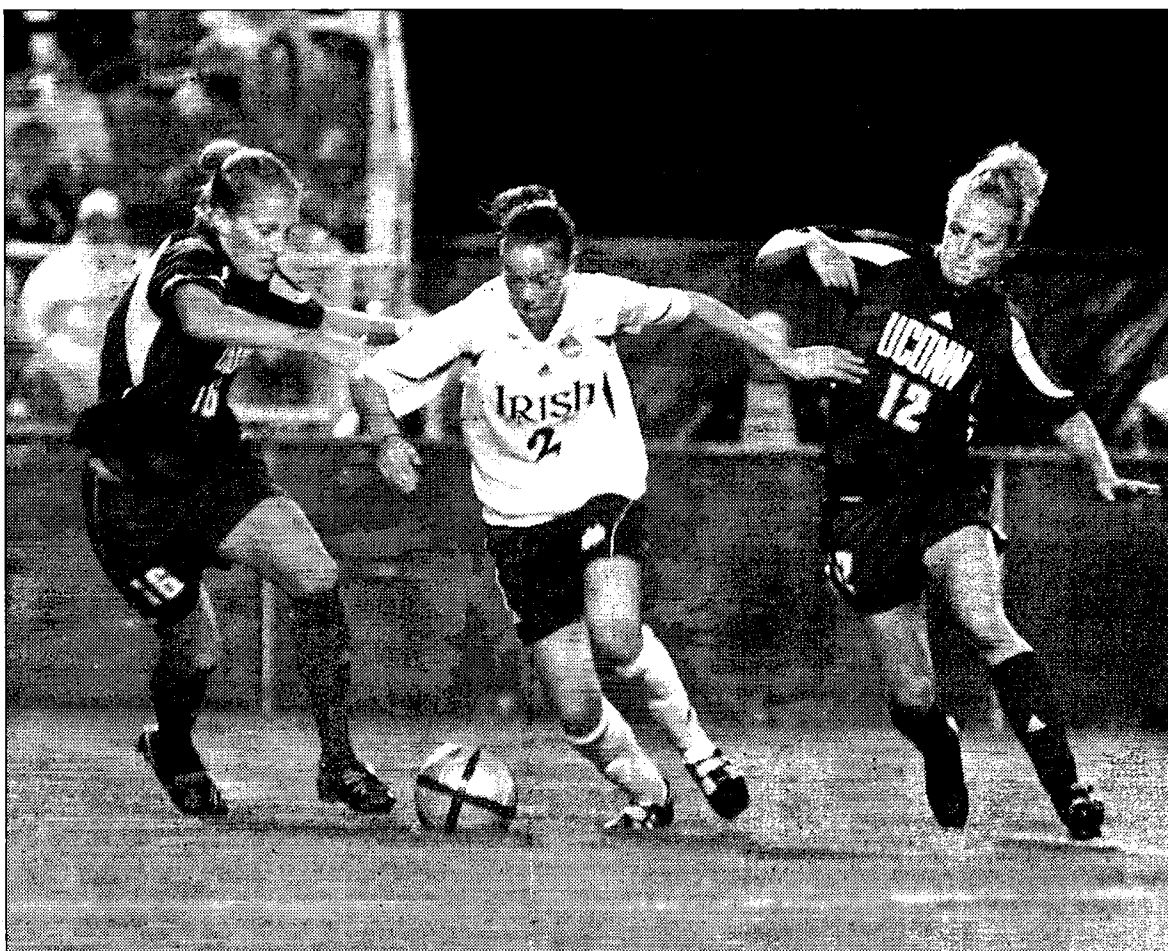
Weissenhoffer's teammate and fellow Naperville native Clark may join Rosen in the midfield.

Waldrum said Clark could end up as a defender or at midfield.

"The thing that I really like about her, she's got a mindset that's tough, kind of an enforcer type," Waldrum said. "You can be too pretty at times. What she does is she brings that element of toughness to the team. She'll be one of those that the opposition won't want to be around her."

The other possible defenseman in the Irish class is Ford of Midland, Texas.

"Haley ... probably flew a little bit under the radar screen to coaches across the country ... she's not going to be one that's going to be nationally as known as Courtney Rosen or Weissenhoffer," Waldrum said. "But we've liked her for a few years. As I watched her this past year, she has just continu-



Irish forward Kerri Hanks moves with the ball against Connecticut Oct. 14. Five new freshmen will join Hanks and her teammates next year.

ally gotten better and better."

Waldrum said Ford is versatile enough to play midfield, too.

"The good thing about Haley is she can play in the midfield if we need [her to]," he said. "I think that's always good for the young ones because you can always find them places to play to get experience when they're developing."

Lysander, a goalie product of San Diego, Calif., rounds out the Irish class. She will be one of three goalies on the team,

along with sophomore Lauren Karas and junior Nikki Westfall.

Waldrum said Lysander has the talent necessary to succeed at Notre Dame but may need some fine-tuning.

"With Kelsey, she may need a little bit of time to gain some experience at the college level," he said. "She's got enough tools to compete with Lauren [Karas], but I think right now it's Lauren's until somebody beats her out."

Outside of Lysander, Waldrum expected each recruit to see

significant playing time next fall.

"The four field players that we signed are all going to come in and impact us — I think they're going to play," he said. "How much, I think is kind of up to them and a little bit, too, up to the returning players — how well they'll fight them off. But they're all good enough as freshmen to step in and play right away."

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## ND SWIMMING

# Double defense

*ND men put title on line at tournament in East Meadow, N.Y.*

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The Irish already have had a successful season, but they travel to East Meadow, N.Y. Wednesday to defend their Big East Championship crown in the most important meet of the year.

"This year we are the defending champions," Irish sophomore swimmer Jay Vandenberg said. "That makes us stronger than last year. Once you have it, you don't want to give it up."

Vandenberg is out to defend his title in the 1,650-yard

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Left, an Irish men's diver splashes into the pool during the Shamrock Invitational Jan. 28. Right, junior Jess Stevens swims against California Oct. 28.



KIRSTEN HOELMER AND MATTHEW SMEDBERG/The Observer

*Irish women look to capture 11th straight Big East championship*

By GREG ARBOGAST  
Sports Writer

When the Big East Championships begin Wednesday in East Meadow, N.Y., Notre Dame will look to pick up where it left off — in more ways than one.

The Irish have sat idle for almost three weeks but have won their last seven events this season. They also have captured the past 10 Big East titles. Notre Dame wants to make sure both streaks continue.

The No. 20 Irish enter the meet as favorites, along with

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## ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

# Waldrum calls incoming freshmen 'a great fit' for system

By KEN FOWLER  
Sports Writer

Going into the recruiting season, Irish coach Randy Waldrum had a tough task in front of him — replace two All-Americans, a four-year starting goalkeeper and a starting senior

midfielder.

The departures of All-American forward Katie Thorlakson, fifth-year senior Candace Chapman, veteran goalkeeper Erika Bohn and midfield standout Annie Schefter left a serious hole in the Notre Dame roster.

Waldrum tried to answer that

challenge Feb. 5 when he announced the signings of five players to national letters of intent to play for Notre Dame next fall — forward Michelle Weissenhoffer, defender Haley Ford, goalie Kelsey Lysander and midfielders Courtney Rosen and Amanda Clark.

"I don't think we're going to

be highly, highly rated as one of the top classes in the country, but I think that realistically, we're not concerned with that because we know what we need to make our system work," he said. "And I think the players that we got were ... a great fit."

Weissenhoffer, who utilizes a

body-flip throw-in style for her Eclipse Select team, was the only forward in the class.

Virginia and Illinois were among the other schools that offered scholarships to the Naperville, Ill., native, but she said Notre Dame had an edge

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## MEN'S LACROSSE

# Accomplished seniors seek tournament bid

By TIM DOUGHERTY  
Sports Writer

Irish senior standouts Pat Walsh and D.J. Driscoll have achieved as many individual and statistical honors on the lacrosse field as any two players in program history.

But the painful absence on the resume of Notre Dame's 2006 senior class is an NCAA Tournament appearance — a shortcoming



Walsh

Walsh and Driscoll are striving to remedy in their last season in South Bend.

"Being a senior, it's your last shot to make something of it," Walsh said. "Letting the younger guys know how important it is brings the leader out of you, because you want to get the most out of the year."

Walsh's personal accomplishments are endless. The attackman is the first Notre Dame player to earn STX/USILA All-America honors in each of his first three seasons, with honorable mentions in 2003 and 2005 and third team honors in 2004 and 2005. He also led the Great

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## MEN'S BASKETBALL

# In a New York state of mind

By BOBBY GRIFFIN  
Associated Sports Editor

Irish freshman Kyle McAlarney came to Notre Dame thinking he knew it all, and he had a high school resume to back it up.

McAlarney was named New York Class A Player of the Year following his senior season. He scored a Staten Island-record 2,566 points in four years of varsity basketball.

It was the fourth highest total in the history of a state that has a reputation for sending top point guards to successful NBA careers — among them Mark Jackson (retired), Kenny Anderson (retired), Stephon Marbury (New York Knicks) and Sebastian Telfair (Portland Trailblazers).

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PHIL HUDELSON/The Observer

Irish guard Kyle McAlarney dribbles against Hofstra Nov. 22. McAlarney has been a key player for Notre Dame in his first sea-

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Women's hockey earned a tie and a win against Illinois last weekend.

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The dynamic Russian duo of Totmianina and Marinin won the gold medal with no controversy this year.

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