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Iowa caucus brings attention to student voters

34 ND, Purdue students attend Iowa caucus to work on John Edwards' behalf

By KATE GALES
News Writer

Notre Dame students are voicing strong political opinions as the 2004 campaign opens in Iowa today, reflecting an unusual contingent in an era when a high number of college students and their peers are not registered to vote.

According to the Federal Election Commission, 18- to 24-year-olds have been significantly under-represented in presidential elections. However, many Notre Dame students are registered to vote and are actively following the 2004 campaign. The first caucus takes place in Iowa today, where the College Democrats are currently working on behalf of Sen. John Edwards.

Casey Fitzmaurice, president of the College Democrats, organized the trip to Iowa to support Edwards in association with Nick Smith from Purdue.

"There's a group of 34 of us from Indiana," Fitzmaurice said Sunday. "We're going door-to-door campaigning, handing out literature and talking to [caucus voters] about why John Edwards should be the next president."

Fitzmaurice said that interest in participating in the caucus came from a variety of campus sources.

"There was a huge response from students at Notre Dame — the College Democrats, political science students, John Edwards fans and people who just wanted to see the caucus," she said.

"[The caucus] is going to be exciting, anything could happen," she added. "The Des Moines Register, Iowa's largest paper, is calling it a four-way dead heat between [John] Kerry, [Richard] Gephardt and [Howard] Dean."

For Notre Dame students who are Iowa natives, involvement in the caucus can also include casting a vote.

"I'm a registered Republican," said Christopher Disbro, a freshman from Waukee, Iowa. "I did my own research, decided what I liked and what I didn't, and registered accordingly. It was an independent decision. I haven't gone to [the Iowa caucus] lately, but living in an important area has made me more politically aware."

Freshman Steve Cartwright pointed out the caucus's vital role in foreshadowing the campaign's coming months.

"It's actually really important to support a strong candidate in Iowa, as the caucus tends to set the tone for the entire election," Cartwright said. "If a strong front-runner emerges, the country's undecided voters tend to lean in his or her direction."



Senior Jazmin Garcia packs in preparation for the Iowa caucus, which she will attend with other College Democrats.

Cartwright is in the process of registering to vote via the non-profit Rock the Vote! initiative.

"I should be a card-carrying Democrat by the time the 2004 presidential election rolls around," he said. "With any luck, I'll be voting in the Pennsylvania primary via absentee ballot this April."

Rock the Vote! is one of many programs in place to register young voters.

"I went to renew my driver's license when I turned 21, and they asked me if I wanted to register [to vote]," said junior Chris Henschen. "I never really made an effort to do it. I'm not following anyone yet, but I'll probably start watching the

election this summer."

For freshman Ryan Iafigliola, the registration process was relatively simple, but actually voting has proven more difficult.

"They came to my high school, set up a booth, and I registered," said Ohio native Iafigliola. "It's tricky to vote [while in college] because I don't live at home and have to request an absentee ballot."

Freshman Clare Charbonnet also registered at her high school when her government teacher passed out registration forms. "[My teacher] said that anyone who didn't vote didn't have the right to complain

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Election 2004

Democratic Presidential Candidates



Clark



Kerry



Dean



Kucinich



Edwards



Lieberman



Gephardt



Sharpton

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Class allows for policy contribution

Lopez seminar provides counter-terrorism research opportunity

By LAURA VILIM
News Writer

Notre Dame undergraduate and graduate students will have the unique opportunity to conduct significant research and contribute policy recommendations on counter-terrorism for the United Nations this spring as part of a new seminar designed by Kroc Institute Fellow and political science professor George Lopez.

The research seminar, entitled "Assessing the United Nations Counter-Terrorism Efforts," has its roots in a project on U.N. Sanctions and Security that was written by Lopez and David Cortright. Cortright is the president of the Forth Freedom Forum, an organization devoted to exploring options for the non-violent resolution of international conflicts.

As a result of this project, the two men were asked by several governments to examine the efforts of the recently created U.N. Counter-Terrorism Committee (CTC), with which the Kroc Institute has been



Political science professor George Lopez speaks last year on the Iraq war. His seminar will allow students to help with a policy paper.

involved since the program's inception. The report was commissioned by the Danish Foreign Ministry, which awarded Lopez and his team funds for the project after he first presented his research design in

Copenhagen. He then began to plan ways for Notre Dame students to become involved in the project.

"[I asked] what benefits are in

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SMC students ponder graduate school options

By ANNELIESE WOOLFORD
Saint Mary's Editor

While some Saint Mary's seniors use their second semester as a chance to locate their ideal career, others wait in hope of pursuing another post-graduate option — graduate school.

For those who plan to attend graduate school next fall, this month marks most application deadlines. In the preceding months, seniors have spent countless hours studying for the Graduate Record Exam, requesting recommendations and obtaining academic transcripts.

"The application process took a considerable amount of time and effort," said senior Meaghan Blake.

Blake applied to seven chemistry programs, all of which pay her salary as a teacher's assis-

tant and to work in research labs. Although she pays no tuition cost, Blake said she would still attend graduate school even if she did.

"In my field, I can't really go anywhere unless I get a higher degree," she said.

In addition to students, Saint Mary's faculty and staff also play

an active role in the application process. Many departments include graduate advisors who work with students to answer questions they have and provide feedback on application material.

The registrar's office is especially instrumental in helping students prepare for graduate school, mostly through its work processing transcripts. The office processed over 250 transcript requests at the end of last semester, although it is undetermined how many of those were

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"In my field, I can't really go anywhere unless I get a higher degree."

Meaghan Blake
senior

INSIDE COLUMN

The next step

In my opinion, there are two categories under which seniors are grouped. The first is comprised of those who anxiously await graduation and the "real world" of apartments, bills and careers that now lurk only four months away. Some even graduate a semester early just to get out there sooner than the rest of us.



Anneliese Woolford

Saint Mary's Editor

The second category is made up of seniors who, in all seriousness, wish they could be freshmen again. Heck, even high school looks good compared to the inevitable presence of responsibility and expectations. These seniors will manage heavy course loads and mounds of homework with a "grin and bear it" approach just for a chance to dwell in the college lifestyle five minutes longer.

Without a doubt, I have always considered myself to be in the second category — hands down. At no point do I want to leave my group of friends and venture off to a big city, alone, to start over without them there to make me laugh away my nervousness. Life, at this exact moment and surrounded by the people that I am, is how I want it to stay.

Somewhere along the way, though, subconsciously, I've come to accept that what I want and the reality of what will happen are not the same. Despite the possibility of grad school next year, I will never have the same experience that I've had at Saint Mary's and Notre Dame. As much as I don't want to think about it, chances are that some of my friends and I will drift apart as life leads us in different directions. Oddly enough, it's comforting to think that this is something I'm probably not alone in facing.

Maybe instead of falling into one group or the other, we should instead find middle ground. I certainly intend to take advantage of my 13-credit semester and every available moment of free time while enjoying myself at South Bend's fine drinking establishments. This is the same person who, the day after Christmas, bought a Christmas tree and ornaments on sale in preparation for her apartment next year ... and the person who intentionally bought a small car to navigate through big city traffic.

I know the real world is coming and that college life is drawing near an end, but it's not over yet.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE THING TO DO IN THE SNOW?



Kate Lindsay
Junior
Welsh Family

"Making snow angels."



Kristina Drzal
Junior
P.E.

"Indoor snow fights!"



Tom Mulcrone
Freshman
Siegfried

"Filling my underpants with snow."



Teresa Blackwell
Senior
Welsh Family

"Jumping into some fresh snow."



Chuy Bravo
Senior
off-campus

"I hate snow and wasn't meant for this weather."



Will Secor
Junior
Siegfried

"Shredding the Nar-nar."



CHUY BENITEZ/The Observer

Two student postal workers sort delivered mail outside of the Knute Rockne Memorial Building on Saturday afternoon. Despite the cold temperatures that persisted over the weekend, campus mail and other services could be carried out as usual.

IN BRIEF

The Career Center will sponsor a SPEED SEARCH workshop session tonight at 7 p.m. in the LaFortune Ballroom in preparation for the Winter Career and Internship Fair. The session will offer four workshops in an hour, including interview and job search strategies.

Auditions for the spring production *Arms and the Man* will be held tonight and Tuesday from 7 to 10 p.m. on the Washington Hall mainstage.

A Blood Drive will be held Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the LaFortune Ballroom.

The College Bowl, a quiz competition in which teams from campuses across the country compete in a question-and-answer game, comes to the Notre Dame Room of LaFortune from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday night.

Tickets for the Keenan Review will be distributed from 2-3 p.m. Thursday at Gate 10 of the Joyce Center.

The Late Night Olympics, an all-night sports extravaganza to raise money for the St. Joseph County Special Olympics, will be held Friday night from 7 p.m. to 4 a.m. in the Joyce Center. Events will include broomball, inner tube water polo, kickball, dodgeball, target golf, volleyball, wiffleball, and other competitions.

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

OFFBEAT

Italian wins lawsuit over coffee price

ROME — Meddle with an Italian's cappuccino and expect a furious froth.

In the first ruling of its kind, a justice of the peace found that a cafe in a seaside town near Rome overcharged a retired man 23 euro cents for his liquid breakfast after the currency conversion. The coffee bar was ordered to refund the price increase — about 30 U.S. cents — plus the man's legal costs.

The decision raises the prospect of a flood of similar lawsuits.

"The cappuccino's vendetta!" the Codacons public-advocacy group declared in a celebratory statement. Thousands more citizens want to file complaints, the group said.

Firefighters protest porn star on force

KEYES, Calif. — A firefighter moonlighting as a porn star for a little extra cash has caused a stir in this small rural town, officials said.

Seventeen firefighters in Keyes, a town of less than 5,000 in the middle of the Central Valley's dairy

country, walked off their jobs to protest Alexa Jones' other career, which they said she discussed while on the job with her husband, Assistant Chief Roger Jones.

Capt. Herb Collier, one of the 17 who dropped their gear and resigned earlier this week, said Thursday that not only did the couple bring the topic up in the station, but Roger Jones also fired a cadet who got curious and checked out Alexa's site — without paying.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

	TODAY	TONIGHT	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
LOCAL WEATHER						
	HIGH 21 LOW 12	HIGH 16 LOW 7	HIGH 25 LOW 13	HIGH 27 LOW 19	HIGH 22 LOW 11	HIGH 28 LOW 19

Association honors four ND graduates

Special to The Observer

Four Notre Dame graduates will be honored by the Notre Dame Alumni Association during ceremonies on campus next week.

The Rev. Arthur Harvey, C.S.C., Award, which recognizes achievements in the performing arts, will be presented to John Santos, a 1979 graduate and the first Mexican-American Rhodes scholar, in honor of his work as an award-winning writer, producer and documentary filmmaker.

The producer of more than 40 documentaries on culture, religion, politics and spirituality, Santos received Emmy Award nominations for "Exiles Who Never Left Home" and "From the AIDS Experience." He has worked both on- and off-camera for CBS News and PBS and serves on the Presidential Advisory Commission on Excellence in Education for Hispanic Americans.

William Schickel, a 1944 graduate who directs the Maritain Gallery in Loveland, Ohio, will receive the Rev. Anthony Lauck, C.S.C., Award, for outstanding accomplishments in the fine and visual arts.

Honored for his creations of religious art, Schickel is a painter, sculptor, stained glass maker, and architectural and furniture

designer, whose creations include the triangular drinking fountain at Notre Dame's Grotto. Schickel received the American Institute of Architecture Gold Medal Award for his renovation of the Abbey of Gethsemani in Trappist, Ky., and also designed the renovation of the National Shrine of Philippine Duchesne in St. Charles, Mo.

The Rev. Robert Griffin, C.S.C., Award will be presented to Nicholas Sparks, a 1988 graduate, University benefactor and best-selling author, in honor of his literary achievements.

Sparks' is the author of "The Notebook," "The Rescue," "A Bend in the Road," "Message in a Bottle," "A Walk to Remember," "Nights in Rodanthe," "The Guardian" and "The Wedding." "Message in a Bottle" and "A Walk to Remember" have been made into major motion pictures, and Sparks currently is adapting "The Rescue" for a television series.

Dr. Paul Wright, a 1972 graduate and former cardiologist for Mother Teresa, will receive the Dr. Thomas A. Dooley Award for his record of outstanding humanitarian service.

A volunteer for Mother Teresa's Missionaries of Charity, which comforts the destitute, abandoned and dying, Wright attended Mother Teresa's beatification ceremony in October at the Vatican.

HUDDLE UP



CHUY BENITEZ/The Observer

Joe Montana, a Notre Dame graduate and Hall of Fame quarterback, addressed the Siegfried Interhall football champions at the football banquet in December.

Hesburgh to lecture on Mary

Special to the Observer

University President Emeritus Father Theodore Hesburgh will give a lecture on "Notre Dame: Our Lady" 7 p.m. Tuesday in the

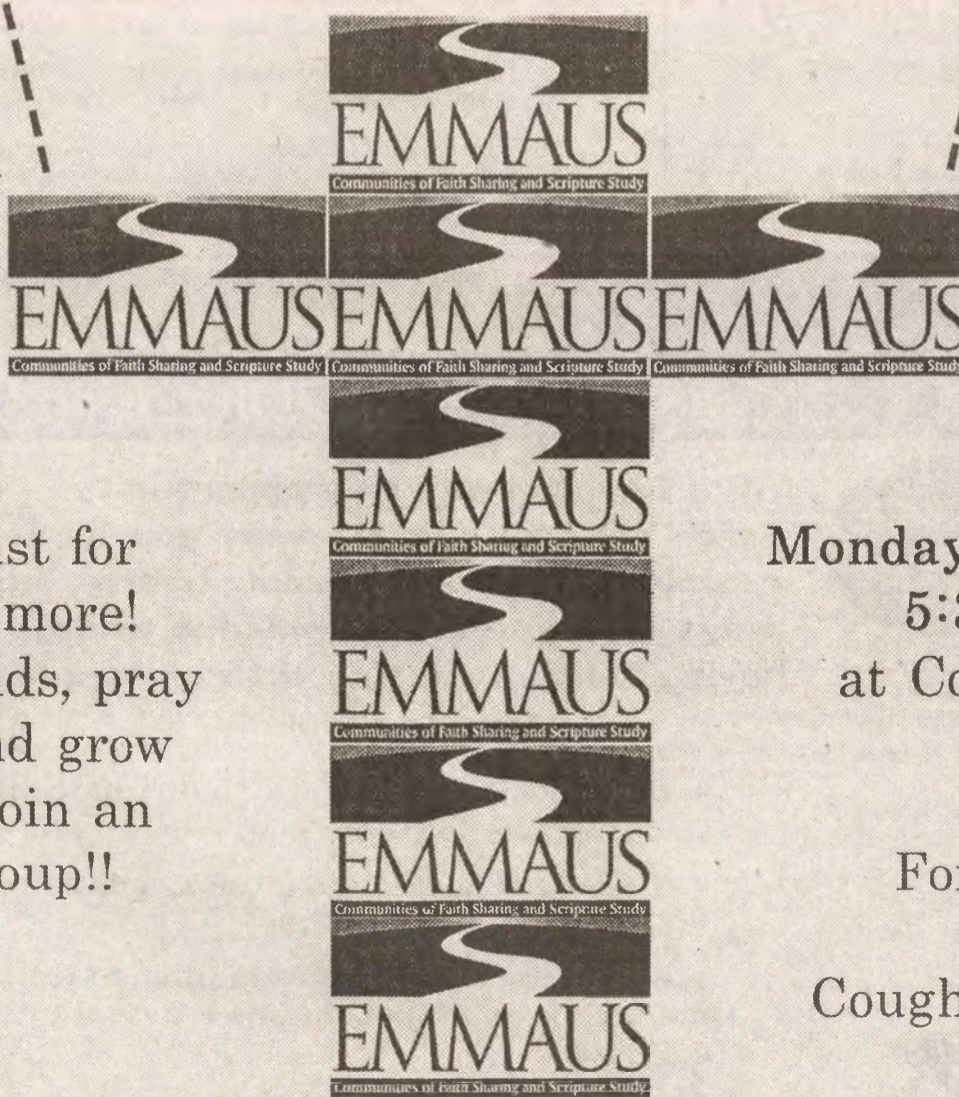
Hesburgh Library's Carey Auditorium.

Hesburgh served as Notre Dame's president from 1953 to 1987. His 35-year tenure included the transfer of governance from the founding

religious community, the Congregation of Holy Cross, to a predominantly lay board of trustees in 1967, and the admission of women to the undergraduate program in 1972.

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Voting

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about the government — and I complain a lot," Charbonnet said.

Despite these students' efforts, the Institute for Public Affairs and Civic Engagement (PACE), affiliated with Salisbury University, reports that on the average, the voter's registration level of college students is 16 percent lower than that of the total voting age population. In 1972, the 26th Amendment granted suffrage to 18- to 24-year-olds for the first time.

However, in recent years the media has emphasized a decrease in social activism among young adults.

Even with this negative stereotype, Notre Dame students remain involved in the political process. Fitzmaurice and the College Democrats, in association with other organizations on campus, are planning a Rock the Vote! initiative on campus later this semester.

"I am registered to vote [because] I want to have a say in the political system, even though sometimes the most votes doesn't equal the winner," said sophomore Matt Frey. "I am not follow-

ing a candidate as of now, but I do think some of the preliminary Democrats are more qualified than the others."

Senior Jessica Leibowitz remembers the 2000 election as a big event on campus.

"My friends and I really cared about the election, but it really depended on where you were from, what kind of family you were from, and who your friends were," she said. "We watched the debates, which were really important, and left the TV on all night, going to bed thinking Gore had won."

Leibowitz, who voted by absentee ballot, said she thinks televi-

sion exposure and campus voting drives also contributed to the 2000 election's publicity.

This year, some potential voters remain unsure if they will participate.

"I'm not registered to vote — I didn't turn 18 until I got here," freshman Carolyn White said. "I really don't know if I'm going to vote yet, and if I do, it will not be for Bush. I think the Notre Dame student body election is more important at present, but whoever gets elected as the U.S. president will still be in office when we graduate, and his [or her] presidency will greatly shape the economy and job market."

White said that campaign platforms in 2004 will greatly affect the lives of Notre Dame students as they look forward to the future.

"At the national level, students should be interested in candidates who support increased federal aid to college students, take gutsy positions on protecting civil rights, and address the problems that we saw in high school and that our children will see — like aggressive positions on drug and gun control," Cartwright said.

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Seminar

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this for ND?" Lopez said.

First among the benefits is that the majority of this research will be conducted by the 21 students chosen to be part of the seminar. Students were selected to participate based on their interest in the areas of political science and international affairs, as well as on their resumes and grade point averages.

In order to ensure that the decisions the students make are viable options for enhancing the policies of the CTC, the seminar is divided into two main parts. First, each student will participate in collective reading and briefing sessions that will serve to bring every member to an equal level of understanding concerning the broad issues of the CTC's work. Next, each student will choose a specific topic to examine extensively with the help of one of the research directors, including Lopez and Cortright.

"In this way, students will get to research topics that are interesting to them," Lopez said.

The specific themes and queries of the project cover a wide range of counter-terrorism issues, including how to approach countries that refuse to comply with the CTC, success stories of the CTC's ability to lock down terrorist funds, an examination of how individuals and organizations are placed on the terrorist list, and an assessment of the human rights dimension of the CTC.

When the research is complete, every participant will assess and critique the individual elements of the final project report. Then Notre Dame and the Forth Freedom Forum will present their findings to the Danish government and an organization known as the International Peace Academy. From there, parts of the project or the project in its entirety will be presented to the Spanish government — the chair of the CTC, which can then introduce it to the Security Council of the U.N.

Stephanie Ahern, a first year graduate student who majored in international relations, said she decided to apply for this seminar after receiving an e-

mail from Lopez describing the project.

"[The project] seemed to be a unique opportunity to combine theory and practice for a real-world, timely project," Ahern said. "My interest in studying political science is to help make a difference, and this seemed like an opportunity to do just that."

Ahern plans to do specific research on the European Union's requirements for new states to be in compliance with the CTC before they can become members, a decision she made after concentrating her undergraduate studies on Western Europe and developing an interest in learning more about the region.

Lopez believes that one of the greatest aspects of the seminar is that participants like Ahern will gain a deeper understanding of how research in a classroom setting can be linked to real life issues.

"This is a fairly unique on-campus experience that is as close to working for a think tank as you can get," Lopez said. "It is relevant and dynamically interactive. The questions are a moving target."

Ahern agrees that it is the real life experience of doing research that could have serious implications on U.N. policy that makes this seminar so unique.

"It places an exceptional importance on completing this work as thoroughly as possible to make our world safer," Ahern said.

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Job Search Club

The Career Center – University of Notre Dame

Join the Career Center Staff and a group of ND students who will collaborate on a unique project over a four month period to search for jobs and internships throughout the nation. Five meetings are scheduled for spring semester 2004. All club members must attend all five sessions in order to participate.

#1 JOB SEARCH CLUB ORIENTATION MEETING Wednesday, January 21 4:00 pm or 6:00 pm, Flanner 114

- Learn about the club format, timeline, membership and more
- Identify geographical areas of interest among student members
- Review goals and objectives

#2 CAREER RESEARCH Wednesday, February 11 6:00 - 7:00 p.m., Flanner 114

- Discover unique and creative ways to find prospective employers
- Gain access to \$1,000s worth of on-line resources
- Begin your personal job search-tracking system

#3 NETWORKING STRATEGIES Wednesday, February 25 6:00 - 7:00 p.m., Flanner 114

- Gain a special insight into the strategies to build your own professional network
- Secure access to the Notre Dame Alumni Career Network
- Role play session on informational interviewing

#4 CONTACT MANAGEMENT, FOLLOW-UP, GUEST PANEL Wednesday, March 31 6:00 - 7:00 p.m., Flanner 114

- Job search assessment: hot leads and not leads
- Just in time recruiting of college grads by employers
- Continue alumni networking with special guests

#5 TRANSITIONS FROM BACK PACK TO BRIEFCASE Wednesday, April 14 6:00 - 7:00 p.m., Flanner 114

- Transitions for college to career: budgeting, car buying, insurance, apartment hunting
- Relocating to new cities, setting up interviews, etc.
- Join an alumni club

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Suicide bomber kills 20 in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, Iraq — A suicide driver set off a truck bomb at the gates of the U.S.-led coalition headquarters Sunday, killing about 20 people and wounding 63 in the deadliest attack here since Saddam Hussein's capture last month.

The bombing, which occurred during rush hour on a chilly, foggy morning, came on the eve of a meeting between U.S. administrator L. Paul Bremer and U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan to discuss Iraq's future, including whether Iraq is safe enough for the world body to return.

The attack was the first vehicle bombing inside the U.S.-controlled "Green Zone" along the west bank of the Tigris River, which insurgents have targeted in the past with mortar and rocket fire.

Three American soldiers were wounded in the attack, the military said.

Khmer Rouge official admits mistakes

PAILIN, Cambodia — The top surviving leader of the Khmer Rouge admitted he made "mistakes" during the feared regime's rule but denied being guilty of genocide and rejected the idea that millions of people died.

Nuon Chea, second in command under Khmer Rouge leader Pol Pot, told The Associated Press Saturday in an interview he would gladly appear before a U.N.-backed war crimes tribunal pursuing top Khmer Rouge leaders. His comments appeared to be the latest in regime leaders' efforts to get their versions on the record before being called to trial.

"I admit that there was a mistake. But I had my ideology. I wanted to free my country. I wanted people to have well-being," Nuon Chea, 77, told AP from his modest bungalow in Pailin, the movement's former stronghold.

NATIONAL NEWS

AARP hit for supporting bill

WASHINGTON — At least 45,000 people have quit the AARP over its support for Medicare legislation last year, association president William Novelli said Friday.

The nation's largest seniors' organization provided a key boost to Republicans who led the effort to revamp the Medicare program for older and disabled Americans and provide insurance coverage for prescription drugs.

AARP's endorsement unleashed a torrent of criticism from Democratic lawmakers and seniors across the nation accusing AARP of allowing its business relationship with insurers to drive its decision. Novelli has called the criticism baseless.

But AARP officials said many members do not understand the complex legislation and are unhappy with it.

LOCAL NEWS

Gary zoning measure fails

GARY, Ind. — After a two-year zoning quarrel with a company that wants to build a medical waste processing center, the city of Gary has conceded defeat.

The city administration had maintained that the site where Midwest Medical Solutions plans to build its processing center was not properly zoned for such a facility.

But in a settlement filed in Lake Superior Court on Jan. 7, the city agreed that the company has the proper zoning. The settlement means Gary officials cannot use their zoning power to stop the state's first commercially operated medical waste autoclave.

Midwest Medical Solutions wants to install two autoclaves — giant pressure cookers that sterilize with steam — to decontaminate packages of medical waste from hospitals, doctors' offices and dentists' offices.

INDIA

World Social Forum protests U.S., U.K.

Associated Press

BOMBAY, India — Peace activists at the World Social Forum charged Sunday that President Bush's war on terrorism has made the world more dangerous.

The third day of the annual gathering of peace and anti-globalization activists concentrated on linking peace movements across the world, with the focus on recent U.S.-led wars.

Protests against unfair global trade, big business and foreign debt dominated the two previous days of the six-day event, held this year at a sprawling factory complex in Bombay.

The meeting, which attracts activists, political workers and intellectuals from around the world, is meant to be a counterpoint to the World Economic Forum in Switzerland, which starts Wednesday.

"George Bush is the new extreme," said Ramsey Clark, who was the attorney general under former President Lyndon Johnson. "If the U.S. dominates the United Nations as it has done in the past, there will be no security for anybody."

Clark said countries had to stand up to the United States for the United Nations to survive.

In the dust-filled streets of a Bombay suburb, activists jostled with folk dancers, while war survivors from Iraq, Afghanistan and Vietnam recounted their experiences.

Arundhati Roy, an Indian novelist who won the 1997 Booker Prize, accused Bush and British Prime Minister Tony Blair



Women perform a Pakistani dance in a march calling for "Peace in South Asia" at the 2004 World Social Forum in Bombay Saturday. Agence France Presse

of failing to improve women's rights in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"If you were to read the reports in corporate media, you would say George Bush and Tony Blair are the greatest feminists, but their version of feminism is a narrow and corrupt version," she said, adding that women in both countries still have few rights and little political say.

An Afghan peace activist, Saher Saba, agreed. "Apart from killing thousands of people, mostly women and children, the military action in Afghanistan has achieved nothing except bringing back the warlords, criminals and fundamentalists."

Stage and street theater performances lampooned the U.S. president, and gift shop owners said lapel

pins and pens with indecent depictions of Bush were selling fast.

Activists also called for U.S. troops to leave Iraq and for a tribunal of Iraqi and international experts to try Saddam Hussein, whom they said should not face the death penalty.

The United States wants an Iraqi court to try Saddam, who has been in custody since his Dec. 13 capture.

Two prison guards taken hostage

Associated Press

BUCKEYE, Ariz. — Two state prison guards were taken hostage by inmates early Sunday, and negotiators were called in to try to defuse the situation.

One inmate attacked a guard shortly after 5 a.m. during breakfast preparations, then met up with another inmate in the prison yard and the two gained access to the officers' tower, said Jim Robideau, a spokesman for the Arizona Department of Corrections.

A male correctional officer taken hostage was injured, said Cam Hunter, a department spokeswoman. Officials did not release details of the injury, but said the other hostage, a female correctional officer, was not believed to be hurt.

Two other officers and a staff member were injured in a scuffle, Robideau said.

All other staff and inmates were

accounted for, and the rest of the inmates were locked in their cells, authorities said.

Negotiation teams and officers from the Corrections Department, the Department of Public Safety and the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office were at the Arizona State Prison Complex-Lewis.

Officials at the scene said they didn't know what the negotiators were discussing with the inmates.

Joe Masella, president of the Arizona Correctional Peace Officers' Association, said that although he had no details about the situation, negotiators generally try to calm the inmates and "make them realize that they're in a no-win situation."

The hostages' families were told of the situation. "The families are in a state of anxiety and turmoil, just like we are here," said Bennie Rollins, another department spokesman.

The medium- to high-security

prison in Buckeye, west of Phoenix, houses 4,400 inmates, most convicted of felonies such as manslaughter and aggravated assault.

Masella said the prison had been very short staffed at one point but that the situation had been resolved.

He said prison staff did a good job of ensuring no other inmate disturbances occurred after the hostage-taking Sunday.

"It could have been a lot worse," Masella said. "Once these inmates get a taste of blood, so to speak, there's no telling what they can do."

Earlier this month, the prison was the site of two small fires started after an altercation between two inmates spread unrest among 80 prisoners. No one was hurt as a result of the fires, but three correctional officers suffered minor injuries.

Hunter, the department spokeswoman, said the two incidents were not related.

Episcopalians gather to protest gay bishop

Associated Press

PLANO, Texas — Conservative Episcopalians are gathering Monday to establish an unprecedented nationwide organization to unite opponents of last year's consecration of their denomination's first openly gay bishop.

Activists say the new Network of Anglican Communion Dioceses and Parishes won't be a breakaway denomination or schism but rather a "church within a church." Nonetheless, it's a potentially serious challenge to Episcopal Church leaders.

The two-day meeting to form the network involves bishops, clergy and lay delegates from 12 dioceses representing 235,000 members, a tenth of the nation's Episcopalians.

The network's temporary leader, Bishop Robert Duncan of Pittsburgh, says the meeting will give the denomination's traditionalist wing "some sense there is a future."

The American Anglican Council, which helped organize the group, has denied that the network's goal is to be a replacement for the Episcopal Church. That claim started in a confidential network memo that was leaked to the media last week.

Council activists say the network will be a "church within a church," not a breakaway denomination or schism.

Delegates at the meeting plan to adopt an organizational charter, elect leaders and debate how to help conservatives in liberal dioceses. Observers and reporters are barred from the meeting.

The network has been tightlipped about most details, including who wrote the charter draft and what it proposes. Plans were fashioned up to the last minute.

Some leaders in the church have spoken out against the group, including Bishop Don Johnson of Memphis, Tenn. He vowed to work against those he says want to "sabotage" and "destroy" the church.

The Episcopal Church is the U.S. branch of the international Anglican Communion — bodies which trace their heritage back to the Church of England. Many national Anglican churches have denounced or broken fellowship with the Episcopal Church over the consecration last November of V. Gene Robinson, an openly gay cleric, as bishop of New Hampshire.

Still, one of the reasons conservative parishes won't bolt is that under secular law they usually surrender their properties to the denomination. The Rev. Donald Armstrong from Colorado Springs, Colo., a delegate representing midwestern and mountain states, says "we've got a \$12 million facility and we can't just walk away from it."

The Episcopal Church's national leader, Presiding Bishop Frank Griswold, has proposed a plan for special visiting bishops to minister to conservative parishes. American Anglican Council leaders have rejected Griswold's system, however, because decisions would rest with liberal bishops they distrust.

Various congregations in 37 U.S. Episcopal dioceses have applied for leadership from special conservative bishops sent by the network. An ecclesiastical tangle would result if network bishops defy church law and work in a diocese without permission from the local bishop.

Last week's leaked memo said "widespread" disobedience of church law "may be necessary" and conservatives should be prepared to risk trials in church or secular courts.

However, the host bishop for this meeting, James Stanton of Dallas, opposes such lawbreaking. He hopes a positive tone will gain further support among the 43 Episcopal bishops who voted against the elevation of Robinson. (Sixty-two bishops backed Robinson.)

But Stanton says calling the network schismatic "gets things exactly backwards" because "the act of schism" was the national denomination's approval for Robinson.

Many overseas Anglican churches have broken ties with the Episcopal Church since Robinson's consecration. Armstrong says the network "will become the organization by which the Anglican Communion will continue to have a presence in the United States."

Traditionally, Anglican churches are defined by recognition from the world Anglican leader, England's archbishop of Canterbury, and it's anyone's guess what incumbent Rowan Williams might eventually decide about the American mess.

But Jim Naughton, communications director for the Washington (D.C.) Diocese, is confident Williams will maintain ties with the ongoing Episcopal Church.

"We've got a \$12 million facility and we just can't walk away from it."

Donald Armstrong
Colorado Reverend

Graduate

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intended for graduate applications, said registrar Lorraine Kitchner.

This year, 56 students attended the Counseling and Career Development Center's Graduate School Night held in September. The number of interested students remains consistent from year to year, said Angela Bryant, career counselor and function coordinator.

"Graduate school is an excellent step for students if it coin-

cides with their career aspirations and desire for intense, advanced training in a specialized area," Bryant said.

Instead of attending graduate school immediately following college, a significant number of students also remain open to the option of applying in the future.

"I'm thinking about taking the GRE's because they're good for five years," said senior Jessica Kendrick. "That way, I have time to decide whether or not grad school is something I want to do in the future."

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Legislators seek better rape victim protection

Associated Press

DENVER — After a resort worker accused Kobe Bryant of rape, her identity was splashed around the world on Web sites, the cover of a supermarket tabloid and a radio broadcast. The basketball star's attorney said the woman's name six times during a court hearing.

Now, two state legislators have proposed tighter legal protections for people who report being raped, citing the hate mail and death threats that targeted the 19-year-old accuser after her name was published.

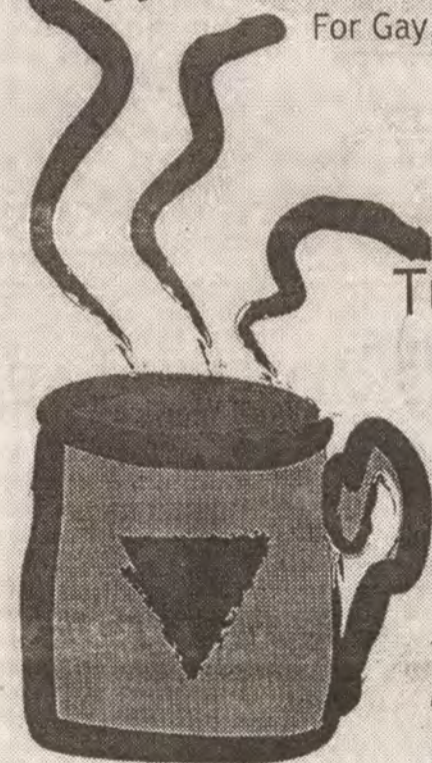
Without the extra protection, the release of identities "could have a real chilling effect and prevent victims from coming forward," Democratic state Sen. Peter Groff said.

Rape shield laws in many states already protect the identities of alleged victims. Virtually all U.S. news organizations, including The Associated Press, have policies against releasing the names.

Groff's measure would allow prosecutors to decide whether to list accusers' names in legal proceedings under a pseudonym, such as Jane Doe.

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IN BRIEF

December industry rises slightly

WASHINGTON — Industrial production at the nation's factories, mines and utilities rose by only 0.1 percent in December, slowing from the previous month's big increase.

The gain reported by the Federal Reserve Friday followed a revised 1 percent November jump, stronger than previously estimated and the biggest in four years.

Economists were expecting industrial production to cool off a bit in December given November's brisk activity. Analysts had called for a 0.5 percent increase.

Earlier this week, the Fed, in a more forward-looking survey of business conditions around the country, found the economy was gaining momentum as the new year began. The Fed reported growing signs that the nation's battered manufacturing sector was beginning to pull out of its nosedive.

Judge blocks injunction for Gillette

BOSTON — A federal judge denied Gillette's request for a preliminary injunction to block Schick-Wilkinson Sword from selling its new, four-bladed Quattro razor, and found no reasonable likelihood Gillette's patent case would succeed on one of its key claims.

Quattro hit shelves in September, but its prospects were clouded by Gillette's argument that the four-blade arrangement was too close to a three-bladed system patented by Gillette.

In a highly technical, 14-page ruling, U.S. District Judge Patti Saris said Gillette failed to meet the standard required for a preliminary injunction and that Gillette would be unlikely to prevail at trial on its claim of literal infringement.

Refrigerator factory to close

GREENVILLE, Mich. — Electrolux AB said Friday it will close a refrigerator factory here that has about 2,700 workers and move the work to an existing plant in South Carolina and a new one in Mexico. The 1.7 million-square-foot plant will continue operating into 2005, but company officials declined to provide a more specific closing date.

The Electrolux plant manufactures 1.6 million refrigerators annually for Frigidaire, Kenmore, White-Westinghouse, Gibson and Kelvinator.

Fired Hollinger chair sells ownership

Press Holdings International to buy Toronto parent of Chicago Sun-Times

Associated Press

NEW YORK — A British newspaper company announced a deal Sunday with embattled press baron Conrad Black to take over his controlling interest in Hollinger Inc., the Toronto-based parent company of newspaper publisher Hollinger International Inc.

News of the deal comes just a day after Hollinger International said it was removing Black as chairman and suing him to recover more than \$200 million the company claims was improperly diverted to him, an associate and entities he controls.

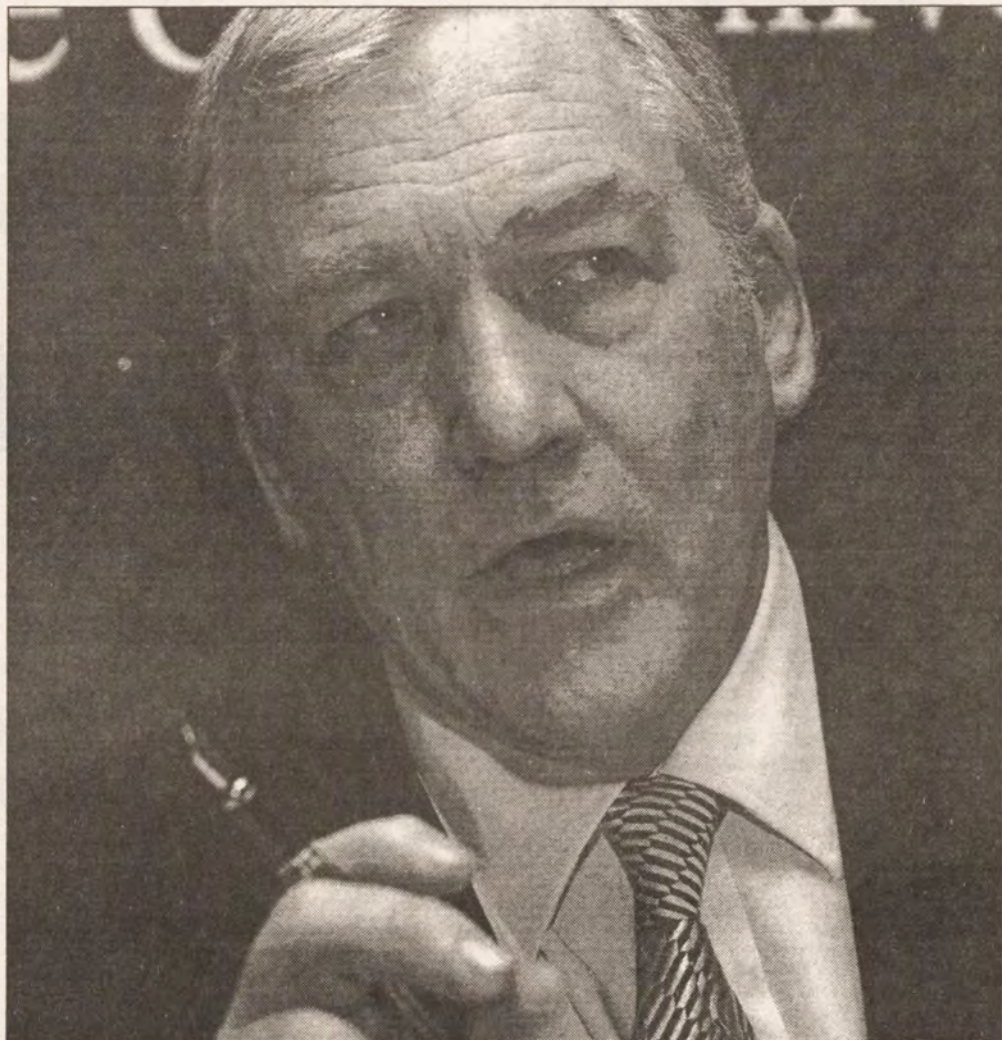
Press Holdings International's offer for Hollinger Inc. would value the company at \$326 million, plus the assumption of \$140 million in debt. Press Holdings said in a statement Sunday that it would circulate the offer to shareholders within 10 days.

Hollinger Inc. has a controlling interest in Hollinger International, a Chicago-based company that owns The Daily Telegraph of London, the Chicago Sun-Times and The Jerusalem Post. Hollinger International said it was evaluating the offer.

Press Holdings is controlled by brothers David and Frederick Barclay, and owns several newspapers in the United Kingdom, including The Scotsman, as well as The Ritz hotel in London.

The deal, if it goes through, would mark the exit of one of the newspaper industry's more flamboyant figures. Black's ownership of The Daily Telegraph has helped make him a major figure in business and social circles in England, where he holds the title Lord Black of Crossharbour.

In a statement Sunday, Black said it would be "dis-



Conrad Black, who has been fired as chairman of Hollinger Inc., in a photo from November 2003. Black has agreed to sell his controlling interest in Hollinger to Press Holdings International.

trusting" to part with the newspapers, "but these fine titles must not be hobbled any longer by the current controversies and financial uncertainty. They will be in good and caring hands and we will be able to focus exclusively on resolving current legal and public relations concerns."

In a letter to the board of Hollinger International, David Barclay said the sale of Hollinger Inc. should end the controversy, which he said was "significantly harming the public image and stock price of Hollinger International and undermining its credibility in the financial markets."

Press Holdings said it had agreed with Black to buy his controlling interest

in Hollinger Inc. from Ravelston Corp., a privately held company that Black controls. Ravelston owns 78 percent of Hollinger Inc., which has 70 percent of the voting rights of Hollinger International.

The proposed deal is subject to Canadian regulatory approval.

A Press Holdings spokeswoman did not immediately return a call for comment.

In November, Black was forced to give up his post as chief executive of Hollinger International after an internal review by a special committee found that \$32 million in unauthorized payments were made to Black and some of his senior deputies.

That review is being made by a special committee formed in the wake of shareholder protests over the fees to Black and other concerns about the company's management. The special committee, which is being advised by former Securities and Exchange Commission chairman Richard Breeden, is continuing its review. Its report is expected this spring.

On Friday, a federal judge in Chicago issued an order at the SEC's request to bar any interference with the investigation. The SEC said in its lawsuit that there had been efforts by corporate insiders to "to thwart and obstruct the efforts" of the review.

Cold weather raises crude futures

Associated Press

NEW YORK — February light, sweet crude oil futures in New York ended a shortened trading session Friday up nearly 5 percent, or \$1.63, at \$35.07 a barrel as the market snapped back from Thursday's natural gas-related losses amid frigid Northeastern U.S. temperatures and thin trading volumes.

Temperatures dropped below zero early Friday, prompting utilities in the region to warn of possible rolling blackouts amid record demand for electricity. While temperatures in the Northeast are seen moderating during the next 10 days from current levels, forecasts call for temperatures to be 5-10 degrees

below normal — lower than previous predictions, said Andrew Lebow, an analyst and broker with Man Financial.

Others pointed to thin trading volumes and an early close heading into a holiday weekend, which will be followed Tuesday by the expiration of February crude oil as the front-month futures contract on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

"They really bid it up," said Michael Cambria, vice president at Master Trading Inc. "They're goosing the February."

In London, February Brent crude oil futures settled up \$1.13 at \$30.47 a barrel on the International Petroleum Exchange.

Active spread trading widened the

Nymex February-March crude spread to \$1.07 a barrel Friday. A year ago, the February-March spread traded from \$1 to \$1.80 and settled at \$1.42 on expiry, Cambria said.

"You've got room out to \$1.20-\$1.30" on Tuesday, he said.

Strong market-on-close trading Friday showed that some traders also needed to cover their short positions, or bets that prices would fall, before the market closed for the long holiday weekend, Lebow said.

The Nymex and London's IPE closed early, at 1 p.m. EST Friday. While the Nymex will be closed all day Monday for the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday, the IPE will be open but will end trading early at 1 p.m. EST.

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Bush sells workers short — again

For the last time — my fingers are crossed — President Bush will read his State of the Union address to Congress and the public. This ritual of televised salesmanship will undoubtedly see him gloss

over his sorry record with, among other things, labor. But recent events have refreshed our memory, as two prevailing themes in the disheartening narrative of Bush's term have again united: murky euphemism and crony capitalism.

Yes, themes. Our country, since Bush's appointment, has borne witness to an unrelenting parade of Beltway artifice. Policies are hawked misleadingly as, for instance, the Clean Air Act, which relaxes pollution controls for 17,000 industries across the country, or the Healthy Forests Initiative, which opens remote woods to loggers. Pretense abounds, unquestionably, but close scrutiny reveals that businesses, not citizens, are the chief beneficiaries.

These days, however, labor is again caught in Bush's crosshairs: overtime pay is the specific target. At the center of the battle to revamp labor law is a proposed revision of the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA). Last fall, both the House and the Senate voted against the plan. But with steady pressure from the White House, lawmakers are expected to finalize the new rules this March.

Established in 1938, the FLSA supplied working families with important employment protections — namely, minimum national standards for wages and overtime. Under FLSA rules, roughly 80 million workers are now paid time-and-a-half when they work more than 40 hours a week. In many parts of the country — even on our campus, I assure you — many of these workers depend on overtime pay for survival (if not a second job),

especially where the minimum wage lies far below the living wage, or during an economic recession. But the White House, evidently, couldn't care less.

In fact, under the Bush proposal, a worker eligible for the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) could be ineligible to receive overtime pay. (A single worker making less than \$33,178 and caring for two or more children could be eligible for the EITC, a federal income tax credit for low-income workers.) For the current administration, that would be overextending itself.

Critics of the proposed rules say they could lead to 8 million Americans losing eligibility for overtime pay, largely white-collar workers earning more than \$65,000 a year. Labor Department officials put the figure at around 650,000 and say 1.3 million low-wage workers now ineligible for overtime pay would start receiving it or a salary boost.

Also, critics explain that workers — including police officers, nurses and store supervisors, to name a few — would face unpredictable work schedules and reduced pay because of an increased demand for extra hours, for which employers would not have to compensate workers, according to an Economic Policy Institute report released June 26.

Bush is characteristically quick to brush such criticism aside — be it from unions, economists or even Congress. Needless to say, the White House and the Labor Department would never come clean about who wins and loses under their new rules. Instead, they point to the pluses of the Bush proposal: the 1.3 million who will become eligible for overtime. This is the sole evidence of their magnanimity.

But recent headlines should dispel any lingering faith in the nobility of Bush's aims, as they again expose with whom Bush's loyalties lie. A couple of weeks ago, the AP reported that

the Labor Department published tips on how employers can avoid paying overtime. These tactics range from meager raises to "payroll adjustments." The Labor Department added reassuringly that, for some companies, the financial impact could be "near zero." Big Business can cancel out the "family-friendly" benefits of the new rules.

In other words, while the Bush administration readies another tax cut for those earning over \$200,000 a year, it is briefing employers on ways to avoid shelling out deserved overtime pay. Can it possibly be any clearer where Bush stands on labor? Or how much he cares for working families? Our government is blatantly teaching Big Business how to short-change workers.

This grand new fraud shouldn't be terribly surprising. The Bush administration slights workers at every opportunity, couching each move in bogus rhetoric. This apathy — alias: "compassionate conservatism" — is boldly announced by both Bush's tax cut plan and advocacy of the Free Trade Area of the Americas. Where the latter expands the vast catastrophe of NAFTA, the former shifts the tax burden from the wealthiest to the workers, favoring the richest 1 percent of Americans with \$500 billion over 10 years.

It's about time the Labor Department sends its moral compass in for repair. And for his role — laissez-faire laxity at least, hands-on complicity at worst — Bush should be ashamed of himself. But unfortunately, and ironically, many of those worst affected by Bush's economic policies are the same ones who will vote to keep him in office.

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"One of the penalties for refusing to participate in politics is that you end up being governed by your inferiors."

Plato
philosopher

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

How can Catholics support Bush?

After socializing this weekend, I found that most of the people that I talked to on this campus were behind George W. Bush in the upcoming election. I found this interesting, since this campus is founded on Catholic beliefs and many of the people here are Catholic.

As a Catholic, I strongly believe that the Bush administration contradicts the underlying principles of Catholicism. Yes, I agree that abortion is an unfortunate platform of the Democrats, but it seems that the Bush administration has done plenty of killing in these past three years. It also seems like many people like to use this issue of abortion as a rationalization to hoard money, but that's my opinion.

What really seems to be the main issue for backing Bush around here is taxes. The rationale: "It's a dog-eat-dog world out there. Work hard, make money for yourself and family, and let the rest fend for themselves." I think that this mentality lacks compassion and unity. Catholicism is based on a unity of people. We are all one body. We are not separate; therefore, we need to offer up ourselves (our tax money) to those who have been less fortunate in life. Instead of becoming smug in our assumption that our money should remain ours, I believe that we, as Catholics, are called to share the wealth, no matter what the

circumstances.

There are many other issues that I would like to touch on as well. These issues, I believe, draw a fine line between Catholicism and the Bush administration, and they are as follows:

The environment: As God created the world; it is our job to care for His creation. I have seen little care for this in the past three years.

The war: The Pope was against the war from the beginning. How can Catholics be in favor of an administration that backs the war, when the head of their Church believes it to be exceedingly immoral?

Foreign relations: It is clear that Bush idealism strives to foster the growth and economic prosperity of the United States of America, and solely

the United States of America. To my understanding, this administration hardly cares about the growth and economic prosperity of the world as a whole. Again, I come back to this principle of unity.

Aren't we obliged, as Catholics, to unite with people outside of our own country? With our power and money, shouldn't we care more about what's going on in places like Africa? Here's a better question: "Does anyone even know what's going on in Africa?"

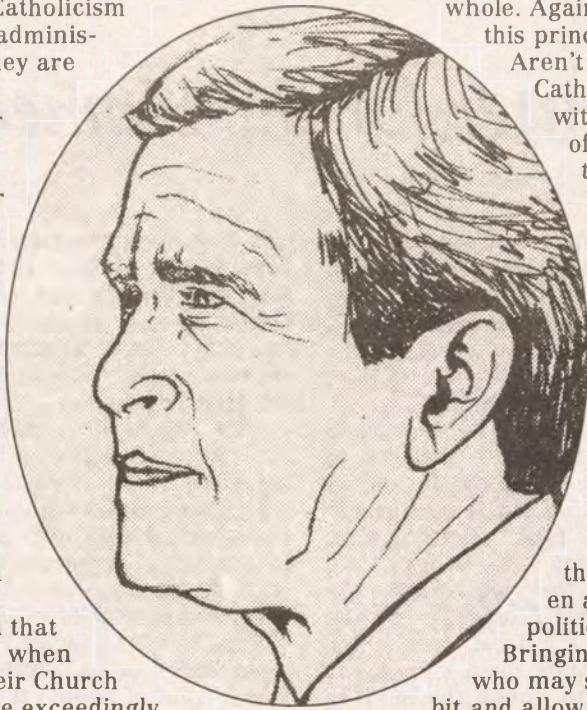
It seems to me that fear has driven a lot of the Bush political mentalities. Bringing in a Democrat who may shake things up a bit and allow too much money for something so incredibly needed as health care is too liberal of a policy for many people. As for fear about national security, I believe that the United States is in the worst interna-

tional position than it has ever been. The majority of the world is disgusted when it comes to America's indulgence of power. And, as history will tell us, when animosity is raised, revenge becomes part of the agenda. In addition, I think that severing ties with the United Nations was another bad move on behalf of the Bush administration. I believe this was unwise because, again, I believe that we are called to foster unity — of all people, of all nations — no matter how far-fetched or seemingly impractical.

In conclusion, I want to say that I'm not claiming that Republicans are evil or that George W. Bush is evil. Republicans, Democrats, Bush and the people in Africa are all people under God. We are all one and we should be striving to serve one another, no matter what country or economic status we come from. One way we can do this is by electing a man or woman who will help us do this in the best way possible.

My vote is for Dick Gephardt. Here is a man who knows diplomacy, humility, democracy, compassion and unity. Of those running, I believe that he is the man who will best carry out Catholicism's idealism.

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GUEST COLUMN

Anti-Bush TV ads are weak

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Moveon.org, the anti-Bush Web site backed by billionaire George Soros, posted two 30-second TV ads last week that compared President Bush to Adolf Hitler.

The ads were part of a contest hosted by the Web site to help them "Find the most creative, clear and memorable ideas for ads that tell the truth about George Bush's policies."

The two ads were later pulled from the competition because they presumably violated a rule stating that nothing inappropriate for television would be posted.

Judging the contest is a celebrity panel featuring the likes of Jack Black, Gus Van Sant and Janeane Garofalo. Of course, who's better at determining fact from fiction or truth from lies than those among us who get paid millions to play pretend?

While it may be astonishing that a seemingly professional organization could let such a horrific mistake "slip through," it's no big surprise, considering Soros recently made the same comparison in an interview with The Washington Post. The successful financier has definitely been a leader in the "Hate Bush Parade," so much so that he has personally vowed to spend millions to defeat Bush. His project Moveon.org is paying \$7 million to air the winner of their TV ad contest.

If Bush is so obviously the bumbling idiot that the left makes him

out to be, why does it take millions of dollars to convince the American people?

The truth is, the Democrats are in an incredibly horrible position. In order for them to stand a chance in 2004, the economy has to do a 180 degree turn and take a nosedive, as does the War on Terrorism. The tax cuts they viciously opposed succeeded in refueling the economy and creating new jobs, and the war they regret voting for turned out to be the greatest military operation in history. The president did all this while successfully preventing any further terrorist attacks on U.S. soil. This is called a "miserable failure" according to presidential hopefuls like Dick Gephardt.

On top of that, the Democratic Party itself is in shambles. The presidential nominee frontrunner, Howard Dean, has been labeled by the Democratic Leadership Council (DLC) as being too far to the left of mainstream.

The DLC is the same organization that helped Bill Clinton get elected and their endorsement is essential to any democratic nominee. In a failed attempt to gain votes in the South, Howard Dean recently said that he wanted to be "the candidate for guys with Confederate flags in their pickup trucks." This of course comes from a top nominee of the party most concerned with the danger of stereotypes.

So as the president maintains his 60 percent approval rating as a result of the hard work he has done over the last three years, the allegations will continue. Democrats will put down their "Make love not war" signs and, ironically enough, flock to hate parties like the one

held last month in Beverly Hills, dedicated solely to hating our president. As the situation in Iraq and the War on Terror continues to improve we can expect the criticism from the Left to escalate and the childish name-calling to become even more asinine.

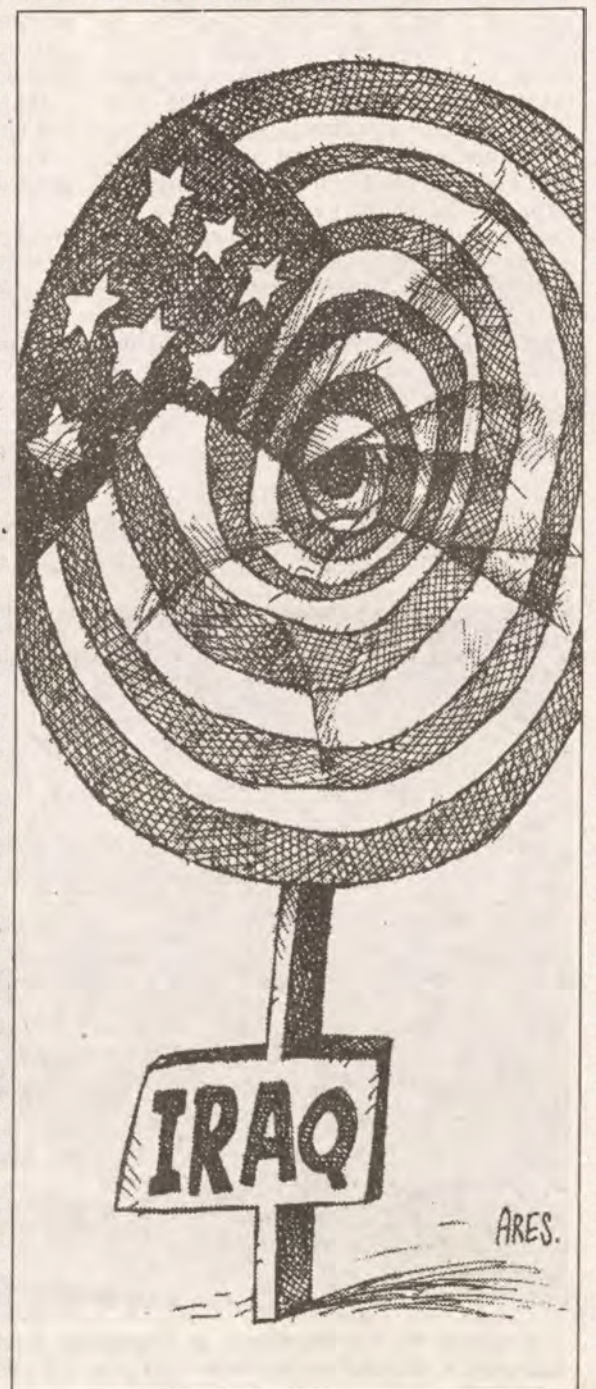
At the end of the 17th century, a Massachusetts community possibly became the first conspiracy theorists in the New World in their search for witches who had secretly infiltrated their town, occupying all walks of life and ultimately seeking the end to all that was good. The citizens of Salem were searching for monsters and in the process became monsters themselves, seizing and senselessly murdering at least 25 of their fellow townspeople.

Fast forward to the 21st century. An American political party is in search of intolerant, imperialist monsters responsible for all the wrong in the world. The outcries of the torch-bearing mob augment to an almost barbaric rhythm as the witches are rounded up and carried to the town square. The accused look normal. They're former factory workers, doctors and politicians, but the horde's most prized procession is being dragged from the head of the crowd. He's the leader of the free world, our 43rd President, George W. Bush.

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By MARIA SMTIH
Scene Editor

Fifteen years ago, a building called the Marinatha Temple stood across the street from where the South Bend Center for the Homeless stands today. During the winter months, the church ran a program for the homeless, offering soup in the evenings, cots through the night and doughnuts and coffee in the mornings.

Today, the winter shelter at the Temple has expanded into one of the best shelters for the homeless in the nation. The South Bend Center for the Homeless does not only provide shelter for over a thousand guests per year and serve around 300 meals per day; the Center's training programs, drug and alcohol treatment programs, tireless volunteers and efforts to get its guests into homes, cars and steady jobs help the homeless of South Bend get off the streets and turn their lives around.

From its beginning, the success of the shelter has been one of the best examples of cooperation between the South Bend and University communities. The Center for the Homeless gets only 15 percent of the \$2.3 million it requires to stay open every year from the government, instead relying on donations from citizens, businesses, churches and other private organizations for the rest of its funding. In addition to helping the Center open, the University has donated around \$150,000 every year toward maintenance, holiday meals and other needs. The Center also relies on donations of leftovers from the Notre Dame dining halls to provide its meals every day. Equally important to helping the Center run are the approximately 60,000 volunteer hours put in by Notre Dame and Saint Marys students and people from the South Bend community every year.

"The Center is remarkable in that it's a coming together of the University, the city, the people of South Bend, the busi-

ness and religious communities of South Bend," said Father Richard Warner, the chair of the board of directors of the Center for the Homeless. "I think, in that sense, it's unparalleled."

The beginnings of the Center

The Center was started when a group from the Marinatha Temple decided to try to build a shelter that would provide better services for the homeless in South Bend. Dave Link, a former dean of the Notre Dame Law School, and D'Arcy Chisholm, then working for the Center for Pastoral Liturgy, borrowed \$100,000 from the federal government to put up the money for a newer and bigger building to house the shelter. Link and Chisholm, who had volunteered to help open the overnight shelter at the Temple, had realized the need for a better institution to help the poor in South Bend, and made the decision to take out the loan even though they were unsure how they would be able to pay it back.

"In many ways the inspiration for what happened came from students," said Link. "There was a wonderful incident one night when an old man came in on a South Bend kind of winter night. He was badly inebriated, and when he sat down on the cot to take off his shoes, he rolled off."

When Link helped the man take off his shoes he found his feet were frost-bitten and asked a student volunteer to get cool water to thaw the man's feet.

"I guess he thought I was a priest, because he called me Father," said Link. "He asked me if God still loved him even though he drank too much, and I told him God loved him, and got him into a cot where he fell asleep."

"While he was asleep, one student said, 'I think we ought to do more for these people,'" said Link. "She thought we ought to teach them a skill."

Link thought back to the incident when he saw the size of the new potential, and decided from the beginning that the shelter should be more than

just a shelter, bringing in services, St. Joseph and Memorial Hospitals, the Madison Center, the Life Treatment Center, social security representatives and other South Bend organizations to make a sort of "one-stop shopping" for the homeless.

After paying the earnest on the building, Link and Chisholm began to search for a way to refurbish the building, finish setting up the shelter and repay their loan. Before taking their proposal to a national foundation, they decided to explain their vision to University President Father Edward Malloy.

"I said, 'We better go tell Malloy what we're doing or he'll think we're crazy,' which a lot of people thought anyway," said Link.

After reviewing their proposal, Malloy proposed that Notre Dame pay off the loan, put up the money to refurbish the building and lease the building back to the Center for the Homeless for one dollar per year.

The University and Bendix Allied Signal, a national company whose president was a Notre Dame graduate, each donated \$500,000 dollars to developing the center.

Link and Chisholm's efforts addressed what was becoming an increasingly great need in the South Bend community and across the nation at the time.

"Up until that point, you rarely saw families becoming homeless, but now it was actually families with children," said Drew Buscareno, who served as director of the Center for the Homeless from July 1999 to December 2003 before becoming vice president of university relations at Notre Dame. "The idea was to develop a national model uniting higher education with local institutions. The concept seems simple, but the implementation was revolutionary."

The center first opened its doors on Dec. 18, 1988, six months ahead of schedule. The shelter was called on to open early after a fire at the Morning Side Hotel, an institution where offices of the Madison Center and Hospital had previously helped the many people with mental disorders or drug and alcohol problems who took shelter there. The entire community worked with the shelter to be able to provide services ahead of schedule.

"We were still painting, there were no bed and no lockers," said Link.

In order to house the people from the Morning Side Hotel, the Center called Notre Dame and the South Bend Community School Corporation to donate beds and lockers to the shel-



A Notre Dame student volunteers at the Center for the Homeless. A Notre Dame volunteer at the shelter every semester.

ter. Link appealed to the community to find clothes and food for the people at the homeless shelter.

"I got on the radio and television and asked for donations, and the response was amazing. It blocked the streets, we filled 16 busses full of food and clothing," said Link.

"It's a big thing for us that people want to help," said Tammy Oehm, senior director of Operations and Special Projects, who joined the center shortly



Photo courtesy of the Center for the Homeless

The Center for the Homeless in downtown South Bend has provided food, shelter, job training, medical care and other services for the past 15 years.

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of the city of South Bend and the University of Notre Dame



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for the Homeless. Around 100 students from

after it was founded. "When the center started there were about five employees, and we could not have run without volunteers."

The service continues

Over the years the Center has developed a wide variety of programs available on-site. Now, the Center is working on programs that will allow it to become more self-sufficient with programs that generate revenue and move

it away from direct monetary donations.

Center for the Homeless landscaping services and painting services offer guests at the Center a chance at job training, while they simultaneously raise money that goes back to fund the shelter. Center for the Homeless Cars does not employ shelter guests, but does generate money for the Center. Every year the Center gets cars donated from people who no longer need an old car or students who do not want to take a car home after they graduate, which they either sell at a very reduced price to a guest in need of a car or sell at auction. Car donors also receive a tax break.

While the Center is working on generating more revenue, it still relies on volunteers to run. While community volunteers usually work at the desk or in adult tutoring, student volunteers mostly work in childcare and youth tutoring programs. ND and SMC students in the tutoring programs are paired with a child at the shelter, and come twice every week to help the student with schoolwork. Around 100 students volunteer with children every semester.

"It's great for relationship building and consistency," said community-based learning coordinator Annie Kelly.

"Students are by far the largest chunk of volunteers," said director of volunteer services Felicia Moodie. "You can definitely tell the difference when there are breaks."

Some students volunteer through the community-based learning sections of First Year Composition, which was first started around eleven years ago. Others get involved through class government or dorm events, and decide to stay and help out after the first event is done.

Pasquerilla East senior Kathryn Lent first volunteered through as part of a dorm event, and has stayed for over two years. Organizes a group of about 10 students who go every Friday around 5 p.m. to take the kids from the shelter out to do something fun for a few hours.

"Not many things in their lives are structured and consistent, so we try to make sure people go week to week," said Lent. "It's great getting to do the things the kids do, you forget what it's like to be a kid."

One of the most unique programs started by faculty volunteers is great books seminar run by Program of Liberal Studies professors Clark Power and Steve Fallon. The professors run a seminar based on the ones offered to PLS students, where adult guests

can read and discuss classic works and earn college credit. They started the program five years ago after reading about a similar program in New York City, and have about 15 students go through the program every semester.

Power and Fallon have found that the students enjoy the chance to discuss great works, and that the class can build a sense of confidence in their students. Far from struggling with the classes, the guests have turned out to be some of their most dedicated students, and their life experiences give them a unique insight into the great works of literature and philosophy.

"We wanted to donate time and energy, and thought we could use what we do as professors," said Power. "Often we look down on the homeless, but some people say that by doing this, we prove that people who are homeless have the same kinds of abilities and insights as anyone else."

The professors have seen some students recover from severe problems during the course. One former student who recently contacted them was formerly addicted to heroin, and is now working on a college degree. Others return to jail or addictions.

"We have no illusions that the small part we're doing can magically turn lives around," said Fallon. "But it has given us a chance to work with people who are making these kinds of life and death decisions for themselves."

"We have visitors come to see the

shelter from all over," said Oehm. "One thing that is difficult to duplicate is the community here, especially at Notre Dame."

Now and then

Whatever people do to help, they have the satisfaction of knowing they can help turn a life around.

Link likes to tell the story of a man who had his life turned around by a student volunteer.

"We had an old guy who used to come into the shelter who was mean when he was drunk, and he was usually drunk," said Link. "He went through detox about 21 times on police orders, but usually fell right back off the ladder."

The man befriended a Notre Dame student who convinced him to go through rehabilitation again, this time voluntarily.

"I don't know if he'd ever had a friend," said Link. "But this time he stayed recovering and moved out of the shelter with a woman he met. His body was torn up and eventually he died, but he died with a job, his own place, a wife and respectability."

"This has grown into a fine institution, and Notre Dame volunteers made it go," said Link. "I'm pleased to have been a part and to have gotten the University involved."

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A volunteer works with the kids in the Montessori classroom, an area for preschoolers at the Center for the Homeless.

NBA

Spurs beat Celtics, snap 3-game losing streak

Associated Press

BOSTON — The NBA champion San Antonio Spurs rediscovered a familiar formula and ended their three-game losing streak.

With a strong defensive effort backed by Rasha Nesterovic's season-high 23 points and 13 rebounds, the Spurs beat the Boston Celtics 109-92 Sunday.

"We combined 48 minutes of good defense with making some shots," Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said. "That certainly makes things easy for us."

Tony Parker scored 20 points — all by halftime — and Tim Duncan added 15 points and seven rebounds for the Spurs.

"Call in the search party, because we've found him tonight," Popovich said, referring to Parker. "Without him, we've got problems. He's very important to us. It was nice to see him be aggressive and make some shots."

Celtics coach Jim O'Brien wasn't nearly as pleased, of course, after his team's fourth loss in a row.

Boston was outrebounded 50-34 and outscored in the paint 54-34.

"Over the last two games, we too easily allowed the ball to get to the rim, and I guess I would say that I will play only the people from here on that will make it a point not to let the basketball get to the rim," O'Brien said. "If I have to overplay people minutes to get the toughness that we need in that phase of the game, then that's

what I'll do."

Paul Pierce scored 19, Mark Blount added 15, and reserve Ricky Davis had 14 for Boston.

"It's really tough when you go out on the court and all five guys aren't on the same page all the time," Pierce said. "We're trying to find our way together as a team that just came together this year."

San Antonio has beaten Boston 12 times in a row and is 18-1 against the Celtics since the 1993-94 season.

The Celtics never got closer than 13 points in the final quarter. The Spurs had their biggest lead of the game at 95-70 on Bruce Bowen's jumper with 5:14 left in the game.

"Our defense was a lot better tonight, better for a longer period of time," Duncan said.

Nuggets 88, Heat 80

Carmelo Anthony scored 31 points on 12-for-17 shooting to lead the Denver Nuggets past the road-weary Miami Heat.

Rodney White scored all 10 of his points in the fourth quarter, helping the Nuggets thwart a Miami comeback that reduced a 14-point deficit to six.

Voshon Lenard added 18 points and Nene 17 for the Nuggets, who avoided their first three-game losing streak of the season.

Lamar Odom had 26 points for Miami, and Eddie Jones and Caron Butler each had 12.

It was the final game of Miami's longest road trip of the season, featuring six games in 10 days.

Odom's three-point play early

in the fourth quarter cut Denver's lead to 68-62, but White then scored eight points during Denver's 14-6 run that pushed the lead to 82-68.

Miami countered with eight straight points, the final six by Jones, to make it 82-76 with 2:55 remaining.

Anthony made a driving layup to pad the lead to eight. After Odom's basket, White hit a jump hook for an 86-78 lead with 1:51 left.

Denver center Marcus Camby played nine minutes in the first quarter but didn't return because of tonsillitis.

Suns 96, Trail Blazers 92

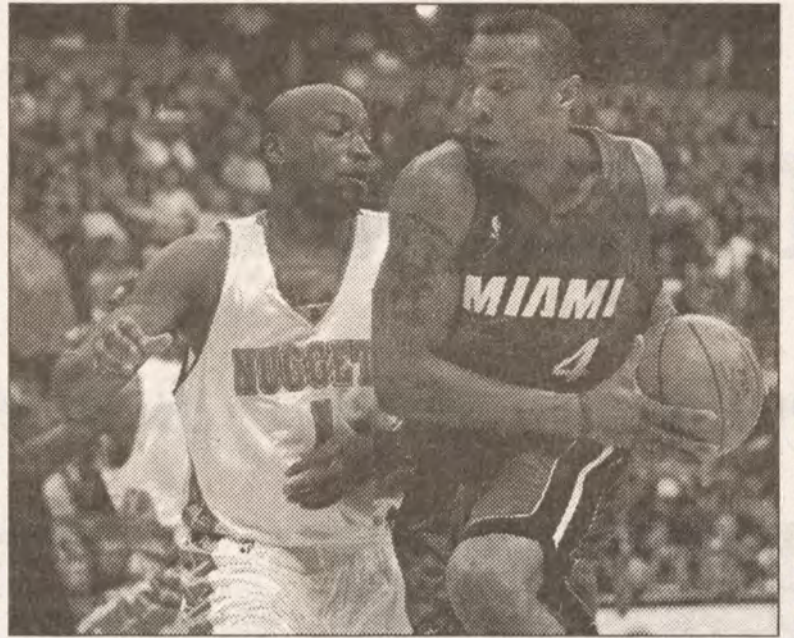
Joe Johnson scored 25 points, including the go-ahead rebound basket with 18.1 seconds to play, and the Phoenix Suns handed the Portland Trail Blazers their fifth loss in a row.

Johnson, averaging 20 points per game since Stephon Marbury and Penny Hardaway were traded to New York, has scored 20, 26 and 25 points in his last three games as the Suns matched their season-long winning streak at three.

The Blazers have lost nine of 10, including two to Phoenix in a five-day span.

Shawn Marion had 22 points and 16 rebounds, and Leandro Barbosa scored 20 for the Suns, who overcame 21 turnovers that resulted in 28 Portland points.

Zach Randolph scored 25 for the Blazers, on their longest losing streak in two seasons. Rasheed Wallace scored 19, but only six in the second half



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Miami's Caron Butler works the ball around Denver's Voshon Lenard in the Nuggets' 88-80 victory Sunday.

and none in the fourth quarter.

Portland led 92-90 after Randolph's three-point play with 2:26 to go, but missed its last eight shots, four of them by Wallace.

Marion's rebound basket tied it at 92-all with 1:19 to play. Marion threw up an airball from 8 feet, but Johnson grabbed it and scored to put Phoenix up 94-92 with 18.1 seconds left. After Wallace missed a 12-footer, Marion sealed it with two free throws with 6.4 seconds to play.

Amare Stoudemire, who scored 16 for Phoenix, left the game with 4:41 to play after reinjuring his left ankle on a

soaring block of Ruben Patterson's fast-break dunk attempt.

Patterson had blocked Stoudemire's stuff try moments earlier. Stoudemire, who missed 18 games with a high ankle sprain before coming back eight days ago, stayed on the bench but did not appear to be seriously hurt.

Wallace sank consecutive 3-pointers to put the Blazers up 45-41 with 4:07 left in the first half, and a 6-0 spurt gave Portland a 51-43 lead 1:41 before the break. Stoudemire's stuff and Marion's 3-pointer cut the lead to 51-48 at the half.

NCAA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

No. 1 Duke uses late run to hold off Virginia

Associated Press

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. — Alana Beard didn't need to dominate the whole game this time. A burst in the second half brought the same result.

Beard overcame a miserable shooting night by scoring eight straight points in a 12-4 run Sunday night, finally giving No. 1 Duke control on its way to its 48th consecutive ACC victory, 63-52 against Virginia.

"Alana Beard is a very special player," Virginia coach Debbie

Ryan said of the All-American, who finished 6-for-18 from the field and 11-for-12 from the foul line. "She's one of the best players ever to play the game. She's a second-half player, too. She's done it so many times."

Last time Beard played at University Hall, she scored 41 points, including two free throws with eight-tenths of a second left, as Duke survived, 60-59. This time, she missed 12 of her first 15 shots.

But she then made three in a row and added two free throws

as the Blue Devils (14-1, 5-0 Atlantic Coast Conference) turned a tie game with about eight minutes remaining into a 53-45 lead with 3:38 left.

"I started taking shots within our offense," Beard said. "In the first half I was rushing a lot of shots."

The Cavaliers (8-8, 2-3) fell to 1-8 in their history against No. 1 and had a three-game winning streak snapped, but were still upbeat.

"We were with them the whole game," Virginia's Anna

Prillaman said. "We just had to hold on and make a run at the end. ... We just didn't get there."

For the Blue Devils, whose last game was a 22-point blowout of No. 13 North Carolina, the final score didn't attest to how tough it had been.

"They caused us a lot of trouble," coach Gail Goestenkors said. "It seemed like every score was a struggle for us."

The Blue Devils registered season-lows in points and shooting percentage (32.8 percent), but had Beard to carry them to

the finish.

She made a layup to give them a 45-41 lead and added two free throws, a drive and a putback in the next 90 seconds, boosting the lead.

After Tiffany Sardin's jumper and two free throws closed the gap to 53-49 for Virginia, Lindsey Harding drove the length of the court for a layup and Beard's two free throws essentially sealed the victory.

Duke hasn't lost in league play since a 69-55 setback at North Carolina State on Feb. 18, 2001.

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SMC SWIMMING

Belles remain winless on season

By DAN TAPETILLO
Sports Writer

A tune-up is all the Saint Mary's swimming team needs.

Conference rivals Olivet and Kalamazoo proved to be a real challenge for the Belles in their three-way meet last Friday. Olivet defeated the Belles 126-95, and Kalamazoo beat Saint Mary's 137-98. The Belles now stand at 0-5 in the MIAA standings.

"Kalamazoo has always been a strong team and a good challenger," Saint Mary's swimming coach Greg Petcoff said. "But it was Olivet that came to this meet ready to compete."

Olivet slightly defeated Kalamazoo 121-118 to finish the meet 2-0.

Despite finishing 0-2 last Friday, Saint Mary's came away from the meet with several notable highlights, as two

swimmers were considered the top performers of the meet. Sophomore Kelly Nelis and senior Megan Ramsey both finished first in two events. Nelis won the 200-yard freestyle in 2:3.34 seconds and the 500-yard freestyle in 5:31. Ramsey won the 100-yard butterfly in 1:10.56 and the 1000-yard freestyle in 10:57.02. Another key performance for Saint Mary's was Sarah Nowak's 200-meter individual medley in a time of 2:23, the fifth fastest time in Saint Mary's history.

"[Nowak] was neck and neck with the girl who finished first the last 50 yards, and [Nowak] has only been training for three weeks," said Petcoff.

Freshman Bridget Lebiecz finished fourth in the 200-yard freestyle in 2:05.32 and sixth in the 100-yard butterfly. Senior Julie McGranahan finished fifth in the 100-yard but-

terfly in 1:04.44. Junior Ashley Dyer finished fifth in the 100-yard backstroke in a time of 1:13.88 and had a season best swim in the 50-yard freestyle as well.

"The real battle for the girls was bringing it home," Petcoff said. "A small adjustment to their workouts will help us to come back and overtake [Olivet and Kalamazoo] at the conference meet."

In preparation for the Belles' next meet against Alma (0-5 in the MIAA) Saturday, the Belles will be bringing back some of the more intense and longer sets training. The team plans to train for multiple races and not emphasize just one event for each swimmer. After the adjustment, Saint Mary's hopes for season-best times at the MIAA Championships next month.

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ND SWIMMING AND DIVING

Irish build momentum with strong weekend

By MATT PUGLISI
Sports Writer

The men's swimming and diving team continues to pick up momentum as the Irish (5-6) fell to No. 17 Pittsburgh, 228-123, but picked up a couple of victories against Maryland and Villanova, 201-140 and 282-51, respectively, this weekend in Pittsburgh.

"We tried to use our depth to our advantage, since that's probably our biggest strength," freshman Tim Kegelman said.

Highlighted by the 400-meter individual medley, where Notre Dame swimmers junior David Moison, sophomore Jaime Lutkus and freshman Ted Brown, respectively, swept the event's top three spots, the Irish jumped out to comfortable leads against both the Terrapins and Wildcats.

A day after finishing first in the 100-meter butterfly, Kegelman helped seal the victories for the Irish with an event victory in the 200-meter butterfly Saturday. Brown finished off a strong meet with a victory in the 500-meter freestyle, and Lutkus turned in a trio of top-three finishes.

The 282 points and 231-point margin of victory against the Wildcats both set school records for the Irish, eclipsing previous marks set in a 234-66 throttling of Boston College in 1996.

After stumbling out of the gates to a 1-5 start, the Irish have posted four victories in their first five 2004 dual meets, losing only to the nationally-ranked, Big East powerhouse Panthers, winners of seven consecutive Big East titles.

"Overall, the team has just been improving a lot," Kegelman said. "We lost a lot of close meets at the beginning of the year, but we're starting to touch

people out when we need to — that wasn't happening at that beginning of the season."

The Irish jump back in the pool Saturday when they travel to Northwestern to challenge the No. 15 Wildcats.

Behind four event victories by senior Marie Labosky, including three of Notre Dame's six on the meet's final day, the Irish women's swimming and diving team (5-1) toppled Illinois, 197-173, at the Michigan Invitational over the weekend.

"The second and third sessions we needed to step up," freshman Katie Carroll said. "We just needed to work more as a team and score not only first and second place points, but third and fourth, as well. Those points all add up."

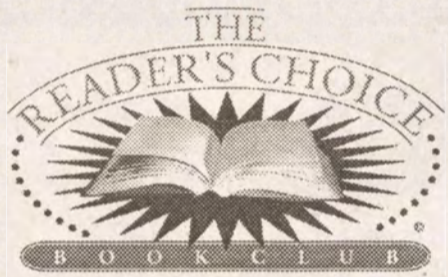
After winning the 200-meter individual medley on Friday, Labosky was even better on Saturday, taking the 400-meter individual medley and 200-meter backstroke in addition to teaming with freshman Ann Barton, Carroll and Ellen Johnson on the victorious 800-meter freestyle relay team.

"Over the meet, I think we got progressively more into it," Johnson said.

While the victory extends the Irish's dual meet win streak to four, another impressive streak came to an end on Friday as senior Meghan Perry Eaton failed to win the 1-meter board for the first time this season.

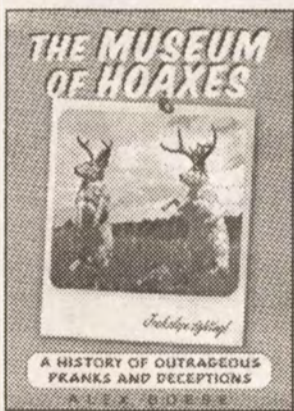
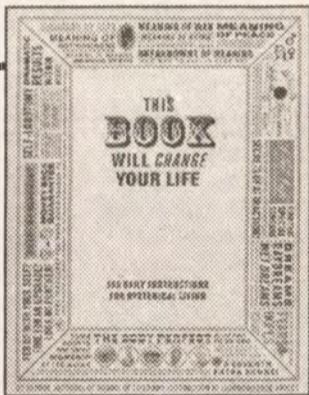
However, Perry Eaton quickly rebounded from the setback with a school-record 335.85 to win the 3-meter board. In addition, Carroll won the 100-meter freestyle, and senior Lisa Garcia took the 200-meter butterfly to round out Saturday's individual event victories for the Irish.

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MEN'S TENNIS

Scott secures Irish victory in comeback

By KATE GALES
Sports Writer

Matthew Scott's recently healed stress fracture in his right foot didn't hold him back Saturday, but instead the senior tri-captain's straight-set victory helped start men's tennis on the right foot with a win over No. 51 Indiana.

Scott's 6-3, 6-4 victory over Indiana's Ryan Recht at No. 2 singles led the 49th-ranked Irish to a 6-1 victory. Due to injury, it was the first time he had played a complete single's set since October. Scott is ranked 68th in the nation.

"The biggest thing in preparation for us was adjusting to the factor of the courts," Scott said of Indiana's fast playing surfaces. "We practiced Wednesday and Thursday at the South Bend Racquet Club to prepare, which was a key factor for us."

At No. 1 singles, senior tri-captain Luis Haddock lost 6-7 (1-7), 6-4, 6-2 to Indiana's Jakub Praibis, ranked 70th last preseason before an injury caused him to miss much of the fall. Despite Haddock's one-set lead, Praibis rallied to score Indiana's only points.

Brent D'Amico defeated Indiana's Neil Kenner 6-2, 4-6, 7-6 (7-3) at third singles, while fourth-spot Stephen Bass clinched the Irish singles victory by defeating Ryan McCarthy 3-6, 6-2, 7-5.

At No. 5 singles, Barry King defeated Dmytro Ishtuganov 3-6, 6-3, 6-1 and Eric Langen-

kamp rounded out the top six with a win over John Stone 7-6 (7-5), 4-6, 6-2.

Notre Dame also took the doubles match, despite Indiana winning the No. 3 doubles spot early with Bass and Paul Hisaka losing to Ishtuganov and Kenner 8-4. The 18th-ranked duo of Haddock and Ryan Keckley clinched the point against Indiana's Recht and Stone 8-5 at No. 1, while at No. 2 doubles, D'Amico and Scott defeated McCarthy and Praibis 8-5.

"As a team, we're going to focus on doubles, which are the key to winning matches," Scott said. "[Additionally], each of us has to build on the victory against Indiana and do individual things we need to work on — to come together as a team and get another win."

Starting the season with a road win is important for the Irish as they enter the dual-match spring season.

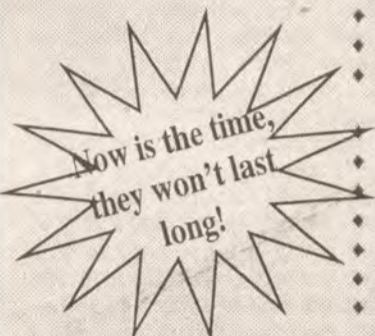
"It's great to get the 'W' to start off the season, but we have a lot to work on," Scott said. "We'll build on this and look forward to Texas A&M on Friday [at home]."

"We've got a lot of potential: a deep lineup, strong freshman class, a lot of pride," Scott said. "The guys are really hungry to prove that we're a top-20 caliber team, and we're just out to prove that one match at a time — to do our best and have fun."

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MEN'S SOCCER

Richards, Detter selected in MLS draft

Special to The Observer

The team motto of "Making History" continues for the 2003 Notre Dame men's soccer squad.


After achieving a top-five national ranking, winning the Big East Championship and establishing itself as one of the top programs in the nation, two members of Notre Dame's senior class were selected during the MLS SuperDraft in Charlotte, N.C., last Friday.

Kevin Richards became the first Notre Dame player to be selected in the MLS draft, getting the call at the fifth pick in round four (35th overall). Justin Detter followed one round later as the

seventh pick in the fifth (47th overall) to the Kansas City Wizards.

Richards was a third team all-Big East selection in 2003 after starting all 23 contests and playing close to every minute of each game. He finished with one goal and three assists in 2003 and two goals and 11 assists in his career.

Detter played in 80 games during his career and finished with 74 career points and eight game-winning goals. The 2003 Big East Championship Most Outstanding Offensive Player, he earned first-team all-conference honors and led the team with 14 goals and 33 points last year.



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NHL

Eastern Conference, Atlantic Division

team	record	pts.	last 10
Philadelphia	22-10-10-5	59	4-4-1-1
New Jersey	22-11-10-1	55	3-5-2-0
NY Islanders	21-19-4-1	47	4-4-2-0
NY Rangers	18-16-7-4	47	4-3-2-1
Pittsburgh	11-28-5-3	30	2-6-0-0

Eastern Conference, Northeast Division

team	record	pts.	last 10
Toronto	24-12-8-3	59	3-5-2-0
Ottawa	24-11-7-3	58	7-1-2-0
Montreal	23-16-6-2	54	7-1-2-0
Boston	20-12-10-4	54	7-2-1-0
Buffalo	13-23-5-1	42	4-4-2-0

Eastern Conference, Southeast Division

team	record	pts.	last 10
Tampa Bay	21-16-6-1	49	6-3-1-0
Atlanta	20-21-4-2	46	1-7-1-1
Florida	15-19-10-2	42	4-3-3-0
Carolina	15-20-9-2	41	3-6-1-0
Washington	14-26-5-2	35	3-4-2-1

Western Conference, Central Division

team	record	pts.	last 10
Detroit	27-13-5-2	61	5-2-2-1
St. Louis	24-13-6-1	55	3-6-2-0
Nashville	22-16-6-2	52	6-2-2-0
Columbus	12-24-7-3	34	3-4-3-0
Chicago	11-24-7-5	34	2-6-0-2

Western Conference, Northwest Division

team	record	pts.	last 10
Colorado	25-11-7-2	59	8-1-0-1
Vancouver	25-13-7-2	59	5-4-1-0
Calgary	22-15-4-3	51	3-6-2-0
Minnesota	16-17-14-0	46	2-3-5-0
Edmonton	18-20-8-1	45	5-3-1-1

Western Conference, Pacific Division

team	record	pts.	last 10
San Jose	28-11-11-4	55	7-2-0-1
Los Angeles	17-14-10-5	49	1-2-5-2
Dallas	20-19-8-0	48	3-3-4-0
Phoenix	16-14-13-2	47	5-2-2-1
Anaheim	14-20-7-5	40	2-5-3-0

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Pittsburgh	4-0	18-0	5-0	24
Syracuse	3-0	13-1	5-0	27
Connecticut	2-0	14-2	4-1	16
Providence	2-1	10-3	3-2	19
Miami	2-1	12-5	3-2	151
Villanova	2-1	10-5	2-3	79
Boston College	2-2	12-4	3-2	11
NOTRE DAME	2-2	8-5	3-2	110
Seton Hall	1-2	11-4	3-2	20
Virginia Tech	1-2	8-6	2-3	140
Georgetown	1-3	10-3	2-3	90
Rutgers	1-3	9-5	2-3	26
West Virginia	1-3	8-6	2-3	59
St. John's	0-4	4-10	1-4	107

NFL



New England linebacker Willie McGinest sacks Indianapolis quarterback Peyton Manning during the fourth quarter of Sunday's AFC Championship game. The Patriots won 24-14 and advance to the Super Bowl.

Patriots, Panthers Super Bowl bound

Patriot defense stifles Manning

Associated Press

FOXBORO, Mass. — The New England Patriots didn't need snow to ruin Peyton Manning's perfect postseason. Their defense did it all.

Ty Law had three interceptions, Rodney Harrison added another and forced a fumble, and the Patriots beat the Colts 24-14 to advance to their second Super Bowl in three seasons. Jarvis Green had three of the team's four sacks as the constant pressure made the NFL's co-MVP look very average.

Manning had thrown eight touchdowns and no interceptions, and the Colts had scored 79 points in wins over Denver and Kansas City.

But Indianapolis could never get going on Sunday. Things were so bad that when the Colts finally had to punt for the first time in the playoffs, the snap went over the punter's head and resulted in a safety.

"They did a good job defending us but we did things we haven't done. We turned the ball over, we snapped a poor snap on the punt," Colts coach Tony Dungy said. "We made some miscues and New England is a good enough team to take advantage of that."

Tom Brady, meanwhile, was almost as good in the cold weather as Manning

had been in his first two games: He finished 22-of-36 for 227 yards and a 7-yard TD pass to David Givens on the first drive of the game. He did, however, throw his first interception in 10 home games early in the fourth quarter.

But it didn't bother the Patriots, who have won big games before in foul weather. They are now 16-2 and have won 14 straight games.

With the victory, coach Bill Belichick is 5-0 in the postseason with the Patriots, who won the NFL championship two years ago by beating St. Louis.

The Pats took the opening kickoff right down the field for a touchdown on the pass from Brady to Givens. It was 15-0 at the half on two of Adam Vinatieri's five field goals plus the safety on the botched punt.

The Colts (14-5) cut it 15-7 on Edgerrin James' 2-yard TD run at the start of the third quarter. But Brady led New England to two more short field goals and the defense took it from there. Indianapolis scored with 2:27 left on a 7-yard TD pass to Marcus Pollard, making it 21-14.

But Christian Fauria recovered the ensuing onside kick for the Patriots. The Colts got the ball back on downs, but the Patriots defense held them.

Vinatieri ended up kicking his fifth field goal from 34 yards with 50 seconds left.

Panthers again win on the road

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Sorry, Eagles. Not this time, either. The surprising Carolina Panthers are Super Bowl-bound instead.

The Panthers once again showed no fear on the road, shocking Philadelphia 14-3 and handing the Eagles their third straight NFC championship game defeat.

Rookie Ricky Manning Jr., a hero last week with an interception to set up the winning touchdown at St. Louis, picked off three passes against an ailing Donovan McNabb.

Eight days after ending the Rams' 14-game home winning streak in double overtime, the Panthers marched into The Linc and grabbed their first conference crown. They'd gotten this far in 1996, their second season, but lost to Green Bay. This time, they extended the angst-filled wait for a championship in Philadelphia and will head to Houston to meet the New England Patriots on Feb. 1.

For Philadelphia, it is now 20 full seasons without any kind of pro sports championship. The Eagles' last NFL title was in 1960, and they are the first team to host consecutive conference championships and lose both since game sites originally were determined by record in 1975.

Just two seasons back, the Panthers were the NFL's worst team with a 1-15 record. John Fox was hired as coach and engineered one of the most impressive turnarounds in league history. They beat Dallas handily at home in the wild-card round, then won the thriller at the Rams.

Fox's opportunistic defense made the difference Sunday, led by a fierce pass rush and third-round draft pick Manning, who tied an NFC championship game record with his three pickoffs. The Panthers hurt McNabb's ribs in the second quarter, then destroyed Philadelphia's chance for its first Super Bowl trip since 1981 with a powerful display in the third period.

By the final quarter, McNabb was out of the game and the Eagles were out of options.

Manning's third interception — off a deflection when receiver James Thrash was hit hard by Mike Minter — and his 17-yard return was critical. So was the inability of the Eagles' secondary to make the same kind of plays.

Lito Sheppard's 14-yard interference penalty against Steve Smith put Carolina at the 1. DeShaun Foster then powered through four tacklers for a 14-3 lead with 4:11 left in the third quarter.

In the first half, despite double coverage, Muhsin Muhammad made a 24-yard touchdown catch for a 7-0 lead.

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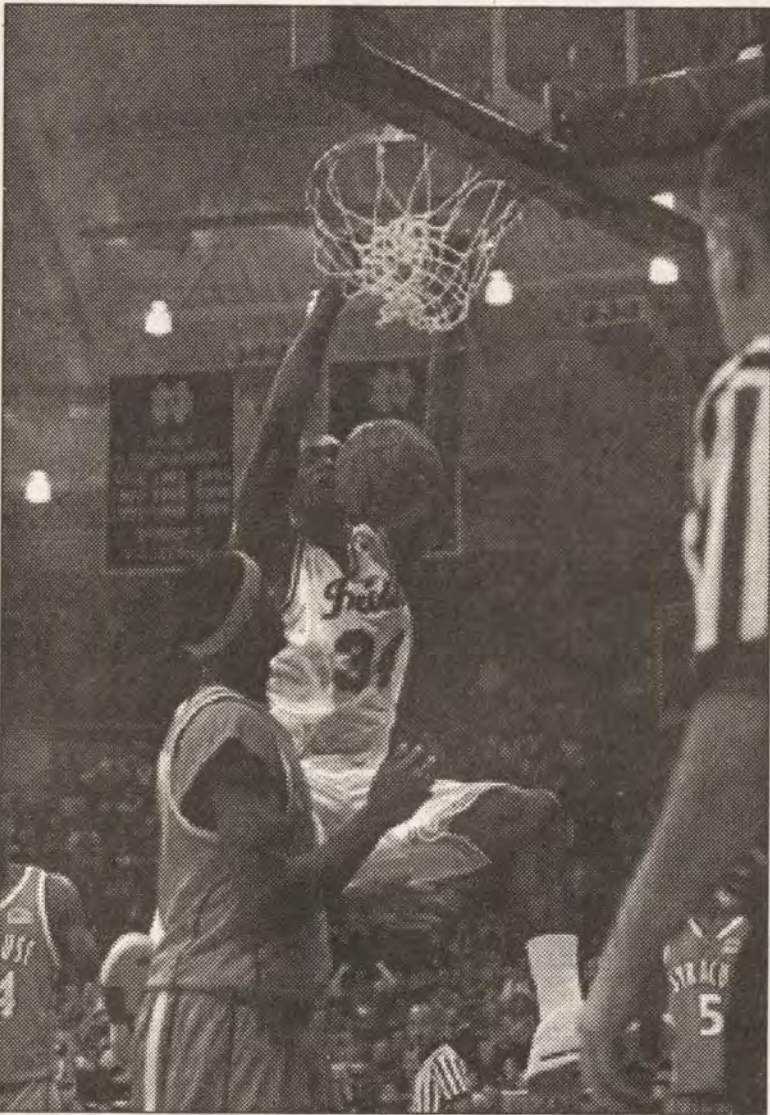
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Irish forward Torin Francis dunks over a Syracuse defender Saturday. Francis led all Irish players with 17 points.

Answers

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nation's elite.

And yes, the Irish are in big trouble.

Not only did Saturday's 81-70 loss mark the worst home loss of the Mike Brey era, it started to turn the heat up on Notre Dame's NCAA Tournament future. Because the way the Irish have looked against many of the top teams on their schedule thus far, one is mad to think they should be playing in March.

The issues are staggering. In a benign Joyce Center so quiet that pins can be heard dropping on the catwalk, the Irish have struggled to harness the crowd's energy on the rare instances when it does rise to its feet. For the second game in a row, the Irish gave up more than 40 points in the paint, prompting Timmermans to say the Irish lack toughness.

Most striking of all, Brey said after the game he's trying to figure out how this team fits together. "We're still messing around with minutes and roles," the Irish coach said after Notre Dame's 13th game of the season. Yikes.

Early-season losses to Indiana and Central Michigan could be chalked up to an inexperienced team trying to find its identity. But as Notre Dame enters a murderous Big East schedule, the Irish appear no closer to finding

their identity than they are to finding Atlantis.

Now, Brey faces arguably his toughest challenge of his Notre Dame coaching career in trying to prepare this team for another run at the NCAA Tournament.

He must discover how to help his team's offense run effectively through Thomas, a point guard who in big games increasingly crosses the fine line between creativity and chaos. Such mistakes could once be attributed to youthful exuberance, but are now simply mistakes. Loath to putting handcuffs on his best player because Notre Dame needs his improvisation, does Brey finally need to rein in his star guard?

He must figure a way to force the Irish to play tougher and meaner in a league renowned for its physical play. The Irish responded well when Timmermans was called for a technical foul after the giant Dutchman got involved in a shoving match trying to protect other Notre Dame players. Will a healthy Timmermans see more playing time?

Brey must convince his charges that their success comes from playing within their abilities. Torrian Jones struggled early in the season when he launched jumper after jumper. But a heart-to-heart talk with the head coach convinced the senior to return to his slashing style of play. Will Brey have similar talks with similar players with similar

problems?

Lastly, Brey has to mold the wounded psyche of a team that "feels like we're 0-4" in the league, the coach said. In September, Brey gathered his team and stressed the importance of resilience. But resilience is different from playing hard (which Thomas said the Irish didn't do), from playing with pride (which Jones said the Irish didn't do) and from playing tough (which Timmermans said the Irish didn't do). Is it really that easy to take them one game at a time when the Irish are in danger of not playing in the most important ones at the end of the season?

"We just kind of gave up on ourselves," Jones said. "I know that this team is stronger than that."

Notre Dame's season is far from over. But each loss to a tough team means that the margin for error grows increasingly smaller.

And if the errors continue to pile up, the hollow sound the final horn caused Saturday won't seem so bad compared to the hollow feeling the Irish will feel if they learn on Selection Sunday they're playing in a postseason tournament with three letters instead of four.

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Defeat

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Timmermans camped at the free throw line and broke down Syracuse's 2-3 zone with a number of no-look passes.

Timmermans was able to record career highs in points (16), assists (four) and minutes (32) and tied his career high in rebounds (eight). Despite filling out the stat sheet, the senior co-captain would give it all away in a heartbeat.

"Zero points and a win, I would

enjoy that a lot more," Timmermans said. "I don't care about my points. The opportunity was there this game for me to knock down some jumpers and do some stuff, but I want to win."

Syracuse took advantage of Notre Dame's inconsistent defense, hitting 56.5 percent of

its shots compared to Notre Dame's 41.7 percent. Forward Hakim Warrick's game-high 19 points included a number of highlight reel dunks. Guard Billy Edelin finished with 17 points with 15 coming in the second half.

The Irish put four players in double figures but received zero points from their bench. Thomas finished with 13 points on 5-of-18 shooting and only had three assists compared to four turnovers.

Forward Torin Francis led the Irish with 17 points and 10 rebounds, his sixth double-double on the season.

The Irish came out hot, hitting their first three shots to build an 8-2 lead. Syracuse tied it at 10 before a 5-0 run put the Irish up 15-10.

But that's when one of Warrick's dunks turned the whole game around, sparking a 13-0 run, which put Syracuse ahead 23-15, and the Orangemen never trailed again. The Irish were able to get as close as one five minutes into the second half.

For the second time this year, the Irish find themselves in a hole. After losing three straight to start December, they responded with six consecutive victories. Combine that stretch with two tough losses last week, and the Irish have no margin for error.

"The one thing I talked to them about is that this group has been kicked around a little bit already. It's not like a first experience," Brey said.

"Resiliency is a word I used with them back at the first team meeting around Labor Day, because I was looking at our schedule, and I knew we had a heck of a schedule and we would have to bounce back."

This time, there is no American, Quinnipiac or Morehead State on the schedule. Half of their next 10 games are against ranked teams, against which the Irish, as Timmermans pointed out after the game, are 0-3.

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Irish guard


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
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Loss

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hit a three to make it 41-33, West Virginia. A Teresa Borton layup cut the lead to six with 11:53 to play, but a pair of Mountaineer jumpers put the lead back into double digits.

"In the locker room everybody just said, 'Guys this is exactly what happened last year.'" West Virginia senior Michelle Carter told msnsportsnet.com. "We came out and laid down for them and they beat us. We just said we're not going to let that happen to us this time."

The Irish cut the lead to eight

again with 5:24 remaining, but a West Virginia putback boosted the lead into double digits again. Notre Dame got it to single digits on more time at 3:32, but West Virginia answered with a layup to give them a double digit lead for good.

Notre Dame outrebounded West Virginia 33-32, and the Mountaineers took 16 more shots than the Irish, negating the good shooting of Notre Dame (22-for-44). West Virginia was automatic at the foul line, hitting 17-of-18 attempts, compared to the Irish who only made 3-of-12 from the stripe. The Mountaineers only turned the ball over nine times on the game.

Kate Bulger led three

Mountaineers in double digits with 20 points, while Yolanda Paige had 14 points and six assists. Janell Dunlap added 10 points.

Meanwhile, Courtney LaVere was the only other Irish player in double digits, with 10 points on 4-

of-8 shooting.

It was the first win in 12 games for the Mountaineers against the Irish, Notre Dame's seventh road loss. This year, the Irish are 2-7 away from the Joyce Center.

"This is a great win, but like I told our girls after the game,

"This is a great win, enjoy it tonight, we're off tomorrow and it is back to business on Monday," West Virginia coach Mike Carey told msnsportsnet.com.

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Bible

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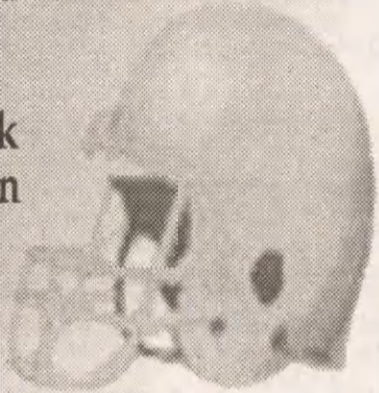
Carlyle Holiday, linebackers Mike Goolsby and Derek Curry, defensive end Kyle Budinscak,

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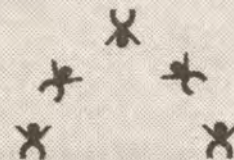


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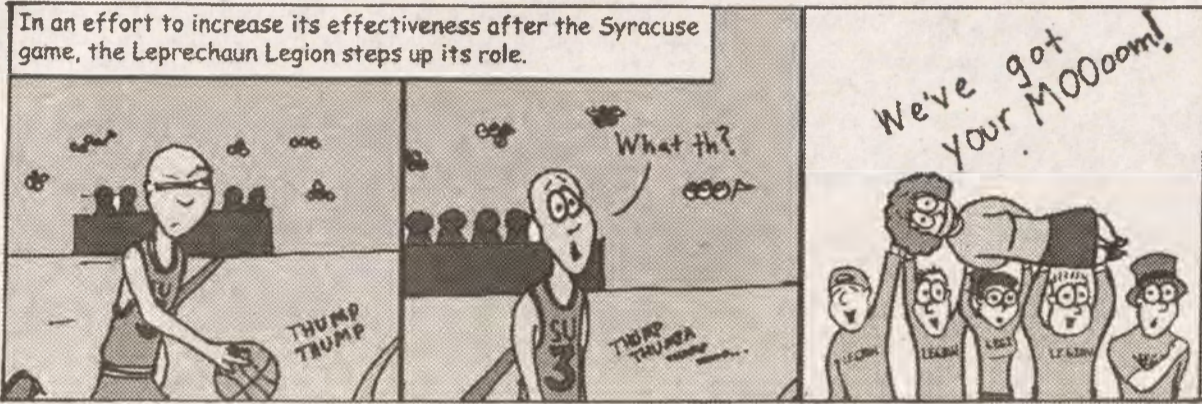
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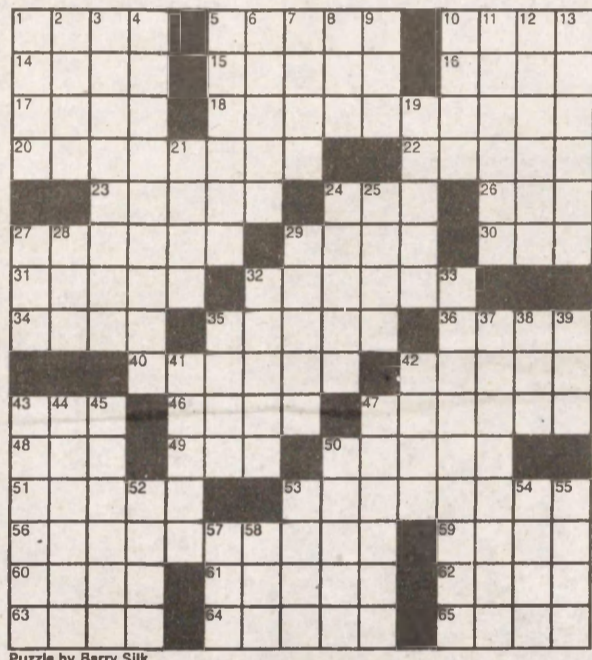
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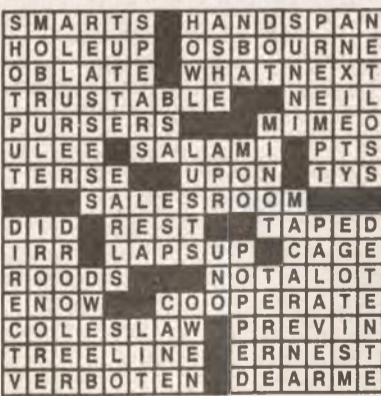
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CANCER (June 21-July 22): Don't hesitate to put in a few extra hours at work. However, be prepared to try to satisfy the ones you love as well as your boss. **

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You may be a little confused regarding your personal life. It's time to reevaluate your motives and your emotional commitment. ****

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You should be looking over some of your personal papers. You will be prone to take a financial risk or think that you have more money in the bank than you do. ***

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You had better be careful when dealing with others. You could easily offend someone unintentionally. Be sensitive to the needs of those around you and you won't have a problem. ***

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): It may not be a regular workday for you but that is no reason to sit idle. Put your energy into finding new ways to make a little extra cash. ***

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You should be on the move today. The more ground you cover the better. Travel for business or pleasure will lead to new connections. *****

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Personal problems may emerge if you overreact to situations going on with loved ones. It may be time to check your own motives. **

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You should plan to do things with friends today. Your entertaining personality will bring you popularity. ****

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): It is best to fend for yourself. You should avoid overspending or taking financial risks. ***

Birthday Baby: You will have a way with words that adds to your charm and your personality. You have strong ideas, and will stand up for your beliefs. You always take the road less traveled in order to create an intellectual challenge.

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FOOTBALL

Starting safety decides not to apply for fifth year

By JOE HETTLER
Sports Editor

When it came down to applying for a fifth-year of eligibility, Garron Bible didn't have to make a decision — his two ailing shoulders did that for him.

The senior defensive back, who has one-year of eligibility remaining, will not apply for the opportunity to play a fifth year for the Irish in 2004.

"It came down to personal reasons and injuries," Bible said.

Bible said he plans to undergo recon-

structive surgery to repair both his rotator cuffs but may still exercise his final year of eligibility at another school.

"I haven't ruled anything out yet," said Bible, who plans to graduate in May with a double major in Political Science and Computer Applications. "First thing I'm going to do is get my surgery done."

"It came down to personal reasons and injuries."

Garron Bible
Irish defensive back

Bible started the 2003 season as the starting strong safety before losing his starting job when Glenn Earl moved from free safety to strong safety. He did not start again until the Boston College game, after Earl went down with a season-ending injury.

Bible recorded 33 tackles, including two for a loss. He had 32 tackles as a reserve back his junior season.

Bible said he enjoyed most of his time at Notre Dame, especially those moments with his teammates.

"The biggest positive is the experiences from my teammates on and off the field," he said. "I learned a lot in my four years here, and most of it as been good."

Bible joins wide receiver Ronnie Rodamer as the two players that have elected not to apply for a fifth year. Notre Dame players that have applied for their fifth year include quarterback

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Out of their league

Defending national champion Syracuse proves too much for Irish in 81-70 victory

By MATT LOZAR
Associate Sports Editor

Ten months removed from advancing to the Sweet 16, the Irish found out Saturday night that they are a long way from getting back to anywhere near that level.

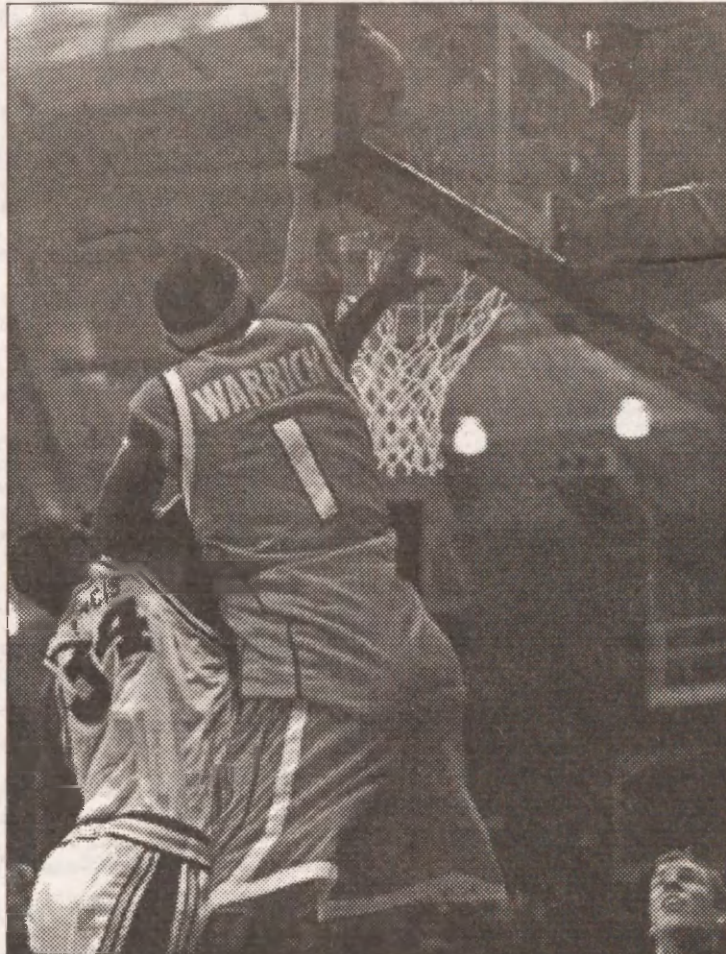
A disappointing 81-70 loss at the hands of defending national champion Syracuse showed the Irish what it takes to be considered in the class of the Big East in 2004.

"I think they are that much better than us right now. I think they really are. ... They are a measuring stick program in the Big East, obviously, and if you aspire to be in their territory, there they are," Notre Dame coach Mike Brey said.

"We are not in their territory, not this particular team right now. They are really, really good, and we aren't in that ballpark, and we may never be in that ballpark this season, but there are some things we can do better."

For the second straight game, an opponent dominated Notre Dame (8-5, 2-2 in the Big East) in the paint as the Orangemen outscored the Irish 46-26 from inside the lane. Every time there was a loose ball, Syracuse (13-1, 3-0) seemed to get on the floor and grab it or be one step ahead of the Irish.

The loss was Notre Dame's fifth straight to Syracuse and 10th loss in the past 11 games against the Orangemen. It was also the worst home loss in the



TIM KACMAR/The Observer
Syracuse forward Hakim Warrick dunks over Irish forward Torin Francis in Notre Dame's 81-70 loss to No. 17 Syracuse

Mike Brey era.

"They kill us every time they want to," Notre Dame guard Chris Thomas said. "I don't know if we are scared of them. They are 10 times the team we are right now."

What got lost in Notre

Dame's third home defeat in its last four Big East home games was a career night from center Tom Timmermans. With his back finally feeling healthy enough to play major minutes,

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Brey must help Irish find answers to early struggles

The final horn echoed — yes, echoed — in a half-empty Joyce Center Saturday, but the Irish had long ago given up.

A couple of seconds after

Hakim Warrick threw down the final of his four slam dunks, Irish coach Mike Brey signaled for a timeout, a gesture as meaningless as it was useless.

Warrick's dunk had given the defending national champions an 18-point lead, and although 3:51 remained in the game, an Irish team unable to contain a Syracuse run had wilted. Trudging back to the bench with a defeated gaze in his eyes, Irish point guard Chris Thomas looked at his teammates and saw absolutely nothing.

"They are getting dunks and easy lay-ups, and we are walking up and down the court looking at Coach, looking at each other," Thomas said.

"There's no expression on our faces.

"We are just getting killed."

Yes, Syracuse is really that much better than Notre Dame. Yes, Syracuse is a measuring stick that schools often use to compare themselves to the



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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Irish suffer letdown in loss to West Virginia

By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN
Sports Writer

After defeating two top-25 opponents in four days, Notre Dame was unable to sustain that momentum against West Virginia Saturday, losing 64-51.

Notre Dame was led once again by Jacqueline Batteast, who registered her third consecutive double-double with 22 points and 10 rebounds on 10-of-14 shooting.

Batteast has been dominating in Big East play this season (four games), averaging 19.3 points on 63.5 percent shooting and 10 rebounds. Her performance Saturday, however, was not enough to catapult her team to victory.

After jumping out to a 10-4 lead after about seven minutes, the Irish fell apart. West Virginia (11-5, 3-2 Big East) went on a 24-0 run in the next eight minutes, putting them ahead 28-10.

Notre Dame (9-7, 2-2 Big East) committed 17 turnovers in the first half alone, and took 18 fewer shots than the Mountaineers in the first half. This poor performance allowed West Virginia to build a 36-17 halftime lead, as they scored 17 of their 36 points off Irish turnovers.

However, last year in Morgantown, the Mountaineers built a 13-point halftime lead, only to lose to the Irish 66-59. For a while it seemed as though history might repeat itself, as the Irish started the half with a 6-0 run. Jeneka Joyce proceeded to

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SPORTS AT A GLANCE

MEN'S TENNIS

**Notre Dame 6,
Indiana 1**

Matthew Scott leads the Irish to a win over their in-state rival.

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SWIMMING & DIVING

The men win two of three meets over the weekend while the women beat Illinois.

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SMC SWIMMING

The Belles finish third in their weekend meet and remain winless in the MIAA.

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NBA

The Spurs easily defeat the slumping Celtics in Boston.

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WOMEN'S HOOPS

No. 1 Duke comes away with a convincing 63-52 win over ACC rival Virginia.

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NFL

The Patriots and Panthers advance to Super Bowl.

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