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ND, SMC gear up for area code change

◆ North central Indiana region adopts 574 area code this June

By SCOTT BRODFUEHRER
Assistant News Editor

For the next six months, Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and the entire South Bend region will have two working area codes while the 574 area code is introduced and the 219 area code is phased out. During this period of permissive dialing that began on Tuesday, callers from outside the region may dial either area code until June 14 when the 219 area code will stop working for the region.

Officials from both Notre Dame and Saint Mary's began preparations for the new area code last year to ensure that the campus infrastructure would support the change and to make sure all materials, such as stationery and business cards would be printed with the new area code. Officials said no technology related charges would be incurred as a result of the change, and it is unlikely that many materials with the 219 area code will have to be discarded when the 574 area code becomes mandatory.

According to Notre Dame telecommunications manager Steve Ellis, the vendors of various systems — including the voice mail system — have made changes to accommodate the new area code. At Saint Mary's, the voice mail system did not require changes, but telecommunications coordinator Sandy Handley reprogrammed the switch, a system that routes calls to either the local or long distance service provider.

The online phonebook at Saint Mary's has already been changed to show the 574 area code. The Office of Information Technologies will change the Notre Dame online phonebook within the next few weeks.

Both schools sent notices to depart-



NELLIE WILLIAMS/The Observer

Sandy Handley, Saint Mary's telecommunications coordinator, works to prepare the College for the area code switchover. The South Bend region will change from the 219 to the 574 area code in June. The change is the result of a statewide revision in area codes.

ments last semester informing them of the changing area code and outlined procedures for ordering new supplies.

"A letter was sent out to all departments, advising them to use up the existing stock and then, when placing an order, to change the area code," said Tim Gibney, assistant director for procure-

ment services at Notre Dame.

Although it is likely that some old materials will remain after the 219 area code can no longer be used, officials said they are not aware of departments that have much more than six months of materials in stock.

"Most people tend to order on a yearly

basis so the departments don't think they will be left with many old materials — I assume there will be some additional cost [of changing materials], but I don't know exactly what that will be," said Nick Farmer, director of Marketing Communications at Saint Mary's.

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ND community remembers late Minamiki

By ALLY JAY
News Writer

Renowned scholar of classical and Oriental languages and professor emeritus Father George Minamiki died Jan. 4 while visiting family in Los Angeles. He was 84.

Minamiki graduated from Loyola University of Los Angeles with a bachelor's degree in philosophy and held graduate's degrees from Gonzaga University and Alma College. He earned his doctorate from Notre Dame in 1977.

"George came to my attention when we were sending students to Tokyo and setting up a pro-

gram there," said Father Theodore Hesburgh, Notre Dame president emeritus. "He had joined the Jesuits and done his training in Japan, so he worked with me to set up the program. For years he did a great job teaching Japanese and helped make it easy for students, and let me tell you I've studied Japanese and it's not so easy to learn. We never had a Japanese professor



Minamiki

as good as Minamiki."

According to Hesburgh, Minamiki was a private man who was devoted to being a good priest and teacher.

"He wasn't flamboyant, but he did a good job in a quiet way. It's really the quiet guys like that which makes this place go," said Hesburgh.

Before coming to Notre Dame in 1968, Minamiki spent 11 years as a teacher and administrator at Jesuit high schools in Japan. He spent the last six years as headmaster of Hiroshima Gakuin. After arriving at Notre Dame, Minamiki began teaching Japanese to hundreds of Notre Dame students. In recognition of his

excellent teaching, Minamiki Japanese won the 1988 Sheedy Award for Excellence in Teaching in the College of Arts and Letters, and in 1991 was a co-recipient of the Madden Award for Outstanding Teaching of Freshmen.

Besides teaching, Minamiki was instrumental in welcoming Japanese families into the Notre Dame family.

"He helped get together families who came over when they set up some Japanese companies near South Bend. A lot of the families came here from Japan to work. They didn't have a church but Minamiki would invite them here to have mass," said Hesburgh.

When he retired, Minamiki chose to continue living at Notre Dame.

"When he was 65, he looked pretty young, maybe like he was sixteen, and we were talking about how his provincial said Minamiki could stay on and teach a few classes or leave. He told me that "This[Notre Dame] has been the center of my life" and chose to stay on and had an apartment here."

According to Hesburgh, Minamiki's presence will be sorely missed, especially by the hundreds of students he touched through his teaching here.

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INSIDE COLUMN

Let it snow

I was very unpleasantly surprised when my flight into South Bend Regional Airport landed at 7:15 p.m. on Sunday night, Jan. 13, 2002, and I saw nothing but bare ground.

Let me reiterate: there was no snow on the ground in South Bend in JANUARY.

Does anyone else find this odd?

To make matters worse, students seemed lost on enrollment day, when temperatures 'soared' to nearly 50 degrees, we wondered, if South Bend had moved itself to the deep south.

I might be a minority in saying this, but I miss snow. A lot.

I miss last year, when we had a day of finals rescheduled due to a nice, fresh, two-foot-deep blanket of snow on the ground.

I miss that day in second grade when only half the school showed up because of the heavy snow, and we then proceeded to do nothing the entire day.

I miss getting up super early at home each morning of a snowstorm, waiting to see if school was cancelled so I could get to go sledding on the hill down the street all day.

I miss just staring out any available window, entranced in watching this already picturesque campus turn into a scene not unlike a Currier & Ives tin.

I miss building snowmen from a measly dusting of snow, and having a snowball fight on the quad until the early morning hours.

I miss the neatly plowed-out paths around campus, and losing sight of people's feet under the deep snow.

And, until the very last day of break, I missed curling up on my couch at home, listening to whatever music my parents popped into the stereo, and gazing longingly out the window as snow was piling up.

Of course, I'm not crazy, there are some things I don't miss about snow:

I don't miss driving in the snow — I did that once over break, and succeeded, but quite precariously.

I don't miss skidding my car into a snowbank on the way to work, and proceeding to watch my bosses laugh at me as I tried to dig my car out.

I don't miss being pushed into the snow by my friends during a chilly 3 a.m. walk across campus (but I do miss being called a "[expletive] seal" for being able to escape the attempted shove).

But, all in all, snow is a wonderful thing. And Notre Dame has seen far too little of Jack Frost's dandruff this school year.

Wednesday's two inches of the white stuff will hopefully mark the beginning of a very snowy spring semester. I have my fingers crossed that there will be many a snowman and snowball fight on North Quad this January and February (and March?).

Of course, I will probably end up eating my words after a Buffalo-style blizzard dumps four feet of snow on the Bend.

But at least I'll be smiling.



Bryan Kronk

Sports Copy Editor

THIS WEEK ON CAMPUS

Thursday

◆ Lecture: "The New

Horsemen of the Apocalypse," Shirley

Williams, Auditorium,

Hesburgh Center, 4 p.m.

◆ Film: "crazy/beautiful,"

Carey Auditorium,

Hesburgh Library, 7 p.m.

Friday

◆ Comedy: Mike Barbiglia,

LaFortune Ballroom, 9-11

p.m.

Saturday

◆ Winterfest: Dale K, hyp-

notist, Washington Hall,

10 p.m.-midnight.

Sunday

◆ Reception:

"Reinstallation of African

Arts Collection," Snite

Museum of Art, 2:30 p.m.

BEYOND CAMPUS

Compiled from U-Wire reports

U. Arizona worker convicted of first-degree murder

TUSCON

A jury found a University of Arizona employee guilty Tuesday afternoon of first-degree murder and arson in the August 2000 death of his wife.

Ralph David McCormick, a senior office specialist for facilities management, will face the possibility of natural life in prison after a Pima County Superior Court jury found him guilty of first-degree murder and arson.

The jury found that McCormick beat his wife, Maria Velasquez-McCormick, to death with a baseball bat in their midtown home and then left her body in a rental car that was set on fire.

Pima County Prosecutor David Quantz said that on the night of the murder, Maria Velasquez-McCormick



arrived home to her husband, who drank 16 beers throughout the day. After making sexual advances at his wife, Ralph McCormick hit her in the face with a baseball bat.

His wife reportedly swallowed four of her own teeth before dying from several other blows from the bat.

Velasquez-McCormick's body was

found in a burning car in the desert near the intersection of West Anklam Road and West St. Mary's Road.

Defense attorney Michael Piccarreta argued that McCormick should have been convicted of a lesser charge because of the influence of alcohol and rage, as well as the presence of the bat.

McCormick spent two months in jail while awaiting trial but was released after his family was able to post \$250,000 bond. The bond had originally been set at \$1 million, but Judge Leslie Miller reduced it on Nov. 21, 2000.

McCormick returned to work at the University of Arizona on Nov. 29, 2000, and has been employed at UA since then.

Arizona Daily Wildcat

UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY

Professor studies cocaine, quails

Chana Akins, an associate professor of psychology, is investigating the effects cocaine has on quails' behavior. Akins received a \$480,000 grant from the National Institute of Drug Abuse to conduct her project, which started in June, 2001 and will continue for four years. Although similar studies on cocaine reward, a drug-seeking behavior, have been done, Akins said her project is unique because it focuses solely on visual stimuli in an environment that can contribute to a quail's desire for cocaine. Examining the effects of visual stimuli on quails may help to explain why many human cocaine addicts relapse even after detoxification, Akins said. "A contributing factor to the high relapse rate could be the environmental stimuli that may become associated with previous drug use," she said. "Studies suggest that cocaine addicts respond differently to cocaine-related objects compared to neutral objects."

Kentucky Kernel

HARVARD UNIVERSITY

Professor's death ruled accidental

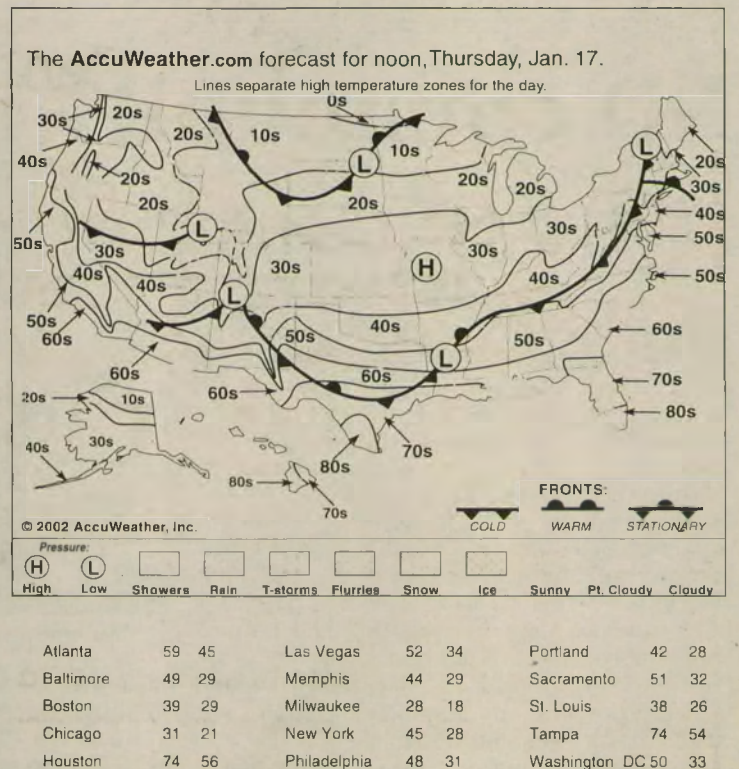
The death of Harvard University biochemistry professor Don C. Wiley was accidental, and not a suicide, as police had previously speculated. Authorities ruled that Wiley fell off the Hernando de Soto Bridge unintentionally — perhaps under the influence of alcohol or as the result of a little-understood seizure disorder — and officially closed the investigation into his death. "The medical examiner's ruling is always the final ruling, and there will be no further investigation," Memphis Police Inspector J.D. King said. Wiley vanished after attending a conference on Nov. 15. He was last seen around midnight, and his abandoned rental car was reported to police almost four hours later. Wiley's body was found 320 miles downstream in the Mississippi River on Dec. 20. The medical examiner hypothesized that Wiley pulled over his car on the bridge to inspect damage from two minor driving accidents — at which point gusty winds could have blown him off the bridge.

Harvard Crimson

LOCAL WEATHER

5 Day South Bend Forecast			
AccuWeather® forecast for daytime conditions and high temperatures			
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Saturday		28	17
Sunday		33	21
Monday		32	23
Tuesday		36	26

NATIONAL WEATHER



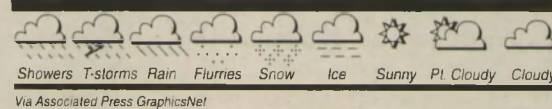
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CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

Yesterday's "What's Your Shade" article entitled, "Getting past suffocating 'tunnel vision'" was incorrectly attributed to Sandhya Acharya. The actual author was Jourdan Sorrell. The Observer regrets the error.

The Observer regards itself as a professional publication and strives for the highest standards of journalism at all times. We do, however, recognize that we will make mistakes. If we have made a mistake, please contact us at 631-4541 so we can correct our error.

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Athlete's project nets \$4,500 for relief fund

By HELENA PAYNE
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In addition to posters and Coca Cola bottles among other things, the women's basketball team can add calendars to the list of items fans want the players to sign.

During the 2001 fall semester when junior guard Karen Swanson was presented with her management professor's "\$20 challenge" to establish an entrepreneurial project, she came up with an idea after some deliberation. The next hurdle was convincing her hesitant teammates to be featured in calendars that would be sold to the public.

"I was trying to find some way to get the team involved and also use my background in photography," said Swanson who became interested in photography during her senior year of high school. "They were kind of skeptical at first."

After much coaxing, Swanson said she was able to convince her teammates to pose for pictures around campus for the calendar. Swanson, like all students enrolled in Professor David Hayes' Management 320 class, "Introduction to Entrepreneurship," received a

\$20 loan to establish her product.

"I wanted to show the women's basketball team in a light that people aren't used to seeing us in," said Swanson. "We wanted people to see us out of our uniforms and out of our sweats."

Swanson said she began to realize how impressed others were when the ladies of the team donned more formal attire during last year's banquet at the end of the season.

"Some of the fans were saying how different we looked dressed up," said Swanson.

The finished product includes pictures photographed by Swanson of campus

scenes with each player in dress clothes for the month of January 2002 to January 2003. Although the calendar focuses on the women's basketball team, her project has a more philanthropic goal. Swanson plans to donate all of the proceeds to the New York City Children's Relief Fund which provides aid to children who witnessed the attacks of Sept. 11 or were near Ground Zero, as well as the schools close to the area.

Because of NCAA guidelines,

Swanson would not have been able to keep the profit even if she wanted to. For this reason, she had to present her project idea to the NCAA compliance field of the Notre Dame athletic department in addition to the Notre Dame licensing department and Student Activities to obtain a vendor's license.

Lithotone, Inc., a local printing company in Elkhart, Ind., decided to print the calendars free of charge because of the charitable cause as well as Swanson's creativity.

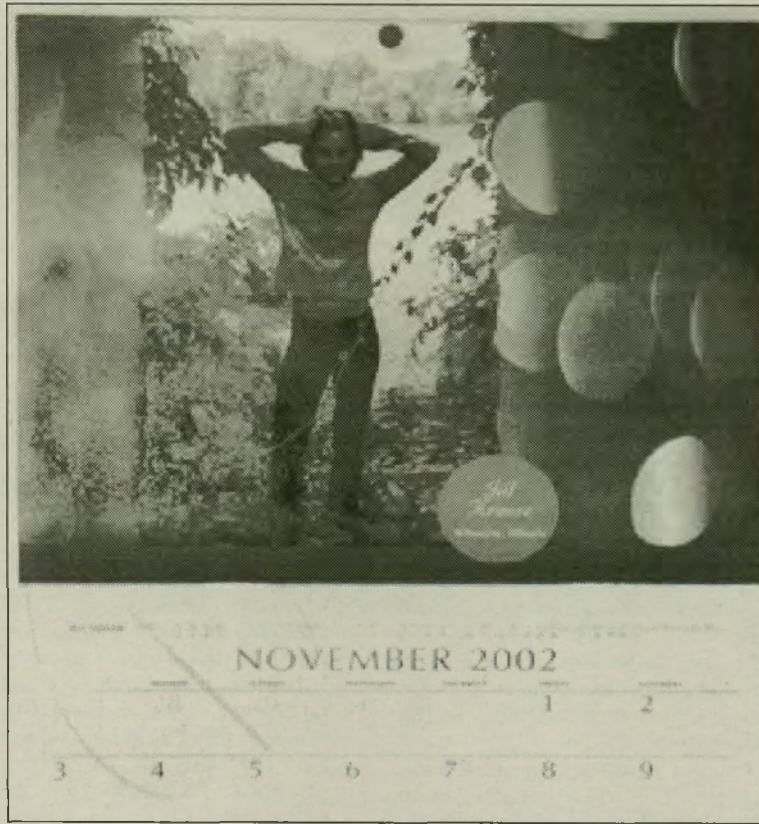
Many of the patrons who have supported Swanson's project have been local fans from Notre Dame and the surrounding communities.

"Every amount that the customer pays is returned to us in full," said Swanson.

Students in the Management 320 fall semester class had to earn \$140 from their products and services by the end of the semester. So far, with a profit of about \$4,500, Swanson is well in excess of the amount, but the calendars will continue to be sold at women's basketball home games until all remaining calendars of the original 1,100 are gone. Swanson recently reduced the price of the calendars from \$10 each to \$5 to increase purchases.

Unlike some of her teammates, freshman center Teresa Borton said she was immediately excited about the calendar when Swanson pitched the idea.

"[I thought] it would be kind of fun to get out of your basket-



ANGELA CAMPOS/The Observer

Women's basketball player Jill Krause poses in the November section of the calendar. The calendar was designed by Karen Swanson for an entrepreneurial project.

ball clothes and dress up," Borton said.

She and freshman guard Jill Krause went with Swanson to shoot their pictures on the same day.

"It was fun," said Borton. "We were just goofing off."

Borton said basketball fans have responded positively to the

calendars.

"A lot of people have asked us to sign them," said Borton. "Anything with women's basketball they really like."

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Important CSC Vehicle Driver Update

CSC Driver Authorization Certification cards issued prior to January 2002 will no longer be accepted! All drivers must attend a new information session

ONLY THE ACTUAL DRIVER OF A VEHICLE MAY SUBMIT A REQUEST FOR USE



DUE TO

POLICY AND PROCEDURAL CHANGES
for
Center for Social Concerns
VEHICLE DRIVERS

ALL STUDENTS WHO PLAN TO DRIVE CSC VEHICLES (beginning January 21, 2002) MUST ATTEND A NEW INFORMATION SESSION THIS SEMESTER!

The following hour-long sessions are the **ONLY** planned sessions that will be offered at the CSC this semester*:

- January 20, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
- January 22, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.
- January 27, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
- January 31, 8:00 – 9:00 p.m.
- February 3, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
- March 3, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

There is no need to register. Bring pen and driver's license to session.

Questions? e-mail: cscvans@nd.edu or csc web page at <http://centerforsocialconcerns.nd.edu> and scroll down to CSC driver update.

*If any additional training sessions are deemed necessary, the dates will be listed on the web page

Area Code

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Handley said she is encouraging everyone to tell family and friends to start using the new area code now so that there are no problems when the 219 area code is no longer functional for South Bend.

"I know there will be a lot of people confused and there will always be someone out there who doesn't know the area code changed, but my goal is get the other 99 percent used to dialing 574 so the transition will be transparent on June 14," said Handley.

Between June 14 and July 29, if a dialer uses the 219 area code to call South Bend, he will hear a recorded message advising him to redial the number using the 574 area code. After July 29, the numbers now assigned to South Bend will start to be reassigned to new customers and a person dialing the old area code could be connected to someone in the Gary area.

Those who own a cell phone in the 219 area code need to have the phone re-programmed.

The area code change for South Bend became necessary because the telephone numbers available to northern Indiana users were nearly depleted. To remedy the problem, officials from the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission split Northern Indiana into three parts, each with its own area code: the eastern region including Fort Wayne, the central region including South Bend and the western region including Gary.

During the summer, a lottery was held to determine which region would keep the 219 area code and which would adopt two new area codes: 260 and 574. The Gary area was randomly selected to keep 219, South Bend was assigned 574 and Fort Wayne was assigned 260. The new area codes are expected to last for about 20 years until it is necessary to repeat the process of assigning new area codes.

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FITNESS SCHEDULE		CHALLENGE U		SPRING 2002	
RSRC ACTIVITY ROOM 1					
1	12:15-12:45	Cardio Sculpt (ends 5/17)	M/W/F		\$36
2	4:15-5:15	Step II	M/W/F		\$38
3	5:30-6:45	Power Step n' Pump	M/W		\$33
4	8:30-9:30pm	Cardio Box	M/W		\$26
5	12:15-12:45	Flex n' Tone (ends 5/16)	T/Th		\$23
6	4:15-5:15	Step II	T/Th		\$26
7	5:30-6:30	Cardio Box	T/Th		\$26
8	9:45-10:45am	Step II (ends 3/3)	Sa		\$7
9	11:00-11:30	Arms n' Abs (ends 3/3)	Sa		\$5
10	4:15-5:30	Cardio Sculpt	Su		\$14
11	5:45-6:00	All Abs	Su		\$10
RSRC ACTIVITY ROOM 2					
12	4:15-5:15	Cardio Box	M/W		\$26
13	5:25-6:10	Flex n' Tone	M/W		\$26
14	7:15-8:30am	Step II n' Sculpt	T/Th		\$33
15	4:15-5:15	Cardio Sculpt	T/Th		\$26
16	5:25-6:10	Lo Impact	T/Th		\$26
17	4:45-5:15	Arms n' Abs	Su		\$10
ROCKNE ROOM 301					
18	5:30-6:30	Cardio Box	M/W		\$26
19	5:30-6:30	Step I	T/Th		\$26
ROLFS AQUATIC CENTER					
20	7:00-7:45pm	Aquacise	T/Th		\$26

REGISTRATION

Begins Thursday, January 17, 7:30am in the Rolfs Sports Recreation Center. Classes are open to all ND students, staff, faculty, retirees and their spouses. Registration takes place throughout the semester.

Schedule is subject to change. Minimum of 14 class registrants. Classes begin the week of January 21 and unless noted, end the week of April 29. Please call 1-6100 with questions.

Institute earns grant for Brazilian study

Special to the Observer

The Kellogg Institute for International Studies at Notre Dame has received a \$208,760 grant from the U.S. Department of Education to support a U.S.-Brazil student exchange project titled "Building Capacity for Social Progress: A Partnership for Leadership Development," to be developed in collaboration with Harvard University's David Rockefeller Center of Latin American Studies.

The grant has been awarded by the Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education through the Department of Education's U.S.-Brazil Higher Education Consortium Program, which also includes the University of Sao Paulo and the Pontifical Catholic University in Rio de Janeiro, both of which have received similar federal funding through the Fundaca Coordenacao de Aperfeicoamento de Pessoal de Nivel Superior in Brazil.

The consortium, titled "Partnership for Leaders in Social Progress," will work to develop a program of comparative study of innovations to assist the poor in the United States and Brazil with the aim of strengthen-

ing international collaboration between the two countries. Each university will contribute expertise in social analysis and provide access to public and private agencies working with disadvantaged groups in diverse settings.

Through a series of multi-disciplinary modules integrating experiential, classroom and Web-based learning, the program will allow undergraduate and graduate students to explore ideas about the impact of global change on economically disadvantaged groups, with a particular emphasis on efforts and opportunities to reduce poverty in each setting.

The consortium's activities began this fall and will continue through September 2005.

The FIPSE award represents 41.2 percent of the total project of \$506,578, with the remaining 58.8 percent to be funded by Notre Dame and Harvard. In addition, the Brazilian universities have received \$360,000 from CAPES to fund the consortium projects.

For more information on the FIPSE-CAPEs, U.S.-Brazil Higher Education Consortia Program, visit <http://www.ed.gov/FIPSE/> on the Web.

Study: ND sends more students abroad

Special to the Observer

Notre Dame has the second-highest percentage of students participating in study abroad programs among American research universities, according to a recently released report from the Institute of International Education.

In 1999-2000, the most recent academic year for which statistics are available, 37 percent of Notre Dame students had participated in study programs in other countries. Yeshiva University in New York City ranked first in the report with a 38.8 percent participation rate.

Virtually all of Yeshiva's study abroad students participate in the university's S. Daniel Abraham Israel Program. Notre Dame offers international study programs in 17 nations worldwide: Australian, Austria, Brazil, Chile, China, England, Egypt, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Russia and Spain. "The value of our study abroad programs has never been higher," said Michael Francis, Notre Dame's assistant provost for international studies. "In the aftermath of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, it's more important than ever for students to experience different cultures, develop mutu-

al understandings, and build stronger connections with men and women from other nations."

There is no indication that the terrorist attacks and subsequent U.S.-led war on terrorism have caused a decrease in the number of Notre Dame students applying for spring semester international study programs, according to Thomas Bogenschield, director of the University's international and off-campus programs.

The IIE's report, titled "Open Doors 2001," showed an overall 11 percent increase in students participating in international study programs from the previous year.

"The dramatic increase in study abroad is very good news for our nation, as it shows that the next generation of leaders will have a greater understanding of the world around us," said Allan E. Goodman, president and chief executive officer of the IIE. "This is a time when our world needs more international exchange, not less. The terrorists wish to make us close our minds, our borders, and our markets to the rest of the world, and we must make sure they do not succeed."

As it has been for many years, Europe is the most popular destination for American college students.

Recycle The Observer.

The Snite Museum of Art OPENING RECEPTION

January 20, 2002 2-4 pm

Reinstallation of African Arts Collection

Masks And Figures, Form and Style:
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Portraits of Money: Djawid C. Borrower

2:30 pm African Arts Reinstalatoin

Libation ceremony performed by Chandra Johnson, Assistant to the President and Assistant Director, Cross-Cultural Ministry

3:00 pm Christensen African Art

Gallery talk by Douglas Bradley, Curator of Ethnographic Arts

3:30 pm Portraits of Money

Gallery talk by Stephen Spiro, Curator of Western Arts

Free and open to the public
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WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

U.S. expands war on terrorism:

American and Philippine military officers in Manila began preparing joint operations today against a Muslim extremist group linked to Al Qaeda in the southern Philippines. An American advance team is on the ground, and officials today created a joint command for the mission.

Powell begins peace push:

Secretary of State Colin Powell urged India and Pakistan Wednesday to avoid conflict, while Pakistan said that with both South Asian armies facing off on their border even a small incident could spark war. As Powell arrived in Islamabad on the first leg of a South Asian peace shuttle to defuse a stand-off between the nuclear rivals, India's navy chief said forces were ready for war.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

3 killed at Virginia law school:

A struggling law school student who had just been suspended went on a shooting spree at the school Wednesday, killing the dean, a professor and a student before he was wrestled to the ground, school officials and witnesses said. Three students also were critically wounded in the hail of gunfire at the Appalachian School of Law.

Racial protests converge in York, PA:

Just as this blue-collar city tries to face up to some long-buried racial violence, it is finding itself the chosen venue of white supremacist hate groups and rival anarchist protesters whom civil rights specialists have been tracking across the nation as a kind of traveling circus of publicity hunters. The rally was designed to send a stronger message than the downtown spectacle of feuding agitators, belittled hatreds and occasional punch-outs that the police force managed to contain.

INDIANA NEWS BRIEFS

Danville schools to display motto:

Framed prints of the nation's motto, "In God We Trust," are set to be displayed in this central Indiana town's schools under a proposal approved by the local school board. "It's our national motto. It's not all different than having the flag in the class," Danville Superintendent John McKinney told The Indianapolis Star for a story published on Wednesday. Meanwhile, a proposal to require public schools statewide to display the motto is before the Senate Education Committee.

AFGHANISTAN



AFP PHOTO

A drug addict begs for money to buy heroin in Peshawar, Pakistan, where the price dropped to 30 U.S. cents a gram after Afghanistan's former ruling Taliban leaders lifted all restrictions on growing opium poppies.

Kabul bans opium trafficking

Associated Press

KABUL

One of the world's main sources of opium, Wednesday banned the cultivation of opium poppy and the trafficking in opium and its derivatives, including heroin.

The decree, announced days before Kabul's interim administration meets major aid donors in Tokyo, renewed a ban issued by the Taliban in 2000 which effectively lapsed with the collapse of the Muslim fundamentalist movement last November.

"All countrymen, especially peasants and farm-

ers, are informed that from now on, the cultivation, manufacturing, processing, impermissible use, smuggling and trafficking of opium poppy and all its derivatives is declared illegal," said the statement read to journalists by a U.N. official in Kabul.

"Violators will be dealt with severely," it added.

It said Afghanistan would seek help from donors to fund crop substitution programs to wean farmers off growing poppy, a popular cash crop in this drought-stricken country.

Bernard Frahi, the Afghanistan and Pakistan representative of the U.N.

Drug Control Program, read the Afghan statement after holding talks with the government.

"We are more than satisfied, it is a remarkable declaration," he said, adding that Afghanistan provided 90 percent of the heroin sold in Europe.

Heroin is refined from opium, mostly in illegal laboratories in Afghanistan or neighboring Pakistan and Iran.

The decree said provincial governors and law enforcement agencies had been instructed to enforce the ban.

With its isolated mountain valleys, defiant war-

lords and impoverished farmers, Afghanistan has all the natural and human ingredients to be a major opium producer.

Production soared during the 1980s Soviet war, as Muslim rebels used opium to help finance their jihad against Moscow, and then zoomed to new heights under the Taliban, reaching a record 4,500 tons in 1999.

After the Taliban banned opium cultivation and destroyed poppy fields under their control two years ago, the harvest slipped to 3,276 tons in 2000 and a mere 185 tons in 2001.

Fired Enron auditor questioned

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Congressional investigators questioned a former partner of the accounting firm Arthur Andersen today about the destruction of paper and electronic documents related to the collapse of the Enron Corporation.

David B. Duncan, who had been the partner in charge of auditing Enron, was fired on Tuesday by Andersen, which said he had ordered the destruction of thousands of documents and e-mail messages

after learning that the Securities and Exchange Commission had begun an investigation of Enron's accounting.

Mr. Duncan called a meeting of auditors at the firm's Houston office and ordered "an expedited effort to destroy documents" on Oct. 23, the day after Enron disclosed that the S.E.C. had begun its inquiry, the firm said. The destruction apparently did not end until Mr. Duncan's assistant sent an e-mail message to other secretaries on Nov. 9 that said "stop the shredding," the firm said. Andersen had received a subpoena from the S.E.C. the day before.

This afternoon, Mr. Duncan was questioned in a private meeting with lawyers and staff members of the House Energy and Commerce Committee. The committee has not yet released details of that meeting, but committee officials and lawyers for Mr. Duncan said he was expected to cooperate with the investigation.

Also today, the White House disclosed that before Enron's collapse, Lawrence B. Lindsey, President Bush's top economic adviser, studied the impact the company's downfall might have on the economy.

Market Watch January 16

Dow Jones 9,712.27 -211.88

Up: 1,129 Same: 202 Down: 2,002 Composite Volume: 1,453,672,960

AMEX: 829.42 -6.10
NASDAQ: 1,944.44 -56.47
NYSE: 575.16 -7.47
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TOP 5 VOLUME LEADERS

COMPANY/SECURITY	%CHANGE	\$GAIN	PRICE
KMART CORP (KM)	-34.69	-0.85	1.60
NASDAQ-100 INDEX (QQQ)	-3.87	-1.56	38.78
INTEL CORP (INTC)	-2.80	-0.97	33.71
SUN MICROSYSTEM (SUNW)	-3.35	-0.42	12.11
CISCO SYSTEMS (CSCO)	-3.76	-0.74	18.94

FRANCE

Concorde report cites runway debris as crash cause

Associated Press

PARIS

A much-awaited government report on the fiery crash of an Air France Concorde confirmed a long-held theory that a piece of debris from a Continental Airlines plane was a factor in the deadly accident.

The 400-page report by France's Accident Investigation Bureau, or BEA, released Wednesday says the crash of the luxury supersonic on July 25, 2000 could not have been foreseen. But it also takes aim at what it says are some sloppy operations by Air France and Houston-based Continental.

Continental on Wednesday sharply denied any suggestion that it was responsible for the crash, which killed 113 people.

The report said a Continental Airlines DC-10 shed a piece of metal known as a wear strip onto a runway that the ill-fated Concorde later used for takeoff. The strip caused a Concorde tire to burst, propelling rubber debris into the fuel tanks and sparking a fuel leak and fire that brought the plane down.

The loss of the metal piece "originated from a lack of rigorous maintenance," the report said.

It marks an end to the investigation into what caused the jet

to crash minutes after takeoff from Charles de Gaulle airport outside Paris. An inquiry to determine legal responsibility for the crash is still under way.

"We acknowledge the efforts of the BEA to establish the cause of the accident, but we disagree strongly with the findings in their report. We deny responsibility for the accident," said Continental spokesman Nick Britton in London.

Britton said airports have a statutory duty to sweep runways and keep them free of debris and that, in any event, a burst tire should never be the cause of the loss of an aircraft.

He also said Continental has not been able to confirm that the wear strip came from the DC-10 that took off five minutes before the Concorde.

"Even if it did come from our aircraft, the wear strip is not the root cause of the accident. That was the inherently unsafe design of the Concorde, which is vulnerable to catastrophic damage in tire bursts."

Britton also said BEA's recommendation that the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration audit maintenance procedures at Continental Airlines was unnecessary.

"All our maintenance has been in accordance with FAA regulations and manufacturer's procedures," he said.



AFP Photo

A Concorde jet from the Air France fleet takes off. The supersonic jet is the same type that crashed in July 2000, killing 113 people.

Britton noted the report said that Continental's overseas maintenance subcontractors also should be examined. He said the wear strip was installed on June 11, 2000, by a contractor, Israel Aircraft Industries, under Continental supervision. It was replaced July 9, 2000, by a Continental mechanic in Houston.

"Once we discovered the wear strip was missing ... we introduced supplemental procedures to ensure wear strip installation was secure in the future," Britton said.

The report also cited a number of weaknesses in the way French air carrier Air France maintained its fleet of Concorde, although the report

stressed that the deficiencies were not to blame for the crash.

"The technical investigation brought to light various malfunctions relating to the operation of the aircraft, for example the use of non-updated flight preparation data, the absence of archiving of certain documents or incomplete baggage inspection," the report said.

Bush tells Argentina to embrace international trade

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

President Bush warned on Wednesday that Argentina will face a "bleak and stagnant future" unless it embraces international trade and other free-market economic policies amid a devastating recession.

He reiterated that U.S. aid through global lending institutions will come only after Argentina assembles a long-term economic plan.

Bush also said he will propose an increase of almost \$50 mil-

lion in the American contribution to World Bank programs that help the poorest countries. On hemispheric matters, Bush said he will press for free-trade pacts with Central American countries, which could pave the way for the Free Trade Area of the Americas that Bush seeks.

Argentine President Eduardo Duhalde also has expressed interest in pursuing that hemisphere-wide free-trade zone, he said.

Bush had sharp words for Duhalde, a fierce critic of Argentina's last decade of free-market reforms that brought growth but often failed to close

the gap between the few rich and the legions of poor. Bush answered that "free markets and open trade are the best weapons against poverty, disease and tyranny"

Some analysts say Argentina is drifting toward greater protectionist policies and away from engagement in the global marketplace. Argentina's bankruptcy could force trade barriers to protect domestic industries, they say.

"Those who promise painless protectionism or security through statism assure a bleak and stagnant future for their people," Bush said in a speech

at the Organization of American States near the White House.

"Some wonder whether free-market reforms are too painful to continue," Bush's prepared speech said. "Some question the fairness of free and open trade, holding out the false promise of protectionism." He cautioned against "an even greater danger — that some may come to doubt democracy itself."

"Argentina, and nations throughout our hemisphere, need to strengthen our commitment to market-based reform, not weaken it," Bush said. "Half-measures will not halve the pain, only prolong it."

Bush did not specify what "half-measures" concerned him. But he offered a litany of steps he said lead to "success in the global marketplace": free trade, privatizing inefficient state firms, fiscal discipline.

He pledged unspecified help through institutions such as the International Monetary Fund once Argentina has committed to a "sound and sustainable economic plan." The United States is the largest shareholder in the IMF and has great sway on its financial decisions.

Bush administration officials have all but ruled out direct aid like a \$20 billion bailout.

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2001 marked by low inflation

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Consumer inflation slowed to 1.6 percent in 2001, just half the increase of the previous year, in one of the few benefits from the recession.

It provided shoppers with bargains on everything from gasoline to computers.

The modest advance in the Labor Department's Consumer Price Index, a closely watched inflation gauge, came after consumer prices jumped 3.4 percent in 2000, the largest increase in a decade, the government reported Wednesday.

While a double-digit rise in energy prices led that spike, a dramatic decline in those prices played a key role in the significantly lower inflation reading for 2001. Prices for other items also fell or didn't go up as much, contributing to the moderation.

"Consumers are getting a break as lower inflation is not picking their pockets," said

Stuart Hoffman, chief economist at PNC Financial Services Group.

Low inflation is one of the slowed economy's few silver linings for consumers. Companies, facing sagging demand, have heavily discounted merchandise and offered free financing and other incentives to lure customers.

In December, consumer prices edged down 0.2 percent

and in November, they were flat.

But the damage of the ailing economy, which slid into recession in March, could be seen in another report.

After increasing 4.5 percent in 2000, industrial production sank 3.9 percent last year, the biggest annual drop since 1982, when the country was in the depths of its worst recession since the Great Depression, the Federal Reserve said.

Manufacturers, hardest hit by the economic slump, have tried to cope by cutting production and letting workers go.

In December, industrial activity dipped only 0.1 percent after a steep 0.4

percent drop the month before. The smaller decline, along with an increase in automobile production last month, led some economists to believe manufacturing could be on the mend.

For manufacturing to recover fully, however, businesses will have to crank up investment again and foreign companies and consumers must increase their spending on American-made goods, boosting U.S. exports, economists said.

On Wall Street, worries that a recovery would take longer than expected sent stocks tumbling. The Dow Jones industrial

average lost 211.88 points to close at 9,712.27.

In a third report, businesses reduced their inventories of unsold goods by 1 percent in November even as sales fell 1.4 percent, the Commerce Department said.

The report indicated businesses continued to make progress whittling excess supplies, which economists said is necessary to set the stage for increasing production.

"Inventories are flying out of warehouses, off the shelves and off dealer lots."

Ken Mayland
economist

of ClearView Economics.

To revive the economy, the Federal Reserve cut interest rates 11 times last year. Many analysts believe the rate reductions will fuel a recovery this year.

A nationwide survey of business conditions released by the Fed on Wednesday found "scattered reports of improvement" with production up at auto plants and consumer spending posting gains in late December and early January.

The survey also said business executives were hopeful for a rebound by midyear. The Fed has been able to cut rates so aggressively because inflation has been low. Last year, energy prices overall plunged 13 percent, the largest annual decline since 1986, reflecting weak demand amid a worldwide economic slump.

3 groups file suit against Boeing Corp.

◆ Female workers allege gender bias

Associated Press

SEATTLE

Three groups of female Boeing employees on Wednesday filed federal lawsuits against the aerospace giant alleging gender discrimination, several months after a similar suit in Seattle was granted class-action status.

The lawsuits were filed in federal courts in California, Kansas and Missouri by the Seattle law firm Hagens Berman. They also seek to be classified as class-actions.

In October, a suit filed by another Seattle law firm, McNaul Ebel Nawrot Helgren & Vance, was granted class-action status to represent female employees in the Seattle area.

The lawsuits allege Boeing denied women promotions, equal pay and other employment opportunities because of their gender.

Ken Mercer, a spokesman for Boeing in Chicago, said the company is reviewing the lawsuits and had no immediate comment.

But in general, he said, "Boeing is absolutely committed to equal opportunity for all of its employees and does not tolerate discrimination of any kind."

Steve Berman, a lawyer representing the women, said in a statement that the suits allege Boeing has "deep-seated gender bias within its organization" and has done little to

change its policies.

The lawsuits ask the court to order a halt to discriminatory actions. They also seek back pay, compensatory damages and other punitive damages for the workers.

The law firm said the suits are on behalf of several current and former employees in each state. The plaintiffs cite various examples of incidents they contend reflect gender discrimination:

◆ Cheryl Lee Persinger, a technical specialist in Wichita, Kan., contends she has been passed over for 17 different jobs although she was more than qualified.

◆ Teodosia Grosz, who was fired in July from her position as an electrical engineer in the company's Long Beach, Calif., plant after working there since 1996, alleges she made considerably less money than her male counterparts.

◆ Terri Wertz, who has worked for 13 years at Boeing's St. Louis plant, contends she received lower pay raises after taking maternity leave than before her leave.

In 1999, Boeing settled two class-action lawsuits that alleged racial discrimination. In the settlement approved by a U.S. District Court judge in Seattle, the company agreed to spend \$15 million to compensate the approximately 13,000 affected workers but admitted no wrongdoing.

The settlement was applauded by the Rev. Jesse Jackson but some workers complained that the settlement failed to provide enough money and wouldn't do enough to prevent further bias.

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King signs 4-year CNN contract

◆ Deal pays cable talk-show host \$7M annual salary

Associated Press

PASADENA, Calif. CNN has agreed to a four-year contract extension with talk-show host Larry King that keeps him as the cable network's highest-paid personality.

The contract pays King nearly \$7 million a year in base salary, but stock options and other incentives could make it worth much more, according to an executive close to the negotiations who asked for anonymity. The New York Post said the deal was worth \$56 million.

"For the viewers, for us, for everybody, it's a great decision to know that Larry will be there in that position for years to come," said Jamie Kellner, chairman of CNN parent Turner Broadcasting.

A spokeswoman for King, Erin Sermeus, confirmed the deal was essentially done but had no further comment. King was running with the Olympic torch Tuesday in Los Angeles.

The genial, 68-year-old King is not known as television's toughest interviewer. But his show, which airs nightly at 9 p.m. ET, is a popular stop for newsmakers.

King and Fox News Channel's Bill O'Reilly are in close competition to be the highest-rated cable talk show host in prime-time.

King's agreement to extend a contract that expired later this year comes at a time of heightened competitiveness in cable news. Fox earlier this month poached Greta Van Susteren, who had been host of a CNN program that aired before King, and is giving her a 10 p.m. show.

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Jamie Kellner
chairman, Turner Broadcasting

MSNBC has expanded its prime-time talk lineup by giving former GOP presidential contender Alan Keyes his own show.

Kellner said he "never even thought about" the possibility that King would leave for another network.

"I thought for a long time that Larry belongs on CNN," he said. "He believes he belongs on CNN. It fits well."

An NBC spokesman denied a broadcast report that the net-

work had dangled an offer to bring King to MSNBC and CNBC. Although King had breakfast with Fox News Channel Chairman Roger Ailes in early October, that network also said it didn't pursue King.

"Larry King's ratings are on the way down," said Kevin Magee, vice president of programming at Fox News Channel. "Bill O'Reilly's ratings are on the way up. Of these two guys, I'm very happy with the one we've got."

However, a source close to King who requested anonymity said there were clear expressions of interest — even an offer — from other networks.

NBC's recent signing of "Today" host Katie Couric to a contract believed to be worth around \$15 million a year has augured a new period of inflation for TV news star salaries. Kellner said Couric's deal did not affect the King negotiations.

The new deal also continues King's access to a private plane to shuttle him between Washington, Los Angeles and New York. He's done his show from each city.

King's friendliness with power brokers caused some problems for him last year. CNN White House correspondent John King sent his bosses an e-mail saying he felt "shame and horror" watching Larry King serve as host to a pre-inaugural event and hug President Bush.

CNN chief seeks substance, style

Associated Press

PASADENA, Calif.

Just because CNN is packaging and promoting itself more aggressively doesn't mean it's less serious about the news, the network's leaders insisted on Wednesday.

CNN has dramatically changed its look over the last nine months, partly because of the news, but also because of the influence of new Turner Broadcasting Chairman Jamie Kellner, who started both the Fox and WB entertainment networks.

"We want CNN to be the best it can be from a journalistic standpoint," Kellner said. "We [also] want it to be a comfortable place where people can turn to and we want to aggressively promote it."

While entertainment shows emphasize the glitz factor, the most important thing a news network can promote is its credibility, he said.

Aggressive promotion has gotten CNN in some trouble recently, when a commercial referring to morning show anchorwoman Paula Zahn as "sexy" was quickly yanked from the air after being deemed offensive.

Zahn and Aaron Brown, who anchors a 10 p.m. newscast, are the most visible new hires in the regimes of Kellner and new CNN Chairman Walter Isaacson, who have both been leading CNN for less than a year.

In the past few weeks, CNN has hired Anderson Cooper, former ABC News correspondent and host of "The Mole" reality show, to work on Zahn's show; much-traveled sports anchor Keith Olbermann to contribute to Brown's program; and former MTV personality Serena Altschul as a New York-based correspondent.

Zahn's program has gotten a stylistic makeover, with a new set, and is due to enter a studio with a window to the Manhattan streets in May.

She said that shouldn't distract from the harder edge that distinguishes "American Morning" from network morning shows.

"You will not be seeing us cooking," Zahn said. "We will not marry people live on television."

CNN is also experimenting with different ideas to fill a hole in its prime-time lineup left by the departure of Greta Van Susteren to rival Fox News Channel. A leading contender at 8 p.m. ET is "Live From ...," a newscast anchored from different world hot spots every night; Christiane Amanpour did it from Mogadishu on Wednesday.

"It's a gimmicky thing," Isaacson said. "But it makes it more compelling."

"We want CNN to be the best it can be from a journalistic standpoint. We [also] want it to be a comfortable place where people can turn to and we want to aggressively promote it."

Jamie Kellner
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ENGLAND

Ant committed to mental hospital

Associated Press

LONDON

Adam Ant, the flamboyant pop singer who scored hits in the 1980s, has been committed to a London psychiatric hospital after being arrested for firearms offenses, police said Wednesday.

The singer, whose real name is Stuart Goddard, was taken to the Royal Free Hospital by police on Monday — just 24 hours after he was accused of pulling out a gun at the Prince of Wales pub in north London.

Under the Mental Health Act, doctors will be able to hold Ant for 28 days while they assess his condition.

Goddard was charged on Saturday over the pub incident with possession of a

firearm or imitation firearm with intent to cause fear of violence, and with criminal damage and assault. He was bailed to appear at Highbury Magistrates Court on Friday.

The Mirror newspaper reported receiving a rambling phone call from Ant from inside the hospital.

"They've put me in the 'Alice in Wonderland' ward because they think I'm crazy," the tabloid quoted Ant as saying. "The whole thing's a conspiracy and they are out to get me. I'm not mad."

The singer, famous for his painted face and flamboyant dress sense, scored a string of hits including "Stand and Deliver," "Prince Charming," and "Goody Two Shoes." He was scheduled to headline a 1980s nostalgia tour this spring.

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VIEWPOINT

Thursday, January 17, 2002

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Mauritania gets running water and the Internet

The major theme of last semester's columns was my life with lack of running water. Before I even got to my permanent site Mauritians and Peace Corps staff kept telling me that the city of Toulde would get running water soon. There were even faucets spaced intermittently throughout the village. At first I was hopeful. But the longer I lived here the more I became resigned to the prospect that I may get running water in my last few months of service.

Maite Uranga

Life in Africa

Then a miracle happened. A couple of weeks ago, I as I walked to my friends for lunch I saw someone turn one of the faucets and water actually came out. I stopped. I watched in awe for a few seconds. My life suddenly seemed luxurious. After living for five months without running water I almost forgot how easy it is.

On the second day of water, on my way to the well a woman called me over and told me I could use her faucet. I thanked her and politely declined. A part of me liked going to the well every morning, waiting in line, watching the women and listening to the excitement of the day. In another way I would also miss the glory that comes with telling people at home that I do not have running water and relaying to them a dramatized version of using the well every morning.

By my second trip that morning I decided to stop. I set my bucket down, turned the faucet and watched as a clear liquid came out. I was used to cloudy water on good days and brown water on bad days. Seeing clear water was strange and so easy. After using the faucet for the third day I realized I would never use a well again in my village.

But do not get the wrong idea. Running water in Mauritania is entirely different from running

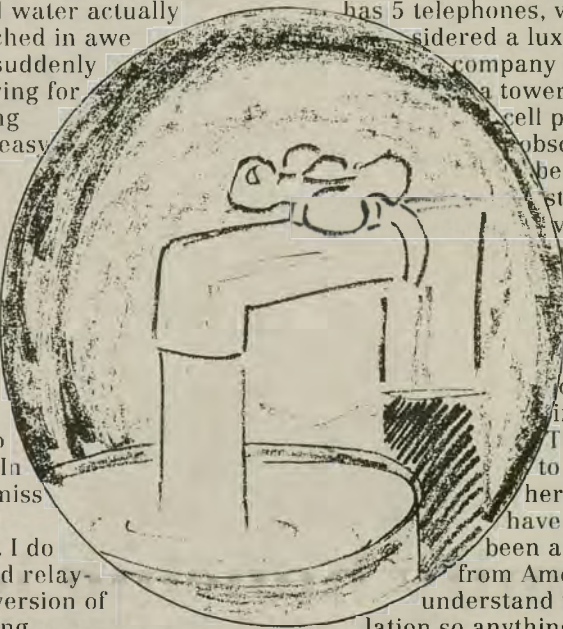
water in the United States. In my two years here it will never come directly into my house or bathroom. Faucet installation and monthly water bills are a luxury of the rich or of people whose relatives work at the water company. I still walk about 100 yards with my bucket twice a day. Before "running water" I walked 300 yards and used a well bucket. I guess it is all relative, but I feel spoiled.

I have only lived here for eight months, yet running water in Toulde is just one example of the changes within Mauritania. Technology is coming in such a way that decades of technological development — and in some cases the entire twentieth century — were skipped over. My village of 2,000 has 5 telephones, which for Mauritania is considered a luxury. The national cell phone company is in the process of building a tower. The cost and ease of using cell phones will make land lines obsolete before they even became widely used. It is a strange phenomenon that my village may get running water, cell phones and internet capabilities all in the same year.

Even I am having a hard time dealing with the rapid change. I cannot even imagine what all of this will do to Toulde and, on a wider scale, to Mauritania. Some people here are unaware that people have walked on the moon. I have been asked how long the drive is from America to Africa. They do not understand the concept of photo manipulation so anything they see, most will believe. This is an interesting time to be here in a country on the verge of running water and Internet.

Maite Uranga graduated from Notre Dame in 2000 as an anthropology and government major. She is currently a Peace Corps volunteer in the Islamic Republic of Mauritania.

The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Willingham is what Notre Dame needed

After viewing the press conference introducing Tyrone Willingham as the new Irish head coach, I felt much better about the decision that had been made in the wake of the embarrassing O'Leary debacle.

Despite the obvious pressures of recruiting at an Ivy League-caliber school, I was still skeptical about the winning percentage of Coach Willingham at Stanford, a good football school, but not elite.

I enjoyed a sense of confidence after hearing him speak to reporters, however. He portrayed himself as a man of class and virtue, and he emphasized winning at all levels of the student-athlete experience. He has shown in his short tenure that he is what Notre Dame needs to move past its troubled recent history.

Jon Gruden or Steve Mariucci were the fantasies of many, mostly due to the media attention they received, but no one should be disappointed with the hiring decision. Coach Willingham will bring Notre Dame back to where it belongs by leading a championship caliber team that also will be the most respected group in college football.

Paul Zederbaum

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Jan. 16, 2002

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GUEST COLUMN

Afghan civilian casualties need recognition

In December, Marc W. Herold, an economics professor at the University of New Hampshire, published "A Dossier on Civilian Victims of the United States' Aerial Bombing of Afghanistan: A Comprehensive Accounting." Drawing from multiple news and eyewitness accounts, Herold estimates that at least 3,767 Afghan civilians died between the start of bombing on Oct. 7 and Dec. 6.

Todd Battistelli

Daily Kent Stater

I do not know how close Herold's estimate comes to reality. I would hope the actual toll is far less, but certainly some number of civilians have died. Unfortunately, the dossier is the only document I have encountered that attempts to estimate the total civilian casualties in the American-Afghan conflict. Individual reports of civilian casualties in the American mainstream media are few. As Herold notes, they are usually accompanied by the disclaimer that "the report cannot be independently verified." Yet the media have made no substantive efforts to independently verify them.

Questions remain regarding the morality and necessity of such "collateral damage," as the Pentagon euphemistically deems civilian death and injury. Answers will be found in an open debate long past due among the American public. Has our military action as carried out in Afghanistan been proportional, moral or necessary? Though I have doubts, I welcome frank discussion with those who claim these three criteria

have been met.

What I will not tolerate is the U.S. mainstream media's reluctance to cover civilian casualties in Afghanistan. I do not believe the bombing serve our national interests or security. But if this were the case, then do we not at least owe them recognition of their unknowing sacrifice?

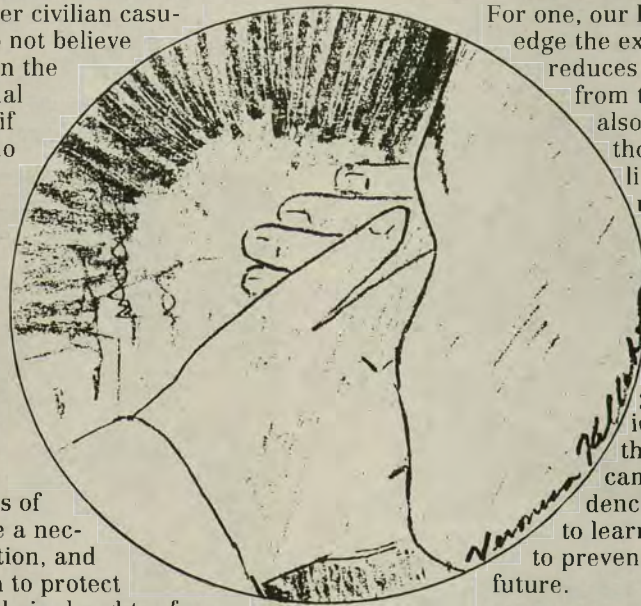
Because of malfunctioning guidance or inaccurate target data, death from the sky stole their lives as they slept. They either were buried under the rubble of their homes or blown to pieces by bombs and missiles. U.S. defense officials claim loss of civilian life and limb to be a necessary part of military action, and that this action was taken to protect America: We exchanged their slaughter for our safety.

Our attempts to ignore or downplay civilian casualties in Afghanistan are shameful. For the moment let us assume that our military campaign was correct. If the cause is just, then the loss, no matter how tragic,

works for the greater good. Why then should we hide or minimize civilian deaths?

For one, our leaders' refusal to acknowledge the extent of civilian casualties reduces criticism of their campaign from the American public. But it also offers inspirational fodder for those who would follow maniacs like bin Laden. America's failure to account for deaths could be interpreted as indifference toward people of the Third World.

The best course of action would be to treat Afghan civilian casualties with the gravity and respect their tragic loss deserves by including them in coverage of the current campaign. Only with all the evidence out in the open can we hope to learn from these events and work to prevent similar tragedies in the future.



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SCENE

movies

To Moviegoers,

Over winter break, the motion picture industry n

Scene Staff Report

Hollywood is known for manipulating audiences into crying and laughing at colorful streams of celluloid projected far above their heads. The ultimate Hollywood manipulation, however, is the release of their finest films at the tail end of each year. Whether it's for award consideration or buckets of money, the movie industry always saves the best for last. How else does one account for the sheer superiority of December's releases? Forget Santa Claus. The real gift bearer this Christmas was Hollywood.

Want proof? Take a look at our critics' reactions to 10 holiday releases, starting with the one film that ruled them all.

"Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring"

★★★★★ (out of five shamrocks)

Go see this movie. Now, later, today, tomorrow, whenever — "The Lord of the Rings" is a worthy film at every turn, and especially thrilling on the big screen. Director Peter Jackson and the combined genius of concept artists, cinematographers and computer graphics render the New Zealand landscapes as fantastic portraits. The film virtually sings of magnificent kingdoms, unearthly creatures and feats of daring-do.

Jackson's cast only serves to enhance the enchanting scenery in which they play. Sir Ian McKellen brings a sober vitality to his complex role as Gandalf, and Elijah Wood is equally acute as the protagonist Frodo. While the rest of the cast is also noteworthy, perhaps the most engaging supporting role comes from Sir Ian Holm in his rendition of the hobbit Bilbo. Holm's scenes reveal a tormented soul teetering on the brink of madness and oblivion, darkening the narrative and yet enriching it at the same time.

Above all, the substance of the film, J.R.R. Tolkien's books, shines through as the most prominent and essential aspect. Tolkien fans may be surprised by a few additions and subtractions, but Jackson and his scriptwriters manage to preserve the overall integrity of the original story line. Even Tolkien's Christian overtones are embedded in the narrative and remain intact. "The Lord of the Rings" is truly that rare thing: a great story made into a great film.

Mario Bird



Photo courtesy of New Line Cinema

Released on Dec. 19, 2001, director Peter Jackson's "Fellowship of the Ring" has raked in nearly \$240 million.

"The Royal Tenenbaums"

★★★★★

Director and writer Wes Anderson operates in a genre all his own, combining idiosyncratic comedy, tragedy, detached humanity and melodrama into an indefinable category.

The Tenenbaums are a family of fallen child prodigies: Chas (Ben Stiller), Richie (Luke Wilson) and adopted Margot (Gwyneth Paltrow). The children, still protecting the scars of their childhood, all play victims to father Royal (flawlessly portrayed by Gene Hackman), who fakes an illness in order gain back the endearment of his family and wife, Etheline (Angelica Houston).

Anderson and co-writer Owen Wilson have crafted "The Royal Tenenbaums" like a novel. Each segment begins with a chapter title and a snippet of a book. More importantly, the movie flows like a novel. The story itself is based in a timeless Manhattan, where popular culture and fashion never seem to advance. These discrepancies present us with a completely original and fictional world we are not accustomed to.

For fans of Anderson's previous films, "Tenenbaums" bursts with the same bitter-sweet notions of adolescence present in "Rushmore" and "Bottle Rocket," but here he pushes his skills past that of an independent filmmaker and forges his way into Hollywood as an imaginative and hilarious writer-director. "The Royal Tenenbaums" will please any college filmgoer: its idiosyncrasies will keep you thinking and make you laugh even harder each time you see it.

"A Beautiful Mind"

★★★★★

Director Ron Howard bridges excellent chemistry with an intriguing plot to make "A Beautiful Mind" one of the best films of 2001. In a year that was mediocre at best until the holiday rush, this movie sets itself apart with its psychological twists and turns that delve deeply into the mind of a schizophrenic.

The film tells the true story of mathematician John Forbes Nash, Jr. (Russell Crowe). While studying arduously at Princeton, Nash finally succeeds in finding an original theory of equilibrium, laying the foundation for the game theory of economics. His subsequent dealings with the government in its Cold War efforts have a mysterious effect and question what Nash is really up to. During this time, he marries Alicia (Jennifer Connelly) and soon she becomes pregnant.

Nash's fall from grace commences as he is diagnosed with schizophrenia, loses his job and is put on intense medication. His courage to return to a normal life despite his disorder is the focus of the remainder of the



Photo courtesy of Universal Pictures

Russell Crowe and Jennifer Connelly share the screen in "A Beautiful Mind," which chronicles the accomplishments and setbacks of real life figure John Nash.



Gene Hackman plays the title character in writer-director Wes Anderson's "The Royal Tenenbaums," currently showing in theaters around the country.

film. Ultimately, Nash becomes a character who possesses not only a keen intellect, but also a sense of compassion, bravery and dedication that transcend the mathematical equations for which he won the Nobel Prize.

The chemistry between Crowe and Connelly is first rate, as Connelly plays a wife coming to grips with a schizophrenic husband and a newborn baby. Crowe's intense performance showcases his acting ability and goes far beyond the epic hero he played in "Gladiator." It would not be surprising if both were nominated for Oscars.

Liam Dacey

"Ali"

★★★★★

With "Ali," director Michael Mann chooses to focus in on only one decade of the boxer's epic life story. The years between 1964 and 1974 were the most turbulent of Ali's career and it is no overstatement to say that Mann succeeds in creating a film that celebrates Ali's determination and steadfast beliefs, two qualities that made him one of the most revered figures in history.

For an actor, portraying Muhammad Ali is the trickiest of roles. A balance must be found between giving an emotionally honest performance while also evoking the sounds and mannerisms of a man whom has been documented all his life. Thankfully, Will Smith nails Ali's distinct mannerisms and boxing style to near perfection.

The fight sequences, though, are the film's highlights. The rapid-fire editing and quick bursts of blurred slow motion stand in visually for what it must have been like to be in the ring.

Considering the pressure and high levels of expectation Mann probably felt as he began to tackle this project, it's not hard to see why the film is ultimately so unfulfilling. By attempting to juggle everyone's expectations, Mann shows his expertise by still making a mildly pleasing film that, unfortunately, never lands a knockout.

Matt Nania

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From Hollywood

managed to spread some holiday cheer of its own



Photo courtesy of Buena Vista Pictures

erson's quirky family drama
ntry.

In the film, Sofia (Penelope Cruz) entices David (Tom Cruise) to forgo his vain, womanizing existence for a chance at true love.

David immediately dissolves his relationship with the volatile Julie (Cameron Diaz), who upon hearing the news of the dissolution suddenly decides she wants to explore the kinetic energy distribution between her car (with David inside) and a brick wall.

After the crash, the pace of "Vanilla Sky" crawls with lackluster scenes exploring David's deteriorating mental condition. His shattered vanity catalyzes a dangerous psychological fixation, and David begins to project Julie onto Sofia. David's emotional stability is threatened by this switching, which has no apparent motive, but whose genesis might be solely in David's mind.

"Vanilla Sky" unites two underdeveloped romances with a conclusion that is anticlimactic instead of thrilling. The film explores too much ground, trying to incorporate into a single film the impingement of technology on the moral and social order, the problems of life as a dream, and the discovery of true love. In the end, it does not add new or interesting ideas to any of these premises.

Jude Seymour

"The Majestic"

Photo courtesy of Buena Vista Pictures

"The Majestic" is the story of Peter Appleton (Jim Carrey), a screenwriter who is blacklisted by the major studios during the 1951 House Un-American Activities probe. While out bemoaning his excommunication, Peter drives his car off a bridge, only to wash up on a beach in a small town with no memory of who he is. The residents of the town mistake him for Luke Trimble, the lost (and presumed dead) son of Harry Trimble (Martin Landau). While Peter attempts to rediscover his past, he walks into the lives of several townspeople, including Luke's only love, Sandra (Amanda Detmer).

"The Majestic," directed by Frank Darabont ("The Shawshank Redemption"), is littered with problematic moments, including its attempt to revise historic events in order to promote its message of freedom and bravery. However, any audience that is willing to suspend their disbelief for the 150-minute running time will find a cozy Frank Capra-esque universe that is comforting in its construction.

In the end, the plot presents little more than a hackneyed structure about the amnesia condition, but Carrey and Landau do their best to make the characters they portray likeable.

Jude Seymour



Photo courtesy of USA Films

"Gosford Park" showcases the assured direction of Robert Altman, starring a who's who of talented name actors.

"Vanilla Sky"

Photo courtesy of Buena Vista Pictures

"Vanilla Sky" is a thriller in which the audience is not participatory in piecing together the mystery.

"Ocean's Eleven"

Photo courtesy of USA Films

Director Steven Soderbergh ("Traffic") assembles an elite force of popular American actors for his adaptation of the 1960 Rat Pack feature. Danny Ocean (George Clooney) is released from jail and immediately begins to mastermind a casino heist. Ocean's hubris usurps the plans however, and soon enough Danny finds himself in need of eleven men to rob three casinos simultaneously. The actors who make up the eleven members are a running list of past and present acting talents: Elliot Gould and Carl Reiner are found to be in cahoots with Brad Pitt, Matt Damon and Don Cheadle.

"Eleven" blends the structure and flow of a "Mission Impossible" movie with the feel of previous Soderbergh features "Out of Sight" and "The Limey." This time the director forgoes imaginative cinematography for a slicker look, reinforcing the smooth operation of the heist itself.

The movie pays off all of its tense moments with its brilliant re-imagining of the 1960s plot, adding computer wizardry and a comedic cast to make things both action packed and well scripted. Ultimately, "Ocean's Eleven" doesn't challenge the intellectual properties of the mind, but it's still a fun way to spend a couple hours.

Jude Seymour

"Gosford Park"

Photo courtesy of USA Films

It is November of 1932, and Sir William McCordle (Michael Gambon) has invited several guests to his countryside mansion for a pheasant shoot. The eleven who accept are accompanied by their own personal valets, making director Robert Altman's newest film similar to a game of Memory. Over 25 characters are introduced in the film's first 20 minutes, challenging the audience to take mental notes on names and status. Then, after singular introductions, Altman gleefully reverts to addresses such as "Lady" and "Sir."

The confusion adds to the overall excitement of the film, which takes a twist when the host of the party is murdered twice. A bumbling detective (Stephen Fry) interrogates the houseguests (played by some of Britain's finest actors, such as Kristen Scott Thomas, Maggie Smith, Helen Mirren and Jeremy Northam).

Altman takes special care to make each character dynamic, despite the arduous nature of such a task. Smith and American Ryan Phillippe are outstanding in their respective roles.

Borrowing both from Agatha Christie's "Ten Little Indians" and Jean Renoir's "Rules of the Game," "Park" not only solves its murder, but also provides a rewarding critique of caste systems while challenging the true understandings of propriety. "Gosford Park" is a movie to be explored and dissected not with only one viewing, but with many.

Jude Seymour



Photo courtesy of Miramax Films

Audrey Tautou plays the lovable lead in the whimsical French film, "Amelie."

"Amelie"

Photo courtesy of Miramax Films

Amelie Poulain (Audrey Tautou) is a charming romantic who lives alone in a deteriorating old apartment. She discovers a keepsake box belonging to a former resident that inspires her to embark on a series of adventures in which she fulfills the longings of co-workers, family members and exploited friends. In the midst of her crusades, she finds herself attracted to a peculiar stranger, Nino (Mathieu Kassovitz) who collects discarded photo images. Amelie begins a flirtatious game with Nino, which highlights

both her imaginative capabilities and her extremely shy disposition while around romantic interests.

"Amelie" is not only extremely charming but also wonderfully directed by Jean-Pierre Jeunet, who handles the movie like the break operator on a roller coaster. Jeunet fiddles with the pacing of the film, making the experience more playful and visually stimulating.

Although it is primarily a romantic comedy, the film does not overindulge in the genre's customary allotment of sappiness, making this a date movie that is accessible to both men and women.

Jude Seymour

"In the Bedroom"

Photo courtesy of Miramax Films

"In the Bedroom" is an emotionally charged story about a couple confronting the schism that is slowly developing within their relationship. Tom Wilkinson and Sissy Spacek turn in two outstanding performances as Dr. and Mrs. Matt Fowler, whose quiet existences are thrown into turmoil when their son Frank (Nick Stahl) starts dating the recently separated Natalie (Marisa Tomei). Mrs. Fowler is wary of Natalie's past, including her dysfunctional and abusive ex, Richard (William Mapother). Frank is unable to control Richard when he invites himself over to visit Natalie, and their conflict soon escalates beyond the two of them. The Fowler parents invest their love singularly into their only son, and therefore try to facilitate a resolution between their boy and Richard.

However, that investment in loving Frank has long provided a cover for loving each other. When Frank is absent, the parents struggle to reopen the severed lines of communication, often exploding into catastrophic and painful arguments.

Director Todd Field does a remarkable job capturing the emotions of the Fowler couple, oftentimes doing such an authentic job that the movie becomes difficult to watch. The film succeeds remarkably because of its poignant scenes and well-written characterizations.

Despite notions that films like this exist without any purpose except to make the audience feel empty by their conclusion, "In the Bedroom" challenges its audience to participate in a manner not seen in most Hollywood films these days.

Jude Seymour

Over the next few weeks, American audiences will see the wide releases of several other 2001 holiday films that are currently playing in select major cities. These include the Ridley Scott's gritty war epic "Black Hawk Down," Sean Penn's "I Am Sam," the genre blending "Brotherhood of the Wolf" and the race drama "Monster's Ball," starring Oscar buzzers Halle Berry and Billy Bob Thornton.

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MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Red Sox sale to John Henry approved Wednesday

Associated Press

PHOENIX

The record \$660 million sale of the Boston Red Sox to a group led by Florida Marlins owner John Henry was approved Wednesday by baseball owners.

Acting with a speed seldom seen in the sport, owners voted 29-0, with the New York Yankees abstaining, to OK a controversial deal that was agreed to on Dec. 20.

The new ownership is likely to take control in late February after the sale closes, which could lead to the ouster of general manager Dan Duquette and other front-office moves.

While the Red Sox, with tiny Fenway Park, the Green Monster and Pesky's pole, are one of baseball's most storied teams, they have not won a World Series since 1918 as New England's springtime hope has turned to autumn disappointment each year.

"Baseball runs in our veins, just like it runs in yours," Henry said in a message to Red Sox fans.

Because the Red Sox spurned higher offers — \$755 million from New York lawyer Miles Prentice and \$750 million from Cablevision Systems Corp. chairman Charles Dolan — Boston chief executive officer John Harrington and baseball commissioner Bud Selig have been accused of steering the deal to Henry's group, filled with connected baseball veterans.

Among Henry's partners are former San Diego owner Tom Werner, former Padres and Baltimore Orioles president Larry Lucchino and former Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell, who served on Selig's latest economic study.

"I'm not concerned about the way John Harrington handled the sale or his people," Selig said, "or the way major league baseball handled the sale."

Massachusetts Attorney General Thomas Reilly had been investigating the sale process, saying his role is to ensure that the agreement maximizes the money that goes to charities. The Jean R. Yawkey Trust, run by Harrington, owns a 53 percent controlling stake in the team, which owns Fenway Park and 80 percent of the New England Sports Network.

The original deal with Henry

called for \$410 million to go to the Yawkey Trust. Under an agreement reached Wednesday with Reilly, an additional \$30 million will go to youth, educational and other organizations — \$20 million from the incoming owners and \$10 million from the current limited partners.

Accompanied by Werner, Lucchino and Mitchell, the incoming owners read statements from Red Sox Hall of Famers Ted Williams and Carl Yastrzemski.

Werner said he was "looking to forward to opening day and erasing the Curse of the Bambino" — a reference to Boston's lack of a World Series title since it traded Babe Ruth to the hated Yankees.

Selig said he expects the sale to close in mid-to-late February.

The approval set in motion deals for Henry to sell the Marlins to Expos owner Jeffrey Loria for \$158 million and for Loria to sell the Expos back to the commissioner's office for \$120 million. Neither deal has been completed.

Selig said baseball "will proceed with the consideration" of those sales "in an orderly fashion." He said that before the Red Sox sale closes, Henry must have approval for the sale of the Marlins and must sell his 1 percent stake in the New York Yankees.

In addition, Selig said Werner and Lucchino have to sell their shares in the Padres before the Red Sox sale closes.

Harrington, who had argued Henry's group was the most likely to gain quick approval, was not at the meeting.

"This may not seem obvious at the moment, but running this team is one of the greatest jobs in the world," Harrington said in a statement.

"The most important aspect of this approval is that new ownership, who know and love this game, will be in place and in control by opening day. Winning teams don't happen by accident, and they don't happen overnight. It's time to let John Henry and his group get moving."

The sale of the Red Sox will mark the first time since 1933 the Yawkey name isn't associated with the team.

The Red Sox, who last won the World Series in 1918, had six owners from 1901-33, most



Reuters photo

John Henry (from left), Tom Werner and Larry Lucchino, shown here at a Dec. 21 press conference, are members of the group cleared to buy Boston Red Sox for \$700 million. The deal was approved by baseball owners Wednesday.

notably Harry Frazee, infamous for selling Ruth to the Yankees for money to finance his Broadway musical, "No, No Nanette."

Thomas Yawkey bought the team from J.A. Robert Quinn in 1933 and when Thomas Yawkey died in 1976, his wife took over.

When Jean Yawkey died, she willed all her holdings to her trust, giving Harrington, her longtime adviser, broad power to run the team.

Boston was one strike from winning a World Series against the New York Mets before Bob Stanley's wild pitch and Bill Buckner's infamous error on Mookie Wilson's grounder costs them the game. The Red Sox also lost that Series in seven games.

Under the agreement with Reilly, Harrington will share control of the Yawkey trust with an expanded board that will total nine trustees.

"We will bring in professional management to manage it," Reilly said. "I'm proud today that this sale can go forward."

Harrington said that by reaching the agreement, he would be able to "maximize the proceeds to the Yawkey Foundation and to conclude the sale process so that the Henry-Werner group can be in place by opening day."

"I look forward to continuing to carry on Mrs. Yawkey's legacy in my role as trustee and executive director of her foundation for many years to come," Harrington said.

Henry said the agreement to establish a New Boston Red Sox Foundation would continue the Yawkey's long history of community involvement.

"We look forward to forging strong ties within the Boston area and throughout the New England community via this foundation for many years to

come," Henry said in a statement.

The agreement was announced shortly after Reilly had sent a letter to Selig, saying the bidding should be reopened and urging owners not to vote on the sale. He had said in the letter that his review of the sales process required further investigation.

"I have a responsibility not only to assure that the charities of the Commonwealth receive as much as possible from the sale of the Red Sox, but also to guarantee that the foundation is prepared to meet its obviously enhanced obligations," Reilly wrote to Selig.

At a subsequent news conference, Reilly said he had "run out of patience. It was important to us to get it done."

Prentice and Dolan had no immediate comment.

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Basilica of the Sacred Heart
Followed by dinner at Hammes Student Lounge

1/18
friday

Eucharistic Adoration
11:30 a.m. - 4:45 p.m.
Basilica of the Sacred Heart

MBA Retreat
4:00 p.m.
Sacred Heart Parish Center

807 Mass
8:00 p.m.
Lounge, Coleman-Morse Center

1/19
saturday

The Plunge-It's A Family Affair
1:00 p.m.
Coleman-Morse Center Student Lounge

1/20
sunday

Confirmation-Rite of Welcome
11:45 a.m.
Basilica of the Sacred Heart

Spanish Mass
1:30 p.m.
Zahm Hall Chapel

Law School Mass
5:00 p.m.
Law School Chapel

MBA Mass
7:00 p.m.
Mendoza College of Business Chapel

1/21
monday

The Way Bible Study
8:30 p.m.
331 Coleman-Morse Center

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Monday through Tuesday
11:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.
Fisher Hall Chapel

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tuesday

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7:00 p.m.
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An Expression of Self through Dance, Poetry and Music
6:30-8:30 p.m.
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Educated by Holy Cross

■ By Fr. Bill Wack, CSC, Director, Freshman Retreat Program

For those of you who attended a Catholic high school, you may know that your school probably had a certain "charism" or feel to it. Many congregations and orders such as the Jesuits, Marists, Dominicans, Christian Brothers, and others attempt to pass on to the students in their schools specific values and disciplines - both inside and outside the classroom. But what about the Congregation of Holy Cross (the congregation which founded and runs or sponsors the University of Notre Dame, St. Mary's College, and Holy Cross College as well as dozens of high schools and colleges around the world)? What is it about these places that is distinctively "Holy Cross"?

There are about fifty Holy Cross high schools, colleges, and universities around the world. They are located in India, Chile, Brazil, Peru, Bangladesh, Africa, Canada and the United States. Of all of them, Notre Dame has the most international recognition.

Though it may not always be evident in every place, there are several marks of a "Holy Cross education", as introduced by our founder, Fr. Basil Moreau, CSC. Among these are the following:

1) In Holy Cross schools there is a great deal of emphasis placed on forming and maintaining community. We try to do this in our high schools by focusing on how our decisions and actions affect others. Also, we are challenged to see others not just as students, faculty, and staff, but also as brothers and sisters in the Lord. At our colleges and universities, Holy Cross prides itself on

fostering community through residential living, especially in halls on campus. As Bishop Daniel Jenky, CSC, writes in a recent article, "From the very beginning Holy Cross religious were never intended to be confined to the classroom alone. They were challenged by Moreau to share their lives as well as their learning. It is a vision of education unique to Holy Cross and traceable to Fr. Moreau's own understanding that a Holy Cross educator's role is more than providing classroom instruction but to help students to discover their deepest longings in life as disciples of Jesus Christ."

"An education that is complete is one in which the hands and heart are engaged as much as the mind. We want to let our students try their learning in the world and so make prayers of their education."

~ Rev. Basil Moreau, CSC

2) Moreau also was a champion of the modern liturgical movement, and believed that liturgy should be at the heart of any Holy Cross school. Accordingly, the Eucharist is celebrated daily in all of our schools, from

large "all-school" Masses to small liturgies in our residence hall chapels. We also hope to pass on to our students a love of liturgy and a sense of responsibility to celebrate the sacraments well in their parishes at home.

3) Schools run or sponsored by Holy Cross priests, brothers, and sisters attempt to promote service as a way to respond to the invitation of Christ, who sent his disciples out to preach, heal, and teach. There are many opportunities available to the community, both on campus and off; during one's academic career and long afterwards. Further, our students should be taught to think of themselves as servants of the rest. Fr. Moreau wrote, "I have always been convinced that the first duty of any teacher is to produce Christians; society has a greater need for people of values than it has for scholars."

4) We hope to foster collaboration of religious and laypeople for the common purpose of furthering the mission. Holy Cross was founded to assist parishes and schools in teaching all of God's people the Gospel of Christ. To that end, the priests, brothers, and sisters of Holy Cross work side by side with women and men of good will for the building up the Kingdom.

There are many objectives Holy Cross has in sponsoring high schools, colleges, and universities. Some of these are evident, some are not so obvious. Sometimes we are blessed by a tremendous amount of success; sometimes we fail at achieving these goals. But we press on as 'educators in the faith', more hopeful than ever that God's will be done in and through us. All of us at Notre Dame, St. Mary's, and Holy Cross College - students, faculty, staff, clergy, lay, and religious - can benefit from Fr. Moreau's vision of what a true Christian education is all about. CM

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Weekend Liturgies

■ **Presiders**
Basilica of the Sacred Heart

Saturday, January 19 Mass
5:00 p.m.
Rev. David J. Scheidler, c.s.c.

Sunday, January 20 Mass
10:00 a.m.
Rev. Peter D. Rocca, c.s.c.
11:45 a.m.
Rev. Gary S. Chamberland, c.s.c.

■ Sunday's Scripture Readings

1st Reading	Is 49: 3, 5-6
2nd Reading	1 Cor 1: 1-3
Gospel	Jn 1: 29-34

NFL

Strahan gains defensive award

Associated Press

The sack has become the most glorified defensive play in the NFL, a major reason why Michael Strahan is The Associated Press Defensive Player of the Year.

Strahan, who set an NFL record with 22 1/2 sacks for the New York Giants, earned a seven-vote margin over Chicago linebacker Brian Urlacher in balloting announced Wednesday.

"Only seven," Strahan said with a huge smile that showed off his famous gap-tooth look. "I'm disappointed, but I'll take it."

Nothing was disappointing about the defensive end's performance this season.

Strahan, one of the league's most popular players for his outgoing, entertaining yet humble manner, always has been a fearless pass rusher. He was a force against the run this season, too, and, with linebacker

Jessie Armstead and the rest of New York's defense plagued by inconsistency, Strahan was Mr. Reliable.

So much so that he was a unanimous choice to the AP All-Pro team last week.

"I don't try to make every play perfect, I just try to make sure every play counts," Strahan said, "because you never know which plays are going to count in a game."

"I do something extra every day. I don't think there is a day that I don't do something extra. That's been the difference for me. That's one thing I learned over the last few years: Every day you have to do something that you think somebody else is not doing to make yourself better."

Although the Giants struggled in defense of their NFC crown and finished 7-9, Strahan was virtually unstoppable.

The nine-year veteran from Texas Southern punctuated his huge season with 3 1/2 sacks

against Philadelphia in the next-to-last game. His record-breaking sack came with controversy, when Green Bay quarterback Brett Favre appeared to hand it to Strahan, a longtime friend.

Asked Wednesday if he knew Strahan had won the award, Favre cracked, "I helped him get that."

But Favre denied having helped Strahan get his final sack.

"No sack is a gimme in the NFL," said Mark Gastineau, who set the old record in 1984 with the New York Jets.

"Any time you can break an NFL record it's awesome," Giants tackle Lomas Brown said. "He worked hard all year. He deserved it."

Strahan received 27 votes from a nationwide panel of 50 media members who cover the NFL last season's choice, Baltimore linebacker Ray Lewis, got two votes, and Cleveland linebacker Jamir Miller received the other.

NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL

GU suspends players

◆ Bulldog players allegedly raped female student

Associated Press

ATHENS, Ga.

Georgia suspended starting forward Steve Thomas and backup guard Tony Cole on Wednesday while university police investigated a report that a female student was raped in a dormitory.

The suspensions occurred shortly before the 20th-ranked Bulldogs (14-2), who moved into the national rankings two days earlier for the first time this season, played No. 16 Alabama in a key Southeastern Conference game.

Another athlete, football player Brandon Williams, also was suspended indefinitely.

Asa Boynton, the school's director of public safety, said a basketball player was accused of rape and a football player of attempted rape. A third athlete, a basketball player, was identified as being an accessory to the attack.

Boynton said the alleged rape occurred in a room at McWhorter Hall between 9:30 p.m. and 10 p.m. Monday. The dormitory houses many of the school's football and basketball players.

"One of the three athletes was friends with the victim," Boynton said. "The other two did not know her."

Boynton and university police chief Chuck Horton would not identify the athletes involved.

No arrests had been made, but the school announced late Wednesday afternoon that Cole, Thomas and Williams were suspended pending an investigation by university police, the department of student affairs and the athletic association.

"We're going back over everything that's been said and get as much information as possible," Horton said. "When different people tell what they saw, sometimes when you talk to them again, they'll put a different twist on the story."

Thomas, a 6-foot-8 sophomore, was averaging 8.2 points and 6.5 rebounds. Cole, a 5-11 junior, was averaging 5.6 points and 2.3 assists.

Williams, a junior cornerback, was a backup on the Bulldogs' football team. He had 13 tackles and one interception this season.

The loss of Thomas was a major blow to the Bulldogs' inside game. He was the biggest player on a team that doesn't have a true center.

Even without a center, the Bulldogs were off to their best start in years, including an upset victory at Kentucky last week.

The female student called police at 1 a.m. Tuesday and said she was raped at a dormitory by a man she knew. She said another man who she did not know tried to rape her, according to a police report.

Boynton said university police were "questioning all of the people involved in this, the victim, as well as those accused. We're doing fact-finding to see what actually took place."

Bucs look to sign Parcels as coach

◆ Former Giants coach begins search for staff

Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla.

There were more indications Wednesday that Bill Parcels is on the verge of becoming the next coach of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

New York Jets assistant general manager and director of pro player personnel Mike Tannenbaum interviewed for the Bucs' general manager position currently held by Rich McKay.

Tannenbaum was Parcels' hand-picked choice to negotiate contracts and manage the salary cap when the coach moved from New England to the Jets in 1997.

The Bucs fired Tony Dungy as coach Monday night and formally announced Tuesday that the team was negotiating with Parcels, who won two Super Bowl with the New York Giants.

Parcels has begun assembling a staff that's expected to include Dan Henning as

offensive coordinator. Bucs defensive coordinator Monte Kiffin remains under contract and could be a candidate for the same position under the next coach.

The Bucs had little to say about Tannenbaum's visit, other than to acknowledge through team spokesman Reggie Roberts that the Jets' executive "was in town to discuss a possible role within the organization."

The sons of Tampa Bay owner Malcolm Glazer have said they'd like McKay, who worked with Dungy to turn around a franchise that had 14 consecutive losing seasons before ending a 15-year playoff drought in 1997, to remain in an expanded role.

With Parcels likely to have control over all football-related personnel decisions, and Tannenbaum handling the financial side, Club vice presidents Joel and Bryan Glazer have already approached McKay about a contract extension, but the general manager said they have not discussed what his duties might entail.

"The hard thing I have

here is that we've invested a lot, done everything we can to try to get the franchise righted from a franchise that was not right, and you feel a little emotional tie to it, from that perspective," McKay said. "I need to sit down with them, figure out where we're going and make some decisions, which I will. ... It would be difficult because a big part of our life was tied up in it. I've got to wait and see."

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MLB

Free agents sign contracts

Associated Press

Pedro Astacio landed with the New York Mets on Wednesday and Eric Young signed with the Milwaukee Brewers as the slow-moving free-agent market pushed forward.

Meanwhile, Jermaine Dye agreed to a \$32 million, three-year contract with Oakland, one of seven deals among the 90 players who filed for salary arbitration a day earlier.

Minnesota right-hander Joe Mays got a \$20 million, four-year contract, and Detroit right-hander Danny Patterson agreed to a \$7 million, three-year deal.

Four players agreed to one-year contracts:

Anaheim outfielder Darin Erstad (\$6.25 million), Kansas City left-hander Jose Rosado (3.25 million), St.

Louis outfielder J.D. Drew (\$3.1 million) and Boston catcher Doug Mirabelli (\$650,000).

Players who don't settle will exchange figures with their teams Friday for pro-

posed one-year contracts. Hearings will be scheduled for Feb. 4-21.

In smaller free agent deals, catcher Scott Servais agreed to a minor league contract with San Francisco, a deal that calls for him to get a \$400,000, one-year contract if he's added to the major league roster. Right-hander Alan Benes agreed to a minor league contract with the Chicago Cubs.

Astacio's contract becomes guaranteed for at least \$6 million in 2003 if he pitches 180 innings.

If healthy, Astacio would give the Mets a much-needed righty for their rotation. He was shut down late last season because of a partial tear in his pitching shoulder.

"Eric is a quality, proven hitter. He is a guy who knows how to get on base."

Dean Taylor
Brewer's general manager

Astacio was one of the biggest names available at last year's July 31 trading deadline. He

was sent from the Colorado Rockies with cash considerations to the Houston Astros for pitcher Scott Elarton and a player to be named.

But Astacio had a partial tear in his right shoulder and, after going 2-1 with a 3.14 ERA for the Astros, did not pitch again.

Astacio, 32, finished the season at 8-14 with a 5.09 ERA in 26 starts for the Rockies and Astros.

The Mets watched Astacio pitch four times in the Dominican Republic winter league. The team brought him to New York for an MRI exam on Wednesday.

"He's loose and pain-free," Phillips said. "He clearly didn't have a sore arm."

Young, a second baseman, batted .279 with six home runs, 42 RBIs and 31 stolen bases last season for the Chicago Cubs.

"Eric is a quality, proven leadoff hitter," general manager Dean Taylor said. "He is a guy who knows how to get on base."

Dye, acquired by Oakland from Kansas City in a July trade, could have become a free agent after next season.

"A lot of our guys who are young are locked up for three, four years," Dye said. "When I came here, everything changed in my mind. It was like I was playing major league baseball for the first time again. It was fun again."

NHL

Hurricanes, Panthers swap 5 players in trade

Associated Press

RALEIGH, N.C.

Six-time All-Star defenseman Sandis Ozolinsh and top minor league prospect Byron Ritchie were traded by the Carolina Hurricanes to the Florida Panthers on Wednesday for three players.

The Hurricanes received defenseman Bret Hedican, center Kevyn Adams and minor league prospect Tomas Malec.

Ozolinsh, in his 10th NHL season, was picked as a starter for the World All-Star team for the second straight season with Carolina despite offensive numbers that didn't match his playing days with the Colorado Avalanche.

"We're in the second half of the season now, we're getting into real critical games and we have to be more responsible defensively," Carolina general manager Jim Rutherford said. "We have to have a little more energy and a little more grit."

In 119 career games with Carolina, Ozolinsh had 16 goals and 51 assists for 67 points. His best season was in 1997-98 with Colorado, with 68 points.

"He felt pressure right from the start to put up a tremendous amount of numbers and to create things offensively," Carolina coach Paul Maurice said. "He wasn't able to do that early and it cost us defensively a bit and his confidence went and he had a hard time getting that back."

Panthers general manager Chuck

Fletcher isn't concerned.

"We feel he's a quality offensive defenseman," Fletcher said. "We're one of the lowest scoring teams in the league. We felt in order to improve our offense, we needed to get a better puck moving defenseman to help our attack, to help our transition and help our power play. Certainly over his career, he's shown to be one of the better offensive defensemen in the league."

Ozolinsh was traded to Carolina on the first day of the 2000 draft for Nolan Pratt and three draft picks. General manager Jim Rutherford signed Ozolinsh to a five-year, \$25 million contract.

But he became a defensive liability, going a team-worst minus-25 last year and scored just 23 points in 46 games this year.

Rutherford tried to deal Ozolinsh last season, but there were no takers because of his high salary.

Fletcher said the Panthers tried to trade for Ozolinsh a few years ago when he was with Colorado. The Panthers also inquired about a trade last year. At the time it didn't make sense for Florida.

"This year our ownership stepped up," Fletcher said. "They obviously were willing to take on more payroll and take on more pay. We were able to add on a quality player."

The 5-foot-9 Ritchie had 20 goals and 28 assists in 39 games for Lowell of the American Hockey League, but the Hurricanes have questioned Ritchie's size and durability.

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NBA

Cuban works at Dairy Queen for two hours

◆ Owner honors promise to ice cream parlor

Associated Press

COPPELL, Texas — Trying desperately to perfect the curly tip on a soft-serve cone, Mark Cuban licked the remains of another failed effort from his fingertips and handed the messy treat to an excited 3-year-old boy.

One lick later, the kid dropped it.

That was about the only thing that went wrong Wednesday when the billionaire owner of the Dallas Mavericks worked two hours behind a Dairy Queen counter, making good on a promise to manage the fast-food restaurant.

The company's offer came in response to Cuban's assertion that he wouldn't hire Ed Rush, the NBA's head of officiating, "to manage a Dairy Queen."

The league fined Cuban \$500,000 for the comment, a record for an individual. For about \$650,000, Cuban could've bought a startup DQ franchise.

So, after doing the job himself, does he still think Rush couldn't do it?

"It depends on how he treats the customers. That's the hard part," Cuban said.

"Part of the point I was trying to make with the NBA is that you have to understand your customers and learn to get better as a business."

Cuban, fined more than \$1 million by the NBA in the two years since he bought the team, praised his boss-for-a-day, store owner Parrish Chapman, and took another shot at the league.

"I'd love to send Parrish up to the NBA to have him give them a lesson in exactly how to communicate," Cuban said. "When anybody needed to interact with Parrish, he

was right there to answer the questions. That's the way you run a business. If Parrish just went up there and just took a look, we'd be a lot better off."

Cuban's presence created a carnival atmosphere at the suburban Dairy Queen and drew more than 1,000 people, many waiting close to an hour to place their order. The crush was so big the restaurant ran out of ice.

"It was worth the wait," Tony Newpower said. "It's not often you see a billionaire serving burgers."

Wearing a navy denim shirt and a manager's nametag, and carrying a pencil in his right shirt pocket, Cuban actually spent more time signing autographs than taking orders.

But he did take his temporary job seriously. He arrived at 6 a.m., after flying home from a Mavericks game in Atlanta, and began training by 6:30.

Kim Skeffington, a regional field consultant whose duties include working with new managers, spent about two hours teaching him the finer points of curling soft serves and mixing a frozen dessert.

James Kelly, who waited about two hours to be first in line, ordered a strawberry version of the dessert — which Skeffington made — then had Cuban sign a novelty \$1 million bill.

Cuban's first cone for a customer looked squished on top.

"Be patient with me, please. I'm new at this," he said with a wink and a smile. "It might not be pretty, but it works."

Lured by a "Mark Cuban Here Today" sign, customers were treated to inflatable play areas for children, portable basketball hoops for kids and adults, and more than a dozen TV and radio stations broadcasting live.

Another beneficiary was the Children's Miracle Network, a charity that received a lump sum of \$5,000, plus hundreds more through donation boxes on the counter.

NFL

Colts search for new coach

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS

The Indianapolis Colts scheduled interviews with former Tampa Bay coach Tony Dungy and New York Jets defensive coordinator Ted Cottrell, agents for the two coaches told The Associated Press on Wednesday.

Joe Linta said his client, Cottrell, was expected to meet with the Colts at an undisclosed location either Wednesday night or Thursday. He was uncertain if the meeting would be in Indianapolis.

"I'm not sure which it is, tonight or tomorrow," Linta said Wednesday, while traveling in North Carolina. "It's supposed to happen sometime between tonight and tomorrow night."

Dungy has scheduled interviews in both Indianapolis and Carolina, although his agent, Ray Anderson, would not say when either meeting would occur.

The Colts need a replacement for Jim Mora, who was fired Jan. 8 after going 32-34, including 0-2 in the playoffs, in four seasons.

"What I can confirm is that we made contact with Indianapolis and Carolina today and interviews will be forthcoming," Anderson said. "We certainly appreciate getting the chance to talk to Indianapolis and Carolina."

Dungy was fired as Tampa Bay's coach Monday night after going 54-42 and leading the Buccaneers to four playoff appearances in six years. He also guided Tampa Bay to the

1999 NFC Championship game, where the Buccaneers lost to eventual Super Bowl champion St. Louis.

Colts president Bill Polian has said he will not comment on the coaching search. Team spokesman Craig Kelley, citing team policy, declined comment on the search Wednesday night.

Mora was fired, primarily, because he refused to fire defensive coordinator Vic Fangio and other assistants. Fangio was hired by the Houston Texans earlier this week.

Polian said he thought Fangio's system was too complex for the Colts' young defense, and both Cottrell and Dungy have reputations for building strong defenses with young players.

Dungy served as defensive coordinator with the Pittsburgh Steelers from 1984-88 and with the Minnesota Vikings from 1992-95 before taking over at Tampa Bay.

Dungy also has ties to Colts offensive coordinator Tom Moore. Both of them were on the Minnesota Vikings staff in 1992-93, and Moore was offensive coordinator at the University of Minnesota when Dungy was the Gophers' quarterback in the mid-1970s.

Polian has said the possible retention of some or all the offensive assistants would be among the discussion that takes place during the interview process.

"It's a very sensitive time,"

Anderson said. "We're going to let people proceed as they deem appropriate, and we're looking forward to meeting with them."

The Colts were granted permission to speak with Cottrell, who is still under contract to the Jets, on Monday.

Cottrell has spent 18 seasons in the NFL, 11 of those with Buffalo, including three seasons while Polian was the Bills' general manager during the 1980s.

Cottrell's second stint with the Bills was 1994-2000 and he spent his last three seasons in Buffalo as the defensive

coordinator. With Cottrell in charge, the Bills ranked No. 1 in 1999 and No. 3 in 2000 before he left for New York.

"He's flattered," Linta said. "Being in control of the show somewhere is something every guy dreams of, that's why you work your rear end off for 20 years."

Last year, Cottrell interviewed for head coaching jobs in Buffalo, where he lost out to Gregg Williams, and with the Jets, who selected Herman Edwards.

But the Indianapolis job, Linta said, may be Cottrell's most attractive option.

"I think Indianapolis is more camera ready," Linta said. "The offense is in pretty good shape and they have some good players on defense, too. They just need someone to get them playing together."

"We certainly appreciate the chance to talk to Indianapolis and Carolina."

Ray Anderson
Tony Dungy's agent



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MLB

Boone will stay with Mariners

Associated Press

SEATTLE

Bret Boone is ready to stay put.

The second baseman agreed to a \$25 million, three-year contract Wednesday to remain with the Seattle Mariners.

Boone had been eligible for a one-year contract in salary arbitration, but he decided to sign a multiyear deal instead. He had played with four teams over the last four seasons, including helping Seattle to a record 116 wins in 2001.

"I was sick of renting houses," Boone said. "When you're on a year-to-year you don't know where you'll be. ... From

day one, Seattle's been the place I wanted to play."

His deal contains a team option for 2005 that would become guaranteed if he has about 400 plate appearances in the previous year. The contract would be worth \$33 million over four seasons.

Boone decided to test the market as a free agent after last season. When there were no blockbuster offers from other teams, he was happy to stay where he had his best season.

Boone, 32, finished third in the American League MVP voting last year after setting AL records for second basemen in home runs and RBIs. He hit

.331 with 36 homers and 141 RBIs.

He won't guarantee a repeat of those numbers — but is plenty confident he can provide similar production.

"I think last year was a big year for me, not just from a numbers standpoint, but learning," Boone said Wednesday night in a conference call from his home in Orlando, Fla. "I think something just kind of clicked with me last year. I think I can keep this kind of pace up. I can't explain how or why, it's just a feeling.

"I feel I can put up these kinds of numbers year in and year out."

NHL

All-Star reserves named

Associated Press

Jarome Iginla, the league's leading scorer, was selected as a North American reserve Wednesday for February's NHL All-Star game.

Iginla, the Calgary Flames right wing who leads the NHL with 29 goals and 53 points, will be making his All-Star debut.

Boston's Joe Thornton, who ranks second in points with 51, and Chicago's Eric Daze, second in goals with 26 entering play Wednesday, will also make their All-Star debuts as reserves for the North American team.

Washington defenseman Sergei Gonchar, who leads all NHL defensemen in scoring, heads the list of players added to the World Team.

Gonchar has 17 goals and is on pace to become the first defenseman in nine years to post a 30-goal campaign.

Two players from the host Los Angeles Kings, forward Zigmund Palffy and defenseman Jaroslav Modry, also were selected to the World Team.

Other first-time All-Stars for the North America team are Montreal goaltender Jose Theodore, New Jersey defenseman Brian Rafalski, Ottawa defenseman Wade Redden and New York Islanders forward Mark Parrish.

Others named to the North America roster are Phoenix goaltender Sean Burke, Vancouver defenseman Ed Jovanovski, New York Rangers defenseman Brian Leetch, Rangers forward Eric Lindros, Anaheim forward Paul Kariya, Pittsburgh forward Mario Lemieux, Philadelphia forward Jeremy Roenick and Colorado forward Joe Sakic.

Kariya is an All-Star for the sixth time, but the first as a reserve.

"It's good enough — especially after the way the first half of

the season went," Kariya said. "I didn't pay much attention to it because I had a lot of concerns here with our team to worry about whether I was picked for the All-Star Game.

"If I didn't get invited, I would have enjoyed the rest," he added. "But anytime you're selected to the All-Star Game, it's a huge honor."

The roster additions were selected by the NHL's Hockey Operations Department, after consultation with League General Managers.

Rounding out the World Team reserves are Toronto defenseman Tomas Kaberle, Chicago forward Alexei Zhamnov, Carolina forward Sami Kapanen, New York Islanders forward Alexei Yashin, Toronto forward Mats Sundin, Vancouver forward Markus Naslund, Tampa Bay goalie Nikolai Khabibulin, Edmonton goalie Tommy Salo, Buffalo defenseman Alexei Zhitnik, St. Louis forward Pavol Demitra and New Jersey forward Patrik Elias.

The North American starters, voted in by fans and announced Saturday, are Toronto goalie Patrick Roy, Colorado defenseman Rob Blake, St. Louis defenseman Chris Pronger, Detroit forward Brendan Shanahan and San Jose forwards Owen Nolan and Vincent Damphousse.

Roy, Lemieux and Sakic each will be making his 10th career All-Star game appearance. Leetch is a nine-time All-Star.

The North American team will be coached by Toronto's Pat Quinn and assisted by Boston's Robbie Ftorek.

The World Team starters are Detroit goalie Dominik Hasek, Detroit defenseman Nicklas Lidstrom, Florida defenseman Sandis Ozolinsh, San Jose forward Teemu Selanne, Washington forward Jaromir Jagr and Detroit forward Sergei Fedorov.

Gators beat up Tigers 102-70

Associated Press

GAINESVILLE, Fla.

Brett Nelson equaled his career-high with 26 points Wednesday night to help No. 2 Florida beat LSU 102-70 and match a school record with its 11th straight Southeastern Conference victory.

Nelson wasn't the only one setting personal bests for the Gators (15-1, 4-0). Orien Greene had 14 points and 11 assists, both career-highs, and Udonis Haslem matched his career-high with 16 rebounds to go with his 20 points.

Florida shot 60 percent from the field and extended its school-record winning streak to 14 games. The Gators' No. 2 ranking is the

highest in school history.

The loss was a startling detour for LSU (11-5, 1-2), and Tigers coach John Brady had the right idea: He got ejected with 17:22 remaining after refusing to move from center court when referee John Clougherty hit him with his first technical foul.

Before his ejection, Brady was the only form of entertainment the Tigers could offer. He yelled at players, officials, his own assistants, and at one point, got so angry, he raised his knees to his chest, put both feet on the edge of his chair and screamed in frustration.

Much of his anger was directed at LSU's biggest star, Collis Temple III. Temple had 15 points, but they were all meaningless. The team's

leading scorer this season was invisible — both on the court and on the score sheet — until LSU trailed 58-35 with 16:06 left.

Florida had too many high-lights to list.

Among them were James White's steal and hip-twisting dunk, David Lee's two-handed jam and Haslem's easy dunk off a pass from Nelson, who went to the floor and scrapped hard for a loose ball — even though his team was ahead by 29 points.

It was enough to make Florida fans forget that the Gators were without starting guard Justin Hamilton, who separated his shoulder Sunday against Vanderbilt.

Ronald Dupree led the Tigers with 19 points and eight rebounds.

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AUSTRALIAN OPEN

Clement exits following loss in early rounds

Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia — Arnaud Clement, last year's runner-up, joined the list of players making early exits from the Australian Open, spraying shots wide and long in a loss Thursday to Argentina's Gaston Gaudio.

Gaudio, who had lost in the first round in his last six Grand Slam events, advanced to the third round with a 6-4, 4-6, 6-2, 7-6 (3) victory.

Clement, seeded 15th, missed on four of the last five points, netting a forehand in a short-range exchange at the end.

All five of the men's top seeds are gone, and No. 8 Pete Sampras, the U.S. Open runner-up, is the only player left from among the finalists at last year's four Grand Slams.

No. 7 Tommy Haas and No. 9 Marat Safin, the 2000 U.S. Open winner, both advanced.

Haas, an Australian Open semifinalist in 1999, made short work of French qualifier Jean-Francois Bachelot 6-1, 6-2, 6-3.

The ninth-seeded Safin saved four set points in the second-set tiebreaker on his way to beating Belgium's Christophe Rochus 6-2, 7-6 (6), 6-1.

The 21-year-old Russian is in the most difficult section, along with Sampras, who is vying for a 14th Grand Slam title, No. 13 Andy

Roddick and Nicolas Escude.

"We have a tough part of the draw — Roddick, Sampras ... it's difficult," Safin said. "But I'm ready to make good results here — this is a good chance for me."

Safin, who dropped from No. 2 in 2000 to No. 11 last year, said he wanted to make amends for a "disastrous" last 12 months, when he struggled with back problems and picked up two ATP titles.

Despite missing out on the top 10 last year, Safin made the quarterfinals at Wimbledon before losing to eventual champion Goran Ivanisevic. He lost to Sampras in the semifinals at the U.S. Open.

Clement, who had beaten Gaudio in their two previous meetings, had 62 unforced errors. He immediately broke back after losing his opening serve in the fourth set, but played a poor final tiebreaker.

Gaudio received treatment for his upper left leg after the final set's 10th game but didn't fade.

Andre Agassi, who beat Clement in last year's final, dropped out before this year's start with a wrist injury.

French Open champion Gustavo Kuerten and runner-up Alex Corretja both lost in the first round. Wimbledon winner Goran Ivanisevic lost in the second, and runner-up Patrick Rafter is no longer playing. U.S. Open champ Lleyton Hewitt, set back by chicken pox, also lost in the first round.

NHL

Blackhawks top Panthers 3-0

Associated Press

SUNRISE, Fla.

Alex Zhamnov and Michael Nylander scored 4:36 apart in the third period to seal the Chicago Blackhawks' 3-0 victory over the Florida Panthers Wednesday night.

Jocelyn Thibault stopped 16 shots for his fifth shutout of the season and 26th of his career.

Florida was held without a goal for the second straight game and eighth time this season. The Panthers lost all four games on their home-land, the last three with leading-scorer Pavel Bure sitting out with a broken left hand.

The Blackhawks have won nine of their last 11, and 12 of 15.

Zhamnov scored his 17th goal with 10:05 remaining. Using teammate Mike Peluso as a screen, Zhamnov ripped a straight-on wrist shot past Roberto Luongo, who made 27 saves.

With 5:26 left, Nylander circled Florida's net and slid a back-hander by Luongo.

Chicago took a 1-0 first-period lead on Phil Housley's dazzling power-play goal at 11:49. Faking a slap shot, Housley baited Robert Svehla into diving. Skating left around the fallen Svehla, Housley then tucked in a

wrist shot high to Luongo's stick side.

Chicago was on a four-minute power play because Ollie Jokinen was called for high-sticking Michael Nylander.

Kyle Calder and Eric Daze each had two assists.

Desperate for offense, Florida started defenseman Sandis Ozolins, acquired in a trade Wednesday morning with Carolina. Center Byron Ritchie, also claimed in the trade, saw limited action.

Canadiens 2, Capitals 0

Jose Theodore stopped 28 shots and Jan Bulis and Patrice Brisebois scored second-period goals to lead the Montreal Canadiens to a 2-0 win over the Washington Capitals on Wednesday night.

Theodore, who was added to the North American team's roster for the All-Star game in Los Angeles on Feb. 2, recorded his 12th career shutout, and fourth of the season.

Bulis scored 4:50 into the second to end Capitals goalie Olaf Kolzig's shutout streak at 164 minutes and 24 seconds.

Brisebois scored his second goal of the season on a power play with 3:00 left in the period.

With several key players

still out of the lineup — including star right wing Jaromir Jagr — and eight defensemen dressed for the game, Washington coach Ron Wilson once again employed a unique 2-1-2 alignment.

The Capitals, who entered the game unbeaten in their last four games (3-0-1), frequently used defensemen Ken Klee and Sergei Gonchar as rovers along with two forwards and two defensemen.

Washington first used the system in a 3-3 tie with Toronto on Jan. 11 before posting 1-0 wins in Florida and over Boston in its last two outings.

Kolzig, who recorded successive shutouts against the Panthers and the Bruins, held Montreal scoreless through the first as the Canadiens outshot the Capitals 13-5 in the period.

Bulis, who was playing his second game since missing 20 games with a sprained knee, put Andrei Markov's rebound past Kolzig from the slot for his fifth goal of the season to end the Washington goalie's shutout streak.

Brisebois put the Canadiens up by two 17:00 into the second period with a slap shot from the point into the top left corner to Kolzig's right.



ND AFTER FIVE



Thursday, January 17

- 5:15 p.m. Daily Mass, Basilica of the Sacred Heart
- 7:00 p.m. Film: *crazy/beautiful*, Hesburgh Library Carey Auditorium
- 8:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. Drop-In Lacrosse, Rolfs Sports Recreation Center
- 8:30 p.m. - Midnight ND Express Pool Room open, LaFortune Student Center
- 9:00 p.m. Acoustic Cafe, LaFortune Student Center Huddle
- 10:00 p.m. - 1:30 a.m. Club ND, Alumni Senior Club
- 10:00 p.m. Movies: *Jay & Silent Bob* and *Mallrats*, DeBartolo 101 and 155*
- 10:45 p.m. - 12:45 a.m. Winterfest Java and Jazz Ice Skating, Joyce Center Fieldhouse

Friday, January 18

- 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Band Concert & ISSA Welcome Back Event, Alumni Senior Club (event begins at 4:30 p.m.)
- 5:15 p.m. Daily Mass, Basilica of the Sacred Heart
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NBA

Nets' early start leads to 111-67 win over Wizards

Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. The New Jersey Nets filled their arena for the first time this season, and even Michael Jordan spent most of the night sitting and watching in awe.

The Nets got off to an absurdly good start Wednesday night, hitting their first 13 shots and opening a 41-point lead before halftime to defeat the Washington Wizards 111-67 for the franchise's first six-game winning streak in nine years.

New Jersey (26-11) matched its victory total from last season, improved the Eastern Conference's best record and sent Jordan's Wizards to their fourth consecutive defeat.

Keith Van Horn scored 27, Aaron Williams had 17, Kenyon Martin 14 and Jason Kidd added 11 points, 12 assists and five rebounds for the Nets, who had their largest victory margin of the season.

Jordan scored just 10 points for Washington and sat out the entire second half as the Wizards went down to their most lopsided defeat and had their lowest point total of the season.

New Jersey's onslaught began just seconds into the game when Kenyon Martin posted up against Jordan and beat him for a dunk. The Nets hit their first 13 shots — six jump shots including two 3-pointers, four layups, two hook shots and Martin's dunk — and did not miss until Jordan blocked Todd MacCulloch's layup attempt with

4:23 left in the first.

Van Horn hit a 3-pointer with 3:34 left in the first to make the Nets 15-of-16 from the field and give them a 36-10 lead, and it was 43-18 at the end of the quarter as the Nets shot 18-for-21 and got 17 points from Van Horn.

There was no letdown in the second quarter as the Nets continued to look to run at every opportunity. They reached 50

points less than 3 1/2 minutes into the quarter, took a 30-point lead when Kidd hit a layup with 7:21 left, then went ahead by an astonishing 41 points, 72-31, on a 3-pointer by Van Horn with 29 seconds left before half-

The Nets outscored the Wizards 19-0 on fast break points in the first half and outrebounded Washington 24-17 — the latter stat all the more impressive considering the Wizards outrebounded New Jersey 62-30 on New Year's Eve when they beat the Nets by 24 points.

Jordan was on the bench as the second half began and remained there throughout the third — even after the crowd mocked him with a sing-songy chant of "Jor-dan" late in the quarter.

The Nets led 88-49 at the end of the third after Martin hit a 3-pointer with one second left, and the lead reached 48 with 3:19 left in the fourth when Richard Jefferson hit a jumper to make it 107-59.

Raptors 109, Rockets 103

Vince Carter scored 29 points and Hakeem Olajuwon had six points and five rebounds in his first game against his former team as the Toronto Raptors beat the Houston Rockets 109-103 on Wednesday night.

Olajuwon, who played 31 minutes, was not much of a factor playing against the team he spent 17 seasons with before the Raptors acquired him in the summer.

Alvin Williams added 21 points for Toronto, which shot 56 percent from the field.

Moochie Norris, filling in for the ailing Steve Francis, had 28 points. The Rockets fell to 1-17 without Francis, who underwent tests in Washington, D.C. for recurring migraine headaches.

The Raptors led by as many as 18 points in the fourth quarter after Carter made a layup, but Houston narrowed the lead to one as Norris converted a 3-point play, Eddie Griffin made consecutive 3-pointers and Norris made a jumper to make it 100-99 with 1:53 remaining.

Antonio Davis followed with two free throws with 1:30 left, giving Toronto a 3-point lead. After Norris missed a layup, Jerome Williams made two free throws to make it a five-point game with 29 seconds left.

Griffin followed with another 3-pointer, but Alvin Williams made two free throws to make it a four-point game.

Houston's Oscar Torres made one of two free throws to cut the lead to three, but Carter made one of two with 10 seconds left, and Norris missed another jumper.

Cuttino Mobley added 22 points, and Kenny Thomas had 20 for the Rockets, who have lost four straight road games.

The Raptors, with Olajuwon on the bench, went on a 19-4 run in the second quarter as Jerome Williams scored eight points. Keon Clark's layup gave Toronto a 15-point lead.

Norris' 3-pointer off the backboard narrowed Toronto's lead to nine, but Chris Childs made two free throws just before the end of the half.

Olajuwon is the Rockets' all-time leader in points, rebounds, games, steals and blocked shots, and helped lift Houston to back-to-back NBA championships in 1994-95.

Celtics 101, Knicks 100

Paul Pierce had 30 points and Tony Battie scored a career-high 20 as the Boston Celtics beat New York 101-100 on Wednesday night, extending the Knicks' losing streak to six games.

Eric Williams hit the go-ahead 3-point shot with 32.9 seconds remaining to give the Celtics a 98-96 lead. He then stole the ball from Allan Houston, which led to a free throw by Pierce.

After Erick Strickland hit a pair of free-throws, Kurt Thomas hit a 3-pointer with 4.2 seconds remaining to pull the Knicks within one. The Celtics successfully inbounded the ball, though, and Latrell Sprewell could not run down Pierce before time expired.

The Celtics beat the Knicks for the third time this season and

New York has now lost nine of 11. Boston hasn't swept New York in a season series since 1990-91.

Houston had 28 points following a career-high 44 points against Milwaukee last Saturday.

Strickland, who started in place of the injured Kenny Anderson, added 16 for the Celtics, who improved to 13-5 at home.

After the Celtics scored on their first eight possessions to take a 19-6 lead, the Knicks responded with a 25-8 run. Shandon Anderson capped off the comeback with a pair of 3-pointers to give the Knicks a 31-27 lead.

Kurt Thomas and Sprewell had 17 apiece for the Knicks, 4-14 on the road.

In one first half stretch of 4:28, the Celtics failed to score a point and the Knicks eventually built a 47-38 lead courtesy of 3-pointers by Houston and Sprewell.

Bucks 105, Pacers 100

Ray Allen scored 36 points, including seven 3-pointers, and Sam Cassell added 20 points Wednesday night to lift the Milwaukee Bucks to their sixth straight win, 105-100 over the Indiana Pacers.

It was Milwaukee's second consecutive victory over Indiana, which fell 106-102 to the Bucks on Tuesday night in Indianapolis.

Milwaukee opened an 87-78 lead on Allens' 3-pointer with 7:33 left, but the Pacers answered with seven consecutive points, pulling within 87-85 on Jalen Rose's 3-pointer from the left corner with 6:19 remaining.

Two free throws by Cassell put the Bucks up 100-95 with 28.3 seconds left, but Reggie Miller's 3-pointer made it 100-98 with 24.6 seconds left.

Milwaukee made five of six free throws in the final 20 seconds to clinch the victory.

Miller had 27 points, Al Harrington 18 and Rose 17 for the Pacers, who lost their fourth straight.

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SWIMMING AND DIVING

Irish rack up wins over break

By NOREEN GILLESPIE
Sports Writer

Under sunny skies and warmer temperatures, both the men's and women's swim teams added to their win columns during winter training trips.

In a matchup between the women's team and the University of Iowa, the Irish won 12 of 13 events at a meet in Honolulu, Hawaii.

The meet event schedule featured non-official collegiate events, including 3-length races and shorter distance events.

Carrie Nixon was the big winner for the Irish, winning three events. Nixon claimed victories in the 100-yard individual medley, the 75-yard freestyle and 150-yard butterfly.

Senior Allison Lloyd won two events, grabbing the 75-yard breaststroke and butterfly.

Senior Kelly Hecking won the 75-yard backstroke, followed by sophomore Danielle Hulick in second and freshman Kristen

Peterson in third. Freshman Kelly Barton finished the day with a win in the 600-yard freestyle.

In Plantation, Fla., the men's team won two meets during break, defeating both Xavier University and University of Maine.

Senior David Horak grabbed a win in the 100-yard backstroke. Jason Fitzpatrick won the 100-yard breaststroke, and Andrew Pittman won the 50-yard freestyle. Senior Austin Anderson won the 100-yard freestyle.

Other event winners included Matt Obringer in the 200-yard freestyle, David Moisan in the 200-yard individual medley, Lucas Wymore in the 100-yard butterfly and Jonathan Pierce in the 500-yard freestyle.

Both teams will compete this weekend. The women compete in the ND Dual Meet

Invitational at Rolfs Aquatic Center Friday and Saturday, and the men will race Oakland Saturday at Rolfs.

B-ball

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percent from beyond that arc. In other words, the Tigers scored a single three pointer out of 16 attempts.

"We expected them to be a three point shooting team. We shut them down. That's what we had a focus on," said freshman forward Emily Creachbaum, who had 13 boards.

At the end of the first half, the Belles led by just a point, 27-26. They got off to a slow start at the beginning of game, but as time went on they opened up, started talking, and started scoring more.

During the second half, Saint Mary's focused on driving the ball to the inside, using the Tigers lack of height to its advantage. The Belles only made four three point attempts in the second period after shooting 4-10 from beyond the arc before halftime.

"We knew they didn't have a big starting lineup and that we had to get in the post more. Anne stepped it up a lot in the second half, she was hitting all her shots which was key," Smith said.

Blair was flawless from the free throw line, shooting 5-5. Overall, Saint Mary's shot 87.5 percent from the line — a great improvement from the beginning of the season. Olivet's foul troubles enabled the Belles to shoot 21-23 from the free throw line in the second half.

"We shoot free throws every day. I think people are stepping up to the line more confidently," Creachbaum said.

Louisa Grill of Olivet had the most points of the game, with 28, but the Belles would not let her teammates score, especially in the second half. The Tigers went 9-15 from the field in the first half, but were limited to 12-35 in the second.

"The hustle was there tonight. We really wanted to win, and we needed to win," Miller said.

Saint Mary's faces Adrian on Saturday.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Marlins expect third owner in five years

Associated Press

PHOENIX

The Florida Marlins seemed set to get their third owner in five seasons after a group headed by John Henry was given approval Wednesday to buy the Boston Red Sox.

Before he can close on his record \$660 million deal in Boston, Henry must work out an agreement to sell the Marlins, the team he purchased in 1999. He has been negotiating a \$158 million sale to Jeffrey Loria, the current owner of the Montreal Expos, but the deal still isn't in writing yet.

"We started with 357 deal points and we're down to eight," Expos executive vice president David Samson said.

Loria, a New York art dealer, would then sell the Expos back to the commissioner's office for \$120 million.

Loria is expected to bring much of his top staff to the Marlins, including Samson, interim general manager Larry Beinfest and manager Jeff Torborg. Florida has been without a GM and manager since the end of the season.

Samson, who intends to move to Florida if Loria

acquires the Marlins, said it is too early to discuss staff issues.

"Nothing in baseball is easy, and the excitement that Jeffrey feels today is tempered only by the work that has to be done and will continue to get done in order to get to a prompt closing," Samson said. "The message today to all the fans in Montreal and south Florida is thank you for your patience and understanding, and we look forward to addressing all the issues as they happen."

The Marlins have struggled since winning the World Series in just their fifth season in 1997 and repeatedly have said they cannot survive without a new ballpark. Government financing, however, has not materialized.

H. Wayne Huizenga, who paid a \$95 million expansion fee for the franchise but put the team up for sale shortly after it won the World Series at cut the payroll from \$52.5 million — the fifth-highest in baseball that year — to 27th at \$19.1 million. The Marlins went 54-108, the worst record ever for a defending champion and the poorest record in the National League since 1969.

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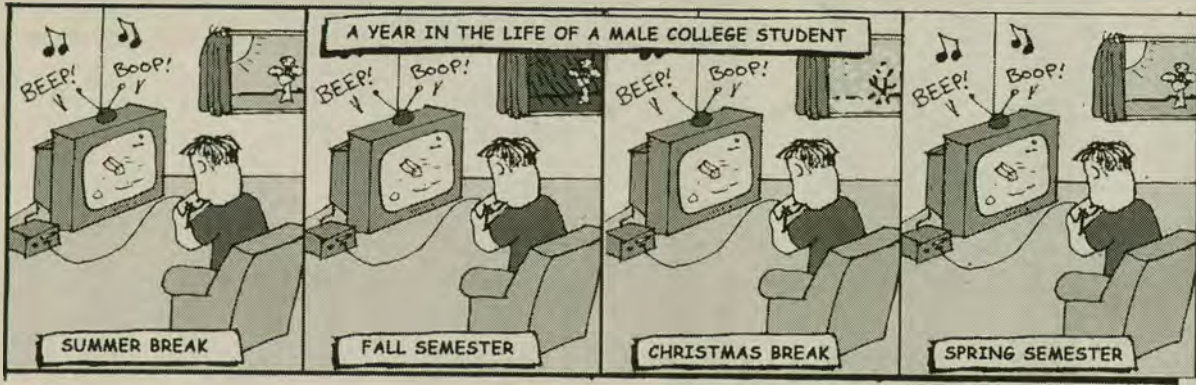
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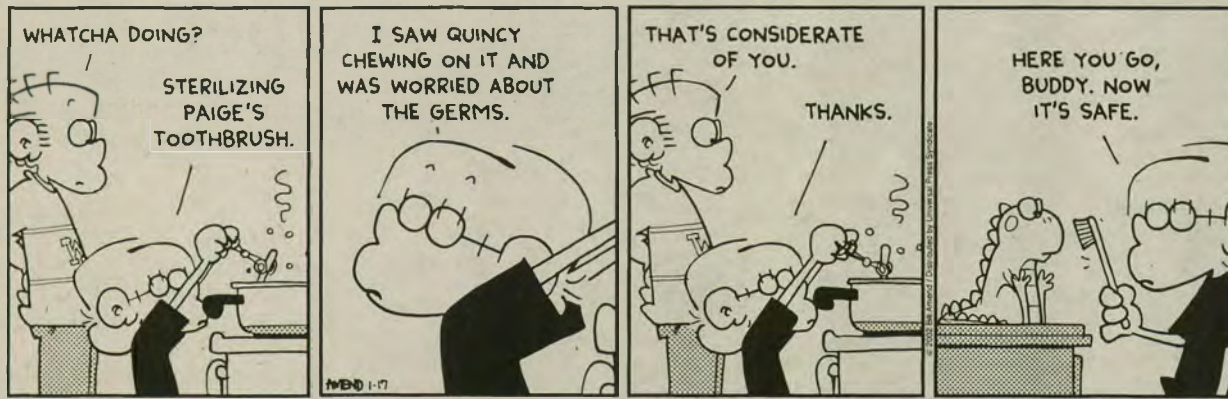
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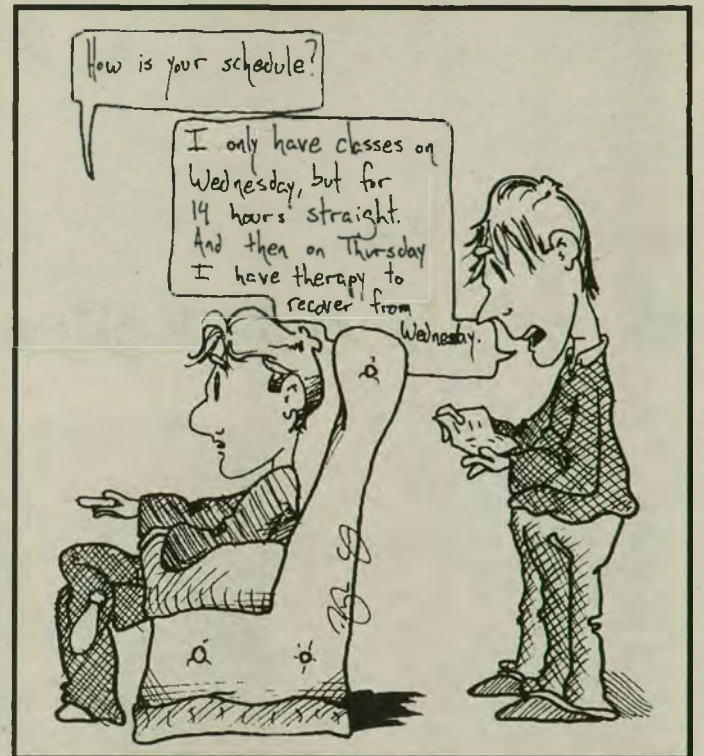
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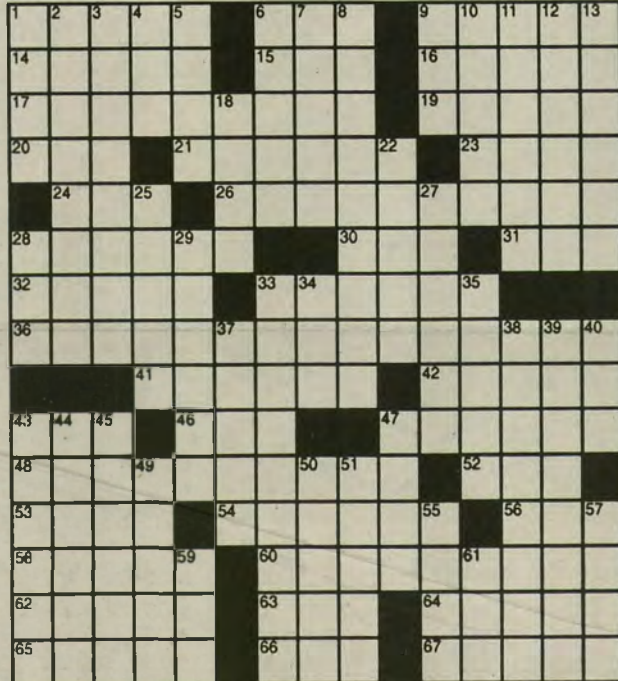
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 - 19 Choice in decaf
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 - 28 Stomach-sculpting set
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 - 33 Nephew of King Arthur
 - 36 Wallop
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 - 46 Some bracelets, briefly
 - 47 Dracula's creator
 - 48 Where winners pick up their awards
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 - 11 Classified
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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Morale boosts Belles to 73-48 win over Olivet

By JOE LINDSLEY
 Sports Writer

After losing four players — including two captains — in just a few weeks, most teams would have trouble coping.

But Saint Mary's was not deterred by the recent loss as the team beat Olivet 73-48 for an MIAA victory Wednesday night at Anglea Athletic Facility.

Morale was boosted by the presence of their former teammates at the game. Kristen Matha, Katie Christensen and Meghan Fitzgearald were all sidelined for the season due to injury, and Mary Campione left the team during the holiday break.

"It's not like the girls have totally left us. Matha sat on the bench with us tonight. Katie and Megan were in the stands. They're still there," said senior forward Anne Blair, who led the Belles with 23 points.

"I thought of it as a new start for our team, because we've had so many hurdles to come over. We stepped it up a lot," said Katie Miller, who posted 19 points for the Belles.

"We have realized that it's hard with out them, but if we stay positive, we can do it. The bench is big," added Miller.

The Belles were expecting a fight from Olivet, especially because of its three-point shooting, but they only allowed Tigers to shoot 15 percent from beyond the arc. In the second half, Olivet shot just 6.3

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Senior Anne Blair heads to the basket during the Belles' 73-48 MIAA victory over Olivet Wednesday night.

TRACK

Irish top Purdue Open

By KATIE HUGHES
 Sports Writer

The men's and women's track teams turned in strong opening performances at the Purdue Open Saturday in West Lafayette, Ind.

Though team scores were not kept at the meet, the Irish set the bar high for the rest of the indoor season with a combined six first place finishes.

On the women's side, the Irish dominated the 400 meters, claiming the first three places. Freshman Tiffany Gunn won the race in 58.32, followed by junior Kymia Love in second (58.40). Sophomore Kristen Dodd finished third in 58.44. Gunn then finished third both in the preliminaries and in the finals of the 60 meter hurdles.

Tameisha King jumped 19-6 1/2 in the long jump, taking first place in the event. Sophomore Ayesha Boyd finished second in the 60 meters in 7.70, which was a personal best performance. Boyd then won the 200 meters in 24.18.

Sophomore Kevin Somok led the Irish middle distance runners in the 800 meters, winning the race in 1:57.67. Junior Doug Gunzelman was next in 1:58.52, followed by Colin Quinn in third (1:59.28) and Geof Rudziewicz in fifth (1:59.61).

The Irish also showed their strength in the distance events, as sophomore Kevin Avenius won the 1600 meters in 4:19.62. Freshman Eric Morrison was third (4:22.95), while senior Tom Lennon took seventh (4:26.39).

In the early indoor competition, some talented freshmen found their place as team scorers in their first collegiate races. Freshman Trevor McClain-Duer ended up fourth in the 400. Selim Nurudeen had two top-three finishes in the 60-meter hurdles.

In the field events for the men, Junior Tom Gilbert won the long jump with a jump of 22'-10", and senior Quill Redwine took second on the triple jump.

Derek Dyer finished fifth in both the shot put preliminaries and finals.

FENCING

Irish remain undefeated with Walton's lead

By MIKE CONNOLLY
 Sports Writer

The long-delayed debut of sophomore epeeist Kerry Walton highlighted an undefeated weekend by the women's fencing team at the Northwestern Invitational.

Walton, the top recruit in the class of 2004, was ruled academically ineligible last season and did not fence for the Irish. In her first meet with the Irish, she showed why she is the No. 1-ranked junior women's epeeist in the country, as she won all 11 of her bouts.

"It was a long wait but it was definitely worth it," she said.

Walton's 11 wins led the epee squad, which tallied 29 teams wins against Temple, Fairleigh

Dickinson and Johns Hopkins. Junior epee captain Anna Carnick was right behind Walton with 10 wins and one loss, while All-American Meagan Call started the season with a 7-4 record.

The women's foil and sabre squads also swept Temple, FDU and Johns Hopkins. The foil squad had the best weekend of any Irish weapon as they won 30 bouts — even without their top two fencers.

Freshman foilists Alicjia Kryczalo and Andrea Ament did not fence in the meet because of a conflict with a senior World Cup event in Hungary. Junior Liza Boutsikaris and sophomore Maggie Jordan stepped up in the absence of the two top recruits. Boutsikaris appeared to put a rough 2001 season

behind her, as she opened the season with 12 wins and no losses.

Jordan also went undefeated with 11 wins despite switching from sabre to foil to fill in for the loss of the two freshmen. Last year Jordan fenced foil for the Irish and qualified for the NCAA Championship but switched back to sabre this year.

Although she is considered a better sabre fencer than a foil fencer, she was flawless at her old weapon.

"I didn't really know how read she was going to be," Boutsikaris said. "She did just as good as she did last year. I was pleased with that."

Sophomore Destanie Milo opened the season undefeated at sabre for the Irish with a 10-

0 record.

"It felt real well. I was surprised to do as well as I did because I didn't practice as much as I should have over break," Milo said. "There was a little rust but there was a lot of things I didn't forget."

Although the Irish said they were pleased with the three wins, they know tougher bouts lie ahead.

"The first tournament wasn't the hardest tournament we had. It was probably one of our easier ones," Walton said. "It's more of a warm up."

The Irish return to action Jan. 27 at New York University against top competition including defending national champion St. John's. The men's team will open its 2002 season at the NYU meet as well.

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