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Sole ticket wins unanimously

By SARAH NESTOR
Saint Mary's Editor

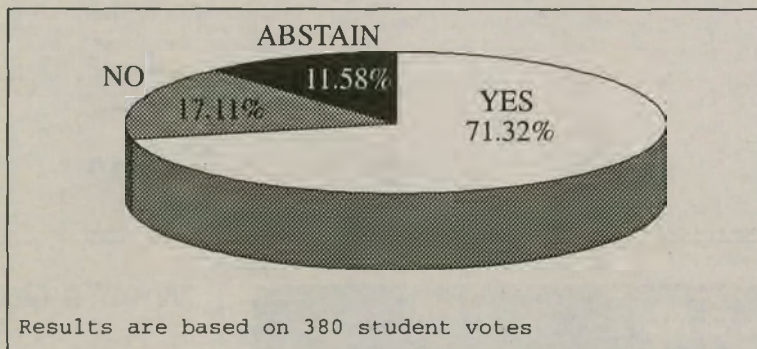
Junior Elizabeth Jablonski-Diehl and sophomore Sarah Brown were elected Saint Mary's student body president and vice president in Tuesday's uncontested election.

"I'm really excited," Brown said. "Participation [in the election] was up and I think it went well."

Because Jablonski-Diehl and Brown were the only candidates running, their only competition was the student body's right either to vote no or to abstain. This was a change from past years when one-ticket ballots only held the choice between voting yes and voting to abstain.

In order to be elected Jablonski-Diehl and Brown need to earn over 50 percent of the total student vote. Only 380 students voted — about 25 percent of the student body — and Jablonski-Diehl and Brown received 71.32 percent of the total student vote, with 17.11 percent voting no and 11.58 percent abstaining.

Voter turnout has been low the past few years, with only 266 students voting last year and 350 voting the year before.



Graphic by ANDY DEVOTO/THE OBSERVER

According to election commissioner Alison Joseph, low voter turnout can be attributed to the fact that there was only one ticket running for office.

Student government representatives had been hoping that with this year's integration of electronic voting the number of student participating would be higher. The election was the first time students on campus and

abroad were able to vote online through PRISM, the same program used for student registration.

Students were able to access the online polls at 12 a.m. on Tuesday until 12 a.m. Wednesday. Each student was allowed to vote once by logging on to PRISM using her PRISM login and password. Once logged in each student was

able to vote by clicking on "Answer A Survey" and then by proceeding to vote in the appropriate election.

"Our numbers are about even with last years," Joseph said. "Hopefully the numbers will increase through the years."

Despite the overall student body disinterest in the elections, reflected by the low voter turnout Jablonski-Diehl and Brown look forward to taking office. One of their first tasks in the coming weeks is to pick who is going to be on Board of Governance next year.

Jablonski-Diehl and Brown also plan to work with the Student Academic Council, saying they will focus on the Reading Day proposal and what the next step will be for getting the proposal approved.

Jablonski-Diehl and Brown's term begins April 1.

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"Participation [in the election] was up and I think it went well."

Sarah Brown
student body vice president-elect

Reward for Sharon's whereabouts doubles

By TERESA FRALISH
Assistant News Editor

Ten local companies have offered an additional reward of \$25,000, doubling the total to \$50,000, for information leading to the safe return of or verified communication with missing freshman C h a d S h a r o n, University officials said Wednesday.



Sharon

The University offered an initial reward of \$25,000 on Jan. 3. Sharon has been missing since the early morning hours of Dec. 12, when he was last seen by friends at a Corby Street party. Sharon, a straight-A student who was attending Notre Dame on a full scholarship, missed all of his finals and has not made contact with friends or family since his Dec. 12 disappearance.

The companies involved include Fifth Third Bank, the Gurley Leep Automotive Group, Lake City Bank, Notre Dame Federal Credit Union, Sobieski Bank, St. Joseph Capital Bank, Teachers Credit Union and Wells Fargo Bank, along with two companies requesting anonymity.

While Notre Dame officials were involved in coordinating this initiative and posting the announcement, the companies themselves were the main force behind the decision to offer a new reward, said university spokesman Matt Storin.

"We just helped facilitate getting people together and announcing [this]," said Storin. "I think this was very much an act of compassion and community effort."

John Rosenthal, president of St. Joseph Capital Bank and son of former Notre Dame athletic director Dick Rosenthal, was one of the major coordinators of the effort to double the reward, according to Storin. "Even though he did not want credit, the fact is that it did start with him," said Storin.

Rex Rakow, director of Notre Dame Security Police, said he believes the new reward will generate more leads in the case. "It will put [Sharon's disappearance] back in the news cycle and keep the story fresh," said Rakow. "We got some leads off the last [reward] and we'll see if we get more leads from this. We remain [open] to accepting any information," he said.

NDSP has provided a variety of ways for individuals to provide information, said Rakow,

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STUDENT SENATE

Bishop asks for leadership, disagrees with committee's letter

◆ Senate debates, fails to pass letter asking for reinstatement of SYRs

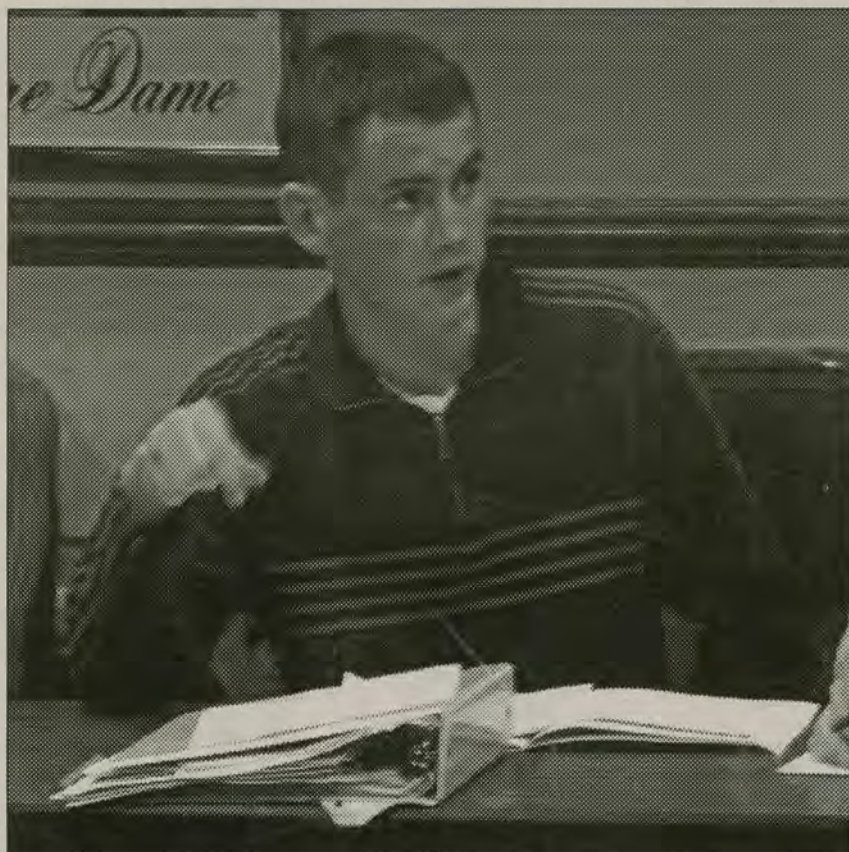
By MEGHANNE DOWNES
Associate News Editor

A letter from the Residence Life committee of the Student Senate asking the Board of Trustees to restore in-hall dances for a probationary period failed to pass in a 12-12 vote after significant debate Wednesday.

The committee intended for the letter, presented in the form of a resolution, to be included as an appendix to student body president Libby Bishop's Feb. 6 Board of Trustee report, where she plans to talk about student opinion regarding in hall dances. According to du Lac, the letter would have to be approved by the Office of Student Affairs before the Board of Trustees could see it.

The Residence Life Committee originally passed the letter unanimously; however, three of the senators on the committee voted against it in the roll call vote.

Katie Boyle, senator from Cavanaugh Hall, said after the meeting she voted



MATT LOVELL/The Observer

Senator Kevin Conely speaks at Wednesday's Student Senate meeting, where senators failed to pass a resolution that would have asked the Board of Trustees for a probationary period for in-hall dances.

◆ Bishop calls for leadership, completion of goals in her State of the Student Union address

By MEGHANNE DOWNES
Associate News Editor

Libby Bishop, student body president, said the student union is stronger than ever in her State of the Student Union address Wednesday, adding that her office will focus on finishing its goals during the remaining two months of her term.

Bishop said the Student Union is stronger than it was in the fall due to its experience and the increased knowledge of the student leaders. After her address, she said Student Senate was an example of this because they have taken additional initiatives and increased communication with University officials.

She said this is the busiest time for the student union as it works to complete its goals and leaders must use their skills to accomplish these goals now as their term comes to an end.

"For the next two months we, as student leaders, must use our knowledge and experience to its utmost potential. We will do this

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INSIDE COLUMN

My ultimatum to the Dome

Last Friday, I had the unpleasant experience of being in Dillon Hall at 8:30 p.m. What, you ask, could be so bad about being in the most glorious Dillon Hall at this hour? Well, gentle readers, it was at this hour that the gremlins (or maybe Alumni) struck again, setting off the fire alarm and causing a mass exodus into what my roommate's thermometer assured me is 16-degree weather.

Tom Haight

Assistant Ad Design Manager

To add insult to injury, I was of course asleep at the time of the drill (Lest you think I am lazy, know that I am recovering from mono over break. Know also that the next person who makes a lewd joke about how I contracted it forfeits his/her right not to be slapped). Slowly rising and putting on my clothes in a half-conscious state, only one thought clearly made its way through my beleaguered brain: revenge.

Had this been an isolated incident I could perhaps check my urge for vendetta, but nay, reader, this is no single occurrence! Would you believe this assault on our senses is not the second, nor third, but forth in a series of false alarms to afflict our home this semester? Fortunately, being a member of the Knights of Columbus, I am privileged with the escape of walking across South Quad to the Knights' building, but this alone is not comfort enough for my woes, as my ears still ring as I pen this.

I have often thought during the premier moments of these travesties that I should simply ignore them. I, however, am no longer afforded that luxury, having been twice caught as the last person to exit the building during those evacuations deemed 'drills.' I do not think, my friends, that even our beloved rector could forgive me were it to happen again. My excuses run thin.

But I divert from my purpose. Let me make it known that this record of malice toward the student body shall be tolerated no longer! I am hereby delivering an ultimatum, effective immediately, to those who have dictated this malfunctioning monstrosity of a fire prevention system to be installed: namely the University administration. For every further injustice wrought upon the unsuspecting inhabitants of Dillon Hall, I declare that it shall be returned to you tenfold (provided I can find nine people to help me)! I shall do nothing less than return the favor you have seen fit to bestow upon us by allowing those administering our beloved University to learn firsthand the joys of congregating in the January snow!

When those at the epitome of power at this institution are made to grovel in the cold like the rest of us, our voices shall be heard, and they will know we are not without the ability to avenge. On that glorious day, my brothers, we shall all realize the power that is truly ours. Until then, I pray for the sake of those involved that sweeping changes are made to assure the sound rest of the residents of Dillon Hall, for our voices shall not go unheard!

The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Tom Haight at thaight@nd.edu.

CORRECTIONS

Due to an editing error, Wednesday's article about Saint Mary's college experiences incorrectly quoted Molly Burns saying, "At IUSB I would go to class, and then to my car and go home." This should have been attributed to Angelique Ingabire. The article also incorrectly stated that Molly Burns transferred from Indiana University South Bend. Burns actually transferred from Miami-Ohio University.

WHAT'S INSIDE

CAMPUS NEWS	WORLD & NATION	BUSINESS NEWS	VIEWPOINT	SCENE	SPORTS
"Sex Signals" more than just comedy	Saddam says Iraq prepared for war with U.S.	Turner steps down at AOL	Dr. Phil leads to decline of Western civilization	Scene reviews movies	Irish off to best start in two decades
"Sex Signals" is a straightforward show about communication between the sexes that tackles issues such as rape to help spread awareness.	Hussein vowed yesterday that Iraq had "huge capabilities" and was ready for a possible war with the United States.	Cable television pioneer Ted Turner announced yesterday he will step down from his position of vice chairman of AOL Time Warner.	Marlayna Soenneker takes an in depth look at television programming and how the low quality of these shows reflects America's decline.	Scene reviews the new blockbuster movies 'Confession of a Dangerous Mind,' 'The Hours' and 'About Schmidt.'	The Irish mens basketball team took on West Virginia and beat the Mountaineers 88-67.
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WHAT'S HAPPENING @ ND

- ◆ Notre Dame Architecture Student Drawings: Designs for a New Snite Museum, all day in the Snite Museum of Art.
- ◆ Latin American Democratization since 1978: Regime Transitions, Breakdowns and Erosions with lecturer Scott Mainwaring, 4 p.m. in the Hesburgh Center.
- ◆ Keenan Revue '03 Performance, 7:30 p.m. in the O'Laughlin Auditorium.

WHAT'S HAPPENING @ SMC

- ◆ Semester Around the World Interviews, 3 p.m., Stapleton Lounge, LeMans Hall.
- ◆ Kaplan Test Preparation, 6 p.m., Room 315 Madeleva Hall.
- ◆ Keenan Revue '03 Performance, 7:30 p.m. in the O'Laughlin Auditorium.

WHAT'S GOING DOWN

Student pays fine to keep car
A student's vehicle was being towed in the Stepan lot when the owner arrived and paid the towing fee on Tuesday. The vehicle was released to the owner.

Larcenny in Dillon reported
A student reported the theft of her cellular phone from her coat pocket while in Dillon Hall between 10 p.m. on Nov. 16 and 2 a.m. on Nov. 17. There are no suspects.

Theft leaves student without tunes
A student reported the theft of her CD/MP3 player from her backpack on Tuesday in the South Dining Hall. There are no suspects.

Bike heist forces student to walk
A student reported the theft of his locked bike from the Student South Stadium lot between 5:30 p.m. on Monday and 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday. There are no suspects.

Compiled from the NDSP crime blotter

WHAT'S COOKING

North Dining Hall
Today Lunch: Amatriciana, mushroom marinara, sausage pineapple pizza, meatloaf, scalloped corn casserole, brown sauce, chicken gravy, whipped potatoes, petite carrots in honey-orange sauce, cherry cobbler, grilled tilapia, potatoes with spinach, baked potato, broccoli spears oatmeal, sausage patties, scrambled eggs and potato triangles.




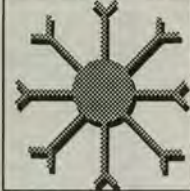

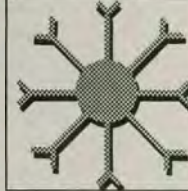
Today Dinner: Amatriciana, pesto sauce, sausage pineapple pizza, roast top sirloin, zum zum potato salad, chicken gravy, whipped potatoes, peas & pearl onions, cherry cobbler, lemon-baked perch, rice valencienne, curried vegetables and cut corn.

South Dining Hall
Today's Lunch: Spaghettini putanesca, Southwestern pasta sauce, basil-garlic linguine, Hawaiian pizza, pretzel sticks, cheese and vegetable pie, winter-blend vegetables, beef chop suey, cajun-baked pollock, roast top round, baked sweet potatoes, long grain and wild rice, soft pretzel and chicken tempura.

Today's Dinner: Spaghettini putanesca, Southwestern pasta sauce, basil-garlic linguine, Hawaiian pizza, potato pancakes, hot chunky apple-sauce, stuffed green peppers, tuna casserole, roast turkey breast and bread stuffing.

Saint Mary's Dining Hall
Today's Lunch: Vegan burritos, Mexican rice, herbed pasta, marinara sauce, broccoli spears, sandwich provencal sandwiches with soups, chicken tenders, zesty oven fries, peas and mushrooms, rolled broccoli pizza, cheese pizza, bread sticks, bacon, egg, and cheddar muffin, grilled beef and pineapple salad and Sliced ham.

Today's Dinner: Sweet potato patty sandwich, baked pasta torte, grilled vegetable lasagna, marinated bean salad, broiled salmon steaks, rice pilaf, roasted yukon potatoes, green beans, sausage pizza, cheese pizza, bread sticks and chicken and dumpling casserette.

	TODAY	TONIGHT	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
LOCAL WEATHER						
	HIGH 28 LOW 22	HIGH 25 LOW 14	HIGH 33 LOW 25	HIGH 37 LOW 33	HIGH 42 LOW 25	HIGH 32 LOW 18

TCEs may be changed

By AMANDA ROTHEY
News Writer

Student Representatives Jeremy Staley and Trip Foley met with Faculty Senate members recently to discuss continuing plans for changes in the administration of Teacher Course Evaluations (TCEs).

At the end of each semester, students have the opportunity to provide feedback about the positive and negative aspects of their professors and courses. Administrators use these evaluations to grant tenure for professors and assess the quality of a course. However, students have no access to the results of TCEs at this time, and therefore have little motivation to take the evaluations seriously.

Recently, Student Senate members developed a proposal to provide students with limited access to TCE results. Staley and Foley presented their proposal to the Faculty Senate this week. According to Foley,

"The questions wouldn't be very different from those in other sections and students would be able to view the results of the new section online."

Trip Foley
Student body vice president

Faculty Senate members were "very positive" and offered "good feedback," but suggested that Student Senate must take a closer look at logistical issues.

At this point, the Student Senate proposal recommends that a new section of questions be added to the Scantron section of the TCE. These questions would ask the student to rate the quality of the course and professor, very similar to the existing format. Students could then access the results of this section of questions on the Internet.

"The questions wouldn't be very different from those in other sections and students would be able to view the results of the new section online," said Foley.

Student Senate members will soon form a TCE reform subcommittee to pursue the issue.

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Sex signals more than just comedy

By MELANIE BECKER
News Writer

"Sex Signals," a straightforward show about communication between the sexes, was shown at Saint Mary's in Carroll Auditorium Wednesday. Sex Signals, sponsored by the Division of Student Affairs and co-sponsored by the Student Diversity Board, was first shown at Saint Mary's last year by recommendation from the Board of Trustees.

"We've tried over the years to bring different presentations on this issue to campus," said Georgeanna Rosenbush, director of Student Affairs.

The two performers, Gail Stern, a former worker at a rape crisis center, and Christian Murphy, a 1992 Notre Dame graduate, met in 1998. They wrote the show in 1999 based on dialogue and research on the topic of gender and dating and began performing in May 2000.

"I had seen presentations on

rape from police officers, it was a stoic, stranger model. We thought that if we could combine our efforts, we could create a show to establish gender perspectives and show how often [rape] happens," Stern said.

"Sex Signals" began as a humorous, yet realistic look at stereotypes and double standards of both genders. Audience interaction and some improvisation were used to create social situations and common scenarios between men and women. Each member of the audience was given a 'Stop Sign' and asked to hold it up when he or she felt that the situation was going badly.

Flirting, sexual innuendo, mixed signals and miscommunication between college-aged men and women were demonstrated as Murphy and Stern brought humor to the situations.

Exaggerated humor was used to establish stereotypes and the perspectives of situations from both sexes.

"Every school has its own

environment that creates its own advantages and disadvantages to relationships. There is a different sexual dynamic [at Saint Mary's and Notre Dame] and because I experienced that, I'm excited to explore it," Murphy said.

Awkward moments and tension began to arise as the show zeroed in on rape, particularly date rape. Stern and Murphy created scenarios that showed ways in which miscommunication turned into date rape. Murphy and Stern stressed the importance of discussion between men and women about sexual activity, because of the gray area in date rape. The show culminated in an open discussion of what constitutes date rape, communicating limits and drawing the line.

Plans are being made to bring "Sex Signals" back to campus for First Year Orientation weekend next fall.

"We want to do this to educate people about their behavior; how you interact with the opposite sex can easily put you in a bad situation," Rosenbush said.

Students who missed last night's performance can see "Sex Signals," sponsored by Student Government, the Department of Film Television and Theater and the College of Arts & Letters, tonight at 7 p.m. in the LaFortune Ballroom.

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SEX signals

an in-your-face,
no-holds barred look
at the college dating scene,
gender relations,
and sexual assault

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sponsored by student government, department of film, television and theater, college of arts and letters, gender studies, CARE, SUB, and the women's resource center

Flyers to fight rape

By JESSICA DALSING
News Writer

A student-led initiative has made blue flyers with sexual assault awareness tips a common sight in campus bathrooms.

The sexual assault awareness flyers are a product of the Student Senate's gender issues committee. This organization handles all issues regarding gender relations on campus. "Sexual assault is one of the main issues we are looking at," said Courtney Badgley, student senator and member of the gender issues committee.

An informational meeting by campus security and discussion of the sexual awareness

talks given during freshman orientation reignited last year's flyer initiative.

"Things happen and you should not ignore them," said Courtney Kohout, sophomore senator from Badin Hall.

The flyer contains contact information and procedural instructions designed to assist a victim of sexual assault. Badgley said, "Girls don't know where to turn and this just gives them resources."

No further concrete plans have been made regarding sexual assault awareness on campus. "Our main concern right now is to keep the flyers up and on display," said Badgley.

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Chad

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line at 631-5555, and an anonymous tip line at 631-8000.

Sharon's parents, Steve and Jane Sharon, said they are hopeful that the new reward will provide further leads for investigators and are grateful to the area companies for their efforts.

"It just means so much to us," said Steve Sharon. "People really do care."

In particular, Steve

Sharon said this new announcement and related media coverage would help keep their son's disappearance in the mind of students who may be able to recall information about the Corby Street party Chad Sharon attended.

"We still don't have any kids that saw him leaving the party," he said. Sharon's father urged students to come forward with information relating to their son, even if their knowledge did not seem very significant.

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ND first at trial competition

By CHRISTINA CEPERO
News Writer

Notre Dame's first year mock trial team won the Northwestern University Mock Trial Association invitational tournament. It was held at the Lake County Courthouse in Waukegan, Ill. the weekend of Jan. 18-19.

The victorious team of first years consisted of seven students: Michael Anderson (Best Witness Award), Drew Haase, Anne Marren, Trina Semelroth (Best Attorney Award), Chris Sheehan, Kelly Snyder and Natasha Uffner. They received the highest number of points in each of the four rounds and were undefeated, beating 31 other teams, including last year's national champion and teams from the University of Chicago and Saint Francis University. Two other teams from Notre Dame also competed.

Sheehan said, "It really

gives you a feel for the court and an understanding of court rules."

Notre Dame's Mock Trial Association, ranked third in the nation, is made up of 23 students divided into three teams. Attorney Bill Dwyer of the Chicago law firm of O'Rourke, Hogan, Fowler & Dwyer coaches students at Notre Dame for two hours every Thursday. In addition, each of the teams meets several times a week to prepare for tournaments.

All the college students in mock trial associations across the country work on the same case throughout the year. Last fall, the American Mock Trial Association released this year's case: a civil law suit involving a 7-year old boy allegedly killed by a car.

Every team prepares for both the plaintiff and defense sides of the case. In a competition, a coin draw just before the start of each round determines which side of the case a

team will play in that trial. Each team presents opening statements, conducts direct and cross-examination of witnesses and makes closing statements for its side.

Dave Belczyk, president of Notre Dame's Mock Trial Association, said, "The competition is designed for students to work on trial advocacy — the way you would present a case in court."

Students develop logical thought and argument skills and hone their presentation skills. "The winning team did an excellent job," said Belczyk. "Every team requires a broad range of talents to perform well."

The regional Mock Trial tournament will be held at Notre Dame from February 21 to 23. The national championship will be held from April 4 to 6 in Des Moines, Iowa.


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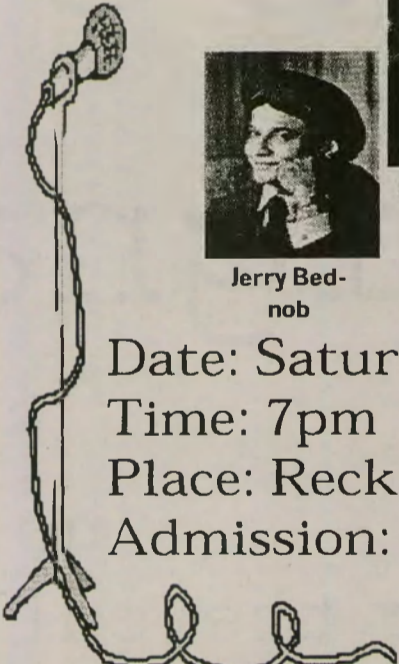


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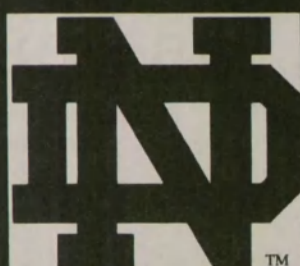
Logo Contest!

Be part of a new Notre Dame "legend."

The Student Activities Office is accepting logo designs for the new "LEGENDS" (formerly SENIOR BAR).

\$200 prize for the winning design, and the designer's photo and logo will be displayed at the new "Legends."
(Must be a Notre Dame student to submit a design.)


Deadline for submitting logo designs is **Friday, February 21.**
Drop off entries to the Student Activities Office, 315 LaFortune.
For additional information, contact the Student Activities Office, 631-7308.





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GET OUT OF YOUR SEATS, YELL, SCREAM, AND WEAR GREEN!!

IRAQ

Saddam says Iraq prepared for war with U.S.

Associated Press

BAGHDAD

Saddam Hussein, in remarks televised Wednesday, said Iraq "has huge capabilities" and is ready to face a U.S. attack, "destroy it and defeat it." A senior Baghdad official condemned President Bush's State of the Union speech, saying it was filled with "cheap lies."

"When faced with an attack, we always put in our calculation the worst case scenario and we build our tactics on that," Saddam told military commanders. "We know that they are coming with large forces of infantry and armored units to storm our defensive positions. But we will absorb the momentum of the attack, destroy it and defeat it."

Saddam said the Americans have no right to attack Iraq "and every one of them, from the top down to the smallest soldier, is coming as an aggressor with ambitions."

"We will have long successive defense lines with continued support of equipment," Saddam said. "Iraq is not Afghanistan. Iraq has huge capabilities and throughout history, Iraqis never allowed foreigners to stay on their homeland."

As the crisis with the United States escalates, Iraqi television

has been frequently broadcasting scenes of Saddam conferring with military commanders and senior lieutenants. It was unclear when the meeting aired Wednesday took place.

The broadcasts appear aimed at rallying the Iraqi population at a time of crisis and sending out the message that Saddam remains in firm control of the military and civilian leadership.

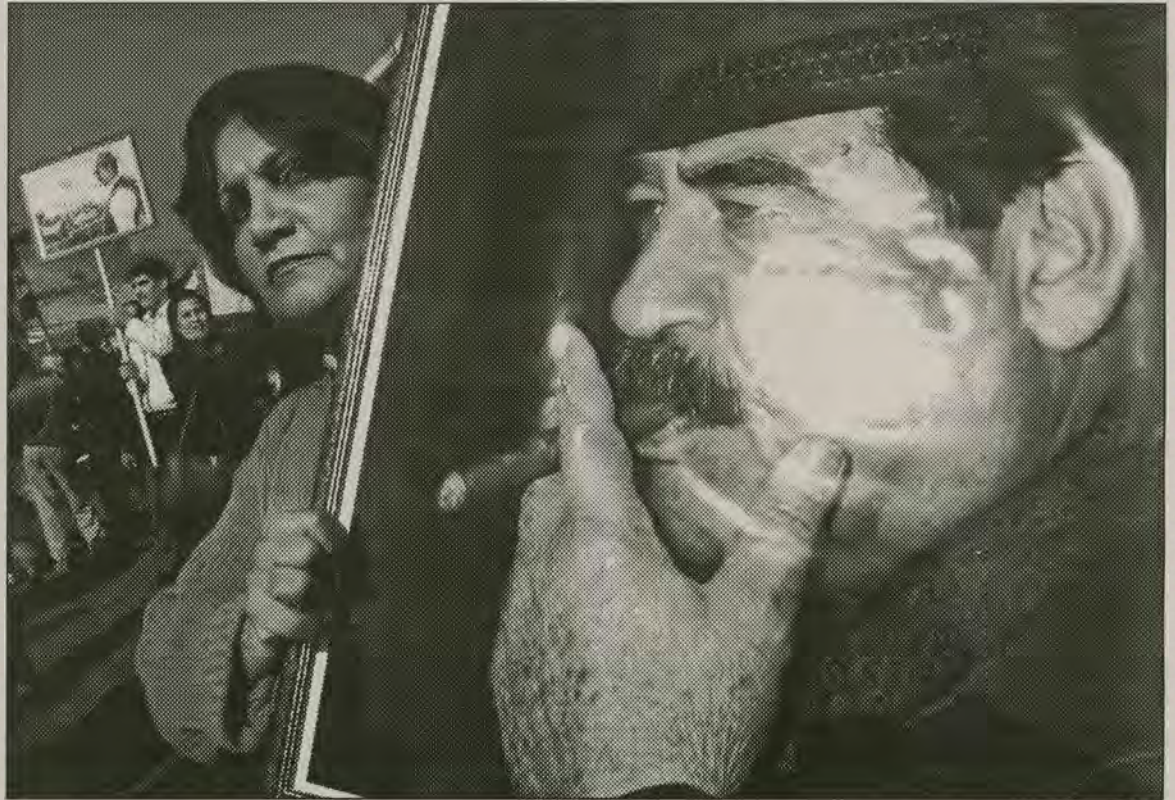
On Wednesday, a top Iraqi official took issue with Bush's address to Congress.

"Banned weapons are not small objects that Iraq can hide," Maj. Gen. Hossam Mohammed Amin, head liaison to U.N. arms inspectors, said on Iraqi television. "Iraq has gotten rid of all these weapons."

Iraqi leaders also rejected Bush's allegation of past or potential links between Baghdad and the Sept. 11 terrorists. "There's no connection between al-Qaida and Iraq," said lawmaker Hazem Bajilan, a foreign affairs specialist in the National Assembly.

Ordinary Iraqis, meanwhile, voiced growing fears of a new U.S. war, a conflict one doctor saw as a "catastrophe" in the making for civilians.

International arms inspection teams pressed on with their unannounced rounds Wednesday, dropping in on an Iraqi missile-fuel plant, an



An Iraqi woman holds up a portrait of president Saddam Hussein in a demonstration Monday outside U.N. headquarters in Baghdad. Hussein vowed Wednesday that Iraq had "huge capabilities" and is ready for a possible war with the United States.

ammunition depot and other sites, as their chiefs prepared to meet behind closed doors with the U.N. Security Council in New York.

Those chiefs, Hans Blix and Mohamed ElBaradei, reported

to the council Monday that Iraq was cooperating on practical matters in the 2-month-old inspection process, but was not offering evidence to allay suspicions it retains chemical or biological weapons missed by pre-

vious U.N. inspectors in the 1990s.

Iraqi officials said they would submit their own rebuttal to the United Nations by Thursday, "clarifying" points raised by the chief inspectors.

Congressional Budget Office: \$199 billion deficit expected

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

This year's federal deficit will soar to \$199 billion even without President Bush's new tax cut plan or war against Iraq, the Congressional Budget Office said Wednesday in a report that cast doubt on chances for balancing the budget anytime soon.

The nonpartisan budget office projected that without action on any tax or spending initiatives - which no one considers realistic - small annual surpluses would not return until 2007, a year later than the office predicted in August.

In perhaps the starkest depiction of

how rapidly the government's long-range outlook has eroded, the budget office said Wednesday that it envisioned a cumulative \$20 billion surplus over the decade that began last year. In May 2001, the office projected an unprecedented \$5.6 trillion surplus for that same period.

The bleak forecast further inflamed this year's budget fight between Bush and congressional Democrats, who accuse each other of speeding the downward spiral of the government's books. Bush wants more tax cuts and spending restraint, while Democrats prefer higher spending and smaller tax reductions.

"The elephant in the room he didn't mention last night was the deficit," said

Rep. John Spratt of South Carolina, top Democrat on the House Budget Committee, referring to the president's State of the Union address. "The question he avoided was: How would he do all the things he's talking about in the State of the Union and have any kind of bottom line left in the budget?"

In his speech, Bush renewed his call for a \$674 billion, 10-year tax-cutting plan to fortify the economy, and proposed spending initiatives including a \$400 billion, 10-year expansion of Medicare. He said the best way to control deficits is to foster economic growth and limit federal spending.

Republicans echoed his argument Wednesday. They added that for now, deficits would have to play second fiddle

to initiatives aimed at invigorating the economy and confronting terrorism.

"If the only index you look at is cash flow, you may be missing the point" that there are other important priorities, said House Budget Committee Chairman Jim Nussle, R-Iowa.

The budget office's projected \$199 billion deficit for this year compared with a \$145 billion shortfall it projected in August. Its forecast five months ago for a \$111 billion deficit in 2004 also got worse, rising to \$145 billion in the new report.

Since CBO's projections include none of the tax and spending initiatives that lawmakers are likely to tackle, they are meant as a benchmark for measuring future action.

WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Sharon rejects Arafat's peace talk offer:

A day after his election victory, Ariel Sharon on Wednesday rebuffed an offer by Yasser Arafat to resume peace talks - an indication the Israeli prime minister will stick to his tough policies in his second term. In Tuesday's vote, Sharon won a ringing endorsement for his military crackdown on the Palestinians, and his right-wing supporters want to see him take an even tougher line. However, an Israeli government dominated by hawks could lead to friction with the United States.

Venezuelan banks end 2-month strike:

Under intense pressure from President Hugo Chavez, Venezuela's banks agreed to abandon a 59-day-old opposition strike - the latest sign the drive to force Chavez's quick ouster was unraveling. Wednesday's decision came as the government nibbled away at the strike's core: a walkout that hobbled the oil industry, the world's No. 5 exporter.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

U.S. may find safe haven for Hussein:

The Bush administration, weighing whether to set a deadline for Saddam Hussein to disarm, offered on Wednesday to try to help find a haven for the Iraqi president and his "henchmen" as a way to avert war. But time appeared to be running out, and State Department officials said an exile scenario was not under serious consideration. "We're entering the final phase" and only a narrow "diplomatic window" remained open, White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said.

Utah police seek couple in kidnapping:

Police on Wednesday said the transient couple who allegedly took a woman's infant from a downtown shopping mall Tuesday night were trying to teach the mother a lesson. The alleged kidnapers and the mother were part of a group of seven homeless people who socialized with each other, said Salt Lake City Police Lt. Jim Jensen.

Explosion, fire, kills 8 in Kinston, N.C.:

An explosion followed by a raging fire demolished a plastics factory Wednesday, killing at least eight people and injuring at least 16. Others were feared trapped in the burning ruins, which sent black, acrid smoke billowing over the countryside. City Manager Ralph Clark said an unknown number of workers were believed to be still inside the West Pharmaceutical plant.

Officials break credit-card fraud ring:

More than 30 Pakistanis face federal charges in an alleged credit-card fraud ring that investigators believe netted \$5 million. Investigators have concerns, but no hard evidence, that the money may have helped fund terrorist activity. The alleged ring-leader, Shah Nawaz, has fled to Pakistan as have other members of the group, U.S. Attorney Paul McNulty said Wednesday. McNulty said there may be "a loose connection" to terrorist activity.

Senate

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against the letter because she trusted the expertise of Bishop and Trip Foley, student body vice president, who discouraged the inclusion of the letter. She said she thought it would be repetitive to include the letter in the appendix since Bishop's report is supposed to already represent student opinion and the ideas in the letter.

Brin Anderson, senator from Howard Hall and Residence Life committee member, said after the meeting she agreed with Boyle, saying, "I wanted to support Libby and I knew she was uncomfortable. I know that she will accurately represent the student body."

During the debate, Kevin Conley, who chairs the Residence Life committee and voted in favor of the letter, said, "Trip, Jeremy [Staley], and I made a big deal about not getting enough respect and part of the opposition to this was that we would make people uncomfortable. If we hesitate from standing up for students just because it will make people uncomfortable then we don't deserve respect because we aren't doing our job."

Bishop said that at the meeting she originally agreed with the purpose of the letter when Conley made the suggestion but later changed her mind.

After the meeting, she added that she did not look at the letter in its full context when she informed Conley earlier in the week she agreed with the letter. After thinking further about the letter and talking with Foley and Brian Coughlin, director of Student Activities, she said she thought the letter was inappropriate.

Bishop said at the Senate

meeting it was not Senate's duty to send a letter to the Board of Trustees.

"I don't think it will complement the report and will detract from it," Bishop said. "My report is going to be cohesive and I see this letter as superfluous. In the end, I am questioning what are you trying to do. I will fight for student rights."

Bishop said her report, though it is not finished, will be more informative and include the voice of the students in a more balanced way as opposed to the letter.

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Libby Bishop
student body president
addressing Student Senate

"It's not what I wanted to say in the report," she said after the meeting.

Though she said she was not trying to censure what another body of student government thought, she said the letter incorrectly addressed the real reason why in-hall dances were taken

away.

The letter connected the ban on in-hall dances to alcohol consumption and abuse and said, "If it is believed that the elimination of hard alcohol will help to improve unhealthy consumption habits, then why ban in-hall dances and hard alcohol in the same year. The banning of in hall dances ... should not have been necessary until all options had been explored and it was clear that SYRs and responsible behavior were mutually exclusive."

After the meeting, Bishop said this claim is incorrect and referenced Vice President of Student Affairs Father Mark Poorman's statements that in-hall dances were banned due to space limitations.

She also said the nature of the Board of Trustees meeting allows for only a limited discussion and that the report needs to be concise in order to get the issue addressed and not for discussion to be stalled by questions that the letter could have raised.

Chief of Staff Pat Hallahan, who has attended previous Board of Trustees meetings, said he thought the letter

could have helped the report and that the report's message would only have been strengthened by the additional voice of 28 student leaders.

"I think it could have been toned down a little while keeping the main point and it could help a lot if it was sent in right fashion," Hallahan said after the meeting. "Libby's recommendations do ask for dances back which would have been complemented by the letter. I think we could have worked on it a little bit more just to make sure they were in line with one another."

Several senators questioned why there was opposition from Bishop and Foley to the inclusion of the letter seeing as how the letter represents student opinion.

"If this letter doesn't coincide with the report, this concerns me and I wonder if the report is addressing the correct concerns," Breen-Phillips Senator Joanna Cornwell told the Senate.

Other senators who voted against the letter said it was not because they disagreed with the message of the letter but because they did not want the letter to potentially detract from Bishop's report.

In other Senate news:

◆ Elliot Poindexter said Financial Management Board called for an increase in the student activities fee, the second proposed increase in as many years. The fee was increased for the 2002-2003 academic year from \$65 to \$80.

◆ The Senate unanimously passed a resolution to include a referendum on an upcoming University-wide vote regarding the Flex-10 Meal plan.

◆ The Senate decided to create a TCE sub-committee within the Academic Affairs committee in order to draw on members from the entire Senate to work on research and bring the project to a conclusion before Senate turnover.

◆ The Senate unanimously passed a resolution asking the Office of International Study Programs to inform students studying abroad about alcohol awareness and the country's

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Seventh ticket enters election

By MEGHANNE DOWNES
Associate News Editor

Judicial Board President Danielle LeDesma announced Wednesday a seventh additional ticket for the upcoming student body president elections.

The ticket of Zahm residents Matt Padberg and David Rail submitted its petitions just before the Jan. 22 midnight deadline, but their candidacy was not announced at the Jan. 22 Student Senate meeting because the ticket's peti-

tions had not yet been turned in, LeDesma said.

Padberg and Rail join the following six other presidential candidates in the Feb. 10 general election: Mike Bott and Mike Kirsh, Charlie Ebersol and Lauren Meagher, Ryan Gagnet and John McCarthy, Pat Hallahan and Jeremy Lao, Joe Muto and Mimi Matkowski, and Drew Updike and Eric Tarnowski.

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IN BRIEF

United pilots irked at airline's plan

United Airlines' pilots union lashed out Wednesday at the company's emerging strategy in bankruptcy, saying its plans for a new discount carrier would amount to a breakup of United and vowing to fight it "by every lawful means available to us."

The angry statement from United's most powerful union came on the eve of a Thursday meeting of the company's board of directors at which CEO Glenn Tilton is to present the new business plan.

While United has not disclosed details of the plan, a published report Wednesday said it aims to reduce the number of its pilots and flight attendants by up to 25 percent and implement a two-tier pay structure.

The Chicago Tribune, citing unidentified sources, reported that pilots and flight attendants working for a planned new discount carrier to be operated by the airline would be paid significantly less than those on regular United flights. United declined to comment on the report.

The world's second-largest airline, which has posted heavy losses since mid-2000, filed for Chapter 11 federal bankruptcy protection on Dec. 9.

War fears drive bond prices lower

Bond prices moved lower Wednesday as investors pushed stocks higher, despite President Bush's warning that a war was imminent.

The price of the benchmark 10-year Treasury note slipped 13/32 point, or \$4.06 per \$1,000 in face value. Its yield, which moves in the opposite direction, rose to 4.02 percent, from 3.97 percent on Tuesday.

The 30-year Treasury bond slipped 19/32 point to yield 4.91 percent, down from 4.87 percent Tuesday, according to Moneyline Telerate.

The market got little, or any, boost from a decision on interest rates by the Federal Reserve.

Turner steps down at AOL

◆ Company posts \$44.9 billion loss

Associated Press

NEW YORK

Fourth-quarter losses skyrocketed at AOL Time Warner Inc. after a staggering \$45.5 billion charge to account for the struggling media conglomerate's plunging value. The company also announced Wednesday that former cable TV mogul Ted Turner is stepping down as vice chairman.

In the three months ending Dec. 31, AOL lost \$44.9 billion, or \$10.04 per share, compared with a loss of \$1.8 billion, or 41 cents per share, in the fourth quarter of 2001.

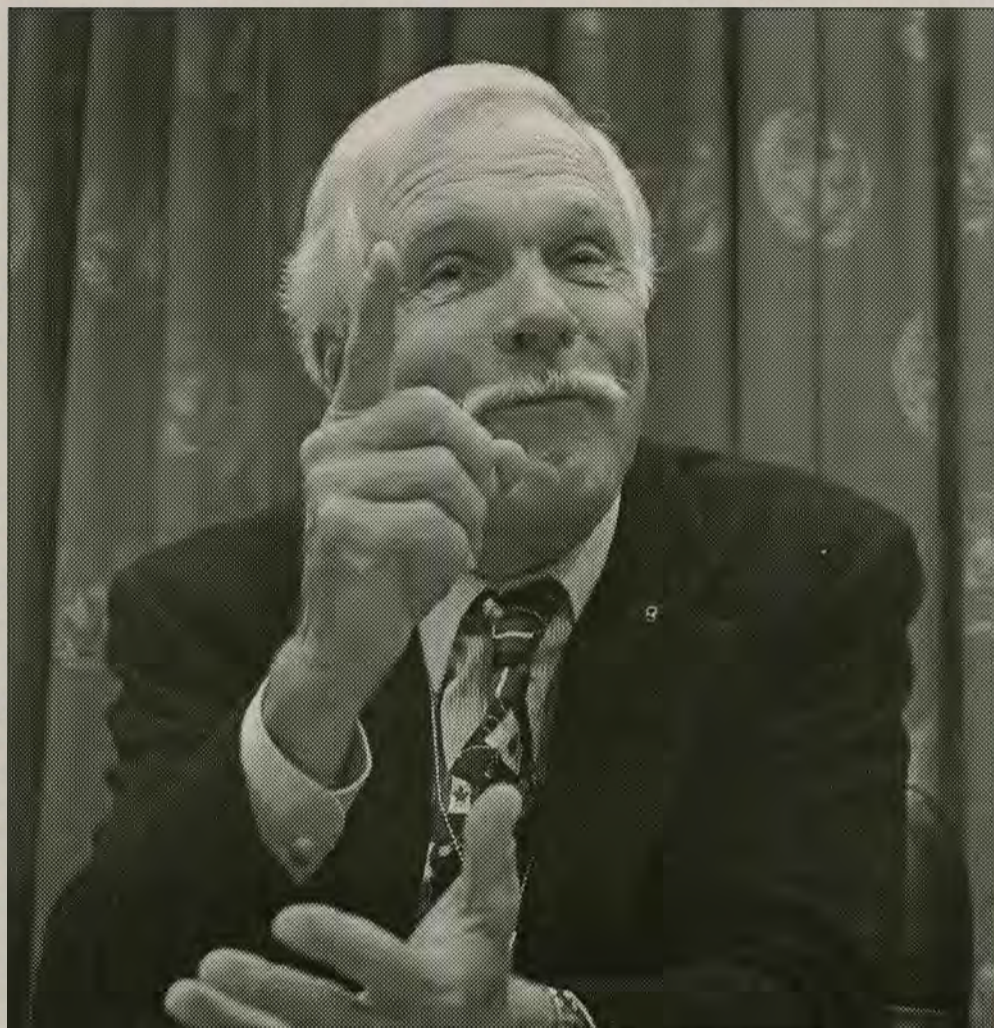
Revenue rose 8 percent to \$11.4 billion, and AOL said its results without the one-time accounting markdown would actually have beaten Wall Street estimates - at 28 cents per share instead of the 26 cents and \$11.2 billion in revenue predicted by Thomson First Call.

Turner, who pioneered cable television and built CNN before selling to Time Warner in 1996, will leave in May. He has long been reported to be unhappy with his diminished role since the merger with AOL, but AOL chief Richard Parsons said Turner wants to spend more time on his philanthropic endeavors.

"He's concluded now is the right time to make more space for his other activities," Parsons said in a conference call with analysts.

Turner's exit coincides with the pending departure of Chairman Steve Case, the America Online co-founder, putting the disparate histories of AOL Time Warner's divisions even further into the past as the mammoth company plots its turnaround.

Whether Turner - who owns nearly 3.5 percent of the company - will remain



Getty Images

Ted Turner speaks at a United Nation headquarters at New York on Dec. 11, 2002. Turner stepped down Wednesday as AOL-Time Warner vice chairman. The company posted a loss of \$10.04 per share in the fourth quarter.

on AOL's board at all will be determined in the next few weeks, spokeswoman Mia Carbonell said.

Analysts had been expecting AOL take a goodwill writedown but were surprised by its enormity.

The announcements were made after the markets closed. AOL stock closed higher, up 30 cents per share at \$13.96 on the New York Stock Exchange. The shares dropped 10 percent in the extended session.

Executives said they expect 2003 revenue to grow "in the mid-single-digits" and earnings before taxes, depreciation and amortization to be essentially flat. Analysts had been forecasting roughly 5 percent growth in revenue.

Two years after AOL and Time Warner's \$106 billion merger, which could be considered the crowning moment of the Internet boom, the company has been forced to justify the rationale for the deal and overcome questions about its accounting.

The bright spot has been Time Warner's media properties, which include CNN, Warner Music, Time and People magazines and the Warner Bros. film division that boasts blockbuster franchises like "Harry Potter" and "Lord of the Rings."

The weak link has been the AOL online division, which now hopes for a jolt from expanding high-speed Internet access and rolling out new music, information and shopping services. AOL's member-

ship now totals 35.2 million, up nearly 2 million in 2002.

It took double-digit growth in AOL's cable, TV networks and movie divisions in the fourth quarter to make up for a 6 percent drop in revenue from the online division.

AOL Time Warner this week also sold its 8.4 percent stake in Hughes Electronics Corp., the parent company of the DirecTV satellite service, for \$800 million as part of a plan to reduce debt to \$20 billion by the end of this year.

Analysts have speculated that AOL will make other cash-raising moves, such as selling its book-publishing division and the Atlanta Braves, the baseball team Turner brought into the media empire.

Fed keeps interest rates constant

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

The Federal Reserve decided on Wednesday to leave interest rates unchanged at a 41-year low, optimistically predicting that the feeble U.S. economy will revive once geopolitical risks - a reference to a possible war with Iraq - recede.

The Fed's widely expected decision means the continuation for borrowers of rates that have spurred record home sales and a wave of mortgage refinancings.

Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan and his colleagues, striking an upbeat tone in their brief statement, contended that many of

the economy's current problems were temporary and caused by the uncertainties surrounding possible military action in Iraq.

"Oil price premiums and other aspects of geopolitical risks have reportedly fostered continued restraint on spending and hiring by businesses," Fed policy-makers said in explaining their 12-0 decision.

"As those risks lift, as most analysts expect, the accommodative stance of monetary policy, coupled with ongoing strength in productivity, will provide support to an improving economic climate over time," they said.

The federal funds rate, the interest that banks charge each other on

overnight loans, will hold at 1.25 percent. It has remained there since early November, the 12th rate reduction in an aggressive easing campaign that began in January 2001.

Banks' prime lending rate, the benchmark for millions of consumer and business loans, will keep steady at 4.25 percent, the lowest level since May 1959.

Some economists said the Fed decided to conserve what few rate cuts it has left in case further reductions are needed should an Iraqi war take a turn for the worse with a possible disruption in global oil supplies or a terrorist attack.

U.S. fails to gain support for coalition against Iraq

Associated Press

NEW YORK

Key members on the U.N. Security Council said Wednesday that the United States had so far failed to convince them that time had run out for a peaceful resolution to the crisis with Iraq.

At a crucial council meeting a day after President Bush's State of the Union speech, 11 of the 15 members supported giving more time to weapons inspectors to pursue Iraq's peaceful disarmament — France, Russia and China who all have veto power as well as Germany, Mexico, Chile, Guinea, Cameroon, Syria, Angola and Pakistan, council diplomats told The Associated Press.

Only Bulgaria and Spain backed the United States and Britain in focusing on Iraq's failures rather than continued inspections.

In Washington, White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said diplomacy was in its 'final phase,' and Secretary of State Colin Powell said the United States would try to help find a haven for Saddam Hussein, his family and close aides if he would agree to go into exile.

"That would be one way to try to avoid war," Powell, who will address the Security Council next Wednesday, said at a news conference.

However, State Department officials said an exile scenario was not under serious consid-

eration.

At the daylong Security Council meeting, which was held behind closed doors, Britain remained squarely in Washington's camp.

"There are members of the council who are asking for time, but it isn't a matter of time. It's a matter of whether Iraq realizes that the game is up, or whether it is trying to keep the inspectors at bay," British Ambassador Jeremy Greenstock said during a break in the meeting.

U.S. diplomats had hoped Wednesday's council meeting would signal increased international support for military action in Iraq. But neither the largely negative reports from weapons inspectors this week nor Bush's address altered the positions of some of America's key allies, including France.

"The majority of the council thinks we should continue inspections," said French Ambassador Jean-Marc de la Sabliere. "This is what they think today, and I think it is important to say so."

Still, U.S. Ambassador John Negroponte warned that the "diplomatic window is closing, for the council and the time for decision-making is fast approaching."

He said the United States

would conduct intense negotiations, both at the United Nations and between capitals, ahead of the special Feb. 5 council meeting where Powell is expected to present evidence

of Iraq's secret weapons programs and links to terrorist groups.

Council diplomats who spoke on condition of anonymity said the possibility of a second res-

olution was being widely discussed. The most likely scenario would be a resolution declaring that Iraq has failed to cooperate actively with inspectors and setting a relatively short deadline for Baghdad to meet certain steps, the diplomats said.

Bush said Tuesday night he would use the "full force and might of the U.S. military" if needed to disarm Iraq.

In the meantime, Negroponte pressed the chief weapons inspectors behind closed doors Wednesday for additional answers on intelligence the United States believes indicates Iraq is rearming.

But Mohamed ElBaradei, the top nuclear inspector in Iraq, said the evidence hasn't panned out and he disputed Bush's claims that Iraqi intelligence agents are posing as scientists

In a wide-ranging interview with AP, ElBaradei stood by his

inspectors' findings that aluminum tubes the Iraqis had tried to import were for rockets and not for a nuclear program, as the president reasserted in his speech Tuesday night.

"We believe the tubes were destined for the conventional rocket program," ElBaradei said. He said the tubes could be modified for uranium enrichment but that the process would be expensive, time-consuming and detectable.

In his annual speech, Bush said: "Iraqi intelligence officers are posing as the scientists inspectors are supposed to

U.N. inspector, Hans Blix, spent Wednesday answering questions from Security Council members regarding their reports on the first 60 days of inspections.

Their differing — but ultimately negative — reports issued Monday were used by Bush to strengthen arguments for possible war, and could persuade reluctant allies to support military action to disarm Saddam.

But key council members were unswayed by the reports and Bush's address.

During a break, German

Ambassador G u n t e r Pleuger said inspectors should be given "a realistic opportunity to discharge their mandate. Let us not put aside an instrument we only recently sharpened."

R u s s i a n

Ambassador Sergey Lavrov said reports that President Vladimir Putin was shifting to a more pro-American stance were misinterpretations.

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Sergey Lavrao
Russian Ambassador

ElBaradei said it was unlikely his inspectors "could be fooled in the nuclear area on who is a scientist and who is not."

"We know all the scientists from the past and I think our people could easily detect if that person is a scientist or not."

ElBaradei and the other chief

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SMC women attend pro-choice conference

By LAUREN CONDON
News Writer

Four Saint Mary's women attended a pro-choice conference in Washington, D.C. during the same time when many of their classmates were at the March for Life.

The four students received a grant from Saint Mary's Center for Women's Intercultural Leadership to attend the one-day conference that focused on lobbying for pro-choice causes. The students who attended the conference believe that it was a leadership opportunity, enabling them to experience a day in the nation's capital learning how to lobby for causes and about the judicial system.

"I feel that because we are Catholic we need to address the situation. It is the woman's body and she should decide what to do with it," Saint Mary's con-

ference group organizer Heather Engstrom said. "Catholics for Free Choice uphold that it is a woman's right to make her own decision."

The conference, held Jan. 22, also marked the 30th anniversary of the Roe v. Wade Supreme Court decision, which legalized abortion.

Engstrom believes that the conference was more about leadership and having young people involved and interested in the legal system.

"The conference, which addressed the issues of what the judicial system is doing with the recent five to four vote upholding Roe vs. Wade and the feminist movement, was organized

not only to talk about pro-choice, but also to teach young people how to make their voices heard," Engstrom said.

Although many within the Saint Mary's community did not agree with Engstrom, the pro-life and pro-choice students respected each other's opinions.

"That is their decision," Saint Mary's senior and March for Life attendee Elizabeth Ross worm

said. "We are supporting what we believe in and they are supporting what they believe in."

"I think that everyone has the right to their own opinion. It's great that we can respect each other's stance on the issue," Saint Mary's March for Life organizer Danielle Kraft

added.

Those who chose to attend the March for Life to protest abortion accepted an unexcused absence and paid their way for the bus trip.

"[I went because] I feel pretty strongly about the pro-life cause and that life begins at conception. Abortion needs to be ended," Saint Mary's freshman Jenny Robbins said. The four girls sponsored by CWIL had all expenses paid and were flown to Washington D.C., to attend the pro-choice conference.

"It's disappointing," said Indiana Archbishop John D'Arcy after learning of CWIL's sponsorship.

The program itself was student leadership. The purpose was to show students how to become involved in lobbying and leadership," CWIL director Meredith Sarkees said.

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Bishop

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through finishing important projects, giving available student input into campus wide issues and representing student voice accurately," Bishop said.

Though Bishop did not outline any future plans in her address, she said the Student Union must look toward the future in order to empower future leaders and called on the Student Union to fulfill their duty of passing on their knowledge to future lead-

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Iraq may be capable of nukes

Associated Press

The top nuclear inspector conceded Wednesday that aluminum tubes the Iraqis had sought for rockets could be modified for a nuclear program, as President Bush reasserted in his State of the Union address.

"We believe the tubes were destined for the conventional rocket program," Mohamed ElBaradei told The Associated Press in an interview. "They could be used for enrichment but they need substantial modification before they could be used."

He said such a process would be expensive, time-consuming and detectable but that the Iraqis have the capabilities to alter the tubes.

ElBaradei told the Security Council in a report Monday that he had found no evidence Iraq had revived its nuclear program. The comments, coupled with his determination that the tubes were for rockets, put him at odds with the Bush administration which has insisted the tubes were meant for enriching uranium.

The back-and-forth between the Bush administration and ElBaradei's International Atomic Energy Agency began shortly after the president first raised the Iraqi attempts to buy the materials when he addressed the United Nations last September.

As a result, ElBaradei made it a top priority for his team to investigate the matter when inspections resumed two months later.

Iraq admitted they sought the tubes but said they were for a rocket program and very quickly, the nuclear team began to agree.

But the United States has been relentless in its insistence that the tubes were for a nuclear program and President Bush included it again in his annual address Tuesday.

"We believe...that these tubes are of the fineness and kind of tooling and workmanship that is definitely consistent with the use of enriching uranium," U.S. Ambassador John Negroponte said Wednesday.

"The way in which Iraq has gone about trying to procure those tubes suggests quite clearly that they were trying to do something illicit," he told reporters.



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LETTER FROM THE EDITORS

SMC endorsement confusion clarified

We wish to apologize for the confusion surrounding Monday's Observer editorial calling for abstention in the Saint Mary's student body presidential and vice presidential elections, but reiterate our original sentiment calling for increased political participation at the College.

Because of incorrect information we received from the Saint Mary's representative on our editorial board, we believed there would be only two options on the ballot this year, as there had been in past elections: the names associated with the only ticket running, "Elizabeth Jablonski-Diehl/Sarah Brown," and the option to "abstain."

Unbeknownst to us, however, Saint Mary's constitutional revisions to its election process involved altering the ballot, too. In the past, students were confused about how to express dissatisfaction with the candidates in increasingly common single-ticket races at the College. As a result, Election Commissioner Alison Joseph said, for the first time Tuesday, the ballot offered three options for voters: "yes," meaning the voter supports Jablonski-Diehl/Brown; "no," signaling a vote of no confidence in the ticket; or "abstain," meaning a vote of no opinion.

The Observer very much intended for Saint Mary's students to voice an opinion. We misunderstood the purpose of the ballot's abstention option and should have instead endorsed voting "no." Though we apologize for our mistake, we stand by the sentiment of our endorsement. We urge the 25 percent of Saint Mary's students who voted in the third consecutive single-candidate race Monday and implore the 75 percent who did not submit a ballot to consider participating more actively next year to prove that Saint Mary's does, as Jablonski-Diehl herself said, "bring a leader out of every ... student."

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Tuning-in to the decline of Western civilization

As we know from my last column, I've been applying to graduate school. As we also know from my last column, if we like to read the little biographical sketch at the end, I graduated at the beginning of this month. This all leads us to the logical question: What have I been doing other than applying to graduate school?

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Here We Go
Again ...

The answer, fellow Domers, is watching TV. Television these days is of very low quality, by the way, particularly during the day. I really felt like I was missing out on something when I lived in the dorms and didn't watch TV for months on end, but it turns out I wasn't.

For one thing, I watch things like "Dr. Phil" (who I say that I don't like because he makes psychologists look bad, but I secretly watch him and even kind of like him) and "dating" shows, like "Blind Date," "Fifth Wheel," and "Elimidate" (further guilty TV pleasures, except I really do dislike them. I just watch them anyway), which aren't terribly high quality.

For another thing, I avoid quality television like the plague. I always thought that if I ever lived outside of the Notre Dame bubble that I'd be a better informed person when it came to current events, but it's really not turning out to be true. I pretty much never watch the news.

I don't like world news much because I can almost never make it through an entire broadcast without becoming despondent and convinced that Western civilization is in an inevitable decline. I actually do think that Western civiliza-

tion is in its decline, but I usually try to ignore that conviction and it's harder to do that when you watch 30 minutes of actual proof every night.

Tom Brokaw: "In the United States today, there is no money for any important programs for helping people. In several states, masked gunmen murdered dozens of innocent bystanders. When apprehended and asked the reasons for their actions, the gunmen responded, 'Hey man, bad things happen to good people. They looked like good people. Who are we to change the rules?'"

"In international news, several wars rage on today with hefty loss of life, and no one in China has any human rights at all. This just in: the world is going to Hell in a handbasket. Here with more on its downward progress is news correspondent Frank."

I don't much like national or world news, because it's always depressing. Sometimes they throw in that human interest story near the end about the blind guy, the puppy who cures him, and their amazing search together for the cure to cancer, but somehow that usually fails to erase the emotional impact of all the human suffering so rapidly discussed before.

I don't watch much local news either, largely because every single night for the last two weeks the lead story has been the fact that it either is currently snowing or was snowing earlier that day.

Anchor: "I'm Bill, and our top story on the 10 o'clock news in Michiana is that it is snowing for the fifth day in a row. Let's go to Jane, our reporter out in the field."

Reporter: "I'm Jane, out here in Elkhart, where it also appears to be snowing. Let's talk to some people pass-

ing by. Hello there! Do you feel that it is snowing here in Elkhart?"

Passerby: "Yes, there does seem to be snow falling from the sky."

Reporter: "There you have it, Bill. It is snowing in Elkhart. I'm Jane, reporting for News Channel 3. Back to you, Bill."

Anchor: "We'll return with further team coverage of this alleged snow from downtown South Bend, Notre Dame and Granger after these commercials. A little later, we'll have an in-depth interview with a woman who has lived in Michiana for a number of years and remembers other times when it has snowed."

Tuesday night the State of the Union Address was on, which I did actually watch for a while. One of my roommates wanted to see it, but then she ended up talking on the phone. About halfway through, my other roommate and I switched over to "Smallville" on the WB because we like it better.

I'm 21 years old with a Bachelor's degree from the University of Notre Dame, and I like Smallville better than I like watching the president address the nation in the biggest speech he gives all year. And I am supposed to be a future leader of America.

This is probably why Western civilization is declining — people like me are watching "Dr. Phil" and "Elimidate" instead of keeping up on important events or actually doing anything.

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"There are 10¹¹ stars in the galaxy. That used to be a huge number. But it's only a hundred billion. It's less than the national deficit! We used to call them astronomical numbers. Now we should call them economical numbers."

Richard Feynman
educator

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Tax cuts represent American values

Last night, in his State of the Union Address, President Bush reiterated his economic stimulus package, which would reduce or eliminate unfair and burdensome taxes on all American taxpayers, especially families and investors. Unfortunately this proposal has been demonized by the Democrats as simply "tax cuts for the wrong people (i.e. the 'evil rich') at the wrong time."

Listening to Tom Daschle and other prominent Democrats, one would think that the "rich" somehow don't deserve the income they earn, or that they attain their wealth by exploiting the poor "working families." Obviously Daschle doesn't think that the "rich" work for their income. Any reasonable person can see the fallacy in such ideas.

Some in Washington, D.C. seem to forget that it is our (i.e. the taxpayers') money in the first place, not their entitlement. The fact is that most of the so-called "rich" are small business owners and entrepreneurs, 23 million in all, who would benefit greatly by the tax cuts and elimination of the dividend tax, which would free up more capital to make investments on equipment or hire more employees.

Ten million senior citizens rely on dividend income to supplement their Social Security. At the same time, Microsoft alone is hoarding \$40 billion instead of paying out dividends or making capital improvements because of the silly tax penalties, certainly not a positive step for the economy. And what salary defines "rich"?

According to the few Democrats who will actually define "rich," it is \$92,000. That may sound like a hefty salary at first, but that is approximately the total for a two-parent family consisting of a fireman and teacher.

Good luck living on 65 percent of that in San Francisco or New York City. Ending the marriage penalty and death tax while providing tax credits for families with children not only makes good fiscal sense but is also morally right. The marriage penalty is simply absurd while the death tax in effect penalizes success. When did success become deserving of such contempt and scorn in America?

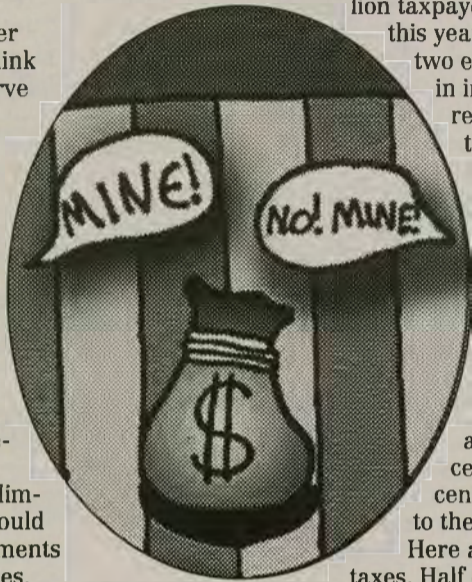
While the Democrats cry foul about tax cuts for the "rich," 12 current Democratic Senators including Robert Byrd, Frank Lautenberg and Dianne Feinstein (and even Al Gore) voted to drop the top marginal tax rate to 28 percent in 1986, yet have vowed to vote against the Bush plan which would reduce the top rate to 35 percent. The Bush plan would provide 92 million taxpayers an average \$1,083 of tax relief this year and the typical family of four with two earners making a combined \$39,000 in income would receive \$1,100 in tax relief. In fact, the largest rate reductions are tilted toward middle and lower income wage-earners: 20 percent for those making between \$30,000 and \$40,000 compared to 11.4 percent for those earning more than \$100,000.

Also, to those "deficit-hawks" complaining about runaway deficits, I would remind them that interest spending on the budget deficit today is the lowest in years as a part of the GDP (1.5 to 3 percent compared to upwards of 5 percent during the early 1990s according to the Congressional Budget Office.)

Here are just a few final fun facts about taxes. Half of all taxpayers in America pay less than 4 percent of all tax revenues, while the top 5 percent (\$128,000+) pays almost half of all taxes. So why should people who pay virtually no taxes get a larger tax break than those who actually pay the bulk of taxes? When did America turn into a welfare state?

I have grown up in an America where "the pursuit of happiness" is attained through the virtues of hard work, perseverance and determination. I am deeply troubled by the notion that has pervaded this country in recent years of "You have it. I want it. You owe me." Class warfare and class envy are tragedies and insult all Americans who believe that hard work really does mean something.

Michael Derocher
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Jan. 29



Give NDSP some respect

In response to the Chris Federico's Jan. 29 Inside Column, "Who's policing the police?" I would like to try something different and, God forbid, take the side of Notre Dame Security Police. I have worked with many of the officers since the beginning of this school year and I can honestly say that they work hard for the students on this campus. Yes, they are here to serve and protect, but they are also police officers, in charge of enforcing the law.

First of all, contrary to popular belief, writing tickets and harassing students about underage drinking constitutes very little of the way NDSP officers spend their time. They are the ones who provide rides to hospitals and the health care center when no other transportation is available. They fix your bikes, jump your cars and open locked doors for students and faculty. When you call after hours with power outages, heating concerns or a plumbing crisis, NDSP dispatches assistance. They respond to both fire and burglary alarms and spend hours taking reports on stolen or lost items.

They are on patrol 24 hours a day, in cars, bikes and on foot, despite the freezing South Bend weather. If you don't see them on a regular basis, it is because they are occupied performing any of the other numerous duties listed above. There is not an infinite number of officers on duty per shift.

If you have concerns about walking in the dark, I suggest you try calling Safe-Walk. Sure, NDSP officers are going to issue violations to you if you get caught parked illegally or transporting alcohol. And I'm not saying that they don't make mistakes or are infallible in their judgment. But I do believe that, for the most part, the Notre Dame Security Police department works hard to assist students as much as possible. The men and women I have come in contact with genuinely care about the students at this school and deserve our thanks. So how about we all try something a little different and give NDSP some respect?

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Walking the streets

On the day I first arrived in South Bend I decided to go for a walk at night, being eager to explore the Athens of Indiana. Before going for a walk it would probably have been a good idea to ask someone who had lived in the area for more than six hours whether there were any areas that I should avoid in my nocturnal ambling. I didn't do that, and there's a good reason why not. It's because I'm an idiot.

Peter Wicks

Englishman
Abroad

The first sign that my evening stroll was not an altogether good idea came when about five minutes away from my new front door a car pulled up to the sidewalk beside me. In the front seats sat two heavy-set men. They looked not so much like they could have happily killed me, but rather — and I think this is worse — like they could have killed me without really thinking much about it either way.

In the back seat there was a woman with big hair and too much make-up. By that I don't mean that she was wearing too much make-up, I mean that there shouldn't be that much make-up in the world. The woman rolled down her window and hollered "Hey baby! Are you straight?"

For a moment I thought I was the victim of that most American of crimes, the drive-by survey. I fully expected to be

bundled into the car, driven to an abandoned warehouse, tied to a chair and forced to participate in an involuntary focus group. But of course the woman was in fact a prostitute (I probably would have realized the truth sooner if she had looked more like Julia Roberts).

Having been absent from school on the day when we were taught what to do when propositioned by a prostitute, I panicked and did what I usually do when I find myself hopelessly out of my depth in a social situation. I explained that I was foreign.

"Are you straight?" she asked again.

"I'm English," I replied.

It wasn't a very satisfactory exchange from anyone's point of view. As I hastily departed, I started thinking about her sales technique, and her choice of question. "Are you straight?"

The suggestion seemed to be that if my parents ever found out that I'd declined her services their first reaction would be to start worrying that they should have bought me more GI Joes as a boy. Though unsuccessful in my case, there was no denying it was masterly salesmanship, and I couldn't help thinking that she would probably have done well in marketing, a career offering all the moral turpitude of her current profession plus dental and a 401k.

I kept going and after a few minutes, just as I was walking underneath a broken streetlamp, a car rolled past me in the opposite direction. It was barely trav-

eling above walking speed and the driver turned and slowly stared at me as he passed. He honked his horn and turned in to the ally immediately behind me. At the sound of the horn a large man appeared from out of a bush at the side of the road a little way ahead of me. He walked up to me and stared at me, sizing me up. It didn't take him long. I think it was about this point that I noticed that he was carrying a monkey wrench.

Trying not to panic, I quickly made a mental list of all the perfectly innocent and non-sinister reasons why he could be carrying the monkey wrench. It wasn't a very long list. It had one item: perhaps he had been repairing the bush.

The man asked me for a cigarette, although putting it that way makes it sound too much like a request. His exact words were "Give me a cigarette." Refusing to be intimidated I said, "Back off, mofo," but for some reason it came out as "I'm sorry I don't smoke."

The man looked confused by this. He

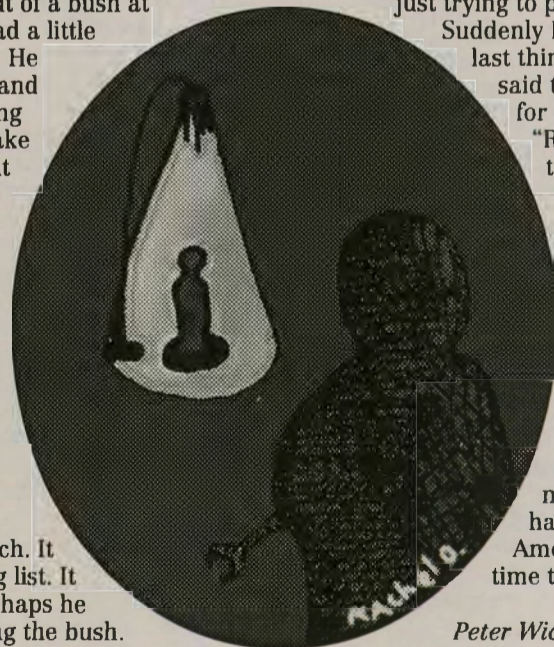
may have been wondering why since I couldn't give him a cigarette I wasn't doing the decent thing and offering to make it up to him by giving him the contents of my wallet. Or perhaps he was just trying to place my accent.

Suddenly I remembered the last thing my mother had said to me before I left for America,

"Remember: Don't talk to any strange men who have a monkey wrench and a nicotine craving."

I felt guilty because at the time I had rolled my eyes. I turned away from the man, having decided my walk must come to a hasty end. I was in America now. It was time to start jogging.

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MOVIE REVIEW

Kidman, Moore and Streep shine in 'The Hours'

By BJ STREW
Scene Movie Critic

"The Hours" was the working title for Virginia Woolf's "Mrs. Dalloway," but Michael Cunningham's Pulitzer-winning homage to Virginia Woolf is more than a nod to the tale. It merges

and switches and recasts the various personas in "Mrs. Dalloway." In fact, Woolf's book connects the tripartite narrative, with one character writing it, one reading it, and one unwittingly enacting it.

As in the book, the film kicks off crisply unveiling the theme and direction of the story as Woolf (played by a

sublimely explosive Nicole Kidman with a hefty prosthesis on her nose) shuffles into the River Ouse with rocks in her pockets. This wistful and lyric depiction of her 1941 suicide casts a grim pall over the movie.

This Sapphic meditation on stifled lives and suicide, morbid as it sounds, is buoyed by the histrionic pageantry of its A-list ensemble. Joining Kidman's Woolf are Julianne Moore and Meryl Streep. Moore plays Julia Brown, a housewife self-destructing in sunny but drab 1950's Los Angeles. Streep plays Clarissa Vaughan, a modern-day, menopausal West Village editor, who is planning to fête ex-lover and poet Richard (a arch, languid Ed Harris), now wheelchair-bound in the final stages of AIDS.

Kidman deftly conveys the anguished, heaven-storming genius of Woolf, supplying the film's best scenes as she works on her modernist magnum opus — and plans tea with her sister. The despair and unrequited interests of Moore's fragile Julia drive her to the edge of suicide, on her husband's birthday, no less. Ending in a poignant intersection, "The Hours" succeeds in pretty much every respect, sating both readers of Cunningham's book as well as the casual viewer.

Both Woolf and Cunningham rely on large doses of introspection in long, winding streams of consciousness. The director opts instead to intercut relentlessly and use repetitive parallels, almost forcing the book's leitmotifs into view. In some places, voiceovers would have worked perfectly.

The film's only obstacle, however, is with Philip Glass. His score is overbearing in the extreme: severely simple, severely repetitive, and, worst of all, severely loud. The intrusive arpeggios border on insulting; it feels like Glass is trying to emotion-

ally shepherd the audience. Despite the necessary evil of the director's structural departures and the unnecessary evil of the composer's droning, this film has a great story at its heart. Though the film seems at times to tread into maudlin and pretentious territory, the virtuosic acting salvages it. Kidman, Moore and Streep, proving they merit their marquee firepower, furnish perhaps the best performances of their careers, and all without earning the derisive epithet "chick flick." In short, don't be afraid of Virginia Woolf; go see "The Hours."

"The Hours"



Director: Stephen Daldry
Writers: Michael Cunningham (III), David Hare
Starring: Nicole Kidman, Julianne Moore, Meryl Streep, Stephen Dillane



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Clarissa Vaughn (Meryl Streep) plans a birthday party for her friend Richard as she talks to her friend Louis Waters (Jeff Daniels).

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MOVIE REVIEW

Clooney's 'Confessions' falls apart on screen

By ERIN ENGLISH
Scene Movie Critic

Schizophrenic in the extreme, "Confessions of a Dangerous Mind" begs the question "What was the point of the last two hours?" Choosing style over substance and story line, the movie walks a fine line between real film and music video before descending precipitously into a complete mess.

"Confessions" is based on the autobiography of game show producer and host of the "Gong Show," Chuck Barris, who claimed to have a double life as a CIA assassin who killed 33 people. "Confessions" treats Barris' tale as if it were fact, intertwining these two lives as Barris writes his memoirs during his 1981 nervous breakdown.

The screenplay by Charlie Kaufman is spotty at best. Kaufman tries to make the characters more clever than they ought to be, and occasionally borders on the inanely preachy, such as when a Playboy bunny chastises Barris for his negative judgment of humanity, or in Barris' comments on killing for his country while watching the Reagan inauguration on television.

However, the screenplay was the least of the problems. Far worse was the act-

ing, especially among the female leads, Penny (Drew Barrymore) and Patricia (Julia Roberts). Barrymore acts like a teenager throughout, displaying nearly no character growth even when she should. Roberts is cold, inappropriately timed and unconvincing as a sexpot spy. Clooney himself is simply adequate as Barris' spy boss.

Clooney is attempting to be ambitious in his directorial debut, which is

admirable. However, the audience cannot help but ponder whether Clooney was the actual auteur. Rather, it appears Steven Soderbergh, the producer, was allowed to pull too many strings. Clooney uses many of the same techniques and stylish tricks, which are commonly associat-

ed with his mentor, but does not display the same sense of moderation or timing, which comes only from experience. Between Kaufman, Soderbergh and Clooney, "Confessions" gives the impression that there were far too many cooks in the kitchen.

The movie does have its high points. Sam Rockwell is superb as Chuck Barris redeems many of the flaws in his dialogue. The use of interview footage with Barris' coworkers such as Dick Clark and "Gong Show" regulars Gene Gene and the Unknown Comic are surprising-



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Sam Rockwell plays game show host Chuck Barris in "Confessions of a Dangerous Mind." Barris claims to have been trained as a CIA agent.

ly strong. Many scenes border on absurd, but also entertaining humor, including the CIA training sequence (where Barris is given a picture of Mao for target practice) and the first seduction scene between Barris and Patricia coyly references Scorsese's "The King of Comedy" to good effect. "Confessions" can be entertaining despite its lack of depth.

The movie's main fault remains that it can't decide whether to be a stylish thriller or an insightful tale about

identity. Instead, it prefers to hover unsuccessfully in the middle ground, overusing its bag of tricks when it is trying to be its most sincere and taking itself too seriously during its most lighthearted parts. It tries to be clever, wise, gimmicky, funny and heartfelt all at the same time, and only in a few select moments does it succeed at all of them.

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THE ARBITER OF TASTE

Midwestern hit in 'About Schmidt'

"About Schmidt" is a tough movie to put into a capsule. The Internet Movie Database describes it as the story of a man who, "while trying to run his daughter's life, realizes he has wasted his." Entertainment Weekly calls it "part comedy, part tragedy, part satire, mostly masterpiece." And Movies.com may well have it best, asking, "What's 'About Schmidt' about? It's about to win Jack Nicholson another Oscar."



Jack Watkins

The Arbiter of Taste

"About Schmidt" is a road movie, and like most road movies, it has a fairly simple plot. Jack Nicholson plays Warren Schmidt, a retired businessman who, shortly after the sudden death of his wife (June Squibb), travels to Denver to see and hopefully prevent the marriage of his daughter (Hope Davis) to a waterbed salesman (Dermot Mulroney). Along the way, naturally, he meets interesting people and questions whether or not he has had any success in his life. There are funny parts, and gut-wrenching parts, and moments of real insight, but ultimately what makes "About Schmidt" different and worth seeing is Jack Nicholson.

Nicholson is generally acknowledged as one of the best actors Hollywood has ever produced, but he has recently been the target of considerable criticism. There is an understandably common belief that Nicholson has degenerated to self-parody, that his repertoire is limited to throwing temper tantrums, delivering poisonous insults, smirking and lewdly arching his eyebrows.

Excepting one or two cathartic outbursts of temper, Nicholson throws none of these punches in "Schmidt," limiting himself to more subtle facial expressions and understated line delivery. The result is a tour de force, a phenomenal portrayal of a regular man who has complex relationships and many layers of emotion. When he cries, the audience cries — an effect rarely achieved in the mod-



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Jack Nicholson gives an admirable performance as Warren Schmidt in "About Schmidt." Schmidt begins a journey of self-discovery when he heads out to attend, or possibly prevent, his daughter's wedding.

ern sob-laden cinema. Nicholson has three Academy Awards, and none of them are for performances as good as this. He should and probably will soon become the first actor to be honored with four Oscars, and given this performance he's probably capable of winning as many as he wants.

Because Nicholson is so often on the screen alone, the film uses a voice-over. Normally, voice-overs are obnoxious and indicative of structural weakness, and, what's worse, they often carry a distracting frame story to give the narrator the excuse to tell his or her story. "About Schmidt" gets around this by having the voice-over be Nicholson's letters to Ndugu, a 6-year old Tanzanian boy he sponsors through a foster program. As the program asks him to send "personal information," Schmidt uses the letters as the one outlet he has for his true emotions. Naturally, he also is supplying Ndugu with a slightly altered version of events. This allows Nicholson even more

opportunities to show what he can do.

Of course, Nicholson can't take all the credit. Director Alexander Payne, who also adapted the screenplay from Louis Begley's novel, reunited much of the crew from his last film, the critically acclaimed "Election," which undoubtedly accounts for the polished feeling of the film. Payne's adaptation carefully includes thematic layers, giving the film itself as much depth as Nicholson's character. Politics, religion and the different cultures within America seem to hover just below the surface, and it is interesting to note that the film sometimes seems like homage to conservative, midwestern values. Payne himself, like Warren Schmidt, is from Omaha, and "Election," too, was set in Nebraska.

"About Schmidt" only has one notable flaw. The plot makes it necessary for Schmidt to disapprove of his daughter's engagement and subsequent marriage, and even for the audience to sympathize with his disapproval. But the film achieves this by making Dermot Mulroney's family an over-the-top collection of foul-mouthed, dimwitted pseudo-hippies, the type of people it apparently expects us to believe congregate in Denver. Kathy Bates, playing Mulroney's mother, curses out her divorced husband, erects a shrine to her son composed of his "Honorable Mention" and "Participation" ribbons, talks too much about her sex life, and horrifies Schmidt (and the audience) with a nude scene in a hot tub. Such overdone characters would be more at home in a Jim Carrey or Adam Sandler film, and become obnoxious in such a serious context. Payne seems to be reaching to force the audience

to share Schmidt's distaste for his new in-laws, an unnecessary move given Nicholson's phenomenal talent.

While Mulroney and Bates are reduced to caricature, Hope Davis, who plays the daughter, Jeannie Schmidt, shines. Her intonations and facial expressions mirror Nicholson's own, and the pain that her character feels is fully convincing.

With June Squibb's character dying so early in the film, Ms. Davis is the audience's only source of insight into Schmidt's family life outside of Schmidt himself, and his often biased view is completed by Ms. Davis's fine performance. There are entire levels of subtlety to the relationships within this film that would have been lost in the hands of less competent actors. It is a credit to the casting team that they found Ms. Davis, who is primarily a Broadway actress and whose work would not have been equaled in the hands of most Hollywood stars.

"About Schmidt" admittedly owes a lot to certain other road films, most notably David Lynch's "The Straight Story," which also featured an older man on a solo trip through the Midwest to see an estranged family member. Payne even seems to acknowledge the influence by practically quoting the beginning of Lynch's "Blue Velvet" during the scene in which Schmidt's wife dies.

Despite this, "Schmidt" is its own film, bravely different from its many sources, and packing an emotional impact that is unmatched in theatres now. This is not a film to be missed, and those who don't get a chance to see it during its run here in South Bend would do well to rent it this summer, if for no other reason than to see Jack Nicholson put on an acting clinic for the ages.

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Hope Davis plays Jeannie Schmidt, daughter of the troubled Warren Schmidt. Jeannie is engaged to Randall Hertzell, played by Dermot Mulroney.

NBA

Jordan held to 8 points as Nets defeat Wizards 86-78

Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. Kenyon Martin made a statement and Anthony Johnson lived out a daydream on a night when Jason Kidd left with an injury and Michael Jordan played poorly.

Martin had 19 points and a career-high 21 rebounds and Johnson led the Nets on a game-changing run after Kidd strained his groin in the third quarter of New Jersey's 86-78 victory over Washington on Wednesday night.

"It was a little statement," Martin said. "I should have been on the All-Star team."

Richard Jefferson added 24 points for the Nets, who held Jordan to 8 points — his lowest-scoring game ever at the Meadowlands.

Johnson had 10 points and five assists after Kidd strained his right groin. Kidd will receive treatment Thursday and will be a game-time decision Friday against New Orleans.

Johnson committed six fouls in the fourth but gave the team almost 15 minutes of leadership it desperately needed.

"I sit in my house and dream what it's like to run this ballclub, and that opportunity might present itself later in the week," Johnson said.

Kidd strained his groin when he jumped in an unsuccessful effort to intercept or deflect an outlet pass that Jerry Stackhouse turned into a dunk with 4:24 remaining in the third.

Johnson replaced Kidd with 3:22 left and hit his first shot 17 seconds later, a 16-footer that cut Washington's lead to 57-55. Johnson added a layup and an assist as New Jersey closed the quarter with a 6-0 run for a 65-59 lead.

"They're a good team for a reason — because they have other guys who can step up and play without [Kidd]. His style of play is infectious among them, and everyone wants to get in and make the great pass," Stackhouse said.

The run reached 11-0 as the Nets scored the first five points of the fourth, and a dunk by Aaron Williams off Martin's eighth and final assist gave the Nets their largest lead — 76-63 with 7:21 remaining.

Washington came back with a 10-2 run to close to 78-73, but Hughes took a bad shot and Jordan traveled on the

Wizards' next two possessions. "It's unusual to see No. 23 make mistakes at the end of the game, but he's human like everyone else," Nets coach Byron Scott said.

Dallas 104, Houston 81

The Dallas Mavericks beat Houston with 3-point baskets and then talked about defense.

Dirk Nowitzki scored 34 points and Michael Finley added 29 points, hitting seven of Dallas' 15 3-pointers as the Mavericks beat the Houston Rockets for the third straight time this season.

"We talked about it at the half that we weren't tough enough," Nowitzki said. "We wanted to go out and play a little tougher, especially on defense. When we did that and rebounded better we were able to get our break going."

Trailing 53-46 at the half, the Mavericks hit eight 3-pointers in the third quarter and scored 31 points in the period on their way to improving the NBA's best road record to 16-6.

Finley made three 3-pointers during the quarter and converted all six of his free throws after being fouled twice in 3-point range.

"Our offense was generated by our defense," Finley said. "Shawn Bradley got some big blocks and on the other end our point guards found me and Dirk."

Dallas had 11 steals, forced 18 Houston turnovers and held the Rockets to 39 percent shooting for the game. The Mavericks were 15-for-32 from 3-point range, equaling their season high for 3-pointers made.

"If you could bottle that stuff, it would be great but you don't know, the next game you might not make those shots," Dallas coach Don Nelson said.

Yao Ming led Houston with 20 points.

Orlando 113, Cleveland 108

Tracy McGrady returned from a one-game absence to score 31 points, grab 12 rebounds and make three foul shots in the final 13.7 seconds as the Orlando Magic defeated the Cleveland Cavaliers on Wednesday night.

McGrady had 14 points in the fourth quarter and went 15-of-18 from the free throw line for the game. McGrady made two free throws to put the Magic up 112-108 with 13.7 seconds left.

Smush Parker then missed a



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New Jersey Nets guard Lucious Harris holds onto the ball for a steal after forward Richard Jefferson tapped it away from Washington Wizards guard Michael Jordan during the fourth quarter of the Nets 86-78 win Wednesday.

shot for Cleveland. McGrady got the ball, was fouled and made one free throw for the final margin.

McGrady missed Sunday's loss at Boston to be with his fiancée as she gave birth to the couple's daughter.

Mike Miller finished with 21 points for Orlando despite going just 8-of-22 from the field. He is a combined 10-for-40 from the floor in the last two games. Darrell Armstrong scored 16 off the bench for the Magic and Pat Garrity added 12.

Cleveland fell to 3-22 on the road. Zydrunas Ilgauskas scored 22 points and grabbed seven rebounds for the Cavaliers before fouling out with 3:43 remaining. Parker had a season-high 21 points, Ricky Davis 16 and Jumaine Jones 14.

Miller gave Orlando a 110-105 lead with 25.8 seconds remaining and Davis answered with a pair of free throws. Darius Miles then stole Miller's inbounds pass and the Cavaliers called timeout with 18.5 seconds left.

Chris Mihm then made one of two free throws for Cleveland and Orlando called timeout with a 110-108 lead and 14.5 seconds to go.

The Cavaliers opened the

fourth quarter with a three-point play by Michael Stewart to take a 85-84 lead. McGrady followed with a pair of free throws that put Orlando in the lead for good.

Los Angeles 99, Phoenix 90

The Los Angeles Lakers had four days off to clear away the hangover of two ugly losses at home. The rest did wonders.

Kobe Bryant scored 14 of his 40 points in the fourth quarter as the Lakers held off a Phoenix rally and snapped the Suns' 11-game home winning streak 99-90 on Wednesday night.

"My knees feel great," Bryant said. "I feel as close to 100 percent as I've ever felt. I can't speak on behalf of the other guys, but if the days off worked for them as well as they did for me, we're going to be in great shape."

Shaquille O'Neal added 25 points, 11 rebounds and six assists as the Lakers, coming off home losses to Golden State and New Jersey, beat a Pacific Division foe away from the Staples Center for the first time this season. Robert Horry matched his season-high with 16 points in Los Angeles' sixth road victory in 21 tries.

"We didn't rely on our

jumper all night," O'Neal said. "We got the ball inside and took it to the hole, and No. 8 [Bryant] had a fabulous game."

Stephon Marbury had 33 points and 10 assists and fellow All-Star Shawn Marion had 18 points and 11 rebounds for Phoenix.

After handing the Suns just their fourth loss in 22 home games, the Lakers head for Sacramento to face the Kings Friday night.

The Suns have dropped five of six overall and lost at home to a Pacific Division opponent for the first time this season. Phoenix is 18-4 overall at America West Arena.

"We're just in a real nasty funk right now," Marbury said. "This is a no-mercy league, and right now teams are just attacking us right away."

In what has become a pattern, the Suns, just back from a 1-4 trip to the East. The Suns trailed by as many as 17 in the first half and 16 in the third quarter.

"We're struggling," Phoenix coach Frank Johnson said, "our defense, our offense, making shots, just having any type of continuity."

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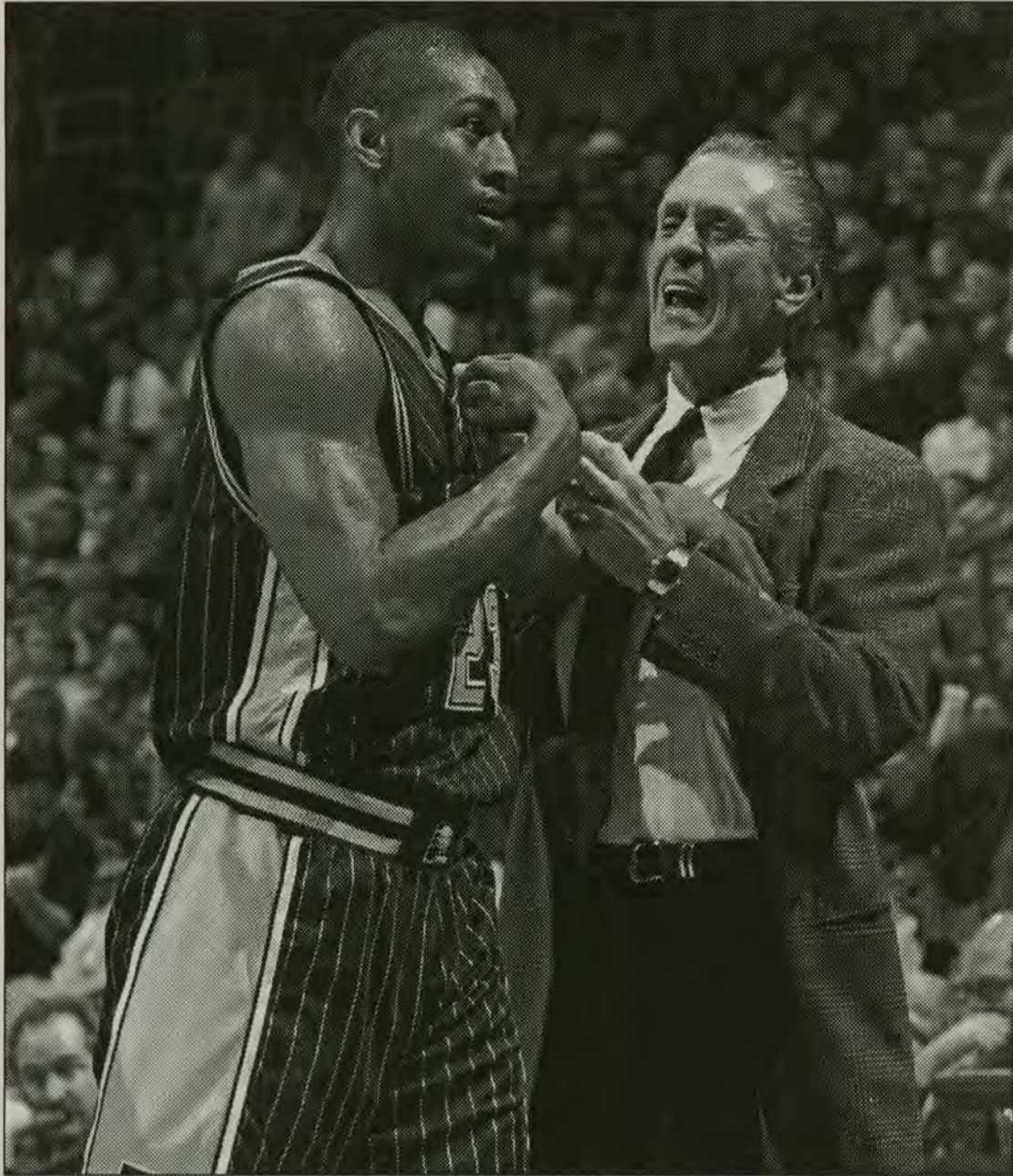
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Indiana Pacers forward Ron Artest picks a fight against Miami Heat coach Pat Riley Jan. 27 at American Airlines Arena in Miami. Artest was suspended for four games Wednesday both for his altercation with Riley and for making an obscene gesture toward the crowd.

NBA

Artest disappointed with four-game suspension

Associated Press

NEW YORK

Indiana Pacers forward Ron Artest was suspended for four games Wednesday for his run-in with Heat coach Pat Riley and flashing an obscene gesture toward the crowd.

Artest also committed a flagrant foul on Heat guard Caron Butler by pushing him into the stands in Monday night's game in Miami.

The suspension, announced by Stu Jackson, NBA senior vice president of basketball operations, will cost Artest about \$84,000 in pay. It started with Wednesday night's home game against the San Antonio Spurs.

"I'm very disappointed with the league's ruling," Artest said in a statement.

"I don't think the suspension comes close to going with my actions. I thought I might get a fine, but not a game. I don't think four games is fair at all," he said.

Dan Wasserman, spokesman for the NBA Players' Association, said he would speak to Artest or his agents before deciding whether to file a grievance.

The suspension was the second of the season for Artest. He missed three games for hurling a TV monitor and smashing a \$100,000 camera in New York. He also was fined \$10,000 for shoving Dallas' Raja Bell.

In the fourth quarter of the Pacers' 102-95 win against the Heat, Artest scored, was fouled and flexed his right arm muscles as he walked toward the Miami bench.

He and Heat assistant coach Keith Askins exchanged words, then Artest brushed against Riley. They began shouting at each other, and the Miami coach shoved Artest away.

Artest was called for a technical. After Miami's Eddie Jones missed the free throw, Artest hit his free throw and backpedaled, holding aloft the index finger of his right hand and the middle finger of his left hand.

"It was in the heat of the moment," Artest said Wednesday. "I definitely apologize to the fans, and mainly to the kids who saw the gesture on TV."

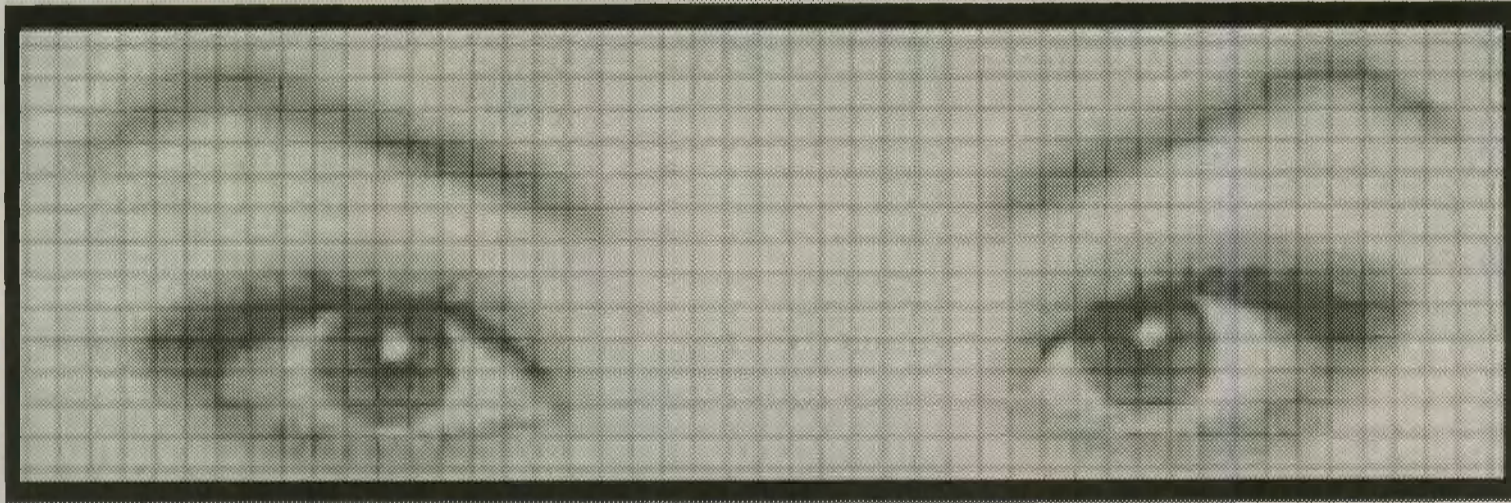
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Riley hopes the latest suspension sends Artest a message.

"The only thing that I was upset with two nights ago was the hit on Caron [Butler]. The other stuff is just foolish behavior," Riley said Wednesday. "But I'd like to have two or three Ron Artests myself, know what I'm saying? He's a hell of a player, a very competitive player."

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NFL

Lions said to show interest in Mariucci

Associated Press

DETROIT

The Detroit Lions plan to interview former San Francisco 49ers head coach Steve Mariucci by the end of the week, a source within the league said Wednesday.

The source, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said Lions chief executive Matt Millen made contact with Mariucci to set up a meeting after Millen fired head coach Marty Mornhinweg on Monday.

Millen was not available for comment Wednesday.

"The process continues," Lions spokesman Bill Keenist said.

Mornhinweg, who served as offensive coordinator under Mariucci with the 49ers, was fired after a month after the Lions finished 3-13. Mornhinweg had a record of 5-27 during his two seasons, the worst two-year stretch in team history.

On Monday, Millen said he hoped Mariucci would be a candidate for the job.

"I spoke to Steve after he was let go, and I would like to speak to him again," Millen said then.

Mariucci, who was born and raised in Iron Mountain, Mich., had a 60-43 record in six seasons with the 49ers, and he guided the team to the playoffs four times.

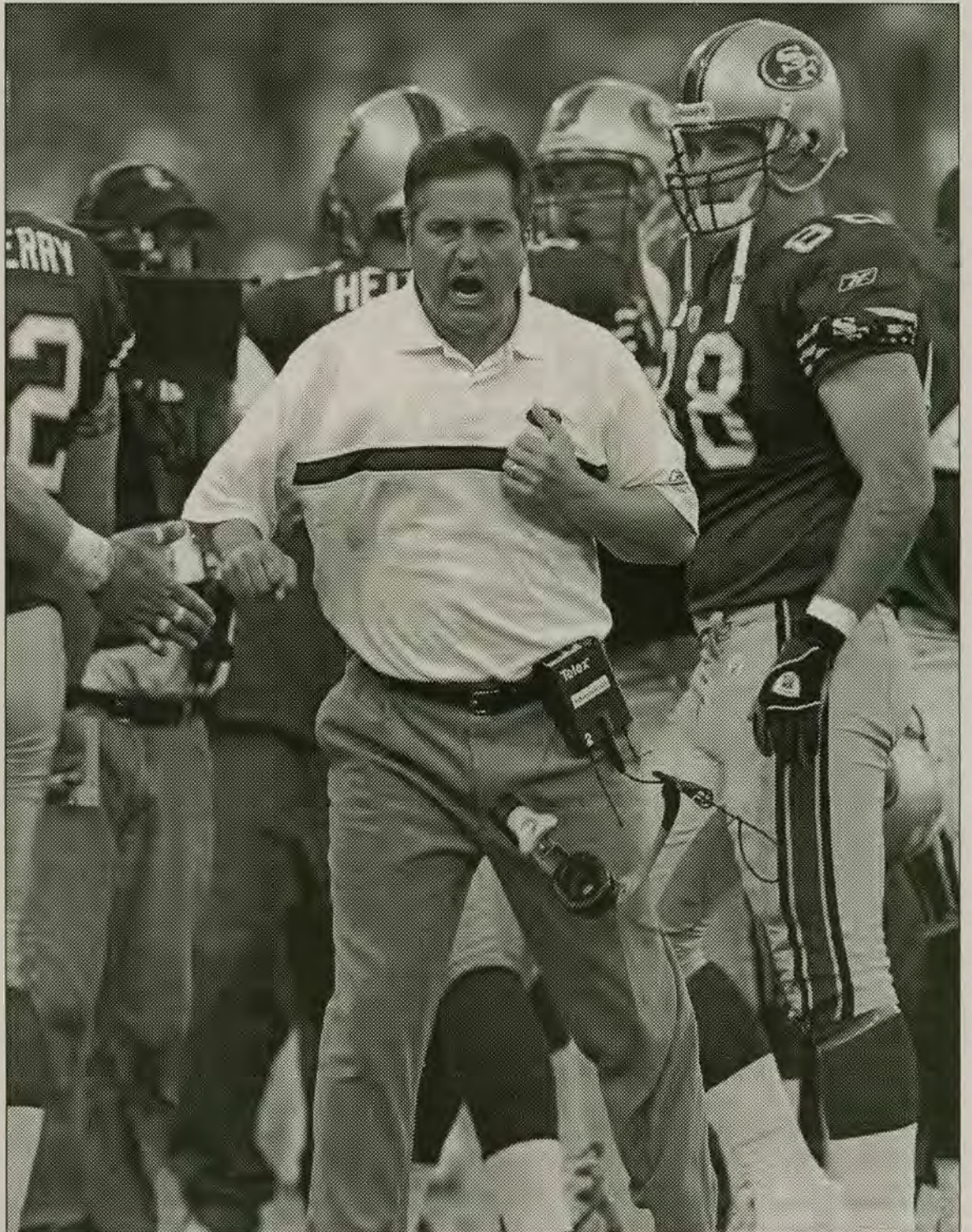
Mariucci clashed with 49ers owner John York, however, and the team fired

Mariucci three days after a 31-6 loss at Tampa Bay in the divisional playoffs. Mariucci had one year left on his contract.

While Mariucci had just a 3-4 postseason record, he had won three times as many playoff games as the Lions have since winning the 1957 NFL title. Detroit beat Dallas 38-6 in the divisional playoffs on Jan. 5, 1992, and lost to Washington in the NFC Championship Game.

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Matt Millen
Lions executive



AFP PHOTO

Steve Mariucci celebrates after Jeff Garcia's touchdown in the fourth quarter during the 49ers' 39-38 victory over the New York Giants on Jan. 5. A Detroit Lions source said the team planned to interview Mariucci for their vacant head coach position sometime this week.

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Tiger Woods reacts to a poor shot on the 9th hole during the final round of the Target World Challenge Dec. 8, 2002. Woods announced Wednesday he was plagued by a knee injury.

GOLF

Woods reveals knee injury

Associated Press

Tiger Woods only made it look easy.

His dominance became even more impressive Wednesday when he revealed that pain in his left knee was so intense last year it made him sick to his stomach, and he had to take injections just to keep playing.

"It was a tough, tough year, one I don't want to have to go through again," Woods said Wednesday during a conference call, his first interview since Dec. 12 knee surgery.

The bottom line looks healthy as ever.

Despite benign cysts that made his knee ligaments inflate like a balloon, Woods became the first player in 30 years to win a season's first two majors. He ruled golf for the fourth straight season, winning a total of six times.

Imagine how he might play if healthy.

Woods could get an answer soon. He received clearance from his doctors Saturday to hit a driver and as many practice balls as he wants. He'll decide next week whether he is fit enough to return Feb. 13 for the Buick Invitational in San Diego.

If not, Woods said he would try to play either of the following weeks, in the Nissan Open at Riviera or the Match Play Championship.

"I don't know whether my knee situation can handle it in full practice but next week I'll make a decision as to whether to play in the Buick, in L.A. for the Nissan Open or at the Accenture Match Play Championship."

Woods first revealed his left knee was hurting at the season-ending Tour Championship. He showed few signs of pain during the year, when he finished out of the top 10 only twice after winning the Masters.

"It was a good acting job," he said.

Woods had knee surgery while in college, although he says this injury is unrelated. He started feeling intermittent pain about two years ago, but it was never sore long enough for him to pay attention.

"Last year, toward the end, it was brutal," he said. "A lot

of times, I didn't want to go out there and play. I felt nausea in my stomach because the pain was so great. I had it injected numerous times to play last year.

"I know what other athletes go through with those needles," he said. "It's not fun."

Woods said the pain affected him in some of the majors. It was hard to tell.

He won the Masters and U.S. Open by three strokes each, finished second by one stroke in the PGA Championship and was in contention at the British Open until an 81 on a cold, blustery Saturday at Muirfield.

"You've got to put it aside and play," he said.

The worst he felt was at Sherwood Country Club in December, when he made up seven shots

on Padraig Harrington in the final round before losing by two. He told his agent the night before he might have to withdraw.

"In the morning, it was borderline I would play," Woods said. "I took painkillers, and it still hurt. As it started getting warmer, I was feeling better and said, 'Let's give it a try.'"

The one-hour surgery removed fluid from inside and around the anterior cruciate ligament, and removed benign cysts. Woods' doctor said the long-term recovery prospects are good.

"But once you've had the procedure done, you're susceptible to having the same procedure," Woods said. "Hopefully, that won't be the case."

Woods never got too far away from golf. He putted on his carpet, chipped into pillows and onto his bed, and started hitting wedges by the end of the year.

The real test comes this week.

Woods said hasn't felt any pain since he started hitting a few practice balls at his home outside Orlando, Fla.

"I need to know if this knee will hold up in a full practice session," he said. "Once I know that, I'll be fine competing. I may be rusty when it comes to hitting one shot. Playing my way into shape is going to take a little time."

There could be some interesting ramifications.

Woods is closing in on Byron Nelson's record of making 113 consecutive cuts on the PGA Tour. He is at 96, and narrowly avoided the weekend off at Torrey Pines last year.

He also is going for a record fifth straight money title.

During his rehabilitation, Ernie Els won the first two tournaments of the year in Hawaii, and Vijay Singh won in Phoenix.

"I'm anxious to get back out, I really am."

Woods said. "I'm anxious to compete. As far as them, that's great. It's going to be a challenge, because they're both doing well."

When he does return, The Masters looms. Woods will be going for an unprecedented third straight title at Augusta National.

"It's going to be one heck of a challenge — hopefully, one I'll be prepared for," he said.

There might not be any way to prepare for what awaits at Augusta National and protests over its all-male membership.

Martha Burk of the National Council of Women's Organizations and Jesse Jackson have vowed to protest outside the gates unless the club invites a woman to join.

Chairman Hootie Johnson has said that won't happen any time soon.

Woods said he won't be distracted.

"I'll be fine," he said. "Once it's time to play, it's time to play. Whether it's all the things outside the gates, or the fact I'm trying to win three in a row — all that goes away once it's time to tee it up."

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7	Kentucky	7	Stanford
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9	Maryland	9	Purdue
10	NOTRE DAME	10	Louisiana Tech
11	Oklahoma State	11	Arkansas
12	Connecticut	12	Mississippi St.
13	Kansas	13	Texas
14	Illinois	14	Minnesota
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NOTRE DAME	5-1	.833	17-3
Syracuse	4-2	.667	13-3
Seton Hall	3-4	.429	8-9
West Virginia	2-4	.333	11-7
Georgetown	2-4	.333	10-8
Rutgers	1-5	.167	9-9

East Division

team	W-L	Pct.	Overall
Villanova	5-1	.833	12-6
Connecticut	4-1	.800	13-3
St. John's	3-3	.500	10-6
Miami	2-4	.333	9-8
Providence	2-4	.333	9-8
Boston College	2-4	.333	9-8
Virginia Tech	1-4	.200	8-10

Womens College Basketball Big East Conference

team	W-L	Pct.	Overall
Connecticut	7-0	1.000	19-0
Boston College	6-1	.857	14-4
Miami	5-2	.714	13-5
Rutgers	5-2	.714	11-5
Seton Hall	5-2	.714	11-6
Villanova	4-3	.571	14-4
Virginia Tech	4-3	.571	13-5
NOTRE DAME	3-4	.429	11-7
Syracuse	3-5	.375	8-11
Georgetown	2-4	.333	11-6
Pittsburgh	2-5	.286	10-8
Providence	2-5	.286	8-10
St. John's	1-7	.125	7-12
West Virginia	0-6	.000	11-6

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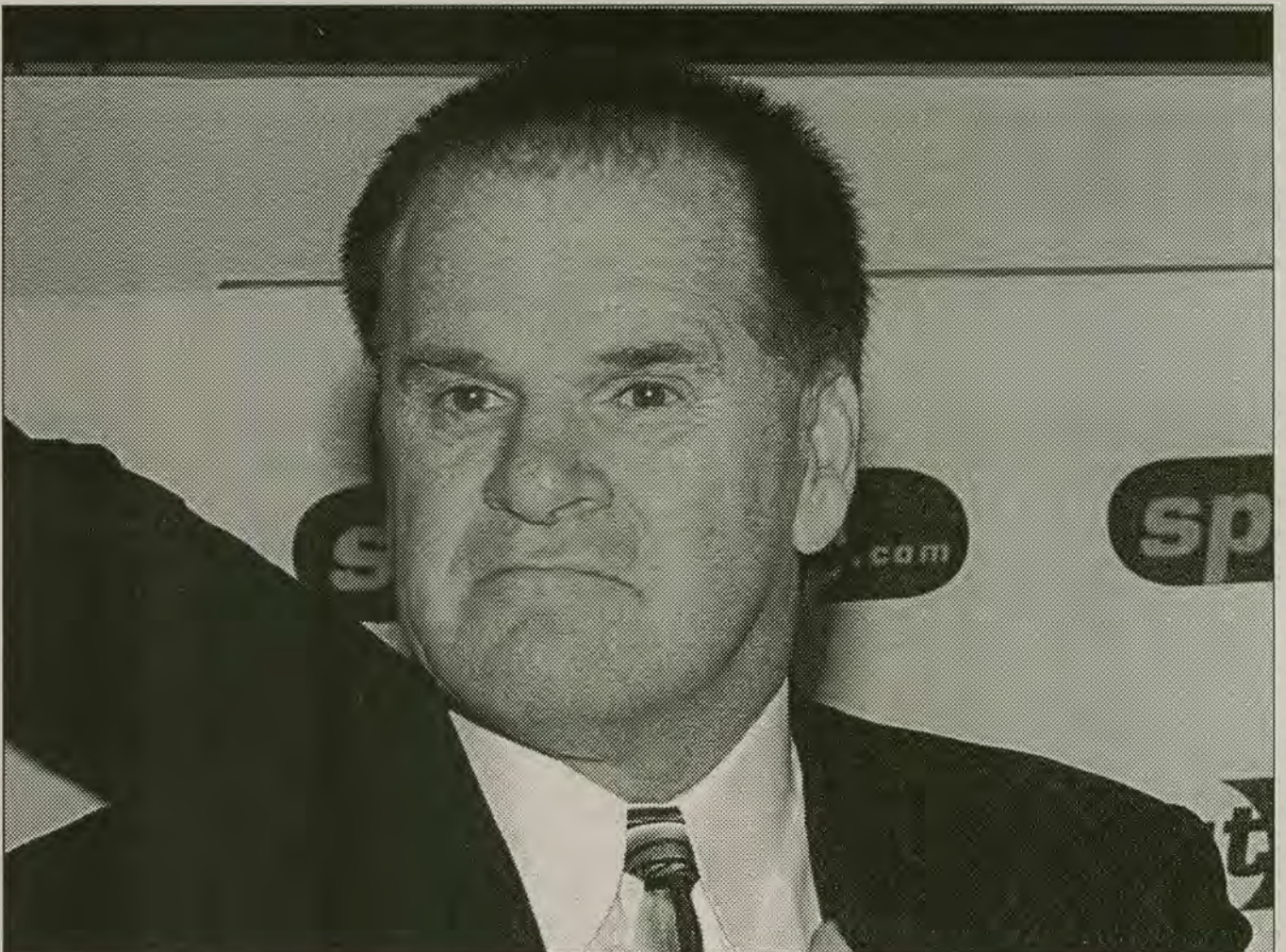
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MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL



U.S. District Judge S. Arthur Spiegel said Wednesday he feels Pete Rose belongs in the Hall of Fame. Spiegel sent Rose to jail on felony charges of failing to report income in 1990.

Judge says Rose should be in HOF

Associated Press

NEW YORK

The federal judge who sent Pete Rose to prison thinks the banned former star belongs in the Hall of Fame.

Rose was sentenced in 1990 to five months in prison, three months in a halfway house and 1,000 hours of community service by U.S. District Judge S. Arthur Spiegel following a guilty plea to two felony counts of failure to report income.

The career hits leader is in tax trouble again. Rose owes \$151,689 in federal taxes from 1998, according to the Los Angeles County Recorder's Office. The Internal Revenue Service has filed a lien on a home he owns in suburban Los Angeles, property tax

records show.

"I have no knowledge about his current issues other than what I read in the papers," Spiegel said Wednesday during a telephone interview from his office in Cincinnati. "But I think he should be in the Hall of Fame for his accomplishments on the ballfield."

Rose has been negotiating with baseball commissioner Bud Selig to gain reinstatement. As long as he's on the permanently banned list, he's ineligible for the U.S. Hall of Fame.

The tax troubles and reports that Rose was seen last week in Las Vegas casinos came at the same time Selig's security officials have been investigating Rose's current activities.

The new revelations could hurt his chances for election to the Canadian

Baseball Hall of Fame, which has put him on its 46-person ballot.

"I would think our selection committee would like to see the muddy waters cleared," Canadian Hall president Tom Valcke said.

"I wouldn't say for sure that these things hurt his chances, but they certainly didn't make them any better," he said.

During Rose's sentencing in 1990, Spiegel said "today we are not dealing with the legend. History and the tincture of time will decide his place among the all-time greats of baseball."

"With regard to Pete Rose, the individual, he has broken the law, admitted his guilt, and stands ready to pay the penalty."

Rose admitted he hid \$354,968 in income from memorabilia sales, autograph appearances and

gambling earnings from 1984-87, offenses punishable by up to six years in prison.

"My work with him was completed when he finished his probation," Spiegel said. "He fulfilled his sentence as required by the law, both in prison and the halfway house, and in community service. The reports I got back on him when he served when all favorable. As far as I'm concerned, he paid his debt to society." Rose spent most of his career with the Cincinnati Reds and was their manager when he agreed to the ban in 1989 following an investigation of his gambling.

Baseball investigator John Dowd detailed 412 baseball wagers by Rose between April 8-July 5, 1987, including 52 on Cincinnati to win.

IN BRIEF

Walton under investigation for theft

Arizona is investigating an accusation that star forward Luke Walton was a lookout while other players stole money and candy from a hotel vending machine.

A guest saw men wearing jackets of the top-ranked Wildcats grab up to 80 candy bars and change from the machine in Lawrence, Kan., over the weekend, police Lt. Dave Cobb said Wednesday.

The man, Stuart Schwartz of Chicago, identified Walton but said he wasn't sure about the identities of the other players, he told police.

The Marriott Spring Hill Suites decided not to press charges, but the school's athletic department is investigating and could punish the

players.

Coach Lute Olson called the accusations "a bunch of hogwash," and Walton denied involvement.

After Arizona (15-1) overcame a 20-point deficit to defeat Kansas 91-74 Saturday, police surprised the coaching staff by entering the locker room to talk to players.

Hotel manager Stephanie Bowler said the team gave her \$80 for the candy before returning home and that she considered the matter closed.

Callahan says Robbins was incoherent

Barret Robbins was incoherent and didn't know where he was the night before the Super Bowl, Oakland Raiders coach Bill

Callahan said Wednesday in his first public comments about the troubled All-Pro center.

Robbins, who has a history of depression, spent Super Bowl Sunday in a San Diego hospital after disappearing from the team's hotel the night before. Callahan would not reveal Robbins' current whereabouts.

The 6-foot-3, 320-pound lineman reportedly had stopped taking his medicine for depression. He missed a team meeting, a position meeting and a walkthrough practice Saturday, Callahan said.

"I was fearful something wrong was occurring," said Callahan, who decided to bench Robbins on Saturday night, then later chose to send him home.

SMC BASKETBALL

Belles stand tall after suffering 68-54 loss to Scots

♦ **Losing streak stretches to six games**

By **TREY WILLIAMS**
Sports Writer

Any fan of Saint Mary's basketball would have left the Angela Athletic Center with a smile on the face after last night's 68-54 loss to Alma College.

The Belles (5-13) were

defeated by the Scots (11-5) by 14 points, increased their losing streak to six games and held onto their last-place MIAA ranking for the third game in a row with a 1-6 conference record.

Why would anyone be proud of this?

Well, the underlying success of the Belles' battle is that they played the second-ranked MIAA team and made them work for it.

"By no means did we let Alma

win this game," guard Shaun Russell said. "We had them on the run for most of the game. They just had a quick scoring run late in the second half."

The Belles had a slow start, trailing the Scots by five points at the end of the first half.

However, with sizzling shooting accuracy from scoring leaders Emily Creachbaum and Anne Hogan and stifling defense from sisters Katie and Bridget Boyce, the Belles nipped the heels of the Scots

and took a short-lived lead in the second half.

"The numbers definitely do not reflect upon what the team put into this game," said Russell.

"We played with a lot more intensity this time around and made the other team work. No player on this team has any reason to be ashamed of how the game went."

The Belle's intensity was publicized both on and off the court.

From the locker room and the bench came the hoots and hollers of a very fired-up Belle squad throughout the course of the game.

Despite the loss, each player for the Belles came away with something to be proud of as coach Suzanne Bellina once again utilized her strong bench, dispersing the points

among her numerous strong shooters.

The Belles now look to the future as they enter the second half of their season, replaying their conference

"By no means did we let Alma win this game. We had them on the run for most of the game. They just had a quick scoring run late in the second half."

Shaun Russell
Belles guard

foes. "We took a big step today," said Russell. "We're at a turning point in the season and I think we're

going to surprise a lot of teams this time around. We have nothing to lose."

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considerations....

World Day of Consecrated Life

Serving Notre Dame Serving the World

by Fr. Kevin Rousseau, C.S.C.

Director of Freshman Retreat & Associate Director of Vocations

I made my first pilgrimage to the birthplace of Holy Cross when I was a junior studying abroad in Angers. I stayed for a week at our foundation in Sainte-Croix (Holy Cross), the neighborhood in nearby LeMans, from which the Congregation gets its name. When I returned to France last November for a couple of days, I gazed again at the stained glass window in the original church which depicts the Golden Dome of Notre Dame. As I prayed below at the tomb of our founder, Fr. Moreau, I was overwhelmed with a sense of gratitude for my life in Holy Cross which has allowed me the privilege of serving in a religious community that touches the lives of people all over the globe.

As a history major here at Notre Dame, it is simply amazing to me the accomplishments that Holy Cross has achieved in its relatively brief history. Fr. Moreau and a small group of men banded together shortly after the French revolution to re-evangelize France. Although the state forbade worship at the time, these Holy Cross religious were determined to pass on the faith inspired by the apostles. As if the task of re-evangelization was not great enough, the community quickly developed a zeal for the missions and sent religious to Africa, Bengal, and America.

The windows in the Church at Sainte-Croix give witness to God's blessings of the Holy Cross community. Women and men on five continents in fifteen countries know God better, at least in part because of the willingness of Holy Cross religious to dedicate their lives to mission. Beside the window of the Golden Dome is a window of the Oratory of St. Joseph. This oratory was inspired and built by the direction of Blessed Brother Andre Bessette C.S.C., a Holy Cross brother known as the "miracle worker" in Montreal, who trusted in the prayers and merits of St. Joseph. Other windows include missionaries in Africa and Bengal, and teachers in the classroom. Not only has Holy Cross touched the lives of women and men here at Notre Dame, but its religious, institutions, students, and friends have helped to inspire people throughout the world.

As I prayed below at the tomb of our founder, Fr. Moreau, I was overwhelmed with a sense of gratitude for my life in Holy Cross which has allowed me the privilege of serving in a religious community that touches the lives of people all over the globe.

On Sunday, the Church celebrates the World Day of Consecrated Life. This celebration occurs on the same day that we honor the presentation of Jesus in the Temple. Just as Jesus devoted his own life to serving the needs of the world, we are reminded in a special way of our own call to follow Christ and pursue a life of holiness. Each one of us is consecrated in our baptism to be priest, prophet and king in our world; to be a light in the darkness. Religious dedicate their lives in a special way to be a witness of God's grace in the world. Consecrated religious are not only concerned with their own life of holiness, but also by their teaching and example aim to inspire and assist the laity in their own pursuit of sanctity.

As a University, Notre Dame consistently graduates seniors who have extensive service experience and/or seniors who choose to give a year or more to direct service before continuing their education or beginning their careers. In a real way these students take seriously Jesus' example of service to others and they too become a model and an inspiration for others to do the same.

This Sunday as we reflect on Jesus' mission of service we give thanks in a special way to those women and men who have consecrated their life as religious priests, sisters, and brothers. Let us pray that God would continue to call and assist religious in our world and let us ask ourselves how we are called to further serve God's church.

Sunday's Scripture Readings

1st: Mal 3: 1 - 4

2nd: Heb 2: 14 - 18

Gospel: Luke 2: 22 - 40



ANDY KENNA/The Observer

Matt Carroll sets up to shoot over Johannes Herber during the 88-69 Irish victory over the Mountaineers Wednesday. Carroll had 18 points for the Irish, who improved to 17-3 overall and 5-1 in the Big East.

Eagles

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McGraw said.

Besides Batteast, no other Irish player could get in an offensive rhythm. Alicia Ratay had eight points, but took only six shots. The usually dependent Courtney LaVere had a rare off night, scoring only seven points on 2-for-9 shooting and fouling out near the end of the game.

"We're very disappointed with the outcome tonight, but we'll go back to South Bend and learn from it," McGraw said. "At this point in the season we can't linger too long on a loss. We have to turn around and get ready for our next opponent."

That opponent is West Virginia, who Notre Dame faces Saturday at 5 p.m.

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On Notre Dame's first possession of the half, Thomas found Francis in the paint for the 6-foot-10 freshman's first points of the night.

The play kicked off a 12-5 run for Notre Dame to bring the Irish lead to 48-35, with Francis and Carroll accounting for all 12 points during the push.

The Irish once again proved deadly from the foul line, hitting 20-of-23 free throws in the second half and sinking all four attempts in the first.

"If we can get to the bonus quick, it's a great weapon for us, whether we're going inside or driving the ball and getting to the foul line."

But the biggest area of domination for Notre Dame Wednesday came off the glass as the Irish out-rebounded West Virginia 51-27. At the half, Notre Dame had 14 offen-

sive rebounds alone compared to West Virginia's 13 total rebounds.

The game marked only the sixth time in 20 contests this season that Notre Dame grabbed more boards than its opponent, as six Irish players had six or more rebounds against the Mountaineers, led by forward Dan Miller's nine.

"That's kind of unusual for us. We're not usually the ones winning the rebounds underneath," Carroll said. "I think our guys were very aggressive on the offensive boards."

With the victory, Notre Dame moves on to 17-3 on the season and 5-1 in the Big East.

"We have an eight man rotation, and [Wednesday] was the first night where I've thought that all eight guys played very well," Brey said. "This was a good win for us, and it gives us some juice for [Georgetown] Saturday."

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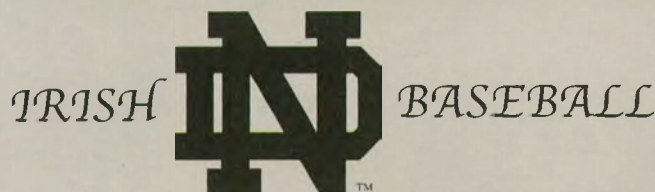
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ND WOMENS TENNIS

Battle expected as Irish face Wildcats

By JOE LINDSLEY
Sports Writer

No. 22 Notre Dame travels to Evanston, Ill. today for what the Irish expect to be a battle with No. 12 Northwestern.

The Irish, 2-0 in dual-match play this season, are hoping to remain unbeaten as they face one of the nation's most talented rosters. The Wildcats boast four singles players ranked in the top 80 nationally.

"It's going to be a battle, as always," senior captain Katie Cunha said.

The Irish are fresh off a 5-2 road victory over essentially the same Wisconsin squad that knocked Notre Dame out of the NCAA tournament last season. Four days earlier, Notre Dame earned its first victory of the spring with a 5-2 triumph over Western Michigan at home.

The win over the No. 30 Badgers should prove as an important morale-booster as the young Irish squad prepares to face a tough schedule.

"The Wisconsin match has given us a lot of confidence heading into the Northwestern match," Cunha said. "We lost to Wisconsin in the NCAA's last year, so there was a lot of bitterness."

All of the Irish veterans achieved victories against the

Badgers. The two freshmen on the squad were the only ones to suffer defeats.

"We played really well and I think that's going to help us going into the match tomorrow," she said.

Junior Caylan Leslie, in her comeback after a 15-month injury hiatus, won her match over the Badger's Linda Mues.

"Leslie is doing great," Cunha said. "She took 15 months off, and that's a lot of time. She worked extremely hard over break. It's just going to take her a little bit of time to get back to where she was."

Perhaps because the team is young and because they want to prove themselves to the collegiate tennis world, the Irish work ethic has been considerably strong this season.

"Everyone's playing really well," Cunha said. "Everyone works so hard. People go in on their days off. Everyone wants to play."

The two freshmen in the lineup, Lauren Connelly and Kristina Stastny, have been particularly pleasing for the Irish.

"Their work ethic is incredible," Cunha said. "They're at the top of the lineup where they deserve."

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MENS TENNIS

Irish off to worst start since 1988

By JOE LINDSLEY
Sports Writer

For the first time since 1988, the Irish mens tennis team has begun a season with a 0-3 start.

The Irish lost their third straight match Wednesday as the Illini prevailed, 6-1.

"We definitely knew it would be tough," sophomore Brent D'Amico said. "We had a lot of chances to make the match fairly close."

Initially, No. 34 Notre Dame looked promising against No. 2 Illinois. Playing at No. 1 doubles, D'Amico and junior tri-captain Matt Scott worked up to a 6-1 lead, but then Illinois' Rajeev Ram and Brian Wilson rallied to win 8-6.

At No. 2, juniors Luis Haddock and Ben Hatten fought hard against the second-ranked doubles duo in the nation, but the Irish lost the battle in a tiebreaker, 9-8 (7-4).

"We probably didn't finish the way we needed to," D'Amico said of his doubles match. "I think everyone's just learning every day we play."

After Illinois claimed the doubles point, the Illini went on to win five of six singles matches. D'Amico, for the second match in a row, had the only Irish point of the day as he upset No. 84 Ryler DeHeart in straight sets, 7-5,

7-5.

"It felt good to win," D'Amico said. "Right now, I think I'm more focused on the team. I haven't paid a lot of attention to the individual [aspect]."

Although D'Amico registered the only Irish win, junior Nicolas Lopez-Acevedo

and junior Matt Scott both were strong.

Acevedo, a transfer from Bowling Green State University, was playing in his first singles dual-match for

Notre Dame. He won his first set against the Illini's Chris Martin, 4-6, but Martin triumphed in the next two sets, 6-1, 6-3.

Scott took on Amer Delic, the nation's second-ranked player, but Delic prevailed, 6-4, 7-6 (7-3).

The Illini's Michael Calkins, ranked 42nd nationally, defeated unranked Irish freshman Patrick Buchanan, 6-3, 6-4. Sophomore Jimmy Bass lost to Pramod Dabier, 6-4, 6-2. No. 72 Luis Haddock was upset in straight sets, 6-4, 6-2, by Ram.

"I think people are building on what they can," D'Amico said. "Obviously people aren't happy with the way we've started, but they are focused and determined to make some changes and improve our season."

Friday Florida State will visit Notre Dame in a designated "Gold Game," a

program created by the Student Athlete Advisory Council to encourage attendance at Irish athletic events.

According to D'Amico, the Irish are "trying to

gain confidence," and the team hopes that a victory over the Seminoles can get their season on track.

Additionally, the Irish are hoping for a strong student showing at the Eck Tennis Pavilion.

"I think we can get a pretty good amount of people out this Friday," D'Amico said. "It's really important. It helps so much when we have our fans out there and people cheering for us."

"Obviously people aren't happy with the way we've started, but they are focused and determined to make some changes and improve our season."

Brent D'Amico
Irish player

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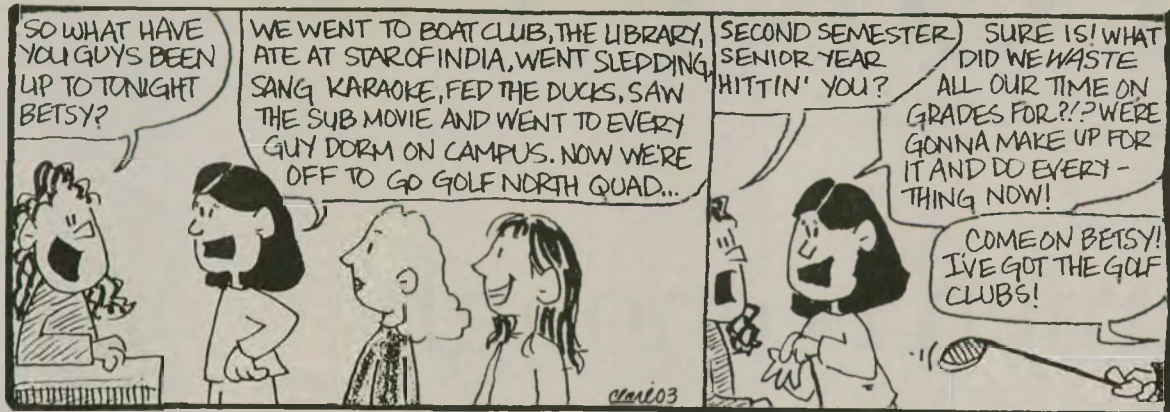


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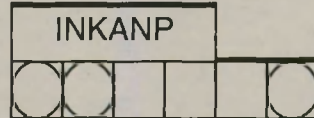
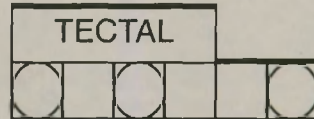
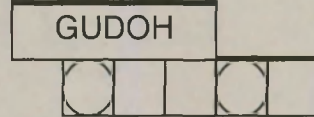
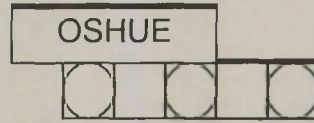


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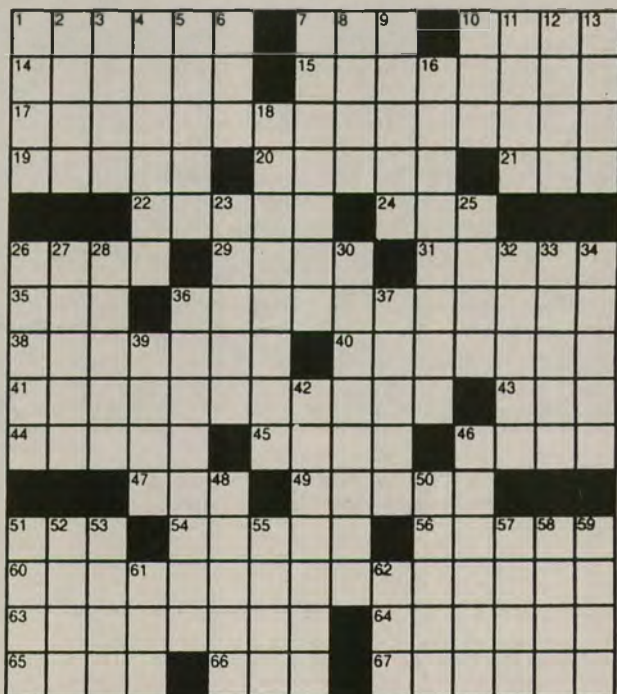
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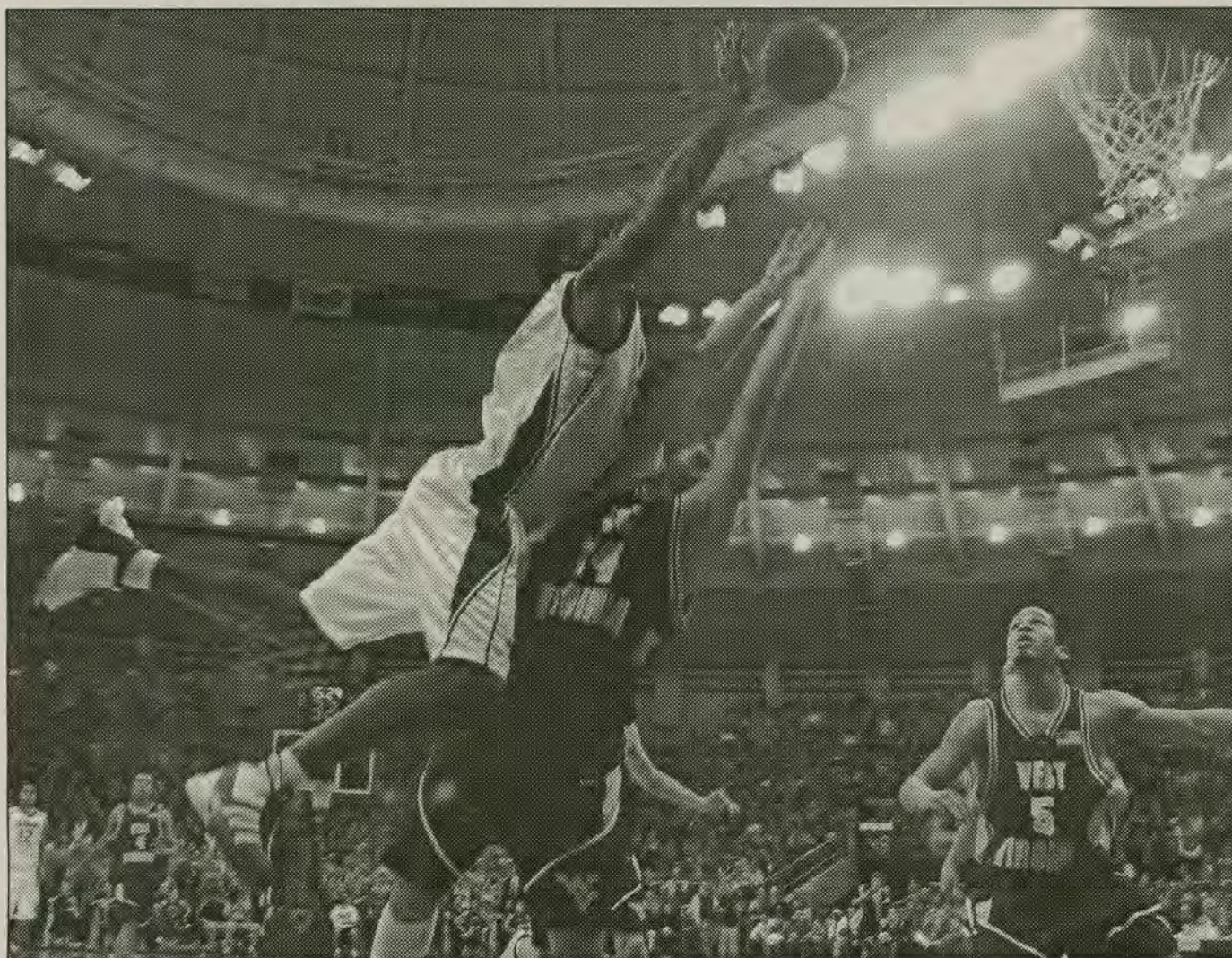
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Thursday, January 30, 2003

MENS BASKETBALL

Eight men is enough



ANDY KENNA/The Observer

Irish guard Torrian Jones skies over Johannes Herber during Notre Dame's 88-69 victory over West Virginia at the Joyce Center Wednesday. Jones, along with fellow reserves Tom Timmermans and Chris Quinn, scored 16 of Notre Dame's 36 first-half points.

◆ Irish rely on depth and win 13th straight home game

By CHRIS FEDERICO
Sports Writer

It was a tag-team effort for Notre Dame Wednesday night as both the Irish starters and bench players made significant contributions in Notre Dame's 88-69 victory over West Virginia at the Joyce Center.

As the Irish starters struggled through much of the first half, reserves Tom Timmermans, Torrian Jones and Chris Quinn were there to pick up the slack, scoring 16 of Notre Dame's 36 first half points.

"Not a lot of teams have that ability to allow for [the bench play]," said Irish point guard Chris Thomas, who had only four of his team-high 18 points in the first half. "Our bench did a tremendous job tonight. Tom Timmermans came in there in the first half and did a terrific job. If we continue to get that kind of output from them, we'll be a heck of a team."

The 6-foot-11 Timmermans, who was in the game to increase Notre Dame's size advantage over the smaller Mountaineer lineup, led the surge from the bench with nine points and seven rebounds in just seven minutes of play in the half.

"I think it definitely helps when I can contribute offensively," Timmermans said. "I just try to get in there, get some productivity and work to get on the boards and give [the other players] second shots."

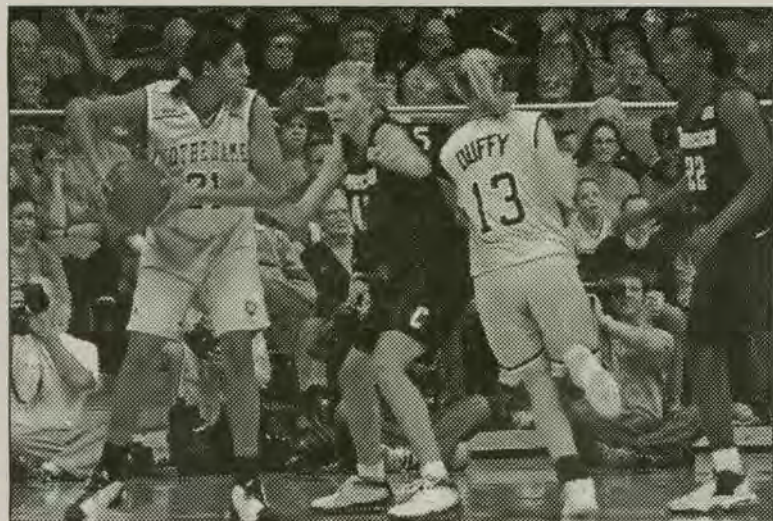
In the second half, however, the Irish starters grabbed the reins from their teammates to put the game out of reach.

Thomas, center Torin Francis and senior guard Matt Carroll, who combined for only six points in the first half, dominated play in much of the second half in scoring 38 collectively.

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ND WOMENS BASKETBALL

Irish lose Severe, lose lead, lose game 76-48



LISA VELTE/The Observer

Jacqueline Batteast looks to pass during a recent Irish game. Notre Dame lost 76-48 to Boston College Wednesday.

By JOE HETTLER
Sports Editor

Notre Dame led Boston College 21-12 midway through the first half at the Conte Forum Wednesday night when guard La'Tania Severe fell to the court with an injured shoulder.

She was knocked out of the game, and soon after, so were the Irish.

Boston College's leading scorer Jessalyn Deveny, who was scoreless at halftime, exploded for 18-second half points to lead the Eagles to a blowout 76-48 victory over the Irish.

Only Jacqueline Batteast reached double figures scoring for Notre Dame. She had 17 points and a season-high 13

rebounds.

"La'Tania is our spark, so when she went out we lost a lot in the lineup," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said "Megan Duffy played outstanding, she just didn't get any help."

The Eagles shook off a slow start to totally dominate the Irish in the second half, outscoring them 53-23 and picking up their 14th win of the season in the process. Notre Dame dropped to 11-7 overall and 3-4 in the Big East.

"It wasn't so much a matter of us breaking down as they were hitting the shots in the second half," McGraw said. "They weren't making the shots in the first half that they were making in the second."

The other difference in the two

halves was the rebounding. Notre Dame held a 27-19 advantage in the first half, but Boston College took over the boards in the second half, holding a 19-7 edge.

Despite struggling in the second half, the Irish were still within 51-43 with nine minutes to play. But then Boston College reeled off a 25-5 run to finish the game.

Eagle Amber Jacobs helped push that run, scoring 17 points in the game and hitting 8-of-9 field goals. Center Becky Gottstein added 12 points and nine rebounds for Boston College.

"Once they got going, they really put us back on our heels,"

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