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IRAQ: ONE YEAR LATER

War media coverage shapes views



BlackStar Photos

Embedded reporters travel with members of the Army in Iraq in March 2003. Journalists travelling with the military have provided "real time" coverage, but have also been the source of controversy due to a perceived bias in their coverage.

Editor's note: This is the second in a five-part series examining issues in the Iraq War.

By ANDREW THAGARD
Associate News Editor

Reflections on the news media's coverage of the Iraq War likely conjures up memories of

last March's "shock and awe" bombing campaign over Baghdad, toppling statues of deposed Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein and embedded journalists like Fox News' Geraldo Rivera.

Looking back on it, the media's overall coverage of the conflict in Iraq has been effective in keeping the public informed, according to

Notre Dame professors. It also introduced several "firsts" in terms of how news is presented, they said.

A marketplace of ideas

"If you put it all together ... you'd probably say the media is working as it's supposed to — as a marketplace of ideas," said Gary Sieber, an adjunct instructor of broadcast journalism for the

Department of Film, Television and Theater and a staff member of the South Bend NBC affiliate WNDU. "There are a lot of different sources out there."

Indeed, media coverage of the Iraq War was marked not only by the presence of additional sources of news, but also by

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Hehir wins Laetare Medal

By KATE GALES
News Writer

The University of Notre Dame's Laetare Medal was awarded to Father J. Bryan Hehir, president and treasurer of Catholic Charities for the



Father J. Bryan Hehir

Archdiocese of Boston on Sunday.

"Father Hehir has been exemplary in ministry, scholarship and administration alike," said University President Father Edward Malloy in a press release. "In honoring him and his service, we wish to refresh our vision of and renew our commitment to a just and compassionate society rooted in the dignity of all people."

"Father Hehir is a great example of service and dedication to the church and the people of God, especially the poor and people in need," said Father Peter Jarret, counselor to the president.

The Laetare Medal is the oldest and most prestigious award given to American Catholics. It was established in 1883, with notable past recipients including President John F. Kennedy, novelist Walker Percy and Catholic Worker founder Dorothy Day.

"We just thought it was time [Hehir] was recognized for his incredible dedication and work," Jarret said on behalf of the selection committee.

Hehir was ordained in 1966 and was appointed to his current post of president and treasurer of Catholic Charities last January. Prior

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Health care billing changes affect students

By LAURA VILIM
News Writer

The University Health Center Pharmacy recently announced that Notre Dame students who fill their prescriptions at Osco Pharmacy will no longer be able to bill the cost of their medication to their student

account, but will now have to bill their insurance company directly.

The change in policy, which will go into effect May 1, results from the campus pharmacy's decision to close its unique account with Osco that previously allowed students to fill prescriptions at the drug store and bill their student accounts

in cases of emergency.

Because the Osco pharmacist would contact a UHC pharmacist who would then bill the student's account, this policy made it easier for students to pick up prescriptions quickly without having to present their insurance cards or pay out of pocket co-pays.

However, this easier way to

fill prescriptions began to be used more often than on the emergency basis for which it was intended. According to Notre Dame pharmacist Betsy Creary, the account created extra work for Notre Dame's own pharmacists, who had to act as the middlemen between

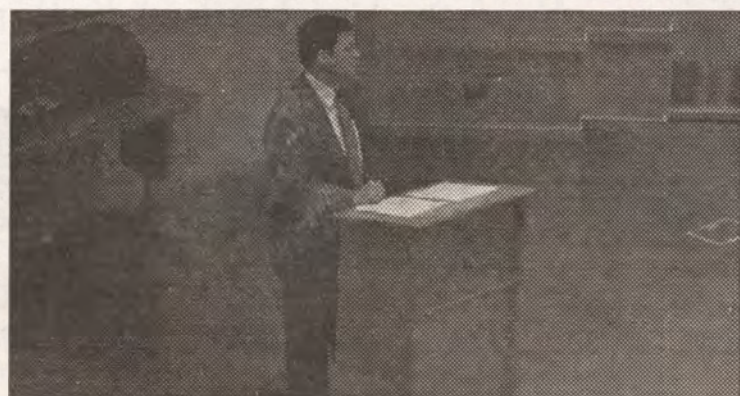
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Club hosts pro-life talks

By MATT BRAMANTI
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Members of the Notre Dame Right to Life Club hosted a pro-life conference on campus last weekend, drawing scores of students from Notre Dame and other universities.

Club president Janel Daufenbach said about 70 students attended the weekend's events, which centered around a number of pro-life speakers, who discussed topics ranging from the



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Mark Harrington, founder of the Center for Bio-Ethical Reform, spoke in DeBartolo Saturday morning.

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COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES

Members discuss constitutional revisions

By KATIE LAIRD
News Writer

Members of the Council of Representatives met Monday to discuss new revisions to the Student Union Constitution that will be voted on next week.

Possible changes range from the opening of new positions

and the setting of a universal meeting procedure in student government that will follow certain guidelines outlined in Robert's Rules.

A rough draft of the constitution was passed out, and COR members discussed the effectiveness of the new changes.

One issue that was discussed

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INSIDE COLUMN

Queen Week fun

Imagine 60 girls shoveling huge bowls of ice cream down their throats as fast as possible — all in preparation for their formal at the end of the week.

Imagine the mounting tension as balls are thrown, and the once-friendly section rivalries escalate into an intense game of dodgeball.

Annie Brusky

Sports Writer

Ah, yes, I think I'm finally getting a sense of what it's like to live in Zahm Hall.

For the next week, or so I'm told, schoolwork is to be pushed aside in Pasquerilla West and section activities take top priority.

With the movie *Jaws* as my section's theme, we stress over SYR dates as we try to figure out how to make limbs hang from the ceiling and whose blood to splatter on the dangling swimsuits.

It's a perfect mix.

Such is the nature of PW's Queen Week, a tough-as-nails competition (well, not really), combined with enough laughs to keep me going through Easter break.

If you're lucky enough, you might just get to see throngs of girls sunbathing in front of the Rock, working out at Rolf's in prom dresses, building human pyramids in the reflection pool, or doing the Macarena with a security guard at Reckers.

You only wish.

Sure, these events are a little cheesy and call to mind summer camps of years past — or was that FroshO? — but, I have to admit that I love them all.

If being handcuffed in the back of an NDSP vehicle or taking a dip in Rolf's pool with all your clothes on doesn't lead to quality bonding, I don't know what will. And there will be pictures as proof lest we ever deny our crazy stunts as Purple Weasels.

Every dorm has their signature events and it's this enthusiasm and dorm spirit that sets Notre Dame apart.

My friends at state schools often don't know the people who live a floor below them and they couldn't imagine going to dances with the rest of their dorm.

Sure, we are all a little SYR-ed out after months of these things, but, seriously, we should be grateful. We get the chance to dance our hearts out with 50 of our best friends and nothing — not DuLac, not boys who are too white to dance and definitely not a desire to break out of our Notre Dame "bubble" — should get in our way.

So if you happen to see purple faces at Subway or girls in facemasks and curlers at South Dining Hall, relax.

We'll be "grown up" soon enough and our professional lives may not allow for us to be such goofballs. College is a great time to live it up, both at parties and doing random activities in the middle of the quad early in the afternoon.

Personally, I couldn't ask for a better ride.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Annie Brusky at abrusky@nd.edu

CORRECTIONS

Due to a reporting error in the March 22 issue, the last name of Lt. Col. David Conboy was incorrectly spelled in the article "Students cope with family in Iraq."

In the March 22 issue, Jacqueline Batteast's first name was misspelled in the caption on page 28.

QUESTION OF THE DAY: SHOULD ND CANCEL ALL CLASSES BEGINNING BEFORE 9:30 A.M.?



Tim Uhalde
Senior
Off-Campus

"Sure."



Nathan Schroeder
Sophomore
Zahm

"There's a class before 9:30?"



Jorge Fragosa
Sophomore
St. Edward's

"It would help boost my attendance."



Marielle Connor
Sophomore
Lewis

"Why not?"



Jamie Holland
Sophomore
St. Edward's

"Huh?"



Cesar Alvarez
Freshman
Keenan

"Yes, to pass my classes."



MEG DAVISSON/The Observer

Students cheer on the men's basketball team Monday during the game against St. Louis University. The Irish won 77-66 and advance to the third round of the NIT.

OFFBEAT

Wells Fargo CEO Invents fictional band to motivate employees

ST. PAUL — Most likely you've never heard of a band called Dick K. and the Revolving Loaners.

It is also doubtful you have seen Center Stage play.

But if you work for Wells Fargo & Co. in the Midwest, you may have.

Center Stage is a real band, made up of Wells employees who play at company events. Dick K. and the Revolving Loaners is a fictional group — "led" by Wells Fargo CEO Dick Kovacevich and including

seven Twin Cities-based Wells executives — that was invented as a part of an internal motivational campaign.

The communications campaign was designed by Wells Fargo to make work fun and to reinforce Wells Fargo's mission to its more than 28,000 employees in eight Midwest states, including Minnesota.

The yearlong campaign centers on the fictional "Rock the Stagecoach" tour of the fictitious Revolving Loaners. The bank's corporate logo is a stagecoach. A poster for the "tour" features Kovacevich decked

out as a hip singer and the other execs in business garb, singing or playing instruments.

"We wanted something fresh and fun," said regional president Jon Campbell in Minneapolis, who oversees the eight-state Midwest region for Wells Fargo. "It's always been part of our values to have fun, but we slip sometimes with all the other things we have to do."

The timing for something new seemed right since Campbell last year added new employees in North Dakota and South Dakota to his group, he said.

IN BRIEF

John Unsworth, dean of the Graduate School of Library Information Science at the University of Illinois will give a lecture entitled "Variations on Open Access" today from 10 to 11:30 a.m. in the Carey Auditorium of the Hesburgh Library.

The mechanical engineering honor society, Pi Tau Sigma, is sponsoring a blood drive today from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Students can donate in 217 Cushing Hall.

Tomie DePaola, children's book author and illustrator will hold a presentation and book signing today from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore.

International Student Services and Activities will be showing the Chinese film "Shower" in room 117 DeBartolo tonight at 7 p.m. as part of the International Film Festival.

The Kroc Institute will sponsor "Just Peacemaking Theory: A Better Approach to Terrorism?" today at 4:15 p.m. in room C-103 of the Hesburgh Center. The lecture will be given by Glen Stassen, Smedes Professor of Christian Ethics at the Fuller Theological Seminary and Visiting Kroc Fellow.

As part of Disabilities Awareness Week, a panel discussion will be held today at 8 p.m. at Reckers. Students with disabilities, as well as those who have siblings with disabilities, will share their stories.

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

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Welsh Family wins contest

Dorm with greatest energy reduction awarded cash

By JOE TROMBELLO
Assistant News Editor

In the dorm energy conservation contest held last month sponsored by the Students for Environmental Action, Welsh Family Hall reduced their total energy output by 8,310 kilowatt-hours as compared to February 2003. This was enough to secure the dorm first place and a \$100 cash prize, according to club co-president Virginia Kelly.

Kelly said the total amount of energy reduction by all dorms was nearly 42,000 kilowatt-hours, an amount she called "pretty significant."

Badin and McGlenn took second and third places respectively. Dorms were judged on the total amount of energy reduced last month as compared to February 2003. Kelly said the club had originally planned to judge the winners based on per capita energy consumption, but said that these figures were not provided by the Notre Dame Power Plant.

Some dorms experienced an increase in energy consumption, a factor that Kelly attributed to a variety of factors. Differences in energy consumption habits of people who reside in each dorm and dorms that might have increased the number of residents could not be directly assessed by the contests. Overall, however, Kelly said that she was very pleased with the student response to the contest.

"I hope students just learned to be aware of [the energy that they are] using ... and the simple things that are really painless to decrease energy consumption," she said.

Kelly said she heard through word of mouth that some dorms were making a particular push to notify residents, including providing information about the contest in their stall notes and getting the word out to other residents in their sections.

Chau Nguyen, the environmental commissioner from Welsh Family Hall, said that she and other residents specifically pushed energy conservation for the contest. Although she said she continuously promoted conservation by making signs to remind residents of ways to reduce their energy use, she said she made a special effort in February.

"We really emphasized it," Nguyen said.

Nguyen notified residents of the contest through hall council and also encouraged residents at the meeting to spread the word to other people in their sections. She made signs and even placed index cards on radios in each section's restroom to remind residents to turn off their radios when they were done using them.

"I feel like there is always something you can do to improve," she said. "The little things will help make a difference."

Nguyen said dorm residents frequently would leave radios, lights

and their computers on when not in use, actions that she tried to encourage residents to reduce. Nguyen was surprised, but pleased, that her dorm won the contest.

"I'm still really surprised and proud," she said. "I just [didn't] think we'd make that big of a difference in one month and conserve that much energy."

Nguyen said the money would be put back into the environmental committee and would possibly be used to partially fund the events they have planned for Earth Day. She said that as a freshman, she strove to become active in campus life and believes that serving as her dorm's environmental commissioner was a good way to get involved.

"I always wanted to be involved [and] do something in the dorm," she said. "I wanted to be more aware of it [energy conservation] for myself and thought it [being environmental commissioner] was a good way to be more active," she said.

The club has several events planned for the remainder of the semester, including a panel discussion on the environmental policies of the 2004 presidential candidates that will probably occur on Earth Day, April 22, as well as a neighborhood clean-up and tree-planting day that will probably occur in late April.

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CAMPUS LIFE COUNCIL

Group updated on projects, successes

By ANDREW THAGARD
Associate News Editor

Campus Life Council members received updates on various ongoing projects and the success of alcohol awareness week during Monday's short meeting.

With only a few meetings remaining in the semester, Jeremy Lao, student body president and CLC chairman, announced that the council would focus most of its energy on laying the foundation for a successful argument to establish a mandatory, semester long social awareness class that teaches students about racial, cultural and religious diversity. The class would also address other topics.

"We decided we're going to spend the six weeks [remaining in the semester] to come up with ... a plan of action so the next group of CLC members will take this on as a priority next year," Lao said. "Our 'pie in the sky' goal is to have a course that is a semester long and [that] each student will have to take."

Lao also informed members about progress being made on

the group's efforts to follow up on concerns regarding the quality of the campus' appearance.

Lao sent Father Mark Poorman, vice president of Student Affairs, a letter voicing CLC's concerns about campus appearance prior to spring break. Poorman followed up, promising to contact James Lyphout, vice president for Business Operations whose department oversees University grounds keeping.

Lao then praised the success of last week's Alcohol Awareness Week, the first such event sponsored by student government. The week featured T-shirt and cup give-a-ways and a drunk driving simulator.

"I would consider it a success considering it [was] the first year," Lao said. "We hope it will be built on for next year."

Brother Jerome Meyer, Knott Hall rector and CLC member, commented on the feedback he received from the dorms.

"It had good reaction in the halls," he said.

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"We hope [Alcohol Awareness Week] will be built on for next year."

Jeremy Lao
student body presi-

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was whether or not future COR meetings should be closed to the public.

Emily Chin, the student body vice-president, explained that closed-door meetings are more effective.

"The dynamic of the group totally changes ... it's so much more productive," she said. "People are more open."

Student Union Board president Charlie Ebersol disagreed.

"Most of you people are publicly elected officials ... [We] are representing a constituency ... they should know," Ebersol said. "Closed doors equal deception. Period. It's a bad, bad idea."

James Leito, sophomore class president, agreed with Ebersol, saying, "I am willing to speak my mind whether The Observer is here or not."

Members also discussed creating a main government Web site with links to Senate, Hall Presidents Council, Office of the President and the Student Union Board.

A new position entitled the Student Union Web site

Administrator would be in charge of updating and maintaining the Web site which would include minutes, events and other activities of various student government meetings.

The proposed constitution states that the Web site will "facilitate communication and collaboration among student groups" and "effectively publicize all student group events and programs to the student body."

Director of Student Activities Brian Coughlin explained that currently there is the Under the Dome Calendar sponsored by Student Activities. However, it has not been in service for the past couple of weeks due to a corrupted server.

"Unlike the University calendar, with the Under the Dome Calendar, anybody and anything can be on it," Coughlin said.

COR plans to meet twice more this week to discuss several more revisions to the constitution. The meetings will take place Tuesday at 10 p.m. and Thursday at 7 p.m. The final changes will be made in next week's meeting.

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Osco and the students' insurance companies.

"[The account] was being used beyond the purpose for which it was intended," Creary said. "[It became] too much for us to manage."

Creary emphasized the fact that students will not be paying more for prescriptions under the new policy, and their insurance companies will still be covering the same costs. The change that will most affect students is the need to bring a personal insurance card to Osco when presenting a written prescription and to settle co-payments directly at the pharmacy when the prescription is filled. Students can also pay for their medication when they receive the prescription and then file independently with their insurance companies.

The policy toward Osco is thus very similar to the ones the pharmacy has with other drugstores in the area.

Students' option to fill any prescription at the campus pharmacy during operational hours remains unchanged. In these cases, pharmacy charges can still be put on a student account, but individual students are responsible for filing their own insurance claims. Creary said that these different pharmacy options allow students to choose which plan works best for them.

"Students are welcome to use any pharmacy off campus," Creary said. "Prescriptions can [also] be picked up [at UHC Pharmacy] 24-7 as long as they are called in ahead of time."

Creary said that graduate students may be more affected by these changes than undergraduates because older students are more likely to have their own medical insurance rather than coverage under their parents' insurance.

Creary also said it is unlikely an emergency account like the one with Osco will be established again.

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Iraq

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more time devoted to reporting that news. Cable news stations like CNN, Fox News and MSNBC presented nearly 24-hour coverage of the conflict and the events leading up to it, and a proliferation of internet news sources offered different perspectives that challenged America's mainstream media coverage.

At the same time, Sieber said, the public was forced to take the initiative and consult multiple sources if it wanted to obtain truly balanced news.

"It's very important for every person to pay attention and not just get their news from one source," he said.

Coverage in 'real' time

The media coverage of the Iraq War also differed from previous conflicts in its ability to provide information on events in "real" time, according to Jack Colwell, an American Studies professor and columnist for the South Bend Tribune.

"People are seeing instantly what is going on and they're reacting instantly as a result," he said. "They're not waiting for several days for dispatches to arrive to the United States."

In past wars like Vietnam, Sieber said, reports on battles were often presented two or three days after they occurred due to the lengthy filming, editing and transporting process. He added that today the presence of so-called embedded journalists and new technology allows the American public to get up close and personal with the conflict and watch aspects of a war from their living rooms never before seen.

"I think it's going to be something that's looked at as a 'must' in the future," Colwell said.

At the same time, however, Sieber cautioned that instant coverage often provides exces-

sive detail that does not always contribute to the bigger picture.

"The nice thing about [the older system] was you had two or three eyes or gatekeepers to look at it [and evaluate its importance]," he said. "Now you've got a reporter corresponding from the back of a ... tank in the desert of Iraq. It's riveting; it gives you a perspective of what it's like but what does it really tell you about the overall conflict?"

News media making news

Perhaps most interestingly, coverage of the Iraq War was characterized not only by news of the conflict but also by conflict created by the news media itself.

Celebrity journalist Rivera drew the ire of the U.S. military early in the war when he motioned for his cameraman to film the ground as he drew a map of Iraq in the sand and outlined the movements of American troops. The reporter subsequently announced that he would continue his coverage of the war from Kuwait.

The BBC also came under fire in January after a judicial inquiry criticized its journalistic integrity when it used false information to accuse the British government of "sexing up" knowledge of Iraq's weapons of mass destruction. When the news reached the public, it led several top editors to resign and forced the organization's board of governors to publicly apologize to British Prime Minister Tony Blair.

"It's something you don't expect from ... the BBC," Colwell said. "It's [problematic] when you have one of the most respected news agencies involved in something like this."

Both he and Sieber, however, agreed that the incident alone would likely not have long term adverse effects on the public's perception of the media.

Biased coverage?

To some critics, however, the event provides further proof of

the existence of biased media coverage of the conflict, though the direction of the perceived bias depends upon who is asked.

In an article posted on the Fairness and Accuracy in Reporting (FAIR) organization's Web site, for example, the trade magazine Editor and Publisher accuses The New York Times of downplaying anti-war sentiments.

Additionally, a study by the University of Maryland's Center for International and Security Studies concluded that media coverage of the war failed to adequately challenge information provided by the Bush administration.

"Too many journalists acted as virtual stenographers for the current administration, in effect validating President Bush's linkage of terrorism, Iraq and weapons of mass destruction," Susan Moeller, director of the study, told *Ascribe Newswire*.

At the same time, the Bush administration has leveled its own criticisms against the media, charging that it excessively dwells on negative aspects of the campaign while routinely ignoring its positive benefits.

"[This war has produced] fewer casualties and less destruction than probably any war in history," Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld said in August 2003. "Each setback in Iraq is repeated and repeated and repeated [in the media] as if it were 10 or 20 setbacks."

Colwell, however, defended the media's overall coverage of the war and said that the presence of complaints from both sides is a good sign.

"The news media has really called it as they see it," he said. "I think maybe that [the two-sided criticism] is a good sign. If you're going to get complaints, it's nice to get complaints from the two extremes."

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Pakistanis uncover terror tunnel

WANA, Pakistan — Pakistani forces discovered a mile-long tunnel leading from a besieged mud fortress to a dry stream bed, and said Monday the secret passage may have allowed top al-Qaida suspects to escape toward the Afghan frontier.

The revelation came as Pakistani authorities began DNA tests to identify foreign terrorists killed in the weeklong offensive in South Waziristan, where thousands of troops have been battling hundreds of die-hard militants.

Forces first found a tunnel connecting the heavily fortified compounds of two tribal elders — Nek Mohammed and Sharif Khan — who have been leading supporters of some 500-600 foreign terrorists, said Brig. Mahmood Shah, chief of security for the tribal areas.

Afghan troops battle warlord

KABUL, Afghanistan — Shouldering ammunition belts and rifles, newly U.S.-trained Afghan soldiers deployed by the hundreds to the western city of Herat on Monday after some of the fiercest factional fighting since the fall of the Taliban killed a Cabinet minister and as many as 100 others.

Forces loyal to Herat's governor, powerful warlord Ismail Khan, claimed to have retaken control of Herat by daylight Monday after tank, rocket and gun battles raged following Sunday's killing of Khan's son, Aviation Minister Mirwais Sadiq.

A militia commander, who admitted responsibility for the killing, was missing Monday, after Khan's forces retook the commander's division barracks and captured 150 of his men.

NATIONAL NEWS

Bush admin defends terror record

WASHINGTON — The White House is disputing assertions by President Bush's former counterterrorism coordinator that the administration failed to recognize the risk of an attack by al-Qaida in the months leading up to Sept. 11, 2001.

National security deputies worked diligently between March and September 2001 to develop a strategy to attack the terror network, one that was completed and ready for Bush's approval a week before the suicide airliner hijackings, the White House said in a statement Sunday.

Mobster sentenced to six years

BOSTON — A former lieutenant to fugitive gangster James "Whitey" Bulger who helped authorities unravel his gang's cozy relationship with the FBI was sentenced Monday to six years in federal prison, including time served.

Kevin Weeks, a one-time gravedigger and lookout for Bulger's Winter Hill Gang, has already served nearly five years, meaning he could be released by the end of this year with good behavior.

Before he was sentenced, Weeks stood to address the court, saying he decided to cooperate with investigators to give closure to the families of the gang's victims.

STATE NEWS

Gypsy moths bug state officials

AUSTIN — State wildlife officials are planning an aerial spraying campaign in southern Indiana this summer to combat a gypsy moth infestation that threatens to spread to the Hoosier National Forest.

The Department of Natural Resources said the tree-eating moths have been detected in northern Scott County, about 50 miles southeast of Bloomington.

If the pests manage to travel about 50 miles west, they would reach the Hoosier National Forest and could cause a serious problem because the forest has so many trees for the moths to devour, said DNR spokesman Russ Grunden.

GAZA STRIP

Palestinians bury Hamas leader

Thousands mourn Yassin after airstrike; militants pledge retaliatory attacks

Associated Press

GAZA CITY — Hundreds of thousands of Palestinians chanting "Revenge! Revenge!" flooded Gaza's streets Monday to bury Hamas founder Sheik Ahmed Yassin, who was assassinated by an Israeli missile. As ordinary Palestinians seethed with anger, militants pledged unprecedented retaliation — including threats against the United States.

U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan and many world leaders condemned Monday's killing of Yassin, the most prominent Palestinian targeted by Israel in 3 1/2 years of fighting. The Bush administration said it was "deeply troubled" by the attack and that it had no advance warning.

"We will get revenge for every drop of blood that spilled," said Salman Bdeiri, a Hamas supporter crying near the mosque where Yassin prayed shortly before being killed by an Israeli airstrike.

Israel sealed off the West Bank and Gaza, banning Palestinians from Israel, and placed its security forces on high alert.

Later Monday, Palestinian militants fired several homemade rockets and mortar shells at Israeli targets in and near Gaza. To the north, Hezbollah guerrillas fired an anti-tank missile at Israeli troops along Israel's border with Lebanon.

Israel quickly responded to both attacks. It struck at Hezbollah with planes and artillery fire. No casualties were reported. Israel sent tanks into northern Gaza near the town of Beit Hanoun. Israeli security officials said the purpose of



Supporters of Islamic militant group Hamas gathered around a portrait of their founder, Sheik Ahmed Yassin, who was killed Monday in a missile strike. Thousands of Palestinians protested in the streets of the West Bank.

the operation was to prevent further rocket fire.

The Yassin assassination was part of Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's effort to crush Hamas ahead of a possible Israeli withdrawal from Gaza. However, the killing was seen as a major gamble that could galvanize the Palestinians behind Hamas. Rival Palestinian militant groups immediately pledged solidarity with Hamas.

The missile strike dealt what could be the final blow to the stalled U.S.-led "road map" peace plan. It also angered Egypt and Jordan, moderate Arab states whose tacit support Sharon needs for any unilateral withdrawal from Gaza.

Since Yassin founded Hamas in 1987, the group has killed hundreds of Israelis in scores of attacks. Hamas wants to destroy the

Jewish state and replace it with an Islamic one.

For the first time Monday, Hamas threatened the United States and suggested it might seek outside help in carrying out revenge attacks.

"The Zionists didn't carry out their operation without getting the consent of the terrorist American administration and it [the United States] must take responsibility for this crime," Hamas said in a statement. "All the Muslims of the world will be honored to join in on the retaliation for this crime."

In the past, Hamas has refrained from targeting U.S. citizens or interests, instead focusing on fundraising and recruitment within the United States, according to senior U.S. law enforcement officials.

Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge was

heeding the Hamas terror warning.

"If they are threatening the United States, we have to take it quite seriously," he told reporters in Washington.

While not condemning the assassination, the State Department said it increases tensions and would make it harder to pursue peace in the Middle East. "We are troubled," spokesman Richard Boucher said.

President Bush's national security adviser, Condoleezza Rice, told NBC that "it is very important that everyone step back and try now to be calm in the region."

But Israel said it will press ahead with more targeted attacks and raids.

"The war against terror has not ended and will continue day after day, everywhere," Sharon said.

Nichols begins trial in Okla. blast

Associated Press

McALESTER, Okla. — Terry Nichols went on trial for his life Monday in the Oklahoma City bombing and was alternately portrayed as an eager participant in the attack and a fall guy in a conspiracy wider than the government has acknowledged.

Nichols hated the U.S. government and worked hand-in-hand with Timothy McVeigh in assembling and detonating the "huge, monstrous bomb," prosecutor Lou Keel said during opening statements in the state murder trial.

"These two were partners, and their business was terrorism," Keel said.

Defense attorney Brian Hermanson countered that McVeigh and other conspirators were responsible for the bombing and Nichols was manipulated by McVeigh to take the blame.

"Timothy McVeigh set him up so McVeigh could cover up the others who acted in this conspiracy," Hermanson said.

Nichols, 48, is already serving a life sentence on federal charges for the deaths of eight federal law officers in the April 19, 1995, blast that killed 168 people. The state charges are for the 160 other victims and one victim's fetus.

Prosecutors brought the state charges in hopes of sending Nichols to the death chamber for his role in the bombing — the deadliest act of terrorism on U.S. soil at the time. McVeigh was executed in 2001.

Prosecutors allege that Nichols conspired with McVeigh to build the bomb in a plot to avenge the FBI siege against the Branch Davidian sect at Waco, Texas, exactly two years earlier.

Keel said Nichols bought 4,000

pounds of ammonium nitrate fertilizer for the bomb in 1994 and stole blasting caps to set it off. Nichols, who met McVeigh in the Army, also robbed an Arkansas gun dealer of weapons and gold and silver coins to help finance the plot, Keel said.

The blasting caps were stolen from a Kansas rock quarry and drill marks on a padlock at the quarry matched a drill bit found in Nichols' basement, he said.

The bomb was delivered in a Ryder truck that exploded outside the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building. Prosecutors say Nichols helped McVeigh pack the bomb inside the truck.

"This huge, monstrous bomb was detonated right in front of that building," Keel said. He said those not killed in the initial blast died because of glass that was sent "flying like bullets."

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use of graphic anti-abortion imagery to post-abortion counseling. The conference was co-sponsored by the Student Activities Office and the Knights of Columbus.

One of the speakers was Vicki Thorn, the founder of Project Rachel, a Catholic ministry that offers counseling to those affected by abortion, including women who have had abortions. Thorn founded the ministry in Milwaukee in 1984, and it has since spread to more than 110 dioceses across the country. In her remarks, Thorn discussed the psychological and physical problems women often face after abortions.

Thorn said women who have abortions frequently encounter emotional problems following the procedure, a phenomenon Thorn attributes to the natural bond between a mother and her fetus.

"By the fifth week, there is an infinite number of messages from the mother to the child through the cells," Thorn said. "The messages begin at conception."

She said post-abortion women are three times more likely to commit suicide than women who have never been pregnant, and six times more likely than women who have given birth.

Thorn added that women under the age of 18 who have abortions run a higher-than-normal risk of developing breast cancer.

Daufenbach said Thorn's remarks brought realism to the pro-life cause.

"It's important to be cognizant that there are people around us that have been affected by abortion," she said.

Saturday morning, attendees heard an address by Mark Harrington, founder of the Center for Bio-Ethical Reform. In his remarks, Harrington defended the use of graphic, violent images of aborted fetuses, saying they can help to spark discussion about life issues.

That evening in South Dining Hall, pro-life advocate Randall Terry spoke to attendees about activism in the anti-abortion movement. Terry is the founder of Operation Rescue, which conference literature described as "the largest peaceful civil dis-

obedience movement in American history." He also ran an unsuccessful campaign for a New York Congressional seat in 1998.

However, Terry's participation at the conference raised controversy, even among Right to Life officers. Operation Rescue has staged sit-ins around abortion clinics, preventing would-be patients and medical personnel from entering. As a result, courts have fined Terry and his organization; however, he has resisted paying, claiming the fines are unjust.

Right to Life vice president Lauren Galgano said that Terry's invitation was a cause for concern among potential attendees from schools other than Notre Dame. Attendees came from Michigan State University, the University of St. Thomas and Ball State University.

"I took a lot of heat from kids at other schools," Galgano said. "But he feels that he's being unjustly persecuted."

Daufenbach said the weekend's events were successful.

"We were all so happy with the way [the conference] turned out," Daufenbach said. "It was great."

Galgano agreed, saying the conference will lead to stronger pro-life sentiment at Notre Dame.

"I was really encouraged by the number of students that came to the talks, as well as their enthusiasm," Galgano said. "We have a very strong core group of people who are ready to be leaders."

"The more activities we do, the more people come and show their support for the pro-life movement."

One of those activities will be held Apr. 22-24 in Washington, D.C., when students from the Right to Life Club will participate in Operation Witness. The event is a large protest meant to counter pro-choice demonstrations held that day. Pro-life organizers have received permits to assemble on sidewalks along the pro-choice parade routes.

Galgano said Operation Witness is projected to be a huge event.

"We're sending about twelve people, and they're shooting for a few hundred thousand," Galgano said.

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to that appointment, he served as president and chief executive officer of Catholic Charities USA since 2001.

Previous to his work with Catholic Charities, Hehir was the first Catholic priest to lead the Harvard divinity school, a post he held from 1998 through 2001. This appointment followed 20 years of service in Washington to the United States Catholic Conference,

now known as the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

Hehir worked as one of the main writers of the council's 1982 pastoral letter regarding nuclear weapons, according to a Notre Dame press release. He also served on the faculty at Georgetown University in Washington from 1984 to 1992.

Father Hehir is a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, the American Philosophical Society, the Council on Foreign Relations and the Catholic Theological Society

of America. He is also a 1984 MacArthur Fellow and serves on the boards of organizations such as the Arms Control Association and the Council for a Livable World.

Hehir is the recipient of more than 25 honorary degrees from various colleges and universities. In 1998, he received a doctor of laws degree from Notre Dame.

Hehir will receive the award during the University's Commencement ceremony on May 16.

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Pastors rally against gay marriage

Associated Press

ATLANTA — From the cradle of the civil rights movement, several hundred black pastors are voicing their opposition to the gay marriage movement and rhetoric that equates it with the struggle for racial equality.

The pastors rallied late Monday at an Atlanta-area church where they signed a declaration outlining their beliefs on marriage and religion. They are pressing for a state constitutional ban on gay marriages, which will be considered again by the Georgia House as soon as this week.

Many black clergy say they are offended by the gay rights movement's claim that their struggle is the same as the effort for equal racial rights.

The declaration, which was to be presented to legislative leaders later in the week, said same-sex marriage is not a civil right, and marriage between a man and a woman is necessary for the upbringing of children.

"This is neither a hate nor a

fear issue," the statement said. "People are free in our nation to pursue relationships as they choose. To redefine marriage, however, to suit the preference of those choosing alternative lifestyles is wrong."

Bishop Donn Thomas of Messiah's World Outreach Ministries said the civil rights movement "was a positive freedom for African-Americans to experience our capabilities as men and women created in the image of God."

"The homosexual lobby is seeking a negative freedom rooted in the sexual revolution, and it's a negative freedom from the restraint of morality," Thomas said.

The rally is important because the black pastors are taking a stand on such a difficult issue, said Randy Hicks, president of the Georgia Family Council, which helped organize the event.

"They're making an appropriate statement about what marriage is and what it is not," Hicks said. "These men and women can certainly be characterized

as compassionate and caring, and they are concerned about things like discrimination."

More than 600 people rallied last month outside the Georgia Capitol, saying a constitutional amendment would violate their civil rights.

They held signs reading "Marriage is a civil right not a religious rite" and "We say no to marriage segregation."

"How do they figure that it's not a civil rights issue?" said the Rev. Paul Turner, a gay pastor from Atlanta who helped organize last month's rally.

"This is just a way for those conservative leadership in the black community to say, 'Look, this isn't a matter of civil rights because we're black and we didn't have a choice in being black.' And they think gays do, and that's not true," Turner said.

Same-sex marriage is already illegal in Georgia, but supporters of the ban say the constitution needs to be changed to make sure a judge does not direct Georgia to recognize gay marriages performed in other states.

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~ Nelson Mandela

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AMEX	1,239.19	-13.31
NASDAQ	1,909.90	-30.57
NYSE	6,404.27	-97.26
S&P 500	1,095.40	-14.34
NIKKEI(Tokyo)	11,318.51	0.00
FTSE 100(London)	4,333.80	-83.90

COMPANY	%CHANGE	\$GAIN	PRICE
MICROSOFT CP (MSFT)	-0.53	-0.13	24.50
INTEL CORP (INTC)	-0.98	-0.26	26.23
JDS UNIPHASE (JDSU)	+0.50	+0.02	4.02
CISCO SYSTEMS (CSCO)	-0.67	-0.15	22.35
ORACLE CORP (ORCL)	-1.39	-0.16	11.34

Treasuries			
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5-YEAR NOTE	-2.44	-0.67	26.81
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GOLD (\$/Troy oz.)	+4.90	417.6
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YEN	106.8
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RETAIL

Snite store goes out of business

Art museum shop had been plagued by low customer traffic, space pressures

By **MATT BRAMANTI**
 Senior Staff Writer

The store in the Snite Museum of Art has discontinued business after several years of lackluster results, said Ann Knoll, associate director of the museum. Last week, the store held a closing sale, discounting inventory up to 75 percent.

The store sold art prints, books, decorative items and gifts.

Knoll said it was difficult to pin the store's failure on a single issue.

"It was several factors that came together at the right time," Knoll said.

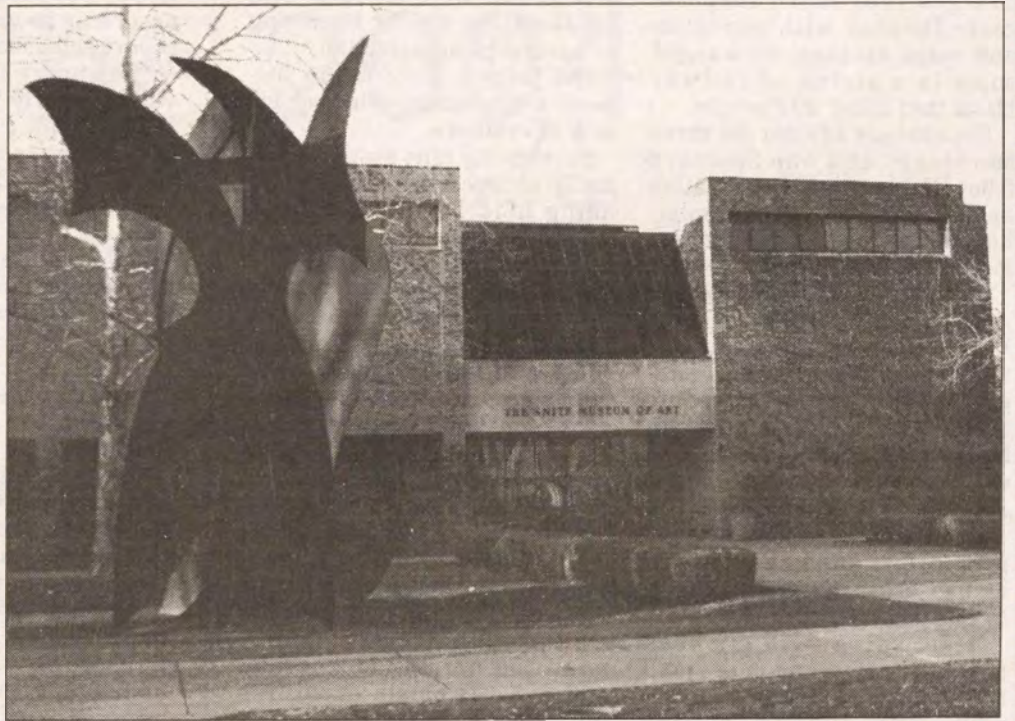
Those factors include declining sales, which Knoll blamed on a lack of foot traffic to the store. Prior to 1997, the museum had parking available across Moose Krause Circle. However, the expansion of Notre Dame Stadium eliminated those parking spots, forcing would-be museum patrons to make the trek on foot.

"Our foot traffic has gone down, and our sales have gone down," Knoll said. She said those sales have recently averaged about \$55,000 per year, enough to cover the cost of merchandise, but not enough to make the store profitable.

"If we look at all the expenses, then no, the store didn't make money," Knoll said.

Another factor that contributed to the shop's demise is the necessity for more museum display space, she said.

"We're desperately in



PAMELA LOCK/The Observer

The retail store in the Snite Museum of Art closed its doors Friday afternoon, after years of faltering sales. The shop struggled to attract pedestrian traffic after nearby parking spaces were removed during the expansion of Notre Dame Stadium.

need of gallery space as the collection continues to expand," Knoll said. She cited a 2003 Snite internal review, which criticized the lack of space available to show the museum's growing collection of works on paper. The collection includes photographs, drawings and prints.

"The best use of that [retail] space was to turn it into a gallery," Knoll explained.

The store had also been hit by competition from the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore, a facility that is more than 150 times larger than the Snite's shop.

"We were really feeling the effects of the bookstore," Knoll said. "It's

hard to compete with them."

Knoll praised the efforts of the store's manager, Iris Mensing, who will take early retirement as a result of the closing.

"It's not her fault ... she has tried very valiantly," Knoll said. "We wish her well."

The 400-square-foot store, discreetly tucked in a corner of the museum near the entrance, opened in 1986, operating nearly 18 years until its demise.

However, Knoll is optimistic that a new incarnation of the store will one day serve the art-hungry consumer. She said museum officials have encouraged the University to build

a new art museum, containing a larger store area.

"At this point in time, we've requested that a space be held for us on the campus master plan," Knoll said. "We've asked to be down by the new DeBartolo Performing Arts Center."

She said plans for the new museum include a "much larger shop" and a café or restaurant, but she acknowledged that any such facility is still in the early stages of planning.

"When it will be constructed is anybody's guess," Knoll said.

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COMPANY BRIEFS

Walgreen profits jump in Q2

CHICAGO — Another quarter of soaring prescription drug sales lifted Walgreen Co. to a 17 percent profit increase in the second quarter — the latest evidence that rapid expansion is paying off for the nation's largest drugstore chain.

Walgreen's earnings came in slightly below Wall Street's high expectations Tuesday and its stock fell 2 percent. But the Deerfield, Ill.-based company continued to report strong pharmacy results in particular, with prescription sales jumping 19 percent over the previous year's total to account for 60 percent of all sales.

Carnival merger propels earnings

MIAMI — Carnival Corp. & PLC, the world's largest cruise company, reported a 60 percent rise in first-quarter earnings Monday because of its merger last year, the addition of several new ships and a strong recovery from the slowdown caused by terrorism and the Iraq war.

The Miami-based company reported net income of \$203 million, or 25 cents a share, in the three months ended Feb. 29, compared to \$127 million, or 22 cents a share, in the same period a year earlier. That beat the 22 cents a share estimate of Wall Street analysts surveyed by Thomson First Call.

Revenues doubled to \$2 billion from \$1 billion a year ago, with \$749 million in new revenues coming because of Carnival's merger with Britain's P&O Princess Cruises PLC, completed last April.

Home Depot to launch Net registry

ATLANTA — Home Depot is going the way of retailers like Crate & Barrel and Macy's by offering an online gift registry. Industry observers see it as a way for the Atlanta-based company to enhance its relationship with customers, even if it isn't a boon for the bottom line. The initiative will be formally launched Tuesday.

The home improvement chain says it is banking on its research showing that more people are getting married later in life, perhaps for a second time, and already have small appliances, fine china and cutlery.

ENERGY

Shell to trim Nigerian operations

Associated Press

LAGOS, Nigeria — Oil giant Royal Dutch/Shell said Monday it plans to streamline its operations in this West African nation, cutting jobs even as it tries to boost oil production by half a million barrels a day.

Rival ethnic groups in the oil rich Niger Delta — where the bulk of Shell's oil is drilled — responded by threatening to force Shell to close oil production facilities if any of their people lose jobs.

Since last year, the militants have captured dozens of multinational oil facilities, forcing the closure of sites producing hundreds of thousands of barrels of crude oil daily.

The disclosure of streamlining plans in Nigeria come as Shell tries to contain the fallout from its recent reductions in its estimates of proved reserves of oil and natural gas around the world.

Shell reduced its estimate of reserves in Nigeria by 1.3 billion barrels in January, as part of a larger reclassifi-

cation of 3.9 billion barrels in its reserves. The company announced an additional cut to its global reserves on Thursday.

The January reductions caused a shareholder uproar that led to the resignations of chairman Sir Philip Watts and its head of exploration and production.

The company has also postponed the release of its annual report to give independent auditors time to review the company's reserves. Shell also faces a U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission investigation into its accounting for its reserves.

Reserves constitute an energy company's most valuable asset, and any reclassification of reserves into less certain categories is a major concern for investors.

The New York Times reported Friday that Shell had kept secret key details of the January downgrading of reserves, especially those concerning Nigeria. The newspaper quoted "confidential documents" from late 2003 as showing

that 60 percent of Shell's Nigerian reserves didn't meet widely accepted accounting standards for proved reserves.

But Emmanuel Agbegir, a spokesman for Nigeria's ministry of petroleum, said later Friday that any confusion about the size of Shell reserves in Nigeria has arisen because the company "lumped together" data about its reserves in different countries before submitting it to financial regulators in the United States.

"Nigeria's reserves are proven and there is nothing questionable about it. Our reserves are near proven and that's the truth," Agbegir said.

On Monday, Shell said in a statement it will close some of its Nigerian offices and create "a single corporate center," running a leaner and more efficient organization in the country.

Shell Nigeria's managing director, Chris Finlayson, said the reorganization's aim was to raise Shell's oil production from about 1 million barrels to 1.5 million barrels daily by 2006.

SPAIN

Four are charged in Spain bombings

Associated Press

MADRID — A Spanish judge charged four more suspects early Tuesday with terrorism and mass killings for alleged roles in a string of railway blasts that killed 202 people.

The charges against the three Moroccans and one Spaniard followed hours of interrogation and brought to nine the number of people charged in the March 11 terror attack.

The court action came as outgoing Prime Minister Jose Maria Aznar defiantly declared that he has no regrets over supporting the Iraq war, adding that his successor's plans to likely pull troops from Iraq would weaken the international coalition against terrorism.

Aznar's party suffered a surprise defeat amid charges that he had provoked the bombings by backing the war.

"I am going with my head held high and proud of the job I have done," he said in an interview with the TV station Telecinco. He also accepted some of the blame for his party's loss.

Judge Juan del Olmo charged Spaniard Jose Emilio Suarez, accused of providing explosives for the attacks, with 190 counts of murder, 1,430 counts of attempted murder, robbery and collaborating or belonging to a terrorist organization.

Moroccan Abderrahim Zbakh was charged with all those same offenses except robbery. Officials said he left the court-

room in tears.

Mohamed El Hadi Chedadi and Abdelouahid Berrak, also Moroccans, were charged with collaborating with or belonging to a terrorist organization.

The judge ordered a fifth suspect, a Moroccan, released for lack of evidence.

Besides the nine suspects formally charged, four others are being held but haven't been formally accused.

The charges stop short of a formal indictment, but suggest the court has strong evidence against the suspects. They can remain in jail two years while investigators gather more evidence.

Court officials said the latest suspects were arrested early Monday, three who were picked up in Madrid's Lavapiés district, a multiethnic neighborhood where chief suspect Jamal Zougam ran a cell phone shop.

Suarez, a former miner, admitted helping Moroccans still at large obtain explosives but said he did not know what the dynamite would be used for. All three Moroccans denied involvement in the attacks.

Chedadi, the brother of a suspect jailed in Spain in 2001 on charges of being part of a Spain-based cell that allegedly helped plan the Sept. 11 attacks in the United States, denied any involvement in the Madrid attacks and said he learned of them that same morning while watching cartoons at home with his children, court officials said.

World population census released

Fewer births, more AIDS deaths slow growth

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The world's population growth is slowing because women are having fewer children and more people are dying from AIDS, especially in Africa, according to a Census Bureau report released Monday.

The report forecasts there will be nearly 9.1 billion people by 2050, a nearly 50 percent increase from the 6.2 billion in 2002. However, the growth rate is slowing significantly.

The global population grew 1.2 percent from 2001 to 2002, or about 74 million people, but growth will slow to 0.42 percent by 2050. That's far below the peak growth of 2.2 percent between 1963 and 1964.

The projections are generally in line with separate forecasts from the United Nations and private researchers. The 2050 world projection is slightly lower than the 9.3 billion forecast in a previous bureau report on the topic in 1998.

Bureau officials warned that such forecasts are based on two factors that could change: fertility rates in developing countries and the AIDS epidemic.

Generally, in the United States and Europe, women are having fewer children, while fertility rates remain high in India, parts of Africa and some other developing countries, said Carl Haub, a demographer with the Population Reference Bureau, a private research

group.

The wild card is how prevalent contraceptive use and family planning becomes in these countries, Haub said. As an example, he cited India, where the population is expected to rise more than 50 percent to 1.6 billion in 2050, surpassing China as the most populous country.

According to the bureau, there are at least 100 million women in the world's developing countries who would like to space or limit their pregnancies but are not using contraception.

Family planning education in India and Africa is difficult because of the large numbers of rural villages that cannot easily be reached, Haub said.

In 2002, the world's women gave birth to an average of 2.6 children over their lifetime. The bureau projections assume that the fertility rate will drop below two children per woman by 2050.

Meanwhile, AIDS has killed more than 20 million people since the epidemic began two decades ago.

Twice that many people now live with HIV, the virus that leads to AIDS, and barring major medical breakthroughs most of these people are expected to die within the next 10 years, the bureau said.

AIDS continues to have its

greatest impact in developing countries of Asia, Latin America and especially sub-Saharan Africa. Botswana and South Africa are among countries that may see population decline because of AIDS deaths.

"AIDS alone is devastating the heart of these countries, affecting people in the prime years of not only their economic production, but the prime years of reproduction," said Steve Mosher, president of the Population Research Institute, a Front Royal, Va.-based group that opposes population control as a way to curb growth.

"AIDS alone is devastating the heart of these countries."

Steve Mosher
president of the PRI

Population control efforts make no sense in the face of the AIDS epidemic," Mosher said.

Still, the bureau report said the trend could reverse if AIDS education programs are expanded successfully in developing nations, and pointed to positive signs in Thailand, Senegal and Uganda, nations in which the AIDS epidemic appears to have been stemmed.

The report also predicted the continued increase in the world's older population. In 2002, people 65 and older made up 7 percent of the population, but that age group will comprise nearly 17 percent by 2050.

ROMANIA

Gypsies await war reparations

Associated Press

MUNTENI — Things quickly got out of hand. Dozens of Gypsies clamored to meet with human rights activists who are helping them win compensation for being forced into slave labor under Romania's Nazi-allied regime during World War II.

Windows broke and heated words were shouted before the crowd realized a mistake had been made: The visitors in town were journalists, not lawyers come to document their claims for compensation.

That a rumor could nearly touch off a riot underscores the tensions simmering in Gypsy communities across Romania as people wait for money — or at least some news on whether they qualify.

The program, paid for by the German government and private industry, is the first to compensate Gypsies, or Roma as they also are known, for their suffering in the Holocaust. Payments are only now starting to arrive.

Those waiting — like Diamanta Stanescu, 77, who lives in the nearby village of Liesti, 140 miles northeast of the capital, Bucharest — fear they may

remain forgotten.

Sitting with 15 other members of her clan in a room in the gloom of a single light bulb powered by a car battery, she wept at the memory of a youth lost in wartime concentration camps. Her father, a brother and a sister were killed — shot by German soldiers near a river in Ukraine.

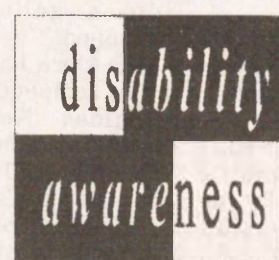
"We left as beautiful as roses and we came back naked, starving, and full of mud," she said.

Stanescu was among the 25,000 Gypsies deported by the Nazi-allied Romanian authorities to what was then the German-occupied part of the Soviet Union. Tens of thousands of Romanian Jews were also sent to the camps.

Most of the deportees died, mainly from hunger and typhus, but executions and other brutalities also took a heavy toll.

The Gypsies were used as slaves by the Nazis and their allies, forced to work on farms, fix roads, dig trenches and fell trees behind the front lines.

About 5,900 Romanian Gypsies applied for compensation, says the International Organization for Migration, which handled applications for non-Jewish victims in most European countries.



Notre Dame Disability Awareness Week

March 22-26, 2004

Tuesday, 3/23

8 p.m. at Recker's Panel Discussion led by ND/SMC Students with Disabilities. Free Smoothies.

Wednesday, 3/24

9:30p.m. at Legends Theology on Tap Discussion starts at 10:15p.m. Is there such a thing as wrongful life?

Thursday, 3/25

7 p.m. at DeBartolo 101 Autism Lecture

Patricia Stacey is a Creative Writing Professor, former editorial staff member of the Atlantic Monthly and author of the book, *The Boy Who Loved Windows*. Through intensive play therapy sessions, she taught her son with autism how to communicate.



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Chasing Harvard

When I chose to come to Notre Dame, two main attributes influenced my thinking: its Catholic foundation and its prestige.

In my Jesuit educated, black Catholic 18-year-old mind I figured this University would be an adequate fit for my intellectual curiosity and social concern. These past two years have marginally refuted those hopes, yet I held onto the future benefits, the excellent education and good reputation Notre Dame stood to deliver. Yet, even that vision is not a definite possibility.

I am not one of the wealthy students. The contribution of generous benefactors and substantial sacrifices by my family allows me to attend this school. Mounting tuition makes me apprehensive about my ability to complete my study here comfortably without heaping amounts of debt or disadvantage to my loved ones.

Tuition of prestigious universities climbs higher each year across the board. Yet, my disgust at the 6.9 percent tuition hike here stems from the revelation of a better and more just way for low income students like myself to access acclaimed college programs: the Harvard way.

Last month, Harvard announced a new financial aid and admissions initiative to ease the burden of low-income students, increase economic class diversity and improve its local community relations. Harvard students from incomes under \$40,000 will pay nothing towards tuition and others with incomes falling between \$40,000 and \$60,000 will receive a substantial increase in financial aid.

Admissions department will vigorously recruit excelling low income students who would normally never consider Harvard based on tuition.

Lastly, to revitalize their position in

the Boston community, Harvard will institute the Crimson Summer Academy for outstanding high school students from low-income families. The program will offer these students academic support, mentoring and encouragement to make college a reachable and useful goal. Not only is this delightful program free, but Harvard also will pay for the student's transportation costs, medical insurance and meals, provide a stipend to cover forgone summer wages and reward completion with a \$3,000 scholarship to any university.

Through this decision, Harvard is recognizing class as an important aspect of a student's academic persona and breaking down barriers for a pool of eager and widely neglected students.

In many discussions with professionals here, I have gotten the sense Notre Dame harbors some Harvard envy. Who could blame it for striving to be the best? Yet, as a Catholic institution, Notre Dame ought to fill its own authentic niche, which I feel is currently lacking in many parts.

Christianity in general, and Catholicism in particular, has rich working and lower class origins. The New Testament, the foundation of our faith, depicts a new world order and the process by which we can achieve it. The Gospels call Christians to be bearers of goodwill, advocates for peace and promoters for economic justice. The revolutionary message of Jesus attracted followers from the underside of society — women and the poor flocked to this ideology based on the dignity and beauty of all humanity — not on property and wealth holdings.

Catholicism all over the world reaches out to the poor and oppressed, and not only with spiritual relief. People of faith immerse themselves in struggling communities, becoming one with the poor and working alongside them to bring about changes in power structures, evident in the extraordinary lives of Archbishop Oscar Romero and Dorothy Day, two of the greatest example of the

Catholic existence.

When administrators resist pleas for certain programs by asserting the need to maintain the Catholic nature of this institution, I say it is rhetorical nonsense. A school with a sizeable business school, ROTC program, un-unionized workers and a wealthy apathetic student body seems pretty secular to me.

I say, put your policies where your mouth is and make this University a beacon for Catholic Social Teaching and the Christian mission in the world, which ought to be highlighting instances of injustice, campaigning against war, eradicating poverty and cooperating with organizing drives for worker's rights. Things like the Preferential Option for the Poor, radicalism and Conscientious Objection say Catholicism to me, but certainly not to Notre Dame.

I call the University to adopt a financial aid program like Harvard's, to give lower income scholars a chance to study here. Economic downturns may shake our \$3 billion-plus endowment and merit tuition hikes, but I call you to think of what a faltering and unfair economy does to low income families with zero assets. There is no comparison with the level of damage experienced.

Without help, an entire class of Americans is denied access to schools like Notre Dame. To allow this to happen is an atrocious sin and a rejection of our Christian call. So, let's chase Harvard on this one because leveling the field, easing the burden on the poor and promoting justice is such a Catholic thing to do.

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Kamaria Porter

Breaking the Habit

In gratitude for solidarity

I would like to thank all who participated in "Gay, fine by me" and attended the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender (GLBT) Issues forum last week. As a student leader from a peer institution, I was delighted to be a part of such a great series of events. I believe that both "the shirt" campaign and the forum represent something that many at your University are willing to begin talking about. This truly is a wonderful starting point that will allow the University to first serve those who need it most.

I would like to quickly address a correction to a misprint in The Observer as well. I truly appreciate the support and converge that the staff has given to the past week's events, but I would also like to correct a quote that was printed. In the article regarding the forum, it states that I said that "justice comes from recognition." I stated, which was also the theme of my address, that "acceptance comes from recognition." Again it is a small misprint and I still believe that the entire staff of The Observer did a wonderful job in covering the event.

I would also like to congratulate Joe Dickmann, mem-

bers of the panel and the GLBT/Allied community for their commitment, hard work and love that was put into these events. All who participated have truly strived to make the spirit of inclusion a reality when others have lost sight of its goal. I believe that open discussion events like the forum will help make your university a meeting place where all can feel welcomed.

As I stated in my address, acceptance is found in recognition. As members of the Catholic community all should look to the teachings of Christ and tradition of the Catholic Church as the foundation. From this support and love of all, especially to the least of those among us, acceptance can become a reality. Only through you, as members of the student body, can true inclusion be realized. Thank you again for your warmth, compassion and hospitality.

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March 21

OBSERVER POLL

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"If a free society cannot help the many who are poor, it cannot save the few who are rich."

John F. Kennedy
U.S. president

Perusing Parisian culture

Well, it's been a long time since I've last written. Right now, we are enjoying our Easter vacation: six weeks of relaxation from tutorials (yes, six; I'm somewhat embarrassed myself). But this long break affords us internationals a unique opportunity for travel (even for such stick-in-the-muds as myself) and I wanted to tell you about my adventures in Paris.

Geoff Johnston

A Domer at Oxford

Now, a few weeks ago my parents decided to make the trip here to England to visit Oxford, London and then Paris, and so I accompanied them to France.

The first real snag hit when we tried to enter the Metro, the French rail system. I will admit that one of us was pick-pocketed, but in order to protect the innocent (or in this case, perhaps not-so) I won't mention any names. The sting was actually pretty clever. What happened was that, as one of us was passing through the turnstile, a man came from behind and stopped the turnstile from fully turning over. Then, once it had clicked into place, and the person was struggling to move it forward, the criminal reached into his/her pocket, took the wallet and took off the other way, leaving the person caught in the turnstile. C'est la vie, eh?

Well, other parts of Paris were a little more friendly. Notre Dame Cathedral lived up to its reputation

and then some. We wandered around admiring the façade for a while, then went inside and enjoyed the beautiful stained glass and the world's most immaculate pieta in the Lady's Chapel.

Unfortunately, the entrance to the towers was cordoned off for some reason, but luckily enough as we were passing by a woman decided she wanted to enjoy the view and unclipped the rope, and we gladly followed her up. The view from the gargoyles' platform is breathtaking.

First, you have an unobstructed view of all of Paris and the Seine, since Paris has enacted zoning regulations that limit the height of the buildings. Second, the gargoyles and chimeras themselves are fascinatingly detailed, and each one is frozen in a different pose: one is caught devouring some wild animal, another holds its face in its hands, fretting over some unknowable worry. When I visited I was wearing a

Notre Dame sweatshirt, and I fully expected meeting a few Domers there; thankfully I was not disappointed.

We also visited St. Chapelle, a glorious little Gothic church, strangely isolated amidst its surrounding office buildings, and built by Louis IX (Saint Louis) to house the Crown of Thorns and a piece of the True Cross.

This Chapel is divided into two tiers, a lower chapel, which was for commoner folk, and an upper Chapel which was to serve as a reliquary for these artifacts. The upper chapel is hauntingly beautiful: three of its walls are dominated by huge stained glass panels stretching from the floor to its high ceilings, each depicting a different book of the Bible.

We then visited the Louvre, which houses such treasures as the Venus de Milo and the Mona Lisa. Thankfully we visited on a Wednesday evening, when the lines were short: a suggestion for all of you future travelers is to visit the



touristy stuff on weekdays. Oh, and Mona's "enigmatic smile?" Well, her smile really is unique: Leonardo purposefully painted it to appear vague and hazy, and the longer you stare at it the more possible emotions can be read from her face.

Who could forget the Eiffel Tower? The Eiffel Tower is to Paris what the Dome is to Notre Dame: they both are so unforgettable, so grand that they define their relative areas. You can see the Eiffel Tower from anywhere in the city: during the day it stands as a symbol of progress and industry, and at night, when its huge lighthouse beam sweeps the sky over the city, it serves as a beacon beckoning people to the home of so much art and culture.

And the food: France is famous for her desserts, and she did not disappoint. The chocolate and Nutella crepes, the soft ice-creams, the pastries for breakfast were all so rich, so fresh, ughh ... and now it's back to British food.

I hope you all enjoyed your trip to Paris; I know I enjoyed reliving the sights and smells. Now where can I get a Nutella crepe around here?

Geoff Johnston is enjoying his break by traveling and reading. He hopes that the seniors are able to enjoy every minute of their last semester under the Dome. Go Irish! Contact Geoff Johnston at gjohnsto@nd.edu.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Shirts advocate respect, love for homosexuals

Espousing a scientific defense

In response to Gus Zuehlke's March 22 theological argument against the "social promotion of the homosexual lifestyle," which is "counterproductive to the true interest of homosexuals," and "results in monstrous" human behavior, I provide a simple scientific response (although I am aware that theological arguments are strictly irrefutable): there is overwhelming experimental data that social pressure and coercion cannot alter the sexual orientation of a homosexual. Homosexuality is not a disease that can be cured either by Mr. Zuehlke's preaching or by any other medicine or physician.

In fact, as Chandler Burr states in his book "A Separate Creation: The Search for the Biological Origins of Sexual Orientation," homosexuality is no more a disease than human handedness. Inferences about the genetic origin of both of these behavioral traits have always resulted from empirical observations, because neither the gene for human handedness nor the gene for homosexuality has been discovered.

Burr provides evidence, showing that there is a striking similarity between the trait of human handedness and homosexuality: both have a majority and minority orientation (right- and left-handed, and hetero- and homosexual people, respectively); the minority orientation is much higher in males than in females for both traits (there are 100 percent more homosexual men than there are lesbians); age of first behavioral appearance of both traits is two years; there is an elevated rate of minority orientation in families with other minority-oriented members; the minority orientation seems to be maternally inherited, implying a X-chromosome linkage.

But the most striking statistically determined fact suggesting the genetic determination of homosexuality consists in the follow-

ing: if one of two monozygotic (identical) twins is homosexual, his or her sibling has a 50 percent chance of being homosexual as well (12 percent in the case of human handedness, meaning that there is more indirect proof that homosexuality is genetically determined than human handedness is). And yet, we intuitively agree that human handedness is a genetic product, while strongly oppose and refuse to admit the notion that homosexuality is simply a genetic variation.

One can argue that homosexuality is a disease in a Darwinian sense, since homosexuals cannot actively reproduce and have offspring. However, since our society does not sanction biologically sterile individuals, why would it have to sanction gays?

Ongoing studies and research on the heated topic of homosexuality, such as Burr's, incline me to disagree with St. Paul's centuries-old description of homosexuality as a punishment from God. It is not a disease, it does not inhibit a person from working or performing any other social function, it does not make people commit more crimes or other illicit acts. And finally, it is not chosen, much in the same way that human handedness is not chosen. So why, then, call it "monstrous" and why not accept a homosexual lifestyle?

It is high time that we stop basing our arguments solely on theological constructs (which in this case engender nothing but unfounded discrimination), and cease ignoring the current scientific developments, which scream at our faces: "We are all human, and we are different. Learn to live with it."

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 March 22

Christians are called to love, not condemn

In response to Gus Zuehlke's March 22 letter, "Wearing of Shirts is Sinful," in which he quoted St. Paul to the Romans, I would like to respond with several other quotations from the Bible.

From 1 Corinthians 13, arguably the greatest chapter on Christian love in the Bible, "If I speak in human and angelic tongues but do not have love, I am a resounding gong or clashing symbol. And if I have the gift of prophecy and comprehend all mysteries and all knowledge; if I have all faith so as to move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing ... So faith, hope, love remain, these three; but the greatest of these is love."

Mr. Zuehlke, I wore that shirt on March 18. I have friends as well as family members who are homosexual, and I have never stopped loving them, despite the fact that I understand the Bible says they are living a life of sin.

Before disparaging them, however, I fulfill my Christian duty to love them as myself, to treat them equally and to respect their choices, whether or not I agree with them. As Christians, we are taught to love others above all else, and I believe that's what many of the students and faculty were demonstrating with their shirts. On a campus of 85 percent Catholic background, and undoubtedly much higher Christian percentages, 1,600 people in shirts can't be a mistake, a fluke or an intentional uprising against the Word of the Lord.

It is our duty as Christians to love one another in the same way that Jesus loved the adulteress in John 8, when he addressed her tormentors saying, "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her."

When he was left alone with the woman, he asked her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" The woman replied in the negative, and Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you."

Mr. Zuehlke, are you without sin? Because I think that everyone in the shirts realized that they weren't.

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A new look at so

The switch of film format from VHS to DVD gives movie fans t

REVIEWS BY MO

Author's Note: Instead of spending my break getting tan or Notre Dame. Over the week, I naturally watched a lot of DVD. I review some of my favorites. I have found that the more distracting the more enjoyable. Hopefully this might help some of you with your transition. Enjoy!

Quentin Tarantino's breakthrough movie asserts the fast-paced and violent style that would become his trademark, complete with snappy dialogue and erratic storylines that all eventually converge in the last moments of the film. The film follows the exploits of a group of criminals put together to pull off the perfect crime. None of them know who the others are, as they are known only by monikers like "Mr. Pink,"

"Mr. White" and "Mr. Blonde." But when their caper goes awry, they realize that they have a police informant among their ranks. The most famous and most disturbing part of the film is the infamous "ear scene," set to the Steelers Wheel tune, "Stuck in the Middle With You."

This scene highlights Tarantino's penchant for combining violence with a strange kind of comic irony, as well as his frequent use of somewhat quirky music selections in his films to highlight key moments. Reservoir Dogs marked the beginnings of "indie" films having debuted at Robert Redford's Sundance Film Festival. It truly shows that a good movie doesn't need to cost a lot. The combination of a great director, a tricky film noir plot and excellent actors like Steve Buscemi and Harvey Keitel produces an interesting and unusual movie.



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Reservoir Dogs

Reservoir Dogs

Director: Quentin Tarantino

Year: 1992



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Tigerland

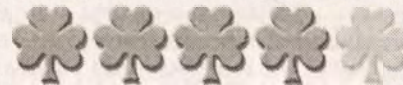
Now a major star of cinema and the tabloids, Irish actor Colin Ferrell got his start playing a young soldier from Texas in director Joel Schumacher's Tigerland. Ferrell plays Roland Bozz — a soldier in constant battles with his commanding officers. His refusal to follow orders and his tendency to overtly help his fellow trainees escape using his knowledge of the military system gets him into trouble. The other soldiers soon turn against Bozz because the consequences of his actions fall on them as well. When his unit is sent to Tigerland, a camp in Louisiana that closely resembles Vietnam War scenes, he is forced to assume a new mantle of leadership.

The movie deftly combines concerns about the war with the ethos of the military, and this movie proves that Ferrell has what it takes to be a star. He completely carries the movie, and he portrays the strange combination of defiance and fear that keeps Bozz from willfully bending to the military rules. The Texas accent he bears in the film is a big plus as well. The movie shows only men on their way to Vietnam, not actually there or on their way home, so it gives an interesting perspective to war in general and how it affects the young men who must face it.

Tigerland

Director: Joel Schumacher

Year: 2000



Even if you have never seen Casablanca, it is more than likely you have heard of it, or at the very least have seen it quoted or parodied at some point in your life. It has become more than just a movie — it has become a classic, and a part of our collective conscious as a society. The film follows Rick Blaine (Humphrey Bogart), a cynical American ex-patriot who owns a bar in pre-World War II Morocco. The bar has become a haven for people fleeing the nefarious forces collecting in Europe. He is a man, who in his words "sticks his neck out for nobody."

But his continence changes when the woman who broke his heart, Ilsa (Ingrid Bergman) arrives in Casablanca. She has come with her new love, Victor Lazlo (Paul Henreid), who is a Czech resistance leader fleeing his pursuers. In the midst of a difficult love triangle, Rick must choose between his own desires and the lives of others who depend on his decisions.

The film captures an atmosphere of desperation and isolation that marks the people who live in Casablanca, and reveals that in the scope of war "... the problems of three people don't amount to a hill of beans in this crazy world." The movie has everything going for it including great dialogue, a great story, fantastic cinematography, elegant costumes and perfectly cast actors. The special edition also has original trailers. It also includes a documentary about the movie's origins and information on the film's far-reaching effects on other movies. Casablanca achieves a kind of cinematic perfection that films rarely achieve. Age does nothing to diminish enjoying the story or the impact it will make.

Casablanca

Director: Michael Curtiz

Year: 1942



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Casablanca

Some old classics

The perfect excuse to watch some old favorites in a new way

MOLLY GRIFFIN

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Hollywood loves to make mob movies, but it is rare when one distinguishes itself from the pack and strives to be more than a mere Godfather rip-off. Martin Scorsese's *Goodfellas* earns its own merit by taking the often mythologized world of the mafia and putting it in the harsh perspective of reality. The film follows Henry Hill (Ray Liotta) through three decades of life in the mafia, revealing the effects of the lifestyle on himself, his fellow mobsters and his family. Hill rides the peaks and valleys of mob life, living from one job to the next, all of which ultimately takes a huge toll on himself and those around him. Hill must ultimately turn to being an FBI informant to avoid prison or the victim of a mob hit, and living a normal life proves to be the hardest challenge of all.

The portrait Scorsese paints is not a flattering or particularly glamorous one. He shows the tenuous nature of the business and lifestyles that the men leave, as well as how it can devastate families and friends. The movie is full of great performances from Liotta, Robert De Niro (as Jimmy "The Gent" Conway), Joe Pesci (as the homicidal Tommy DeVito, which won him a Best Supporting Actor Oscar) and Lorraine Bracco (as Hill's long suffering wife, Karen). Scorsese vividly presents the violent and desperate lives the men lead in the mafia, but also the sense of family and power that attracts them to the lifestyle. It is a long film that requires patience and commitment to watch, but it is deeply moving and interesting, as well as an example of great direction.



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Goodfellas

Goodfellas

Director: Martin Scorsese

Year: 1990



Chocolat

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Chocolat attempts to throw a new light on the season of Lent by showing the need to balance self-denial with a spirit of joy. This film will be somewhat painful for anyone who may have given chocolate up for Lent, but it does provide an optimistic view of the season.

The film follows Vianne (Juliette Binoche), a free-spirited wanderer who opens a chocolate shop in a secluded French village during Lent. The town turns its back on the non-conforming woman, but her open and accepting mind helps some of those suffering under the façade of perfection and conformity that the town constructs. Judi Dench plays an older woman estranged from her daughter who finds comfort in chocolate and secret meetings with her grandson. Lena Olin plays a married woman who finds the courage to leave her oafish husband and venture out on her own. Included in the supporting cast are Alfred Molina, Carrie Anne Moss and Johnny Depp.

The townspeople learn to be more accepting and less rigid from Vianne's unique ways, and she, after a lifetime of wandering, finally joins a community and finds love. The film lags in parts, and is occasionally a little heavy-handed with the allegorical elements of the story, but it is nonetheless a charming and funny story.

Chocolat

Director: Lasse Hallstrom

Year: 2001



Saving Silverman is one of those movies that is so unabashedly dumb and silly that you just have to laugh in spite of yourself. It follows the exploits of three best friends, Darren Silverman (Jason Biggs), Wayne Lefessier (Steve Zahn) and J.D. McNugent (Jack Black), who have known each other since childhood and perform together in a Neil Diamond cover band. Their friendship is torn apart when Silverman starts dating the catty and controlling Judith (Amanda Peet). Silverman's two friends concoct a plan to kidnap Judith so that they can set their friend up with a past love of his from high school who is about to become a nun.

Centering a comedy around a kidnapping, which is a tragic and dangerous undertaking, makes it hard to suspend belief enough to laugh at some of the jokes. The movie adds a few scenes and storylines that really aren't necessary. A more streamlined story would have helped the movie out. The actors in the film really deserve a better film, because all of the actors, particularly Peet and Black, are skilled in comedy. The film definitely has some funny moments. The cast works surprisingly well together, but the movie as a whole is kind of a stretch.

Saving Silverman is OK, but it could have been better. There are certainly a lot better dumb comedies out there.

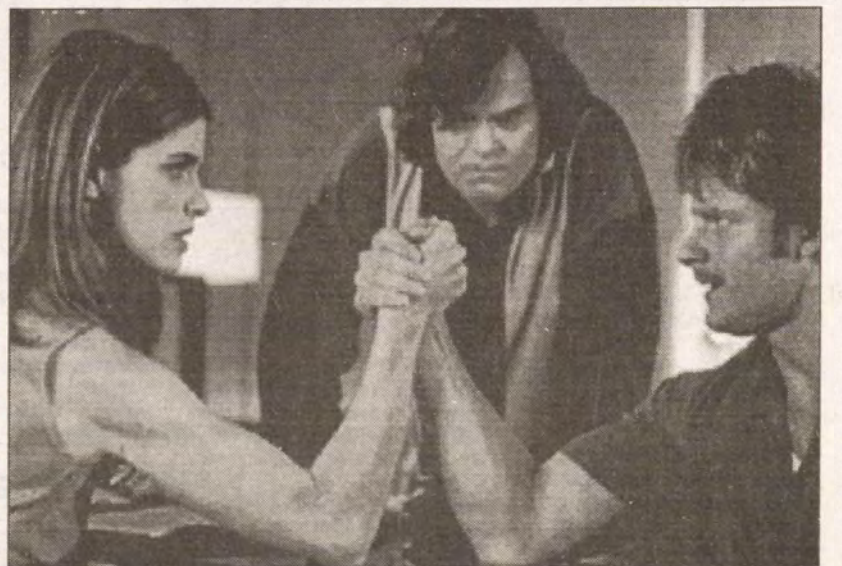


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Saving Silverman

Saving Silverman

Director: Dennis Dugan

Year: 2001



NBA

Salmons leads 76ers to victory over Mavericks

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — With Allen Iverson out of the lineup, John Salmons got a chance to show off his 3-point shooting prowess.

Salmons set career highs with 21 points and five 3-pointers to lead the Philadelphia 76ers to a 107-98 victory over the Dallas Mavericks on Monday night.

"Shooting is just repetition. That's all," said Salmons, whose had never made more than two 3s in a game. "For me, there's no reason to shoot an NBA 3 in college. So, coming out of college, I just wasn't used to shooting them."

Playing without Iverson and second-leading scorer Glenn Robinson, the Sixers displayed some of their best ball movement of the season.

Kenny Thomas tied a season high with 27 points and added 13 rebounds. Rookie Willie Green had 19 points for the Sixers, who ended a four-game losing streak.

Earlier Monday, Iverson was listed as day to day with a sore right knee. He ended up missing his 23rd game of the season, the most he's sat out in one campaign.

Iverson was not on the bench during the game. A team spokesman said he was in the training room, receiving treatment on his injured knee.

With Robinson missing his fourth straight game with an elbow injury, the Sixers' sluggish offense was supposed to be no match for the high-scoring Mavericks.

"We've been able to find guys that step up in these situations," Sixers interim coach Chris Ford said. "Johnny and Aaron (McKie) and Willie all stepped up and did their jobs. They had an opportunity and made the best of it."

Dirk Nowitzki had 30 points on 11-for-20 shooting to lead Dallas, which had won two straight.

Philadelphia used an 8-0 run to start the third quarter and extend a four-point halftime lead to 12. Salmons hit a 3 with 3:42 left in the quarter that gave the Sixers their largest lead at 80-67.

Dallas pulled within 10 with 8:02 remaining in the game when Nowitzki made a wide-open 3. But McKie hit a pair of

free throws before Salmons sank a 3 and Green added a jumper that pushed the lead back to 17 and put the game out of reach.

"Thomas was exceptional," Dallas assistant coach Donn Nelson said. "He gave us all kinds of problems and we didn't have an answer for that."

Donn Nelson took over when his father, Don Nelson, was ejected 33 seconds into the second half for arguing a foul call.

Thomas made 11 of 13 free throw attempts and had a season-high seven assists. McKie had 16 points to help the Sixers bounce back from an 0-4 road trip that ended with a 101-69 loss in Miami on Saturday night.

The answer to their offensive woes was a Dallas team that allowed 122 points in the first matchup between the two teams on Jan. 14.

"I don't think we've scored like that all year," Thomas said. "At halftime, we had 61 points. It felt good because we had to match their intensity and knock down shots because they're a scoring team."

The Mavericks' Steve Nash scored 10 points, but had just three in the first 3 1/2 quarters. Michael Finley also had 10.

"There's no excuse for our defense," Nash said. "You can at least guard somebody when things aren't going well [offensively] for you."

Salmons had 12 points in the first quarter, including two 3s and a reverse layup in the final three minutes that put Philadelphia ahead 26-20 after one. The Sixers' lead was no larger than seven the rest of the first half and they led 61-57 at halftime.

"The odds are against us," Salmons said of Philadelphia's chances in the

Eastern Conference playoff race. "But it's not like us to give up."

Pacers 101, Bulls 77

The Indiana Pacers don't have time to enjoy their most recent win, not after Jermaine O'Neal went down with an injury.

Reggie Miller scored 17 points and Ron Artest and Al Harrington each added 15 to help the Eastern Conference-leading Pacers beat the Chicago Bulls Monday night.

Jeff Foster added 11 points,

eight rebounds and a blocked shot, helping to make up for the loss of O'Neal.

The All-Star forward left in the second quarter with what Pacers coach Rick Carlisle called "a combination bruise and a sprain" to his left knee that is not being viewed as serious.

"Tonight's a night we can feel good about," Carlisle said. "But there's a lot to be done, especially if we lose a potential MVP for a period of time. We'll say a prayer tonight and hope Jermaine's situation isn't a serious one."

O'Neal injured the knee trying to set a pick, colliding with Bulls guard Ronald Dupree just inside the baseline. He had to be helped off the court and into the locker room with 8:21 left in the first half and the Pacers leading 33-20.

"You lose your best low-post threat, your shot blocker and your MVP threat," Miller said. "Other guys are going to have to step up. When Ron has gotten hurt or been suspended, we have responded. It's the same with Jermaine."

"I don't think we've lost a game when he hasn't been in."

O'Neal, who leads the Pacers with 20.6 points per game and 10.2 rebounds, will have an MRI on Tuesday. X-rays of the knee were negative. His availability for the Pacers game against Dallas on Wednesday is uncertain, "but it certainly looks doubtful," Carlisle said.

Jamaal Tinsley finished with 11 points, eight assists and three steals as Indiana (51-19) snapped a two-game skid.

After blowing leads of 17 points in a loss to Sacramento on Friday and 13 in a loss to Memphis on Saturday, the Pacers kept building on an 29-18 first-quarter advantage. They led by as many as 26 in the third quarter.

Eddy Curry led the Bulls with 13 points on 4-of-14 shooting after averaging 26.5 points during a recent two-game winning streak. He was pulled from the game in the third quarter along with most of Chicago's starters.

"I live my life ultimately knowing that the coach is the coach and he makes all the decisions," Curry said. "Once we're on the court, we do what we can to stay out there. But if he wants to look in a different



AP Photo

Antoine Walker, of the Mavericks, is defended by Sixers players John Salmons, right, as the Mavs fell to Iverson-less Philly.

direction, that's fine with me.

"Whatever he calls, I'm going to just try my best to get ready."

Reserves Jannero Pargo and Dupree were the only other Bulls to score in double digits. Pargo had 12 points, while Dupree added 10.

Chicago's 15 blocked shots was a season-high.

"We have some young guys with talent who want to play the right way and know how to play the right way," Bulls forward Antonio Davis said. "But it just comes to a point where you have to learn how to sustain a certain level of basketball every single night and we're just not getting that level right now."

Knicks 96, Hawks 84

Nazr Mohammed does not hold a grudge against the Atlanta Hawks — even though it might have looked that way Monday night.

Mohammed had 18 points and 13 rebounds in his first

game against his former team, and the New York Knicks pulled away early in the fourth quarter to defeat the Hawks.

"I don't really think I sent a message," Mohammed said. "They knew what I could do."

Mohammed, dealt to the Knicks last month in a three-team trade also involving Tim Thomas and Keith Van Horn, played as though he had something to prove against the team he spent nearly three years with. He shot 7-for-11 in just 24 minutes.

He took six of the Knicks' first seven shots and had eight points, five rebounds and two steals before picking up his second foul eight minutes into the first quarter, then had 10 points and five rebounds in the third quarter.

"Actually, I was probably too motivated just because I got so tired so quickly," Mohammed said. "I don't think I played as well as I probably should have tonight."

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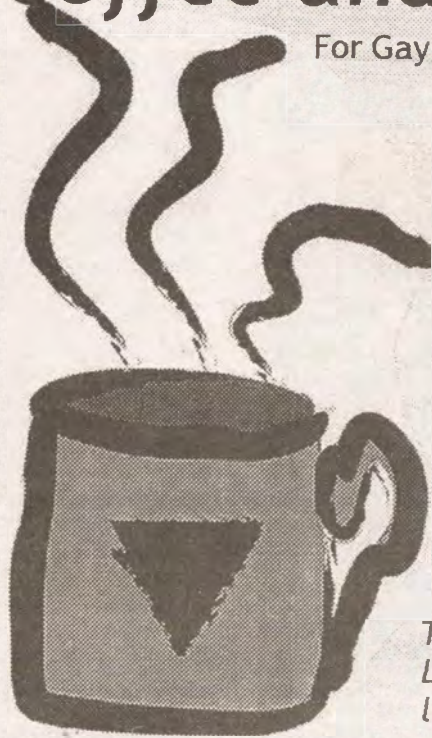
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HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

'Hoosiers' game is now 50 years old

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Indiana high school basketball traded tradition for trophies in 1998 when it scrapped the tournament format that produced the most famous shot in Hoosier hoops history.

Now, 50 years after Bobby Plump's last-second basket lifted tiny Milan over big-school Muncie Central, the tournament is split into four separate classes. There's almost no chance the state ever will go back to the open-class tourney.

"They put the emphasis on getting a trophy, and now you're a champion. But you're a champion of what?" Plump said.

"I don't want to take anything away from the student-athlete. It's still great if you're a champion of 90-some schools. But you're not the champion of the whole state."

When the 380-plus-member Indiana High School Athletic Association changed the tourney format, more than 80 years of tradition was abandoned in favor of separate playoffs, based on school size, to placate the state's smaller schools. That produced more champions, but it all but assured there will never be another Milan Miracle, a David-and-Goliath triumph for the heavy underdog.

Plump and other traditionalists are still aghast.

"I haven't given up on trying to change it back, but I have no authority to change it," said Plump, whose high school team was the inspiration for the 1986 movie "Hoosiers."

"The IHSAA holds all the cards. ... They own the basketball, they own the goal, and they make the rules," he said. "How can anybody penetrate that? It's unfortunate they can't see what it has done to the student-athletes."

Plump, the 1954 Indiana Mr. Basketball, formed a group of single-class supporters in an unsuccessful attempt to sway the IHSAA vote leading up to the format change.

He and other opponents of the switch from a single playoff to four separate classes argued that the divisional format robbed the athletes of the chance to compete against the

state's best and watered down a tournament known throughout the country.

In 1990, before the restructuring, more than 40,000 people watched Damon Bailey's Bedford North Lawrence team win the championship in the RCA Dome — a national record for a high school game. Attendance and revenues have plummeted since the change to separate classes.

Total boys attendance at all four rounds of the tournament dropped from 786,024 in 1997, the final year for the single tournament, to 440,914 last year, a drop of 44 percent. Profit to the IHSAA plunged 51 percent, from \$924,016 to \$448,405, over the same span.

Girls attendance and profit, much smaller than the boys to begin with, dropped 23 percent and 36 percent, respectively.

"I just loved it when we had a one-class tournament and there was a possibility of a Milan, but that is just not even realistic in this day and age," said Priscilla Dillow, former athletic director at Indianapolis Ben Davis, one of the state's largest schools. "Yes, you might have one every 50 years, but the bigger schools have so many more extras."

Dillow was on the IHSAA board of directors and sided with the majority in the 12-5 vote for separate classes eight years ago. With Milan's 50-year anniversary and a recent regular-season rematch against Muncie Central, the subject of class basketball has again been widely discussed.

Dillow said she would vote the same way now.

"When I voted, I was representing my district, and we did a district polling to see how the principals felt. And in my district it was 60-40," she said. "I think you'd still find just about the same split. Now, so many teams have experienced success, I can't imagine them going back."

Merrillville athletic director Janis Qualizza, the only current board member who voted against separate classes, also said she would vote the same way.

"I had good reasoning back then, and my reasoning the same," she said. "We had the best state tournament in the country, and I couldn't see any reason why we shouldn't continue that tournament."

That's what Plump felt in 1995, as the push toward separate classes gained momentum. He formed a group called Friends of Hoosier Hysteria, which enlisted such basketball icons as John Wooden, Oscar Robertson and Bob Leonard to lobby on behalf of the traditional tourney format.

Acting on a study committee recommendation, the IHSAA board approved the plan in April 1996, splitting more than 380 schools into four separate classes based on enrollment. In 1999, after two years under the new system and several failed attempts in the state Legislature to force at least a public referendum, the IHSAA board voted again to keep the separate classes.

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MEN'S TENNIS

Irish travel to Michigan to face near-perfect Wolverines

By KATE GALES
Sports Writer

The Wolverines are hungry for a victory to close out their home non-conference schedule, but the Irish aren't planning on being dinner.

Despite dropping their last two matches at the Blue/Gray National Classic, the Irish may be playing their best tennis of the season. Ranked at No. 35 with a 10-7 record, Notre Dame boasts three solid doubles teams. Senior tri-captain Luis Haddock is ranked No. 14 when playing with freshman Ryan Keckley and No. 29 when playing with senior tri-captain Matthew Scott. Keckley is also ranked No. 44 when paired with junior tri-captain Brent D'Amico.

Freshman Steven Bass and sophomore Eric Langenkamp have also played consistently, reaching the consolation finals

of the Pacific Coast Doubles Classic earlier this month

The rest between today's match and the two tournaments the Irish played in early March plays to Notre Dame's favor. The Irish were forced into a difficult situation earlier in the season, as top players succumbed to injury and were exhausted by a tight schedule.

Michigan (8-1) is coming off a 6-1 win over Ball State on March 13. Nationally, Michael Rubin is ranked No. 46 in singles play for the Wolverines, and freshman Ryan Heller has posted an undefeated record playing at No. 3 and 4 in the dual-match season.

The Wolverines lead the all-time series with the Irish 40-23, although the Irish posted a 5-2 victory in last year's meeting.

The match will be at 4 p.m. at the Varsity Tennis Center in Ann Arbor, Mich.

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CHIP MARKS/The Observer
Senior tri-captain Matthew Scott nails a forehand against Miami in February. Scott's consistent play at No. 1 and 2 this year has been a strong factor in the success of the Irish.

SMC SOFTBALL

Belles drop four games over the past weekend

By BOBBY GRIFFIN
Sports Writer

Dropping back-to-back double-headers wasn't exactly what the Belles had in mind coming off their 5-4 spring break trip to Florida.

But that is exactly what they got over the weekend, losing a pair each to Rose-Hulman on Saturday and Saint Mary's of the Woods on Sunday.

"We don't want to play catch up anymore. Once we begin to start playing aggressively from inning one, then we will be a much more successful team," coach Anna Welsh said.

Traveling to Rose-Hulman after a Friday cancellation against Goshen, the Belles lost 4-1 in their first game and 4-3, in eight innings, in the second. Kate Sajewich lost the first game, giving up nine hits and striking out four.

In the second game of the double header, Libby Wihelmy gave up nine hits and struck out four. Katrina Tebbe went 3-for-3 with an RBI and a run scored.

On Sunday, Saint Mary's was defeated by Saint Mary's of the Woods 6-5 in the early game and 5-3 in the second game. Bridget

Grall gave up six hits and walked none in the loss. Grall also went 2-for-4 at the plate, driving in two runs.

In the Belles' final game of the weekend, Sajewich pitched again, giving up seven hits in five innings. Laura Heline doubled for the Belles and drove in two runs. Erin Sullivan went 2-for-3.

Welsh attributed the losses to the team's failure to get anything going until late in the game.

"We had good comebacks over the weekend, however we waited until the later innings of the games to start hitting and playing defense," Welsh said. "In order to reach our goals on the season we are going to make adjustments to help us get prepared to have a better start in the first inning."

The Belles were supposed to play Goshen on Thursday, but inclement weather postponed the game until Friday. Goshen then cancelled Friday due to a lack of players because of a team illness.

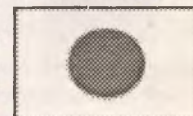
Saint Mary's has one more tune-up game before league play begins on Saturday against Alma. The Belles travel to Purdue-North Central for a Wednesday afternoon contest.

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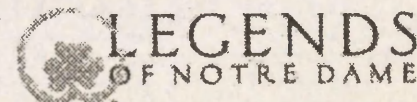
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AROUND THE NATION

IWLCA Lacrosse Top 20

rank	team	record	points
1	Princeton	5-0	300
2	Georgetown	5-0	285
3	NOTRE DAME	5-0	263
4	Virginia	5-2	236
5	James Madison	5-1	232
5	Loyola	5-1	232
7	Duke	5-3	221
8	Maryland	5-2	206
9	Vanderbilt	5-1	167
9	Syracuse	2-2	149
11	Dartmouth	2-1	133
12	Johns Hopkins	7-0	186
13	Northwestern	4-1	95
14	North Carolina	4-3	94
15	Boston University	2-2	94
15	Yale	3-2	40
17	William & Mary	4-2	37
18	Ohio State	2-3	34
18	Richmond	3-3	27
20	Penn State	1-5	13

USILA Lacrosse Top 20

rank	team	record	points
1	Johns Hopkins	5-0	199
2	Maryland	5-0	191
3	Syracuse	3-1	174
4	North Carolina	5-1	168
4	Princeton	3-1	156
6	Georgetown	4-1	145
7	Duke	4-2	131
8	Navy	5-1	124
9	Army	4-1	116
10	Rutgers	4-1	113
11	Loyola	2-2	90
12	Cornell	3-1	84
13	Hofstra	2-3	73
14	UMBC	2-2	65
15	NOTRE DAME	1-3	46
16	Denver	3-2	45
17	Virginia	2-4	37
18	Brown	4-0	30
18	Ohio State	3-2	28
20	Delaware	6-2	17

USCHO.com Hockey Top 15

rank	team	record	points
1	Maine	30-7-3	576
2	North Dakota	29-7-3	575
3	Minnesota	26-13-3	510
4	Boston College	27-8-4	494
4	Minnesota-Duluth	26-12-8	439
6	Ohio State	26-16-0	371
7	Michigan	26-13-2	359
8	Denver	23-12-5	310
9	Miami	23-13-4	281
10	New Hampshire	20-14-6	235
11	Wisconsin	21-12-8	214
12	Michigan State	24-15-2	155
13	NOTRE DAME	20-14-4	96
14	Colorado College	20-16-3	45
15	Harvard	18-14-3	43

NFL



John Lynch, right, makes a tackle on Atlanta running back T.J. Duckett, in a Dec. 20 game. Lynch was signed by the Denver Broncos on Monday after being released by the Tampa Bay Buccaneers last week. UPI

Safety Lynch signs with Denver

Former Pro Bowler is among three defensive acquisitions

Associated Press
DENVER — John Lynch is a Denver Bronco.

The five-time Pro Bowl safety agreed to terms with the Broncos Monday as Denver continued to revamp its defense, also signing defensive end Raylee Johnson and agreeing to terms with defensive tackle Luther Elliss.

Lynch played his entire 11-year career with Tampa Bay, but the Buccaneers released him last week. The five-time

Pro Bowler was a key part of Tampa Bay's Super Bowl team two years ago, but was scheduled to make \$4.2 million next season.

Lynch, 32, can play either safety position, although he has played primarily free safety throughout his career.

Johnson, who spent his first 11 seasons in San Diego, signed a three-year, \$3.3 million contract that includes a \$1 million signing bonus. The 33-year-old is expected to split time with Reggie Hayward

at right end, helping compensate for the loss of Bertrand Berry, who signed with Arizona.

The Chargers released Johnson earlier this month to save salary-cap space, but tried to re-sign him. He also visited Baltimore.

The Broncos have added Pro Bowl cornerback Champ Bailey in a trade with Washington, signed defensive end Marco Coleman and re-signed middle linebacker Al Wilson.

Elliss spent his first nine seasons with Detroit and

was a Pro Bowler in 1999 and 2000, but was released by the Lions on March 2 in a cost-cutting move.

Lynch struggled with neck problems last season with the Buccaneers and had surgery to remove bone spurs in January. He chose Denver over the New York Jets, coached by close friend Herman Edwards.

Johnson has 26 1/2 sacks the past three seasons, but missed the final seven games last year with a foot injury.

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MLB

Tampa Bay vs. Boston, 1:05 p.m., ESPN

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Middle Tennessee State vs. Notre Dame, 7:00 p.m., ESPN

George Mason vs. Oregon, 11:30 p.m., ESPN2

NBA

New Jersey vs. Chicago, 8:30 p.m., WGN

IN BRIEF

Davis rumored to be candidate for Auburn

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — Indiana coach Mike Davis says he has not been contacted by Auburn University about its vacant head coaching spot despite reports in three Alabama newspapers that he is a likely candidate for the coaching job.

Davis declined to comment Monday. He referred questions to the athletic director, who was not in.

Davis told The Indianapolis Star he has had no contact with anyone at Auburn.

"Everything I've heard about the job has been from people calling me and telling me about it," he said in the telephone interview Sunday.

Speculation has been fueled because Davis is from Fayette, Ala.,

and was that state's Mr. Basketball in 1979. He played four years at the University of Alabama, and spent two seasons as an assistant coach there.

The Mobile (Ala.) Register reported Friday that Auburn was moving quickly to find a successor to former coach Cliff Ellis, who was fired last week.

Toronto defenseman suspended for slash

TORONTO — The NHL suspended Wade Belak eight games for his two-handed chop to the face of Colorado defenseman Ossi Vaananen.

The Maple Leafs defenseman will be out for Toronto's remaining six regular-season games and the club's first two postseason games.

Belak slashed Vaananen on Saturday night and was given a match penalty for attempt to injure. He met with Colin Campbell at the league's office in Toronto on Monday before the NHL executive vice president and chief disciplinary handed down his decision.

"It was a little severe I think," Belak said. "I wasn't expecting to walk away with less than three (games), but I thought no more than five. Getting six plus two, it's kind of harsh."

Belak is a repeat offender, having received a two-game suspension in November 2002 when he elbowed Washington defenseman Brendan Witt in the head.

The suspension will cost Belak \$67,682.94 in forfeited salary.

SMC TENNIS

Saint Mary's sweeps Adrian 9-0 in MIAA contest Saturday

By RYAN DUFFY
Sports Writer

Senior Jeannie Knish was able to sum up her team's performance in Saturday's match against Adrian in one word: domination.

"We expected to dominate, and we pretty much did," said Knish, who played a big role in the Belles' 9-0 dismantling of Adrian in its first conference

game of the year. "We worked really well as a team. I mean, the girls were some of the nicest we've played with, and they really played hard, which I really respect. But we were just all really on our 'A' game, and it showed."

Knish certainly backed up her post-game talk, beating Laura Kelley 6-1, 6-1 from the No. 1 spot for her second win of the year and first in conference.

The rest of the Saint Mary's

squad followed suit, giving up only 19 points across the board. While most matches take upwards of five hours, the Belles had finished taking care of Adrian within a speedy three hours.

Sophomore Kristen Palombo also played strongly, defeating Liz Filipiak from the No. 2 spot in consecutive sets, 6-0, 6-0. No. 3 singles player Kaitlin Cutler continued her stellar season, taking down her opponent 6-1, 6-0, to improve her overall record on the year to 8-1.

No. 4 singles player Kris Spriggle also moved to an overall record of 8-1 after winning straight sets 6-1, 6-0 over Heather Fraser. At the No. 5 spot, sophomore Kate Bowler posted a 6-2, 6-1 victory over Karen Kruisenga to match her teammates' success.

"It was a great start to our season," said No. 6 singles player Miranda Mikulyuk, who took down Lyndsey Davis in straight

sets, 6-4, 6-0. "It's always helpful to our mentality as a team to get a conference win. I thought that we all played strongly. Each of us played our best game."

"They're a nice team, but they're not actually our strongest competition. No matter the opponent, it's always good to start a season out with a win."

Although happy with the victory, the team was also looking forward to its next game against conference rival Hope College.

"We all played well, and we're really looking forward to our next match," said Knish. "We gave 100 percent in this match, and we plan on giving 117.5 percent in our next match."

After demonstrating their skill in the six singles matches, the Belles showed a similar penchant for winning in their doubles matches. Knish and Bowler, who make up the No. 1 doubles team, defeated Adrian's No. 1 tandem of Kelly and Cindy

Kruisenga 6-2, 6-1 in straight sets.

The other two doubles teams followed in form. The combination of Cutler and Spriggle took down Adrian's pair, Liz Filipiak and Heather Fraser, 6-1, 6-1, to improve their doubles record to 7-1 on the year. In the No. 3 doubles spot, Palombo and freshman Grace Gordon were easily victorious over Adrian's Karen Kruisenga and Davis, 6-0, 6-1.

"It was just all around a good day," Palombo said. "It was the first match where every single flight won, and we were very happy about that. Because it was on a Saturday, a lot of the parents showed up to watch, which was great. We're all very happy about how we've started the season, and we're looking forward to our game against Hope."

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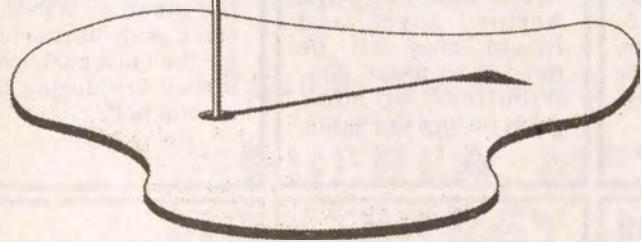
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Forward Jacqueline Batteast looks to pass the ball against Syracuse on March 2. The Irish host Middle Tennessee State tonight in the second round of the NCAA Tournament.

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Women

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before knocking out North Carolina — just the third time a No. 13 has advanced past the first round. Patricia Holmes and freshman Krystle Horton led the Blue Raiders. Those two combined for 34 points on 13-of-26 shooting and had just three turnovers.

"[Holmes] is a great player, their team leader and their go to player, but the entire team is good," McGraw said.

The Blue Raiders trailed the Tar Heels 13-6 after five minutes, but came back to end the first half on a 9-0 run and take a 35-26 advantage into intermission.

With 6:48 left in regulation, Middle Tennessee State built a 12-point lead before North Carolina stormed back with a 10-0 spurt to close within two points.

But the Blue Raiders didn't waver under the pressure, and hung out on to a 67-62 victory.

Middle Tennessee State's demeanor down the stretch of its first-round game impressed McGraw.

"They play with great emotion, but also were very poised when North Carolina made their runs [Sunday]," McGraw said.

Meanwhile the Irish needed an extra period to stop a determined Southwest Missouri State team. Forwards Jacqueline Batteast and Courtney LaVere combined for 28 points and 24 rebounds as Notre Dame outscored Southwest Missouri State 10-6 in the extra five minutes. Guard Megan Duffy added 16 points for the Irish.

McGraw said Notre Dame's experience of playing close games was critical for the team Sunday and for the rest of the tournament.

"I think it really helped [Sunday]," McGraw said. "Our experience at the end of the game, after playing in a ton of close games, really helped us. Our leaders stepped up and that really helped us. I think playing on our home court helps us more than anything."

Middle Tennessee State coach Steffany Smith said her biggest concern is Batteast, and the juniors' ability to take over a game at any time.

"We'll have several different people guarding her depending on which position she is playing, either one of the players on our front line will match up well with her," Smith said. "However, no matter who is guarding her, we have to be aware that there needs to be support."

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Muffet McGraw
Irish basketball coach

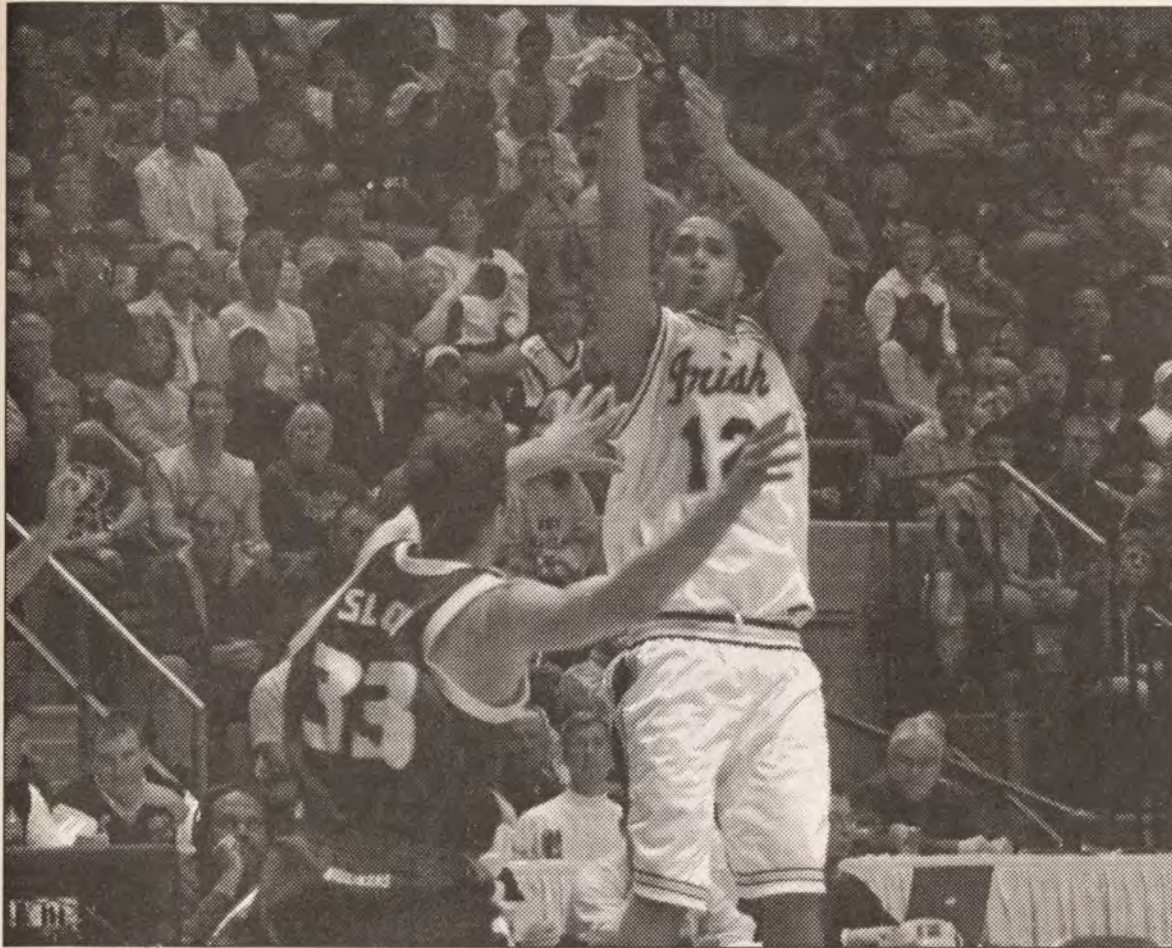
Southwest Missouri State ran a 2-3 zone and doubled and tripled Batteast when she received a pass at the top of the block. Batteast made 7-of-19 shots and was still the game's high scorer.

Smith said her team is thrilled with its first-round upset, but is not ready to exit the tournament just yet.

"It doesn't matter what the rest of the world thinks, and I know there is going to be a very boisterous crowd out there, and a majority of them will not be cheering for Middle Tennessee, but we're here to win, we are not just happy to be here," Smith said. "That's been our mindset the entire time. We wanted to get to the NCAAs, that was our goal the entire time, its why you've worked so hard, and if you're going to go, why celebrate on just going? I think we have a very good chance to win, if we play well."

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	COACHING	STYLE OF PLAY	POST PLAYERS	PERIMETER PLAYERS	BENCH	INTANGIBLES
NOTRE DAME	McGraw has led five of her last seven teams into the Sweet 16 and this year's team has the ability to go far. She has as much experience as any coach and has been down this road before. McGraw has built Notre Dame into a national power.	Notre Dame plays defense first and offense second. The Irish hold opponents to just 58 points a game and play especially effective perimeter defense. They won't score a ton of points, but they usually don't need to.	Notre Dame got 28 points and 24 rebounds combined from Batteast and LaVere Sunday. With Borton not 100 percent, those two will be keys again today. Batteast will be the best player on the court again.	Duffy and Severe ran the Irish offense well in the first round. But Duffy and Joyce combined to make just 2-of-18 3-pointers. Those two need to shoot better for the team to have success today.	Notre Dame routinely uses eight players and all can be effective in different ways. Borton, Joyce and Erwin may all be needed to make contributions at some point during the game.	The Irish have a much stronger bench that should help down the stretch. MTSU is stuck with its starters for the most part, even if they tire during the second half.
MTSU	This is the second team under Smith to make the tourney. She has never coached a team past the first round and has much less experience than McGraw. She is a talented young coach but has not yet built a proven program.	MTSU also plays tough defense, allowing just 58 points a game. They're a more athletic team than Southwest Missouri State. The Blue Raiders are led by Holmes and Horton, who average nearly 30 points a game between them.	Horton and Stovall are the two inside forces for MTSU. Both scored in double figures against North Carolina. Even though she's just a freshman, Horton took over the game against the Tar Heels.	Holmes leads the team in scoring — averaging nearly 16 points a game — and can shoot the 3-pointer well. McClinic is one of the best defenders the Irish will see this season and could be matched up on Notre Dame's best shooter during most of the game.	MTSU used six players in its last game and really don't have much of a bench. The Blue Raiders will play their best five and substitute occasionally.	MTSU is this year's Cinderella and they have a confident mindset heading into the game. If they can hang around early, then the Blue Raiders will gain even more confidence about beating the Irish.
ANALYSIS	No question — McGraw knows what it takes to reach the Sweet 16. She's been there nine times in her career and is familiar with the territory. Smith is still looking for two wins in the tournament as a head coach and is in uncharted waters.	Notre Dame has played better defense against better teams and that should be a key for tonight. MTSU's offense revolves around Holmes and Horton, so stopping one or both of them will be key.	This is close, but the Irish have the X factor in Batteast. She is one of the best players in the country and can take over a game at any time. Stopping her is something no team has done this season.	Notre Dame plays outstanding defense against the outside shot and should bother MTSU shooters all day. But the Blue Raiders will counter with a scorer and a defender which could make things tough on the Irish guards.	The Irish have a much stronger bench and this should help down the stretch. MTSU is stuck with its starters for the most part, even if they tire during the second half.	Something has to give. The Irish are tough at home and have more talent than MTSU. But the Blue Raiders are playing their best basketball of the year and pose a difficult opponent in the second round.



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Jordan Cornette shoots over Chris Sloan during Monday's 77-66 victory against the Billikens. A controversial technical foul on Sloan rattled the Billikens with 7:45 left in the contest.

Baseball

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"We didn't really swing the bats as well this past weekend as I would really like to see," he said. "But I attribute that to the fact that we didn't play during the week. When we start playing these mid-week games, I think we're really going to get into a groove swinging the bat and some good stuff is going to happen to us here in the future."

Shortstop Greg Lopez, who proved one of the most consistent Irish hitters over the weekend by going 4-for-8 with a home run, leads the team with a .379 average.

On the mound, Mainieri expects to start senior Joe Thaman against the Chippewas. Thaman, the left-handed converted first baseman, is 1-0 on the season with a 2.31 ERA over 11 2/3 innings pitched.

The Chippewas enter the game with the Irish having won two of three from Illinois State.

Central Michigan is batting .310 as a team on the season and average eight runs a game.

The Chippewas are led at the plate by infielder Jim Geldhof with a .412 batting average, 22 runs scored and a slugging percentage of .676. First baseman Kurtis Wells leads Central Michigan with 25 RBIs and boasts a .388 batting average.

The first pitch is slated for 5 p.m. today at Frank Eck Stadium.

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Thomas

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court just prior to tip-off.

Or he could have noticed the waves Thomas gave to dozens of family members who live in Fort Wayne, many of whom were watching Thomas play live in an Irish uniform for the first time.

The Billikens, still in the locker room, didn't see the confidence Thomas exuded either. Then again, by the way Thomas was able to score at will in Notre Dame's 77-66 win Monday, it didn't seem like they were on the court for most of the game, either. It wasn't really fair that they happened to be the team standing on the tracks when the Thomas express roared past.

Legendary among his teammates for the way he religiously pops in Michael Jordan highlights on road trips, Thomas carried the Irish past Saint Louis by stepping into the zone himself to turn in a spectacular performance which included 12-of-20 shooting from the field, including 6-of-11 from 3-point range, and zero turnovers.

Sure, it took him a while to get rolling — but Brey thought it was because the Irish point guard was deliberately trying to take it slow. And when the Irish walked into the halftime locker room trailing 26-25, the entire arena collectively wondered when the Irish would get going.

The Irish never really did get going. Just Thomas. But that was more than enough.

Switching between driving to the basket to draw fouls and draining long 3-pointers, Thomas single-handedly picked apart the Saint Louis defense by scoring half of Notre Dame's second-half points. In an eight-minute span in the middle of the second-half, Thomas scored 21 of Notre Dame's 30 points — including 11 straight — to turn a two-point deficit into a 15-point blowout.

Just how good was Thomas? On the play where he scored his 33rd and 34th points to set a career high, Thomas started with the ball at the top of the key, dribbled three steps to his left, launched his body toward the Irish bench and the ball toward the Irish basketball hoop.

Thomas ended up on his back on the floor. The ball ended up

in the hoop.

"We always talk about MJ moments," Thomas said. "I had a little MJ moment when I hit that fadeaway shot. It kind of felt good."

In typical Thomas fashion after the game, he dismissed his impressive scoring performance in favor of criticizing his defense. And the last thing on his mind before he went to sleep Monday was the ninth free-throw attempt he shot — the one that rattled out of the rim and the one that would have made him the first Irish player in over a decade to score 40 points in 40 minutes.

"That's what I'm going to be thinking about all day," he said with a half-chuckle about the only free-throw he missed in 10 attempts.

It's hard to tell who takes more criticism — Thomas, for a style of play that alternates between spectacular and sporadic, or Brey, for letting Thomas play with almost reckless abandon.

But nights like Monday show Thomas' true greatness as a basketball player, where he simply takes his team in his hands, interweaving Notre Dame's destiny with his own. And when Thomas makes the kinds of shots he did against Saint Louis, defenders, fans and teammates can only shake their heads in disbelief.

"Everybody wants me to coach him like Jimmy Chitwood. He's not Jimmy Chitwood, he's a unique talent," Brey said, evoking images of Hoosiers in a basketball-starved state where only the Irish are playing. "There's an example of a guy who has to have some freedom to play, the textbook stuff doesn't always go with this young man."

By the time Brey pulled Thomas from the game with 45.6 seconds to a standing ovation, the Irish point guard had all but ensured the Irish would move one win from making the NIT's Final Four.

"That," Brey said, "has to be one of the great performances he has ever turned in an Irish uniform."

And to think, his career isn't over yet.

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Billikens

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hit back-to-back 3-point goals, putting the Irish up 46-41. Saint Louis' Anthony Drejaj then missed two free throw shots after being fouled by Chris Quinn and the Billikens would never recover the lead.

The Irish defense was strong throughout the contest, especially against 3-pointers by only allowing one during the entire game.

Against Iowa in the first round of the NIT, Saint Louis shot seven 3-pointers, which helped the Billikens recover from an 18-point first half deficit.

"We defended the 3-point line, they didn't shred us from there. We could absorb the twos because ... [Thomas] was scoring enough to absorb the twos," Brey said.

The difference between the first and second half for the Irish was staggering.

In the first half, Notre Dame couldn't get a shot to fall, making 11-of-27 field goals and only 2-of-10 3-point goals.

But in the second half, the Irish made 14 of their 22 field goals and 6-of-11 3-point goals.

A technical foul called against forward Chris Sloan following a controversial trav-

eling call shook the Billikens up even more during a media timeout with 7:45 remaining in the half. Thomas made both resulting free throws, followed by an unanswered 3-point goal and two 2-point goals to open a 17-point lead for the Irish.

"We don't really know what happened with the technical," Thomas said. "That gave us the opportunity for us to take control of the game. That fueled us to take control and keep the lead."

Josh Fisher, with 21 points, and Reggie Bryant, with 19 points, led Saint Louis in scoring.

Saint Louis threatened to open a large lead at the end of the first half, with Fisher shooting three unanswered baskets in between a foul shot by Bryant, and the Irish trailed 19-14. But the Irish put up their own run, scoring eight unanswered points to put them back on top.

"There were a couple points in the game where our backs

were against the wall and we took bad shots and made bad turnovers," Thomas said. "But for the most part we played well and with a lot of maturity."

Saint Louis also played tight defense for most of the game, resulting in a very physical, but satisfying game for Irish players.

"I love that, bumping heads, trash talking, up in each other's faces, how emotional. It was a great game. It had a tournament atmosphere and I was happy with it," Cornette said.

Notre Dame will face the winner of the Oregon — George Mason game in the Joyce Center Thursday night.

Season ticket holders and students may purchase tickets today, with sales being opened to the general public on Wednesday.

And while some have the attitude that the NIT is a great way to prepare for next year, Brey has his sights set on higher goals.

"We're excited to play ... this year's team is still playing well and you play for a championship in this tournament," Brey said. "We talked about three steps back to New York City — we're one step away."

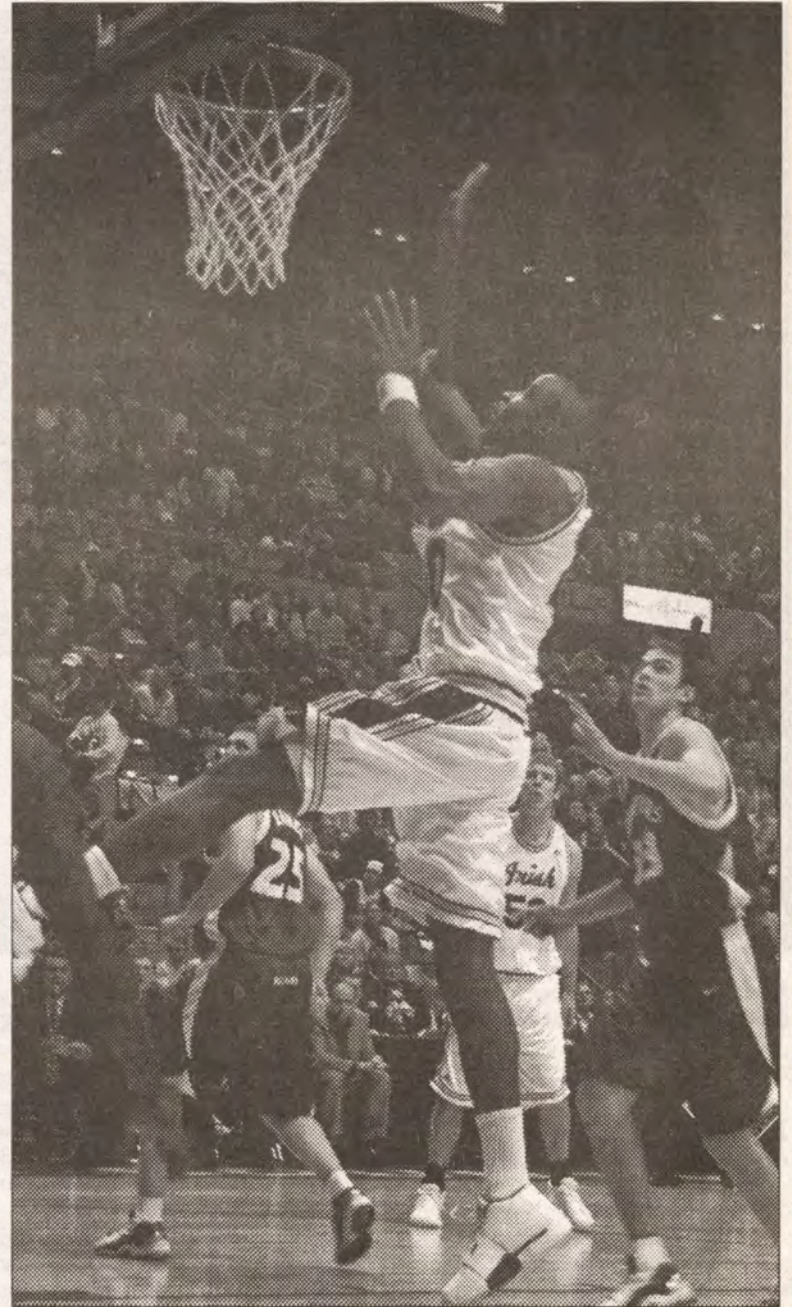
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Senior guard Torrian Jones follows through on a shot against St. Louis Monday. Jones had nine points and a pair of assists.

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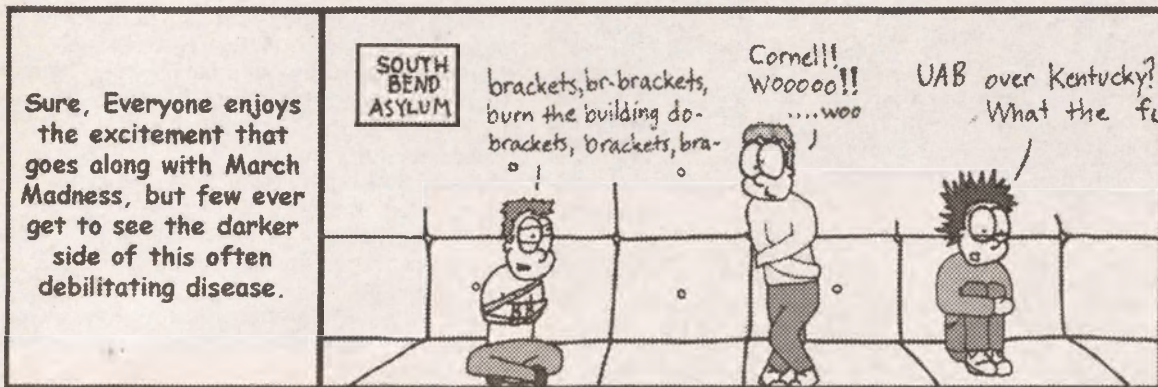
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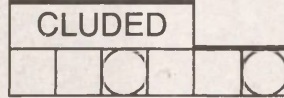
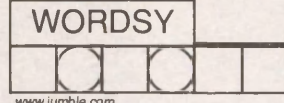
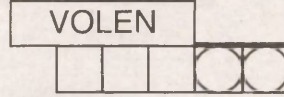
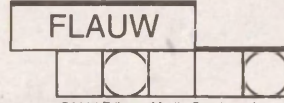
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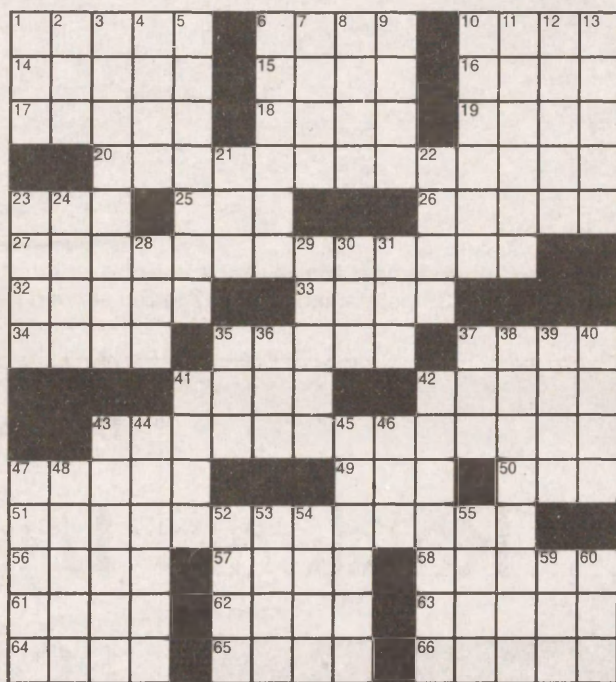
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Let out the waist of, e.g.
 - 6 Ark or bark
 - 10 Mexican Mlle.
 - 14 Pet ____
 - 15 Up to it
 - 16 Rattler's posture
 - 17 Supporter of the arts?
 - 18 Title start of a 2003 Al Franken best seller
 - 19 Still pink
 - 20 Fool a onetime child actor?
 - 23 Tiebreakers, briefly
 - 25 Clean-air org.
 - 26 Elite group
 - 27 Cause a sleepy old man to stumble?
 - 32 Car owner's document
 - 33 With respect to
 - 34 Toe the line
 - 35 Black Russian ingredient
 - 37 20's dispensers
 - 41 "See ya!"
 - 42 Orderly grouping
 - 43 Express gratitude to a country singer?
 - 47 Greasy ____
 - 49 Rip-roaring time
 - 50 Frisk, with "down"
 - 51 Tie up a Midwest senator?
 - 56 Wholly absorbed
 - 57 Show opener
 - 58 Like a luxury car
 - 61 Suit to ____
 - 62 Guitarist Atkins
 - 63 Give a wide berth
 - 64 Garden intruder
 - 65 Unabridged dictionary, e.g.
 - 66 The out crowd
- DOWN**
- 1 Mock, in a way
 - 2 Grazing locale
 - 3 Bikini atoll, once
 - 4 At any time
 - 5 Take over for, as a pitcher
 - 6 Europe's ____ Peninsula
 - 7 Eastern sashes
 - 8 A Baldwin
 - 9 New-Ager John
 - 10 Dead Sea document
 - 11 Band hand
 - 12 Gets pooped
 - 13 Heads-up
 - 21 Number cruncher, for short
 - 22 Croupier's tool
 - 23 "Beetle Bailey" dog
 - 24 Chicago paper, familiarly, with "the"
 - 28 Panel layer
 - 29 Lehar's "The Merry ____"
 - 30 Publicity, slangily
 - 31 Org. whose members are packing?
 - 35 Chablis, for one
 - 36 ____ Park, Ill.



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- 37 "Exodus" hero
- 38 Secret exit, perhaps
- 39 Doll's cry
- 40 Part of CBS: Abbr.
- 41 Gives the boot
- 42 Election loser
- 43 Rug, so to speak
- 44 Emceed
- 45 Set off
- 46 Fall behind
- 47 Scarecrow stuffing
- 48 Chatter idly
- 52 It's true
- 53 Bounce back
- 54 Agenda unit
- 55 Zero, on a court
- 59 ____-Atlantic
- 60 QB's pickups

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TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Your emotional response may cloud issues. Don't make irreversible decisions. Your reluctance to see your partner's position could make you the victim of a lonely heart. **

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You will be extremely creative. Get involved in projects that will allow you to do what you want. Children can be a source of motivation if you spend time listening to their point of view. ****

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Thomas, electric atmosphere spark victory

Irish advance to NIT quarters with win over St. Louis

By **SCOTT BRODFUEHRER**
Senior Staff Writer

FORT WAYNE, Ind. — Listening to the roar of the crowd as the Irish came on the court, no one could tell that the team wasn't at the Joyce Center. From the band to the PA announcer to even corny timeout promotions, this was essentially a home game.

Notre Dame fed on this "home" energy throughout the game, recovering from a sluggish first half where they trailed Saint Louis by a point to beat them by 11, with a final score of 77-66.

"That's one of the best atmospheres I've ever been in," Irish coach Mike Brey said.

"To come out and look up and you've got green shirts all the way to the ceiling. There's no question that motivated our kids and our kids were excited to play."

Chris Thomas led the Irish to victory, picking up a career-high 39 points and playing a key role in the turning point in the game.

With 12 minutes remaining in the second half, Jordan Cornette and Thomas

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MEGAN DAVISSON/The Observer
Junior guard Chris Thomas shoots against the Billikens in Notre Dame's 77-66 victory Monday. Thomas had 39 points, including 27 in the second half.

Thomas pours in 39 points as Irish defeat Billikens 77-66

FORT WAYNE, Ind. — Chris Thomas was jacked. His head coach was worried. Over an hour remained before tip-off and the Irish junior bounced around his team's warm-up line, uncharacteristically throwing down pre-game dunks to the delight of the Irish crowd.

Each display of athleticism simultaneously elicited a roar from those in the crowd and a grin from the player who just slammed the ball through the hoop.

But Mike Brey noticed the unusual energy emanating from Thomas, and pulled him aside in the locker room. Calm down, Brey essentially told him, and let the game come to you.

"How stupid was I," the Irish coach said after the game where Thomas lit up Saint Louis for a career-high 39 points — 27 of which came in a second-half blitzkrieg that sent the Irish to the NIT's third round.

Then again, Brey should have seen how Thomas gazed around the Fort Wayne Coliseum, immersing himself in the roar the Irish received when they sauntered onto the



Andrew Soukup

Senior Staff Writer

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

ND readies for Blue Raiders

By **JOE HETTLER**
Sports Writer

Middle Tennessee State may have been the No. 13 seed when it defeated No. 4 seed and 12th-ranked North Carolina in the first-round of the NCAA Tournament Sunday, but don't tell Muffet McGraw that.

To McGraw, the Blue Raiders victory was no fluke.

"I honestly think that the best team won that game," McGraw said. "I thought Middle Tennessee played much better as a team and played well together."

Notre Dame looks to end Middle Tennessee State's Cinderella run in the NCAA Tournament at the Joyce Center tonight in a second-round matchup that sends the winner to the Sweet 16 in Hartford, Conn.

The Irish (20-10) were pushed to the limit in their first-round game against No. 12-seed Southwest Missouri State. Notre Dame outlasted



HILLARY THORNTON/The Observer
Senior guard Le'Tanla Severe brings the ball up the court against Miami in February. The Irish host the Blue Raiders tonight.

the Missouri Valley Conference champs 69-65 in overtime Sunday.

Middle Tennessee State (24-

7) won the Sun Belt conference tournament as the No. 4 seed

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BASEBALL

Irish open home season today

By **CHRIS FEDERICO**
Senior Staff Writer

After five weeks and 15 straight games on the road, the Irish are ready to return to Notre Dame and the comfort of Frank Eck Stadium for their home opener today.

Notre Dame (13-2) will host Central Michigan (6-10), as the Irish kick off their 2004 home season.

"It's going to be really great to finally be home at Eck Stadium after being on the road for five weeks," Irish coach Paul Mainieri said. "Our first 15 games have been on the road, so hopefully we'll be able to play at home [today]. There are a lot of people on this team looking forward to that."

The Irish, who split a pair of games with Southern Illinois over the weekend, have

climbed as high as No. 6 in the most recent Collegiate Baseball Newspaper poll. The most recent Baseball America poll has Notre Dame ranked 13th.

For an Irish team that began the season with some unusually hot hitting, the bats cooled off somewhat during the weekend series with the Salukis. In the two games, the Irish batted just .231 as a team and scored only nine runs.

Mainieri says he attributes the lack of Irish offense to the fact that the team had not played a game in a week before meeting the Salukis last Saturday. He hopes that the return to playing mid-week games and seeing action on a more consistent basis will return the pop to the Irish bats.

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SPORTS AT A GLANCE

MEN'S TENNIS

Notre Dame at Michigan

Tuesday, 4 p.m.

No. 35 Irish travel to Ann Arbor, Mich. to take on Wolverines.

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Saint Mary's 9 Adrian 0

Belles allow only 19 points across the board in dominate victory.

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SMC SOFTBALL

Belles drop four games over the weekend to Rose-Hulman and Saint Mary's of the Woods.

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NFL

Former Tampa Bay Buccaneer and All-Pro safety John Lynch signs with the Denver Broncos.

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NBA

Philadelphia 107 Dallas 98

With Allen Iverson out of the line-up, the 76ers got 21 points from John Salmons, including 5 3-pointers, to win.

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