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Keough freshman dies of heart trouble

Dan Kish suffers surgery complications; friends remember him for his kindness and laugh

By CLAIRE HEININGER
News Editor

A Notre Dame freshman who received a heart transplant while in high school died Friday from complications during surgery in Indianapolis.

Dan Kish, 19, a graduate of Penn High School in Mishawaka, experienced partial heart failure during winter break and spent time in the hospital, said freshman Matt Elliott, one of Kish's close friends from his dorm,

Keough. Kish traveled to an Indianapolis hospital Friday for surgery to implant a pacemaker, which would regulate his heartbeat, Elliott said.

In an e-mail to friends before the surgery, Kish did not indicate the procedure could be life-threatening, Elliott said.



Kish

"I'm sure there was a risk involved, but from the e-mail I'm sure he was fully expecting to come back," Elliott said. "He said barring unforeseen circumstances [he] should be back Saturday ... this was just a shock."

Kish stopped by Keough earlier last week, on Jan. 11, to visit his friends and to inform them he was withdrawing from Notre Dame for the semester, Elliott said.

"He told me he was debating coming back," Elliott said. "I'm sure he didn't want something

like what happened over break to happen at school."

Kish needed another heart transplant before he could return to a normal school routine, Elliott said. Last semester, he added, Kish was constantly carrying a cell phone that would ring when a new heart became available.

"As soon as he [would have received] a call, he'd [have been] in a car going to Indy right then," Elliott said, adding that his friend had to stay within a three-hour

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Jeep flips on Juniper, Douglas

Students involved but not badly hurt

By TERESA FRALISH
Associate News Editor

A one-car accident involving two Notre Dame juniors, one who police said was driving under the influence, occurred at the intersection of Douglas Road and Juniper Road around 4 a.m. Sunday.

According to Captain John Gruszynski of the St. Joseph County Police, 20-year old Notre Dame junior Helios MacNaught, the driver of the red Jeep Cherokee, and his passenger, another male Notre Dame junior whose name and age were not released, flipped the vehicle after hitting the median strip in the middle of Douglas. Neither student was seriously injured, Gruszynski said.

The Observer was unable to contact MacNaught.

The passenger was interviewed at the scene by police and picked up by friends shortly after with no significant injuries, Gruszynski said. He added police did not administer a blood alcohol content test because the passenger did not appear intoxicated.

According to Gruszynski, MacNaught was legally intoxicated, with a blood alcohol content between 0.15 and 0.2. In the state of Indiana, the legal blood alcohol limit for drivers over 21 years of age is .08.

Gruszynski added that MacNaught also probably exceeded the 30-mile per

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SMC welcomes Mooney in style

By ANGELA SAOUD
Saint Mary's Editor

As Carol Mooney processed into O'Laughlin auditorium Saturday following a procession of the senior class and faculty, she had a familiar smile on her face — a smile that said she was home.

Mooney was inaugurated as the 11th and first lay graduate president in an afternoon ceremony including greetings from Congressman Chris Chocola, Notre Dame provost Nathan Hatch and Executive Director of the Women's College Coalition Susan E. Lennon.

Vice President and Dean of Faculty Patrick White welcomed students, faculty, staff and guests by speaking about the founders of the College and their dreams for

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Ceremony, traditions and speeches usher in President Carol Mooney at Saturday's inauguration.

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KELLY HIGGINS



Student leaders use forums to shape report

By AMANDA MICHAELS
Assistant News Editor

In an effort to make their upcoming Board of Trustees report as informed by student opinion as possible, student body president Adam Istvan, student body vice president Karla Bell and chief executive assistant Dave Baron organized three forums to address the campus' hot-button diversity issues.

The trio examined the facets of racism at Notre Dame with 35 students from a variety of classes,

ethnicities and orientations Sunday night in the first of these informal discussions. The subjects of heterosexism and sexism will be explored during tonight and Tuesday's sessions, respectively.

Participants were split up into three smaller groups, each exploring a set of predetermined questions that included, "At what point was the first time at Notre Dame you noticed race mattered?" and "Do you find the administration to be welcoming and willing to follow through with initiatives embracing

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Campus events celebrate activist

By KAREN LANGLEY
News Writer

Although both Notre Dame and Saint Mary's will continue to hold classes on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, each campus is sponsoring a number of events to commemorate this national holiday.

"I think it's a good idea to have events commemorating [this day]," Brian Cardile, a

Notre Dame junior, said. "I think it's okay to have classes, especially since some of my professors are showing movies about Martin Luther King."

Not all students share this view.

"The importance of these events is undermined by the fact that we have class, while other schools do not," Notre Dame sophomore Kendra Morlok said. "These events are important, but more students would attend them if we did not have class."

At Notre Dame, the Center for Social Concerns is working with the Martin Luther King, Jr. Foundation of St. Joseph County and the Center for

Peace and Nonviolence of St. Joseph County to cosponsor the visit of civil rights strategist Diane Nash.

The first event featuring Nash is an 11:30 a.m. march from the County City Building, located at 227 West Jefferson Boulevard in South Bend. Prior to the march, Nash will give a brief speech entitled, "Why March?"

The next event featuring Nash, a Martin Luther King Day workshop and lecture, will take place from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the College Football Hall of Fame. The subject of this lecture is

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INSIDE COLUMN

Kudos to Culkin

After seeing him in all his glory in the recent movie "Saved," I feel compelled to offer some thoughts on one of the greatest and most under appreciated actors of our time: Macaulay Culkin.

Sure, he's done some crazy things in his life, including getting married at the ripe old age of 17. I believe, however, that his acting has greatly affected our generation, specifically in his masterpiece, "Home Alone."

Eileen Duffy
Assistant
News Editor

I am willing to bet that 90 percent of this campus has seen the film "Home Alone," and with good reason. Just 10-years-old when the movie came out in 1990, Culkin artfully captures the excitement of eight-year-old Kevin McAllister's newfound independence as well as the childlike fear of being alone.

Culkin is remarkably articulate for his age in "Home Alone." He asks the tongue-twisting question, "Excuse me, is this toothbrush approved by the American Dental Association?" with perfect grace. His verbose post-shower monologue — ending in the familiar "Home Alone" scream — suggests he could be ready for Shakespeare...

"I took a shower washing every body part with actual soap; including all my major crevices; including in between my toes and in my belly button which I never did before but sort of enjoyed," says Kevin to his reflection in the mirror. "I washed my hair with adult formula shampoo and used cream rinse for that just-washed shine. I can't seem to find my toothbrush, so I'll pick one up when I go out today. Other than that, I'm in good shape."

As a youngest child myself, Culkin speaks to my heart when he, as Kevin, tackles his brother Buzz for eating all the plain cheese pizza. Just a few minutes later, when forced to go up to the third floor, Culkin beautifully alternates between the remorseful Kevin and the angry one who daringly wishes for his family to disappear. Much later in the film, Kevin opens a door to find himself face-to-face with his enemies, Harry and Marv — Culkin's look of shock is truly Oscar-worthy.

Yes, as Kevin, Culkin often conveys a great deal with few, or even no words at all. When he first discovers he is home alone, Kevin sits at the kitchen counter for a good think — Culkin's face moves from puzzlement to devilish elation as he announces, "I made my family disappear." One afternoon, Kevin's grocery bags break as he is walking home from the store; his subsequent sigh is heart-wrenching. Finally, upon his mother's Christmas morning arrival, Culkin's ear-to-ear grin has moved me to tears.

So take another look at "Home Alone" when you get a chance. I know it's not fun to watch Marv step on those glass ornaments or smash the tarantula on Harry's face, but do it for Macaulay — he's a gem.

Kevin, thanks to Macaulay, you are not a disease.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT DID YOU MISS ABOUT SCHOOL OVER BREAK?



Pamela Jefson
junior
Walsh

"Hanging out with my friends."



Jeff Schaal
junior
Morrissey

"The great dining hall food."



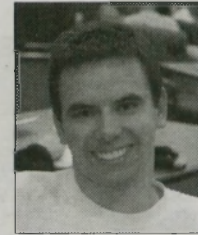
Jenny Keegan
junior
Lewis

"Late nights in Fitzpatrick."



Patrick Jensen
senior
off-campus

"The snow."



Bill Coffey
senior
off-campus

"Thirteen-foot TVs."



Lauren Centioli
sophomore
Dillon

"Four a.m. meals at Reckers."



RICHARD FRIEDMAN/The Observer

Members of the Duffy Fan Club, dedicated to the Irish women's basketball point guard Megan Duffy. The students shower their support with amended "I (love) Ty" T-shirts and jigs and cheers from the stands.

OFFBEAT

Construction worker discovers nail in his skull

LITTLETON, Colo. — A dentist found the source of the toothache Patrick Lawler was complaining about on the roof of his mouth: a four-inch nail the construction worker had unknowingly embedded in his skull six days earlier.

A nail gun backfired on Lawler, 23, on Jan. 6 while working in Breckenridge, a ski resort town in the central Colorado mountains. The tool sent a nail into a piece of wood nearby, but Lawler didn't realize a

second nail had shot through his mouth, said his sister, Lisa Metcalse.

Following the accident, Lawler had what he thought was a minor toothache and blurry vision. On Wednesday, after painkillers and ice didn't ease the pain, he went to a dental office where his wife, Katerina, works.

"We all are friends, so I thought the [dentists] were joking ... then the doctor came out and said 'There's really a nail,'" Katerina Lawler said. "Patrick just broke down. I mean, he had been eating ice cream to help the

swelling."

He was taken to a suburban Denver hospital, where he underwent a four-hour surgery. The nail had plunged 1 1/2 inches into his brain, barely missing his right eye, Metcalse said.

"This is the second one we've seen in this hospital where the person was injured by the nail gun and didn't actually realize the nail had been imbedded in their skull," neurosurgeon Sean Markey told KUSA-TV in Denver. "But it's a pretty rare injury."

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

A Town Hall meeting called "And Still We Rise ... Remembering is Not Enough," will be held on Tuesday from 7 to 8 p.m. in the Coleman-Morse Center. The even is part of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Celebration.

The Center for Social Concerns is holding a Social Concerns Festival Wednesday from 7 to 9 p.m. in Center for Social Concerns classroom. The festival is an event similar to Activities Night, where local agencies from around the community will come and try to get Notre Dame students involved in service.

Wednesday is the last day to make class changes.

Welsh Family will present the Welsh Family Dance Show from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday in Welsh Family Hall.

Siegfried Hall will hold a Dance-a-Thon Friday night from 9 p.m. to midnight in Stepan Center.

The Late Night Olympics returns to the JACC for its 19th year on Saturday. Sponsored by RecSports, the event will run from 6 p.m. to 4 a.m., and features dorm teams from Notre Dame and Saint Mary's competing in an all-nighter of sports, fun and fundraising. Profits will benefit the St. Joseph County Special Olympics.

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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LOCAL WEATHER						
	HIGH 17 LOW 12	HIGH 13 LOW 12	HIGH 21 LOW 15	HIGH 23 LOW 8	HIGH 26 LOW 21	HIGH 28 LOW 23

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EDUCATING WOMEN, TRANSFORMING LIVES SYMPOSIUM



Above, newly-inaugurated Saint Mary's president, Carol Mooney, left, listens as student body president Sarah Catherine White speaks at Sunday's symposium. At right, the departments at Saint Mary's came together to surprise Mooney with a symbolic welcoming quilt.

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Arts and Letters dean publishes new book

Special to the Observer

A new book by historian Dorothy O. Pratt, assistant dean in the College of Arts and Letters at the University of Notre Dame, presents the history of an Amish community in northern Indiana and its survival as a cultural and ethnic entity over the past century.

Published by Quarry Books, "Shipshewana: An Indiana Amish Community" tells the story of a community established in 1841 as a "district" of the Elkhart-LaGrange Amish settlement that is the third largest settlement of Old Order Amish in the world.

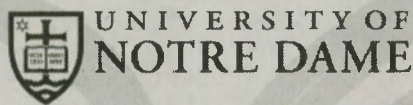
After spending more than a decade interviewing members of the Shipshewana Amish community, Pratt tells of how they have resisted Americanization and technological change by remaining "a people apart." In a review of the book, Publisher's Weekly calls it a "worthy case study of resistance to change."

In 19th-century America, the dialect of German spoken by the Amish, a dialect difficult for outsiders to understand, aided the boundary separation between the Amish and their neighbors. Over the years, the Amish developed a stable farming economy and a unique social structure. Pratt details how they protected their boundaries during the

crisis years of 1917 through 1945 in ways that would not conflict with their basic religious principles. The book describes how the Amish, as conscientious objectors, bore the traumas of World War I, struggled against the Compulsory School Act of 1921, coped with New Deal bureaucracy, and labored in Alternative Service in World War II.

"Shipshewana: An Indiana Amish Community" tells of the community's postwar years of continuing difficulties with federal and state regulations and challenges to the conscientious objector status of the Amish. Pratt describes the creation of the Amish Steering Committee for the purpose of presenting a united front to such challenges, but she notes that the committee's effect has been limited. Continuing crisis and abuse from the outside world have tended only to confirm the Amish community's desire to remain "a people apart" from the modern world.

Many tourists, mostly from the Midwest, visit Shipshewana each year to experience its auctions and flea markets, scenery, and Amish residents. A feature story highlighting the attractions of Shipshewana appeared on the front page of the travel section of The New York Times this past summer.



Social Concerns Festival



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**Wednesday
January 19, 7-9 p.m**

**at the
Center for Social Concerns**

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the future of it.

"This is a day to celebrate where we have come from, and where we might be going," White said.

Student body president Sarah Catherine White told Mooney she was excited for this time of change.

"We are so glad your life experience has brought you back to the strong commitment of excellence and service at Saint Mary's," White said. "It is a time of transformation and courage for this College."

Chair of the Parents Council and 1975 graduate Catherine Hammel Frishkorn gave Mooney a powerful challenge.

"Our daughters come here as children and leave as adults," Frishkorn said. "We challenge you to build on the foundation we've given them [our children] and lead them into the future."

And while most of the greetings held messages of hope and encouragement for Mooney, a few used humor in their salutations.

Chair of the faculty assembly Don Miller spoke of Mooney's days as a student at Saint Mary's.

"I'm one of the few who can truly welcome you back — I led the procession when you graduated in 1972," Miller quipped. "While you were out conquering the world, a few of us have kept the institution running."

Chair of the Board of Trustees, 1974 graduate Deborah Johnson Schwiebert, inaugurated Mooney and gave her the symbol of the office of the president, a gold French cross necklace, before Mooney herself spoke to the audience.

Mooney glowed as she spoke of the history of the College and her namesake.

"This is a college dedicated

to a woman and named for her, and I believe there is significance in her name," Mooney said. "We think of Mary as a loving mother, and of her soft qualities, but Mary was also full of strength and courage."

Mooney shared a story about a day she spent with 30 middle school aged girls this past fall, discussing perceptions of the words 'masculine' and 'feminine'.

"What are little boys made of," she asked, repeating the nursery rhyme. "Snakes and snails and puppy dog tails. But what are little girls made of? Sugar and spice and everything nice. Mary was made of stronger stuff than sugar and spice and so are the women of Saint Mary's."

After music from the Saint Mary's women's choir and a final blessing, the processional exited to a reception held in the Noble Family Dining Hall.

About 150 members of the senior class participated in the inauguration, and many were happy to be a part of the day.

Senior Becky Davies said she was impressed with the large turnout.

"It was nice to see all of the delegates from the different colleges and universities showing their support for our college and new president," she said. "It was a neat way to see our president celebrated."

And as inauguration weekend closed with a dance at the Angela Athletic Facility Sunday evening, many members of the community are ready to see where the future takes Saint Mary's. Senior Mia Novak is one of them.

"It was exciting to be a part of such an important event in Saint Mary's history," Novak said. "I'm glad I got to be here and participate in something so extraordinary."

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Patrick White
vice president and
dean of faculty

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"Charismatic Leadership Has Never Freed Us."

Nash will deliver her keynote address entitled "Will Nonviolence Work in the 21st Century?" at 7 p.m. in the Bendix Theatre of the County Center of South Bend.

"As we look at the 21st century, especially with the events of recent years, whether non-violence will work is a poignant question to ask," Rachel Tomas Morgan, director of International Service Learning and Justice Education at the Center for Social Concerns, said.

Various groups at Saint Mary's have planned events to celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. One MLK Day Remembrance Event is an ongoing viewing of "Eyes on the Prize," highlighting segments of the 14-part series about the civil rights movement. This viewing will take place from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Room 303, Haggar. A number of King and civil rights resources will also be on display.

"I look forward to attending these events. They are great for our campus," Saint Mary's junior Katie Kelly said. "They

celebrate the work that Martin Luther King has done and the work that needs to continue."

At noon in Room 303 of Haggar, there will be a Soul Food Luncheon featuring some of King's favorite dishes.

One of the more highly promoted MLK Day events at Saint Mary's is the 14th Annual Interfaith Prayer Service Memorial of Martin Luther King, Jr., held at 4:30 p.m. in the Stapleton Lounge. The student-led prayer service will feature readings from King's sermons and reflections by students. Campus Ministry's written goals for service note it is intended to "allow members of the St. Mary's community to gather in prayer for justice and peace among all people, in ways that welcome members of different religious communities."

"The importance is how [Martin Luther King, Jr.] sent the message of living in a just world and bringing about peace," Judy Fean, director of Saint Mary's Campus Ministry, said. "This interfaith service is for all of us to come together to break down barriers and bring peace."

The service will feature artwork by students in the after-school program at Marquette Primary Center, where many Saint Mary's students volunteer. It is sponsored by

Campus Ministry and cosponsored by the Office of Multicultural Affairs, Justice Education, the Intercultural Studies program the Office of Civic and Social Engagement, the Sisters of Nefertiti, the Center for Women's Intercultural Leadership and the Intercultural Living Community.

"It is our hope that people come together to reflect on the life of a remarkable person and see that peace really is an option," Annie Crew-Renzo, a Saint Mary's campus minister, said.

The Saint Mary's events will conclude with a showing of the movie "Four Little Girls" — a documentary by Spike Lee, that deals with an Alabama church bombing on September 15, 1963 — at 6:30 p.m. in the Carroll Auditorium.

"I think that the holiday is an American holiday, not an African-American holiday," Notre Dame junior Rhea Boyd said. "Martin Luther King, Jr. was a national leader whose life work was, through mobilizing blacks, bringing our nation together. His effort is commendable, his dedication undeniable, and his wisdom simply incredible."

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drive of the city at all times.

Keough rector Father Peter Jarret and Kish's resident assistant Danny Richter informed Kish's roommates, freshmen Peter Mueller and Brendan Ryan, Elliott and other close friends about the tragedy at about noon on Saturday.

"They were pretty shocked — you could see it in their faces," Richter said. "I knew coming in that he had issues with his heart ... but he didn't seem sick ... I had no idea this was coming."

Though he was also aware of Kish's transplant, Jarret said the freshman seemed fairly healthy.

"As far as we were concerned, he was no different than any other student," Jarret said. "He was involved in the life of the

hall, the life of the section ... had lots of friends, was very outgoing."

Kish was also very responsible about taking precautions to ease the strain on his heart, such as not participating in physically challenging Freshman Orientation activities, Richter said. It was also difficult at times for the freshman to walk to Stepan Center for their early-morning classes and tests together, Elliott said.

But for the most part, close friends remembered Kish as a good-natured, caring person who didn't want to draw attention to himself or his heart problems.

"He never complained," Mueller said. "He often tried to pass it off as a joke — I for one never would have gotten the impression that it was a serious condition."

Elliott said Kish simply had "the greatest laugh I've ever

heard in my entire life."

"You heard that laugh, and you started laughing," he said.

Richter said the freshman stopped by his room occasionally to talk, and praised Kish — a non-Catholic — for having a strong sense of his own faith.

"He was a really nice guy — smart, caring," Richter said. "I'm going to miss him."

After Kish's death, both Richter and Jarret spoke with his family — including his older brother, Notre Dame senior Jeff Kish — but chose to give them "time and space" while offering condolences and prayers, Jarret said.

A memorial mass will be held for Kish at 10 p.m. Tuesday in Keough. Jarret said he would also inform dorm residents about local funeral arrangements when they are made.

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Accident

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hour speed limit while driving on Juniper — another factor that likely caused the accident.

After police completed the BAC test, MacNaught was treated for minor scrapes and abrasions at St. Joseph Medical Center around 5 a.m. and then transported to the St. Joseph County Jail at about 6:30 a.m., Gruszynski said.

The student was booked at the jail for DUI charges and released on \$500 bond at 4:20 p.m. Sunday, St. Joseph County Jail Deputy Sean Patema said.

Gruszynski said the car, heavily damaged on the top and front, not drivable and towed from the scene, landed just west of the Douglas median. Police did not impound the car for investigation.

The students were headed south on Juniper and possibly intended to turn right at the stoplight, said Gruszynski. He said the passenger told him

MacNaught was returning to campus. Both students were wearing seatbelts.

"That probably saved their lives," Gruszynski said.

Gruszynski said there was little traffic on Juniper and Douglas at the time of the accident. An ambulance and fire truck were called to the accident, although neither was needed, he said.

Notre Dame Security/Police director Rex Rakow said NDSP officers assisted with traffic control, and the department would receive a copy of the accident report within the next few days. NDSP will then forward information about MacNaught's arrest to the Office of Residence Life, Rakow said.

Larissa ZavalaMejia, a friend of the two students involved in the crash, said she walked by shortly after the accident and stopped when she recognized one of the students involved.

"The car was pretty beat up," ZavalaMejia said.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Prisoners freed in cooperation effort

KABUL, Afghanistan — The U.S. military freed 81 prisoners held in Afghanistan on Sunday, and the country's most senior judge said the government was pressing for the release of hundreds more from American custody.

The prisoner release ahead of the Muslim feast of Eid al-Adha, which begins Jan. 20, could help a reconciliation drive with former Taliban regime members sought by both President Hamid Karzai and the American military in hopes of defusing a stubborn insurgency hampering Afghanistan's recovery.

In fresh violence, officials said a roadside bomb killed an Afghan soldier in eastern Kunar province on Friday, an Afghan died trying to plant a similar device further south on Saturday and a grenade attack injured a pro-government mullah in central Uruzgan province.

Protest over welfare cuts continues

ST. PETERSBURG, Russia — Pensioners and veterans angered over the cutoff of welfare payments clogged streets and paralyzed traffic in St. Petersburg, hometown to President Vladimir Putin, for a second day Sunday and the street demonstrations spread to other Russian cities.

Top government officials sought to shift the blame by accusing regional leaders of botching the management of new social programs, under which benefits such as free medicine and public transportation were replaced by a monthly government stipend.

Though St. Petersburg authorities promised to restore some benefits after 10,000 people jammed the center of Russia's second-largest city on Saturday, demonstrators returned Sunday to rally on Nevsky Prospect, again snarling traffic in the center of the city.

NATIONAL NEWS

Body recovered from avalanche

SALT LAKE CITY — Search teams digging through the tons of snow found the body Sunday of one of the five people believed buried by a powerful avalanche in an area that skiers had been warned to avoid.

The body of a man who appeared to be in his 20s was found under 4 feet of snow after trained dogs alerted the teams searching the area of Friday's slide, Summit County Sheriff Dave Edmunds said at a news conference.

The body was not immediately identified, though Edmunds said the man's clothing matched that of a missing snowboarder.

The only person identified as having been caught by the avalanche was Shane Maixner, 28, of Sandpoint, Idaho.

Americans hopeful about next term

WASHINGTON — A majority of Americans say they feel hopeful about President Bush's second term, but those hopes are clouded by doubts about when the bloodshed in Iraq will end.

People say Iraq should be the president's highest priority, according to an Associated Press poll that found that those surveyed are not optimistic a stable government will take hold there.

After winning re-election, Bush is preparing to pursue an ambitious agenda that includes efforts to change Social Security, federal tax laws and medical malpractice awards.

LOCAL NEWS

Indiana Tech celebrates 75 years

FORT WAYNE — Indiana Tech is celebrating its diamond anniversary, 75 years after its first students were allowed to attend \$55 classes by paying with cars, chickens and popcorn.

Since its humble beginnings as a college with eight students who met in a former mortuary, the university has grown to 3,600 students on a 37-acre campus in Fort Wayne.

The school has never strayed from its roots in engineering, but over the past two decades has built up its business college.

ISRAEL

Army to crackdown on militants

Prime Minister Sharon issues his directive to army after series of Palestinian attacks

Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Prime Minister Ariel Sharon told the army to do whatever was needed to end Palestinian rocket, mortar and bomb attacks, and the government dismissed a call Sunday by the PLO leadership for a halt to militant violence.

"Despite the change in the Palestinian leadership, we note that those at the top have not begun any action whatsoever to halt the terrorism," Sharon told the Cabinet at its weekly meeting. "The situation cannot continue."

After nightfall Sunday, a tank shell slammed into a house in a Gaza refugee camp across from an Israeli settlement, killing a 28-year-old man and his 59-year-old mother and seriously wounding his father, Palestinians said. The military said there was no tank shelling, but tanks fired machine guns.

The bloodshed has escalated tensions with the new Palestinian leader, Mahmoud Abbas, whose election last week had raised hopes for a breakthrough in Mideast peace-making. Palestinian officials accused Sharon of undermining Abbas' fledgling efforts to persuade militants to halt the violence.

After Sharon unleashed his military, the Palestinian Liberation Organization's Central Committee met to discuss the rising tensions.

At the end of the meeting, the powerful PLO body headed by Abbas said the militants were only hurting the Palestinian cause and called on them to "stop all the military action that might harm our national goals and give the Israelis an excuse to obstruct Palestinian stability."

The statement was the PLO's strongest language against violence since the death of longtime Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat on Nov. 11. It did



An Israeli army armored bulldozer clears a path for an armored personnel carrier during an operation against Palestinian militants in the Zeitoun neighborhood near Gaza City.

not specify, however, what action might be taken against militants.

Israeli officials discounted the statement and said military preparations for a crackdown were continuing.

Sharon cut off contacts with Abbas after Palestinian militants killed six Israelis at a Gaza Strip crossing Thursday. The attack sparked Israeli reprisals that killed eight Palestinians in Gaza on Saturday.

Defying the Israeli offensive, militants fired homemade rockets from Gaza at the southern Israeli border town of Sderot, critically wounding a teenage girl. Two more rockets landed in Sderot on Sunday, caus-

ing no injuries, and Palestinian mortar fire damaged a home in a Jewish settlement.

Israel wants Abbas to crack down on the militants. While repeatedly condemning violence as counterproductive, Abbas prefers to negotiate a cease-fire commitment with the militants. He has been in talks with the Hamas and Islamic Jihad groups.

"The army and the security forces have been instructed to step up operational activity against terrorism and they will continue to do so, without restrictions, I emphasize, without restrictions, as long as the Palestinians are not lifting a finger,"

Sharon told his Cabinet.

Senior military officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the army was considering either a major raid or several small operations against militants. The military prefers the second option, fearing a broad operation would ruin Abbas' chances for success, the officials said.

The new violence may reflect militants' desire to prove their strength and compel Abbas to take them into account as he begins his tenure.

Militants have also stepped up attacks ahead of a planned Israeli withdrawal from Gaza this summer, hoping to make it look like Israel is fleeing under fire.

U.S. troops may not leave Iraq this year

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush says the U.S. military will pull out of Iraq "as quickly as possible," but he is not endorsing Secretary of State Colin Powell's statement that troops could begin returning home this year.

"The way I would put it is, American troops will be leaving as quickly as possible, but they won't be leaving until we have completed our mission," Bush said in a Washington Post interview published Sunday.

"And part of the mission is to train Iraqis so they can fight the terrorists. And the sooner the Iraqis are pre-

pared — better prepared, better equipped to fight — the sooner our troops will start coming home," Bush said.

Powell told National Public Radio last week that he believes Americans could begin leaving Iraq this year as the Iraqis take on a larger security role. Powell, in his final days as the government's chief diplomat, said he could not give a timeline when all the troops will be home.

Bush said the U.S. military is "constantly assessing" if Iraqi security forces are up to the job, allowing the United States to begin pulling out. The president would not commit to significantly reduce troops by the

end of his second term in 2009.

Bush said his priorities over the next four years are winning the fight against terrorism, spreading freedom and democracy, reducing the deficit and overhauling Social Security and the tax system.

White House counselor Dan Bartlett, who appeared on three talks shows on Sunday, said Bush's inaugural address on Thursday will stress those goals.


"It really is a liberty speech — how we promote liberty overseas, which is in our direct interest for security here at home, as well as liberty here at home," Bartlett told "Fox News Sunday."

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IN BRIEF

Retired Nike CEO to sell shares

PORTLAND, Ore. — Phil Knight, the recently retired CEO of Nike Inc., has filed the regulatory paperwork needed to sell 5.7 million shares, roughly 8 percent of his total holdings.

It marks one of Knight's largest single divestments in his 33 years as chief executive of Oregon-based Nike, the world's largest sneaker and athletic apparel manufacturer, company officials said.

According to the filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission, Knight is converting 5.7 million of Class A shares — which are owned only by the company's original investors and which cannot be sold — to Class B stock, which can be traded on the New York Stock Exchange.

The shares will be sold over time, as required under SEC rules.

Had the transaction been completed Friday at a share price of \$88.95, the total sale would be worth over \$507 million.

Knight will continue to retain direct ownership of 92 percent of Nike's outstanding Class A shares — roughly 25 percent of Nike's total outstanding common stock.

Company insiders say the move is intended to free up cash to help Knight with his estate planning and is not a move into the sunset.

Macy's to eliminate racial profiling

NEW YORK — A school custodian who said he was wrongfully singled out for shoplifting solely because he is black applauded Macy's anti-profiling agreement on Friday as a victory for civil rights.

"I do this for every color, white, black, green, yellow," said Makan Magassa, 42.

"This is not supposed to happen to anyone in this place right now. Color doesn't matter."

The agreement between Macy's East Inc. and state Attorney General Eliot Spitzer, filed Friday in U.S. District Court, said the retailer will make sure its security guards adhere to store policy prohibiting racial and ethnic profiling in detaining suspected shoplifters.

The retailer also agreed to pay \$600,000 in damages and costs to the state. The settlement covers Macy's stores in New York state.

Growing competition threatens TiVo

TiVo faces difficult year as more companies enter lucrative business

Associated Press

SAN JOSE, Calif. — TiVo has been synonymous with digital video recording since it pioneered the industry five years ago, controlling an estimated one-third of the market in 2004.

That lofty perch is now beginning to crumble.

Competition in the growing and lucrative industry is intensifying as cable providers, satellite operators and consumer electronics companies push ahead with models of their own, giving consumers more choices while threatening to significantly blunt TiVo Inc.'s edge.

"They're facing a very, very difficult year this year. It'll be increasingly difficult for them to sign up new subscribers," said Josh Bernoff, an analyst at Forrester Research. "Why do you need a TiVo when there's a cable DVR (digital video recorder) for free?"

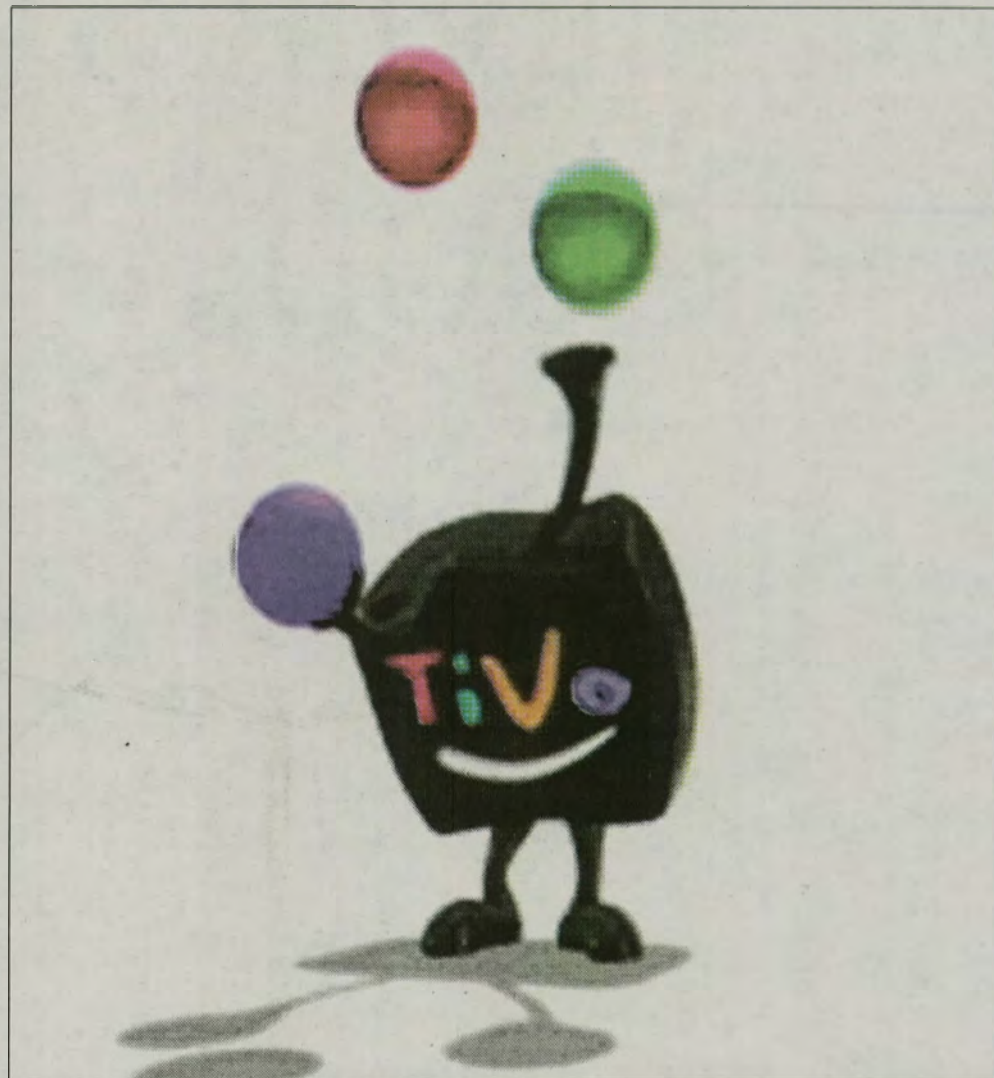
Many agree that TiVo's service remains the best of breed, with its easy navigational controls and advanced search and record functions.

Its subscribers, who tend to be an evangelistic bunch, account for one in three of the estimated 6.5 million U.S. households with digital video recorders.

But the small company based in the south San Francisco Bay community of Alviso is now playing in a land of giants, faced with a mass market of consumers looking for convenience and low prices.

Even with its latest innovations, TiVo will find it difficult to compete against the clones of deep-pocketed cable or satellite operators.

Those companies can afford to subsidize hardware costs and already have tens of millions of customers on their rosters.



TiVo, which used to control about one-third of the digital recording market, is expected to see a severe decrease in sales with the introduction of new competitors.

The rivals also charge consumers less per month for digital recording — about \$5 to \$10, compared to TiVo's \$13.

Consider Alex Wilkas, who appreciates the latest gadgetry but won't hesitate to trade it in if another has a better price or better features.

Wilkas lives in the San Francisco Bay area, where the digital recorder battle escalated in December after the local cable company, Comcast Corp., started rolling out its newest DVR-equipped set-top box to customers.

Comcast heavily advertised the advanced digital service. But while some customers were waiting

for the boxes to arrive, TiVo gave away 2,000 of its DVRs to anyone who could show a Comcast bill.

That's right, gave them away.

Then EchoStar Communications Corp. took out a full-page advertisement in a local newspaper panning Comcast and reminding potential customers that the satellite company also offered a DVR service.

So which new set-top box arrived in Wilkas' Foster City home two weeks ago? Comcast's DVR, which allows users to record two channels at once.

The main reason, says the 60-year-old real estate

agent, was that unlike the others, there was no upfront cost for the equipment — only the monthly service fee of \$9.95. Plus, the Comcast box supports high-definition TV signals.

Score one for Comcast, the nation's largest cable provider.

But there are millions more potential customers to go in the nascent market of digital recording, which lets viewers record shows to a hard drive, fast forward through commercials and pause live TV.

A snapshot of how TiVo is being attacked from many fronts emerged earlier this month at the International Consumer Electronics Show.

Former McDonald's CEO dies of cancer

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Charlie Bell, who began his McDonald's Corp. career as a part-time worker in a suburban Sydney restaurant and later became chief executive of the fast-food icon, died early Monday of colon cancer in his native Australia. He was 44.

Bell was diagnosed with cancer last May, only a month after ascending to the top job. He left the fast food-giant in November, after several rounds of treatment. McDonald's announced his death Sunday evening.

"Charlie Bell gave his all to McDonald's," said Andrew J. McKenna, chairman of the company's board. "Even during his hospi-

talization and chemotherapy, Charlie led this company with pride and determination."

Bell was replaced as CEO by Jim Skinner, the Oak Brook, Ill. — based company's third CEO in a year. Bell was chosen to replace former chief James Cantalupo, who died of a heart attack in April 2004.

Early last month, Bell and his family returned to Sydney where he was continuing his cancer therapy.

McDonald's spokesman Walt Riker declined to comment on whether Bell was in the hospital or at home. No funeral arrangements have yet been made, he said.

Bell rose through the ranks of the Oak Brook, Ill. — based fast food

giant, starting at a Sydney restaurant in 1975 and becoming the youngest store manager in Australia by the age of 19.

From 1993 until late 1999 Bell was managing director of McDonald's Australia. He then served as president of McDonald's Europe until December 2002 and was then named president and chief operating officer and a board member of McDonald's.

"Charlie grew up with McDonald's," Fred Turner, the company's former chairman and CEO, said in a statement. "He always put the system first. His natural love of people, his energy and passion for life and the business were contagious to all who came in contact with him."

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Forum

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diversity? What about Student Activities, or student government?"

"The things that was great about these focus groups was that these were the people that were committed to the issue of racism," Baron said. "They were especially impassioned because of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Meeting with these people tonight was an inspiration for anyone in student government, and motivation to make this report something to mobilize around."

Though Baron said that they already have a definite direction for the BOT report, the testimonials heard at these forums will be used to supplement and further

direct its aims.

"The focus of the report is pretty set, so this is mainly a chance for the students to influence it, for us to find the parts where the most stress needs to be," he said.

As it stands, the February 3 report will broadly deal with "Issues of Equality and Ensuring a Welcoming Environment For All," and will be divided into two-parts — "Situation" and "Solution".

Baron said that the plan was to make the report available for viewing a week in advance of the actual presentation, either through posting online or publication in *The Observer*.

"We want students to stand up with us on February 3 and show that some things need to change," Baron said.

Istvan said that while they are prepared to handle 80 participants, they expect about 25 stu-

dents tonight and Tuesday.

"The great thing about focus groups is that eight people can make a sizeable contribution," Istvan added.

No particular section of the student population is being targeted to participate, and Baron said that while more minorities represented more than the University's standard 20 percent at Sunday's forum, the number of majority students present surprised him.

"We just want a diversity of opinions," Baron said. "With the focus groups themselves, we're looking for anyone who has an impassioned interest in one of the three categories to come give us their voice so we can make their voice known to the highest of the highest bodies at Notre Dame."

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Awards honor entertainment's best

'The Aviator' and 'Sideways' win big at annual Golden Globes

Associated Press

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. — The Howard Hughes epic "The Aviator" and the road-trip romp "Sideways" earned best-picture Golden Globes on Sunday, boosting their status as front-runners for the upcoming Academy Awards.

"The Aviator" won for best dramatic film, giving it an edge at the Oscars, which favor heavyweight drama. "Sideways" won for comedy film.

Jamie Foxx of the Ray Charles film biography "Ray," Hilary Swank of the boxing saga "Million Dollar Baby," Annette Bening of the showbiz comedy "Being Julia" and Leonardo DiCaprio of "The Aviator" also boosted their Oscar odds by

winning the top acting Globes.

"Can I just tell you that I am having the ride of my life right now?" said Foxx, considered the favorite to win the best-actor Oscar for his uncanny emulation of Ray Charles, who died last year. "I wish I could take what I'm feeling right now and put it in the water system, and we would all love each other a whole lot more."

Earning a record three Globe nominations, Foxx lost in his other two categories, supporting movie actor for "Collateral" and actor in a TV movie or miniseries for "Redemption."

Bening won for best actress in a movie musical or comedy, playing an aging stage diva in 1930s London who plots gleeful revenge against the men in her life.

Backstage, Bening said that while Hollywood economics is geared toward roles for younger actresses, she said there are filmmakers eager to present tales of older women.

"I think there's no question that sexism exists, but I think that as long as people are willing to fight and create interesting stories that involve women of all different ages, then the movies will get made," Bening said.

Swank's and Bening's Golden Globe wins set up an Oscar rematch between the actresses, who competed against each other five years ago for best actress. Underdog Swank won the Golden Globe and Oscar for "Boys Don't Cry" over Bening, who had been considered the favorite for "American Beauty."

Acclaimed journalist set free after 44 years

Associated Press

BATON ROUGE, La. — Wilbert Rideau, imprisoned since the days "whites only" signs hung across the South, enjoyed his first full day of freedom Sunday, after a jury effectively decided he had been punished enough for a killing that continues to divide his hometown along racial lines.

Rideau, a black man convicted three times in the case by all-white juries, transformed himself into an award-winning journalist during more than four decades in the nation's bloodiest prison. He walked free Saturday when a racially mixed jury found him guilty of a lesser charge of manslaughter.

A quietly jubilant Rideau savored his new freedom Sunday in Baton Rouge, relaxing at a friend's house and blinking in a world he left behind when John Kennedy was the new president.

"I'm still trying to wrap my mind around it," Rideau told The Associated Press in one of his first interviews since the verdict in his native Lake Charles. "Jail is so far distant. It's distant."

Rideau, 62, never denied that he killed Julia Ferguson on Feb. 16, 1961, and shot two others after a botched robbery. Testifying for the first time in this trial, he said it was an act of panic.

Prosecutors, seeking a murder conviction and a life sentence, scoffed at Rideau's contention that although he killed Ferguson, he didn't murder her. But after deliberating for

nearly six hours, the jury of eight whites and four blacks agreed with him that the crime was not planned or premeditated.

Since he has spent nearly 44 years in prison — more than double the 21-year maximum for manslaughter when the crime occurred — he was immediately released.

"It offers hope to the black community. It's a new day," said the Rev. J.L. Franklin of Lake Charles, who has led a minister's group that has pushed for years for Rideau's release.

After a celebration with his attorneys, he spent the night with his mother and sisters. Elsewhere in Lake Charles, a spontaneous celebration broke out at a crowded zydeco ball when news of Rideau's release emerged.

"Wilbert was just so elated," Franklin said. "We were all just extremely excited. And amazed that he is free. We were all very excited and Wilbert's talking about his projects."

Rideau was a janitor and eighth-grade dropout when he entered the notorious Louisiana State Penitentiary in Angola. Behind bars, he became a self-educated writer and helped expose the violence behind prison walls, elevating the prison magazine, *The Angolite*, to national acclaim.

He gained fame and numerous awards, co-directing the Oscar-nominated prison documentary "The Farm" and co-writing and narrating an award-winning National Public Radio documentary.

FDA to reassess fate of morning-after pill

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The government is considering whether to make morning-after birth control available without a prescription, and like most issues that involve sex and pregnancy, it has generated heated debate.

Fierce arguments have gone on inside and outside the Food and Drug Administration, which may decide as soon as this week whether drug stores can sell the emergency contraception known as Plan B without a prescription to women age 16 and older.

Each side accuses the other of manipulating science for political purpose.

Plan B supporters say the pill is a safe way to prevent thousands of unwanted pregnancies and the abortions that sometimes follow. Making the contraception available over the counter, they say, is crucial for women who might need the protection over a weekend or when it is difficult to obtain a prescription.

Plan B can prevent pregnancy for up to 72 hours after sex. The sooner the pill is taken, the more effective it is.

"Women's reproductive rights shouldn't hinge on someone else's schedule. We should have this at our fingertips. It should

be next to condoms in drug stores," said Kelly Mangan, 22, president of the University of Florida's chapter of the National Organization for Women. She was arrested this month in a protest outside the FDA's headquarters in suburban Maryland.

Opponents worry that the drug encourages women — teenagers in particular — to have risky sex. If over-the-counter sales are permitted, older teenagers or adults might buy the pills for some of their younger friends or their sexual partners, critics say.

"It encourages risky sexual activity with the promise 'just pop a pill in the morning and you don't need to worry about pregnancy,'" said Wendy Wright of Concerned Women of America, a conservative group that focuses on social issues.

"What we're concerned about is a number of young people who are not engaged in sexual activity who feel tremendous pressure, and this will only add to the pressure that is on them," Wright said.

Not contested, by either side, is that the drug is safe or effective. Some who work for the FDA believed that questions about people's sexual behavior were overwhelming scientific ones, according to an internal agency memo written last year.

Poll sees Notre Dame sexism

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

President expresses gratitude

This weekend Saint Mary's College celebrated its 160 year history and my inauguration as its 11th president. The inauguration of a college or university president is, like commencement, one of the great academic liturgies. At commencement, the focus is appropriately on a single institution and its graduates and its faculty. In contrast, an inauguration involves the participation of the faculty and students of the college but it also brings together presidents and delegates from other colleges and universities in a show of solidarity to our common calling — the preservation and creation of knowledge and the passing on to and sharing of that knowledge with a new generation of learners. Saint Mary's was pleased to host presidents and delegates from almost 100 other colleges and universities. Most importantly, to me, representatives from the Congregation of the Sisters of the Holy Cross and from all of the Holy Cross colleges and universities in the United States were

present. Each of the Holy Cross institutions shares a common commitment to the vision of the founder of the Holy Cross Congregations, Father Basil Moreau; we are all committed to excellence in education and to education of the whole person: mind, heart, body and soul. The support that I have individually from the Sisters of the Holy Cross and from the other Holy Cross presidents, and the support that Saint Mary's enjoys as a member of the group of Holy Cross colleges and universities, is a life giving force both for me and for Saint Mary's College.

Organizing and executing all of the celebratory events of the past several days involved the best efforts of virtually everyone on our campus. Indeed, months of preparation went into making each of the events successful and into making the weekend a seamless whole. I want to take the opportunity to thank everyone at Saint Mary's — faculty, administrators, staff and students not only for their

hard work but also for their enthusiasm for our beloved Saint Mary's. Guest after guest told me about the wonderful hospitality they were shown by Saint Mary's. Everyone who visited our campus over the past several days left with knowledge of our pride in our College and with excitement about what we have been and what we can become. That pride and enthusiasm was communicated by all of you in countless ways. I want also to acknowledge and thank the members of the Saint Mary's Board of Trustees whose commitment to the College is extraordinary and whose support made possible the wonderful celebrations marking this next chapter in the life of the College.

Let me conclude by expressing my sincerest thanks to the entire Saint Mary's community and by saying how pleased I am to be home again.

Carol Ann Mooney
Saint Mary's College President
Jan. 16

U-WIRE

Education shouldn't be for sale

Sometimes those little jokey page-filler articles deep within a newspaper tell us more about the world we live in than the front pages.

This was plainly the case last week when the more avid newspaper reader might have come

Matthew Kennard

The Daily Bruin
University of California-Los Angeles

across a story about a 20-year-old American man who is auctioning — yes, auctioning — his forehead on eBay.

Andrew Fischer, from Omaha, Neb., said he would tattoo a non-permanent logo or brand name on his forehead for 30 days. Last time I checked he had received 123 bids, with the largest bid over \$25,700.

Is anything safe from the sprawling tentacles of corporate power these days? The military, hospitals, schools, social security — it seems nothing now is sacred in the face of a quick buck from the leech-like corporate sector. A man is now even trying to turn his face into a billboard. Should this be a warning to us all? What's even more interesting to us as students are his motivations. He said he would use the money to pay college fees — he is planning to study graphic design. But even if he made it to UCLA he would find an institution that is pimping itself in the same way. The great pride that should be associated with being an excellent public institution is slowly frittering away. Both UCLA and University of California Berkeley's law schools have been increasingly turning to private dona-

tions for funding.

I chatted with Professor Earl Thompson, an economist at UCLA specializing in monetary and economic theory, who said, "Private universities do fairly well in this world. The trick to having a great university is to have a great budget. So if more legitimate private donors show up to offer financial support to Berkeley, we should accept it. We should even solicit private support and (we) regularly do."

So what's the problem, I thought. The university gets more money, and we, in turn, get world-class teaching and facilities. Why didn't we do this a long time ago? Next on my list was the UCLA law dean, Michael Schill. He seemed to be a little more coy than Edley and Thompson (he went to great pains to "resist any description of what is going on as 'privatization,'" and reassured me repeatedly that UCLA has no intention or desire to privatize).

Private donors are not altruistic bodies who spend their time looking around for a university in need. They are calculating profit-maximizers who see an opportunity for making money and snatch it.

Now there's no doubt that short-term increases in revenue are a benefit that does come with private funding. That is incontrovertible. But there is a very marked correlation between the amount of private funding a university receives and the fees it charges. Just look at any of the private institutions in the United States, like Yale, Harvard or Princeton. They all charge more than three times as much as UCLA.

On top of this, an increase in fees affects the ability of students to pursue careers in "public interest" fields. At the moment, graduates of the Boalt Law School at UC Berkeley are about twice as likely to work for socially conscious companies than are private law school graduates from Stanford and USC.

But most importantly, while people like Schill will give lip service to the fact that "neither the state, the Berkeley administration, our campus, nor our faculty want us to be anything other than a public institution," privatization has an inevitability about it. The trend toward public dis-investments in higher education could spell the end of public universities altogether. Currently the state contributes as little as 44 percent of the Berkeley law budget, according to Schill. "All too often the education process is entrusted to people who appear to have no understanding of industry and the path of progress," the European Roundtable of Industrialists observed in 1998. "The provision of education is a market opportunity and should be treated as such."

This is what this great public university has become — a market opportunity. We will soon be "intellectual capital," finding our debt-ridden way through the "knowledge economy."

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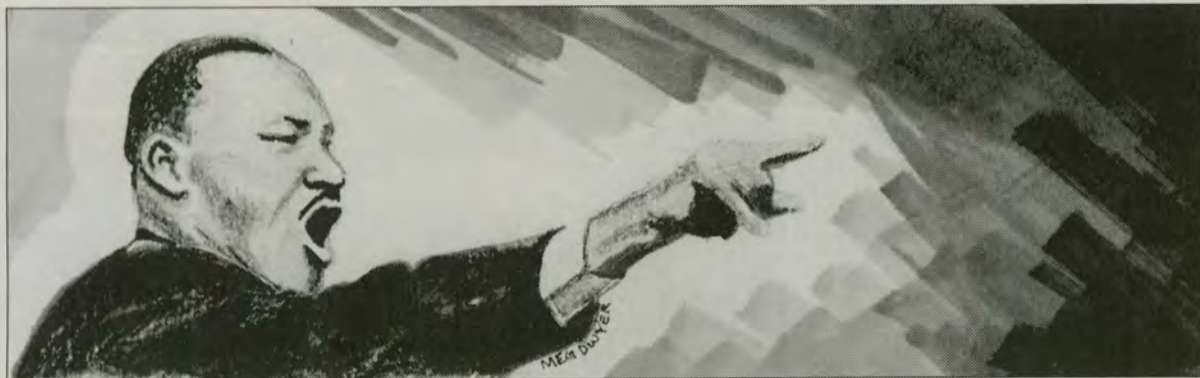
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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy."

Martin Luther King, Jr.
activist

When race really matters



As luck would have it, my column happens to have fallen on the observation of the birthday of Martin Luther King Jr., a day notorious for American newspaper columnists to either praise the great strides made in race relations since the Civil Rights

Movement (white writers), or to harshly criticize the subservient position in society still relegated to blacks by white elitists (black writers).

Needless to say, my dancing and jumping abilities have proven time and again that I happen to be one of the whitest people on the planet, so buckle your seat-belts.

First and foremost, I would have to say that my biggest grievance against students of modern American race relations, myself included, is our tendency to attribute race as the chief motivator behind every incident that occurs between people from varying racial backgrounds. It seems as though so much emphasis has been placed on simplifying everything down to black and white that we have lost the capacity to see anything beyond these two colors when it comes to analyzing contemporary society. Luckily, one of the most pertinent examples in recent memory of this phenomenal obsession with race happens to have occurred on this very campus only a month ago; consequently, I feel that a look at the recent head football coach "scandal" here at Notre Dame in relation to the theories championed by some social scientists on the trend for factors like class and economics to supercede race as the chief motivating issues in society would be an ideal way for me to respectfully voice my support for Charlie Weis on Martin Luther King Day.

Granted, many of these academics, most notably Harvard sociologist William Julius Wilson, implement this argument for the purpose of highlighting flaws in government programs that fail to aid poor blacks. Nevertheless, I still feel that this basic line of reasoning can be expounded upon for the purpose of justifying many of the decisions made by the Board of Trustees over the past several weeks.

For example, in his analysis of American race relations, Wilson points out the possibility of racial maltreatment occurring as a side effect of capitalist business practices throughout American history. The initial enslavement of blacks, after all, really only grew popular in the United States after it was deemed to be a cheaper labor alternative to the white European indentured servants that had been working in America's fields since the seventeenth century. Likewise, in the industrial era surrounding the two world wars, factory owners had no problem crossing the racial divide and hiring black workers to replace white workers who had either gone on strike or to

war, simply for the sake of maximizing profits. Clearly, even in these extreme cases, race dramatically declines in significance when the almighty dollar is at stake.

Following suit, then, I find it immature, insulting, and downright embarrassing that so many members of the Notre Dame community would assume that such a relatively mundane occurrence as a redirection of the football program could be driven by such an unconnected factor as skin color. Simply put, the members of the Board who felt it necessary to break with tradition and replace our coach after only three years did so because their primary concern is and always has been the overall well-being of the University. At this school, in particular, this duty is often directly related to the success of the football program, with the sport initially putting the Irish on the map over 80 years ago and the level of alumni donations and undergraduate applications still depending to some extent on what happens each autumn inside Notre Dame Stadium. Consequently, if a member of the University staff fails to perform at the level expected of an employee at one of America's top schools, be it an unpublished professor, an unproductive administrator or an unsuccessful football coach, he will be replaced regardless of his race.

After all, people often seem to forget this is one of the few universities in the nation where black student athletes are given the respect they deserve not only as athletes, but as students, too. In 2004, the graduation rates amongst Notre Dame's football players were identical across racial lines, with 76 percent of whites and 76 percent of blacks graduating successfully. Compare that to the rates at other top football programs, like Michigan's 47 percent black and 70 percent white graduation rates, Auburn's 40 percent black and 74 percent white rates, and Tennessee's 30 percent black and 67 percent white rates, and perhaps cynics like Michael Wilbon, the Malcolm X of the sports world, can start pointing the finger of racism away from the alleged mistreatment of one black millionaire in South Bend and toward places where truly disadvantaged blacks are being neglected.

In the meantime, I'd say it's about time for the Notre Dame community to unite around its new coach and start a rigorous training regiment so that everyone's upper body is strong enough to handle the unbelievable amount of pushups that we'll be doing in the stands every game next fall, because with Charlie Weis on the sidelines, things are going to get pretty nasty around here.

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Joey Falco

Forty Ounces to Falco

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Don't be ashamed of football excellence

Gary Caruso's Jan. 14 letter in the Observer's Viewpoint is an utter embarrassment to Notre Dame. His criticisms rest on the fallacious assumption that the pursuit of excellence in football can only be done at the expense of academic integrity. I would enjoy seeing him attempt to explain that connection to the countless student athletes in Notre Dame's past who attained greatness at Notre Dame both on and off the field.

Ultimately Notre Dame's cherished football program serves many needs, but none more important than those of its students. Notre Dame asks much of its student athletes, more than any other school. Finally those in charge of the University's future recognize their responsibility to provide them with the very best coaching staff in return for the high demands it places on its young men. Asking young men for their best and giving them less in return is a sign of badly misplaced priorities.

Caruso dodges an important fact — Tyrone Willingham failed at Notre Dame. Of course Willingham is a fine man, but fine men can fail. His program had made absolutely no progress in three seasons, a sign that has portended certain doom historically at Notre Dame and at other major programs.

The trustees serve as stewards for all of Notre Dame's endeavors. It may make Caruso uncomfortable, but football has become a vital part of the university, both culturally and economically. For Notre Dame's trustees to have allowed the administration to continue to operate under the foolish hope that things might magically right themselves over the next two years would have been irresponsible to say the least.

Why Willingham was terminated after his third season is the question many are asking. I believe it is much more relevant, appreciating football's importance, to wonder why head coaches Gerry Faust and Bob Davie were both allowed to coach a fourth season. More importantly, one should ask why University President Father Edward Malloy and Kevin White appeared content to ignore obvious signs of failure which history attempted to teach them.

Finally, Caruso's assertion that Notre Dame never accepted Willingham is a pathetic attempt to paint alumni as intolerant racists. Willingham was widely respected by alumni as the man of character and integrity he genuinely is. Unfortunately, were this all one needed to excel, the job of Notre Dame football coach wouldn't be worth writing about as often as people do. Willingham himself understood the yardstick he'd be measured by at Notre Dame. No one questioned how well he was accepted during the early successes of Willingham's first season. Excellence is what alumni accept, because excellence is what our student athletes deserve.

Of course, none of this matters now. We have witnessed the emergence of a new calling among the Board of Trustees known as accountability. The new administration refuses to apologize for pursuing excellence in football and will no longer join Caruso in his hand-wringing over false choices. It's going to be awfully fun watching people like Caruso feel uncomfortable explaining to his colleagues why we're winning again.

Chuck Emma
 alumni
 class of '84
 Jan. 14

EDITORIAL CARTOON



BOOK REVIEW

Original 'Sex and the City' lacks class

By BECCA SAUNDERS
Assistant Scene Editor

It is the rule that in most cases, when a book is turned into a movie, mini-series or television series, the book is better than the visualized version of the story.

This is not the case in Candace Bushnell's "Sex and the City." While the immensely popular HBO series "Sex and the City" is based off this book and the life of the writer, the show is generally wittier than and not quite as obscene as the book. The writers of the "Sex and the City" series are also much better at dialogue and the like than Bushnell, whose writing is often jumbled, confusing and wordy.

The book is a collection of Bushnell's articles for the New York Observer that she began in 1994. After the popularity of the column in New York City took off, Bushnell composed this collection of articles that became the book in 1996. The version that is now available also has an introduction by Bushnell from 2001 and two added chapters at the end of the book.

While the stories range from sweet, shocking, funny and borderline offensive, they are all intriguing, even if all one is intrigued by is the seemingly sick world in which Bushnell portrays the majority of New Yorkers as inhabiting. Everyone is unhappy, unfaithful and unfulfilled in the Big Apple, and Bushnell willingly gives out the details of the

debauchery throughout the collection of columns in "Sex and the City."

The book is broken into chapters that seem to be articles or perhaps multiple articles on the same topic written by Bushnell. With topics ranging from "modelizers" (men who only date models), "Bicycle Boys" (men who ride their bikes around the city like the literary men of old), threesomes, psychotic parents, the suburbs and much more, it would be impossible to deny that "Sex and the City" is informative. However, just how much information does the average person really want to know about the sick world that seems to compose Manhattan? "Sex and the City" pushes boundaries, but at times Bushnell pushes too far, providing too much disturbing information about her personal life and the personal lives of others.

The first half of "Sex and the City" begins very slowly.

Collected columns jump from topic to topic, covering bits and pieces of the friends in Bushnell's life. Of course everyone is given a pseudonym, but the identity of most of the characters would probably be a bit obvious for anyone who actually knew Bushnell. The main character is referred to, by Bushnell, as her friend Carrie. Carrie is quite obviously Bushnell, and the second half of the collection of columns reads much more like a novel as the columns dive in to Carrie's relationship with "Mr. Big."

Big is of course not attentive

enough to Carrie, causing her to do drugs, almost sleep with a woman and claim she had lost her mind. Carrie ends up coming across as needy, jealous and eventually kind of nuts, which is interesting considering Bushnell published these columns for all of New York to read in close proximity to the relationship happening, and thus makes the connection between her and crazy Carrie all the more apparent. The added chapters make clear the closeness of the writing of the articles to the events in Bushnell's life as the last two chapters detail the break-up of Carrie and Mr. Big. The novel ends on a different note than the series as "Mr. Big is happily married. Carrie is happily single."

For fans of the HBO series, "Sex and the City" may be worth the read, but without some vested interest in the series, "Sex and the City" the book would most probably be an un-enjoyable experience. Many of the names are the same, such as "Samantha Jones," "Stanford Blatch" and "Miranda Hobbs," although the professions are different. The driving force behind the novel is the relationship between Carrie and Big, which is true in the series as well. Some of the ideas for different episodes are taken from the columns, such as attending a baby shower thrown by an old friend from the city in the suburbs where Carrie finds "a fourteen-by-seventeen color photograph of Jolie, Demi Moore-style, naked save for a skimpy negligee that was open in the front to reveal humongous [breasts] and a huge belly." There are many traces of the series in the book by Bushnell and overall it is clear the original columns served as inspiration for the series, but not much more.

Bushnell's writing is weak,

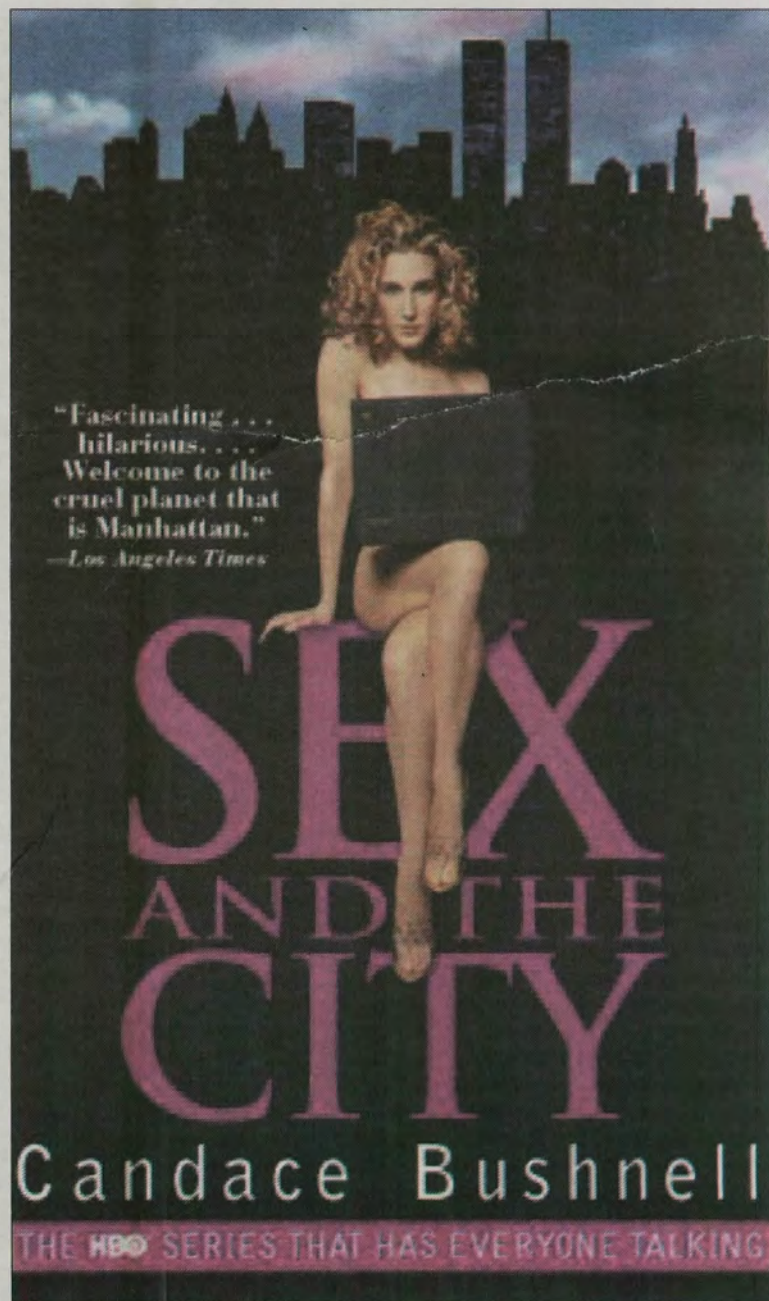


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and although the stories she shares of Manhattan at its worst and best are interesting, they are nothing spectacular in regards to subject matter or style. A fan of the HBO series may find the book interesting, but it hardly ever rises above average and at times is far

below even that point. Although Bushnell is the creator, "Sex and the City" is just a little classier and wittier via Sarah Jessica Parker.

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PAC REVIEW

St. Petersburg Ballet puts new twist on old story

By CHRISSY ROCHEL
Scene Writer

South Bend patrons of the arts had a rare chance to see one of the top ballet companies from across the world last Thursday.

The St. Petersburg State Ballet Theater usually performs in Europe or Asia, but visited South Bend as part of a series of acts presented at the Morris Performing Arts Center thanks to scheduling from Notre Dame's DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts.

St. Petersburg State Ballet Theater danced a modern version of the famous tragic love

story. The show eliminated traditional features such as the classic balcony scene often used in ballet versions of "Romeo and Juliet." This modern take on Shakespeare's famous play personified death with a dancer in a black spandex bodysuit. This character acted as the sword-killing Mercutio and Tybalt in the two fight scenes. This dancer also gave Romeo the kiss of death at Juliet's gravesite and presented Juliet with the sword that ended her life.

As death danced the end to the sad story, Romeo and Juliet were lifted towards the ceiling on wooden boards. Meanwhile, the other dancers posed on

stage with blue lights, which represented the stars of heaven.

The staging as well as the characters and costumes presented a modern interpretation of the ballet. The performance began with a transparent curtain slightly obstructing the view of the audience. Wooden pillars lifted and descended upon the right and left sides of the stage during climactic scenes. Though this new presentation failed to leave the audience teary-eyed at the close, the audience rose to its feet to give an enthusiastic standing ovation and left the theater smiling.

The performers danced the

choreography of Serge Vikulov to the moving musical score of Sergei Prokofiev. When the band of Capulet men danced on stage in black and red attire, combatant like music highlighted the conflict between the houses of Montague and Capulet and passionately drew in the audience.

Ballet connoisseurs deem St. Petersburg the birthplace of Russian Ballet. The 38-year old St. Petersburg State Ballet Theatre has received the highest official status by the Russian government. Only the best companies in Russia gain the prestigious title of "State and Academic Ballet." This company has toured in over 50

countries with numerous sold-out audiences.

DeBartolo Performing Arts Center executive director John Haynes said he was "particularly excited for the performance" and felt that "students as well as the entire South Bend community benefits from having such renowned artistic performances come to the area."

Haynes said that ND Presents will continue bringing award-winning performances to the Morris with the upcoming National Acrobats of Taiwan in March and the Opera Verdi Europa in April.

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Relaxing off the beaten path

A look at the non-traditional nightlife beyond the typical student destinations

By CHRISTIE BOLSEN
Assistant Scene Editor

If the words "one in, one out" make you feel sad inside, then you are probably familiar with the standard student lineup of crowded bars: Club 23, Corby's, Rum Runners, State, Heartland, Finnigan's and the Backer. Even with The Boat Club gone, many of these establishments offer the same familiar feeling of having your body pressed intimately against people whom you only vaguely recognize in your attempts to force your way through a wall of students to the distant restrooms.

If not having your arms pinned to your sides is more important to you than seeing everyone you've ever known since freshman year, there is a whole new world of alternative drinking spots for you to try. Frequented by locals instead of students, you may only know the people you came with, so bring good company. There probably won't be free drink coupons a la the Backer, but many of the specials are surprisingly easy on the wallet, and most places offer more originality in terms of atmosphere and crowd than the usual student bars—and of course, a break from the eternal crowds. Here's a roundup of just a sampling of what the South Bend area has to offer students 21 or older and with valid identification.

The Sports Page

While this bar is more out of the way with its Granger location, the Wednesday and Thursday bargains on pitchers make the trip worthwhile—think penny pitchers and deals on import beer. As for atmosphere, there are giant televisions everywhere for sports fans and a dance floor in one room for dance party fans. It's spacious and clean, suitable either for an early game watch or a night out with friends.

Just like everyone's favorite Sunday bars, it's open seven days a week. As a bar and grill it offers an impressive menu as well, and the restaurant area doubles as a relaxed place for non-dancers to sit. There usually aren't Notre Dame students, but there is a younger crowd most of the time, mostly students from other colleges. The local crowd is friendly and approachable for the most part, so even though you won't recognize as many people as usual you can still be sociable.

The Sports Page is located on 50827 Princess Way in Granger.

Cheers

Everybody won't know your name, but at least you can get cheap drinks and hear bands. There are specials on shots on Wednesdays and Thursdays, and this bar also features live music on a regular basis—open jams on Wednesdays, where Cheers supplies the equipment, and Thursday through Saturday there is different entertainment. Many Notre Dame bands play at this venue, so you can come support them as well—a plus if you're tired of the same soundtrack of 80s and country featured at most places that don't have live music.

Cheers is located on 103 S. Dixie Way.

Club LaSalle

And now, for something completely different—patrons of this bar refer to it as a "diamond in the rough in South Bend" because of its distinctly upscale environment. On Tuesdays there are specials on mini martinis, which attracts many graduate students, but the main pull of Club LaSalle is the "business relaxed" ambiance. The mood is set with the leather furniture and darker lighting, and is reminiscent of a Chicago jazz club or a big city bar. Those looking for a fresh experience or those who enjoy the finer things in life may spend more money but will enjoy the classy atmosphere.

Club LaSalle features live entertainment on Wednesday through Saturday, which ranges from jazz to blues to funk, either solos or duos and larger bands. There is a \$4 cover on these nights, but the club brings in bands from places like Minneapolis, Chicago and Detroit. The bar is open Tuesday through Saturday, and is a part of the LaSalle Grill building. Anyone looking to enjoy the classic cocktails should be advised that jeans, shorts and tennis shoes are discouraged.

Club LaSalle is located on 115 W. Colfax Ave.

Club Landing

Since Club Landing is always packed, it might not be the best alternative for people looking to avoid the swarms of people at State and Club 23. It does offer more than the typical sweaty dance floor, however; there are salsa dance party nights, DJs and live entertainment. There are drink specials every night it's open, Wednesday through Saturday. When warmer weather arrives and you can stop wearing a parka and snow boots when you go out, there's outdoor dancing and dining. This is mostly a club for people who can't get enough of the dance floor and want a "casual yet upscale environment."

Club Landing is located on 1717 Lincolnway East.

Truman's Night Club

Although the Princeton Review thinks that alternative lifestyles are not an alternative at Notre Dame, Truman's has entertainment and specials that might appeal to students who are tired of the same old thing every night. Next to Rum Runners, Truman's is a nightclub, lounge and sports bar. Wednesday is karaoke night, Thursday through Saturday there are drag shows in the lounge, Sunday is open mic night, and all weekend the sports bar is open for no cover.

There's no cover during the week, although there are specials on Wednesdays and Thursdays where you can pay \$5 to the bartender to get drink deals. You don't have to pay if you just want to check out the dance floor, which seems to be the main appeal for students who have given the entertainment complex high reviews.

Truman's is located on 100 N. Center St. in Mishawaka.

Quasi-Traditional Bars

Many of these bars don't deserve the title of "non-traditional" since

they're either on their way back to the realm of traditional or because they have fairly high student attendance on a regular basis, so they fall under the semi-alternative category.

Bookmaker's

Bookmaker's especially ranks as on its way back to mainstream, since it's been packed wall-to-wall as of late. The best deals on cover and drinks are on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, so it can be a first-choice destination or an alternative if other places are too crowded. Since The Boat Club's demise, this bar has seen a resurgence of students. It's close to campus, roomy and clean, making it fun for any night of the week. Bookmaker's is located on 2046 South Bend Ave.

Madison Oyster Bar

Madison Oyster Bar attracts students consistently with its more laid-back atmosphere, and it also offers specials every night. There are three levels, some pool tables and a jukebox as well as televisions. The food and drink menus are more original than the standard fare at other bars, and it's a notch above in classiness in case you want to bring your parents out to a sanitary bar when they come to visit. As you may have guessed, you can indeed dine on oysters if you're adventurous. Madison Oyster Bar is located on 129 N. Main St.

Fiddler's Hearth

Seniors may remember when Fiddler's Hearth opened a few years ago. The live entertainment ranges from bluegrass, Celtic and folk, and the

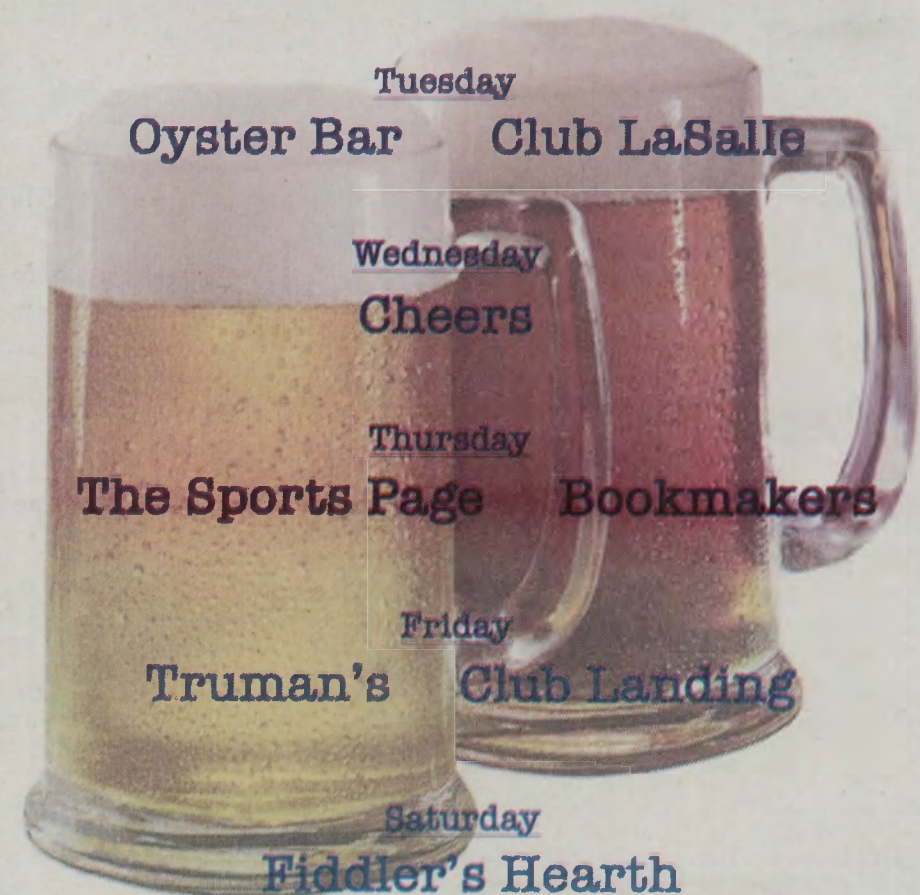
pub's beer menu might even satisfy people who miss being abroad. If you're choosy about how your Guinness is poured and presented, Fiddler's is a Guinness Gold Standard Location — \$4 for the perfect pint. Of course, you should expect nothing less from a pub that serves bangers and mash, Welsh rarebit and Molly Malone stew. The atmosphere is suitable for dinner and even families, since the unique entertainment should be the main attraction in this cozy pub. Unlike the others on the list, Fiddler's is not limited to 21 and over — anyone of any age can sit in the dining room, as long as they stay out of the bar area. Fiddler's Hearth is located next to Madison Oyster Bar on 127 N. Main St.

More where those came from...

There are actually many more bars and clubs in the Notre Dame area for people bored with the repetition of night life, so you don't have to resort to the same seven places every week while pining away for Boat. Most people would be surprised at how many drinking establishments there are which tend to get ignored in our haste to get to our usual stomping grounds; that said, there is absolutely nothing wrong with a weekly routine of tried-and-true bars. So whether you try out Martha's Midway Tavern for a new experience, or whether you just can't tear yourself away from Corby's each week, just remember that there's always a drink special waiting for anyone 21 or over somewhere in South Bend.

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Alternate weekly bar schedules



MEN'S TENNIS

Toledo, Illinois State fall victim to Irish men

Bass, King post wins to lead ND to victory

By KATE GALES
Sports Writer

There wasn't much suspense this weekend at the Eck Tennis Pavilion. The No. 34 Irish dominated season-opening play, registering a 7-0 victory over Toledo Saturday morning and adding a 6-1 win over Illinois State on Saturday afternoon.

"Overall this is a strong showing," Irish coach Bobby Bayliss said. "I'm real excited about our team — I don't know how good we are yet."

The Irish did not lose a set to Toledo, as No. 6 Eric Langenkamp put up the season's first point with a 6-2, 6-0 victory of Josh Moran. At No. 4, Irackli Akhvlediani followed with a 6-1, 6-1 win over Chris Clark and No. 5 Patrick

Buchanan defeated Travis Curran 6-3, 6-1

No. 113-ranked Barry King clinched the match at No. 2 for the Irish with a 6-3, 6-1 win over Tony Tran with a 6-4, 7-6 (7-1) score. At No. 3, Ryan Keckley notched a 6-2, 6-4 victory over Freddy Gomez.

Making his debut at the top spot for the Irish, No. 77-ranked Stephen Bass defeated Khalid Al Nabhani to finish singles competition.

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Bobby Bayliss
Irish coach

In doubles, Langenkamp and Peter Graham — fresh off a shoulder injury — took the first match for the Irish 8-4, and Jimmy Bass and co-captain Nick Chimerakis clinched the point for the Irish with an 8-6 victory.

Co-captain Brent D'Amico and Keckley concluded play against Toledo with an 8-6 victory at the top doubles spot.

"I think everyone's doing a great job," D'Amico said. "It's definitely positive to have a lot

of young guys contributing."

Irish momentum carried through the first match into the afternoon, where the team defeated Illinois State 6-1.

"I think we kind of passed a test," Bayliss said. "We've still got work to do."

Bayliss modified some of the singles positions in the day's second matches as well as rearranging the doubles lineup.

Bass was first off the courts in singles play with a 6-1, 6-2 win over Guillermo Gomez at the No. 1 spot. D'Amico followed at No. 3 and King at No. 2, both with scores of 6-3, 6-3.

Sheeva Parbhu clinched the match in his first time on the courts playing collegiate tennis. In the No. 4 spot, he topped Oscar Beich 6-1, 6-3. Akhvlediani added another point at No. 5 with a 7-5, 6-2 defeat of Alban Renard.

In a hard-fought battle at No. 6, Ryan Keckley fell to Alfredo Lagarda in the Redbirds' comeback behind victory with a score of 4-6, 7-6 (7-3), 1-0 (11-9).

Keckley came back for the doubles competition, however, as

he and D'Amico soundly won 8-1 in the top spot. No. 2. Langenkamp and Parbhu won 8-5 and Bass and King stayed perfect with an 8-4 win at No. 3.

Despite the lopsided victories, Bayliss wants his team to stay focused on tougher competition ahead.

"We've got to continue to improve as the season goes on," Bayliss said. "I just hope we can get a win or two early that helps really propel us and helps us believe with ourselves."

This weekend provided a solid foundation for that sort of confidence.

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No. 5: Irackli Akhvlediani (ND) d. Alban Renard (ISU) 7-5, 6-2.
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DOUBLES

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NFL

Falcons swoop past Rams, Steelers survive in overtime

Associated Press

ATLANTA — Michael Vick rolled to the left, brushed aside a rusher like a pesky gnat and took off the other way.

He didn't stop until 47 yards later.

The Atlanta Falcons were off and running — and their one-of-a-kind quarterback had plenty of teammates along for the ride.

Warrick Dunn ran for a 62-yard touchdown, Allen Rossum set an NFL playoff record for punt returns and the Falcons routed the St. Louis Rams 47-17 Saturday night.

Vick? He was right in the middle of things, of course, throwing a pair of touchdown passes and running for 119 yards to break Donovan's McNabb's year-old record for rushing yards by a quarterback in a playoff game.

But Vick's teammates managed to escape his considerable shadow, putting Atlanta within one win of the Super Bowl.

"You saw a team that plays together," rookie coach Jim

Mora said. "You saw a team that's pretty complete. We like to say in the locker room that the best player on our team is our team. We proved that tonight with the way we played."

The Falcons advanced to the NFC championship game for just the second time in the franchise's 39-year history. They will either host Minnesota or travel to Philadelphia next weekend for a spot in the Super Bowl.

Steelers 20, Jets 17

Two minutes, two misses. And now no more chances for the New York Jets.

Doug Brien lined up for his second shot at winning the game against the Pittsburgh Steelers on the last play of regulation. The 43-yarder launched off his foot, and Brien immediately knew something was terribly wrong. He kicked the ball so hard, it started curving, curving until it sailed wide left.

Just before that, Brien bounced a 47-yard try off the crossbar that would have given the Jets the late lead.

Instead, the Steelers got the perfect opportunity to steal a game they seemed destined to lose. Jeff Reed kicked a 33-yard field goal in overtime to win it 20-17 Saturday, and the Cardiac Jets trudged off the field. Heartbroken.

Kind of like what the Jets did to the Chargers last week in the wild-card round, when Brien was the hero after making a 28-yarder to win it.

"I just feel bad for the team," said Brien, his eyes tearing up while teammates dressed silently around him. "I'll be fine. I just feel bad for the guys that played so well, played so hard and came up short."

The Jets, who went into the fourth quarter with a seven-point lead, blew that when Hines Ward scored on a shovel pass from Ben Roethlisberger.

Brien, his sentences clipped, said he tried to hit his second attempt harder because the first one came up short. Everyone on the team, from coach Herman Edwards to Chad Pennington, thought the second kick would win it, prolonging their roller-coaster season.



Steelers kicker Jeff Reed, left, celebrates with holder Chris Gardocki after Reed's field goal in overtime beat the Jets.

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HOCKEY

Ohio State bucks Notre Dame, sweeps weekend series

By BOBBY GRIFFIN
Sports Writer

Saturday was just one of those nights for the Irish — nights they've had far too much of this season, when nothing seemed to go their way.

Irish defenseman Brock Sheahan received the puck at the top of the left circle with a wide-open look at the goal during a power play and the score 2-1 in favor of Ohio State. He reared back and ripped what very well could have been the game-tying goal, only his stick broke.

Oops.

For a team that has been having so many problems offensively, this strange occurrence seemed fitting.

Offensively, the Irish have been dismal in their last several efforts, and the team's glaring problem reared its ugly head both Friday and Saturday night, as the Irish dropped both games to Ohio State, 4-1 and 3-1.

Things opened up fairly well on Friday night, as the Irish found themselves on the better end of a 5-on-3 power play.

15:52 into the first period, Cory McLean found Wes O'Neill open at the blue line, and O'Neill slapped one in from the point to give Notre Dame a 1-0 lead. The sophomore defenseman O'Neill leads the Irish in goals for the season with seven.

However, the Irish lead did not last long.

Going into the weekend against the Irish, the Buckeyes were scoring on roughly 20 percent of their power plays — and it did not take too much time to prove the strength of this aspect

of their game.

At 18:53 of the first period, Irish defenseman Noah Babin was called for tripping. The Buckeyes wasted no time, with forward Tom Fritsche scoring on goalie Dave Brown from the near right circle just 23 seconds later.

Nate Guenin's even-strength goal at 10:22 of the second period gave the Buckeyes a 2-1 lead.

The Buckeyes' success on the power play continued in the third period, when Notre Dame's Victor Oreskovich was called for high sticking 15:33 into the period. Ohio State's forward Bryce Anderson set up on the right circle and scored on a one-timer from Fritsche to make the score 3-1.

"We did a good job on the penalty kill and unfortunately it's not going to look like it because there is going to be three or four goals on the power play," Irish coach Dave Poulin said. "The last one the kid gets his stick lifted from behind, the other one the penalty is almost over, and the kid throws it up blind."

At 17:54 in the third period, Sheahan was penalized for slashing, and true to form, Ohio State again took advantage when Matt Beaudoin scored off his own rebound to put the game out of reach.

After Friday's game, Poulin addressed the problems that the team is having offensively.

"We are a pretty good defensive hockey team that right now has got some kids that are struggling in their beliefs to score goals," Poulin said. "It's going to happen again, but it certainly can't come soon

enough for this coach or this team."

Unfortunately, the Irish offensive problems have had a negative effect on the team's defense.

"I think it gets to a point where you're up on your toes and your trying to do whatever you can to score a goal and you leave yourself vulnerable defensively," Poulin said.

The problems continued on Saturday, as the Irish again struggled to find a groove offensively until it was a little too late.

The Buckeyes came out aggressive and continued to prove why they are recognized for being strong on the power play.

Early in the game, the Irish were whistled for having too many men on the ice.

At the 8:28 mark, Sean Collins made the Irish pay for that miscue, finding Rod Pelley, who scored to give Ohio State a 1-0 lead.

Ohio State tacked on another goal midway through the second period, as Fritsche made a beautiful pass from behind the net to set up a backhand shot from in close by Anderson.

Notre Dame responded midway through the third period, as Josh Sciba scored off a rebound in front of the net.

Sciba's goal seemed to rejuvenate the Irish intensity.

"Confidence is a very fragile thing," Poulin said. "You can see when we score a goal in the third period, all of a sudden not only the guy who scored the goal is confident, but the whole team is confident."

Despite their inspired play down the stretch, the Irish



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Irish goalie Morgan Cey deflects a shot by Buckeye forward Rod Pelley during Notre Dame's 3-1 loss to Ohio State.

could not find a way to score a tying goal, and the Buckeyes tacked on an empty net goal with eight seconds remaining.

"There were a few opportunities tonight, there were more scoring chances than we've had clearly," Poulin said.

Once again, senior Morgan Cey played beautifully in the goal for the Irish, making 27 saves in the losing effort.

"For now, all I can do is come in to the rink every day and work my hardest and give my team a chance to win ever night, so that's all I'm trying to do," Cey said. "We'll take any kind of momentum we can get. Josh's goal there in the third really lifted our spirits, and we

need little things like that to get our confidence going."

Cey has now allowed eight goals in the team's last five games, following his 27-save performance Saturday night.

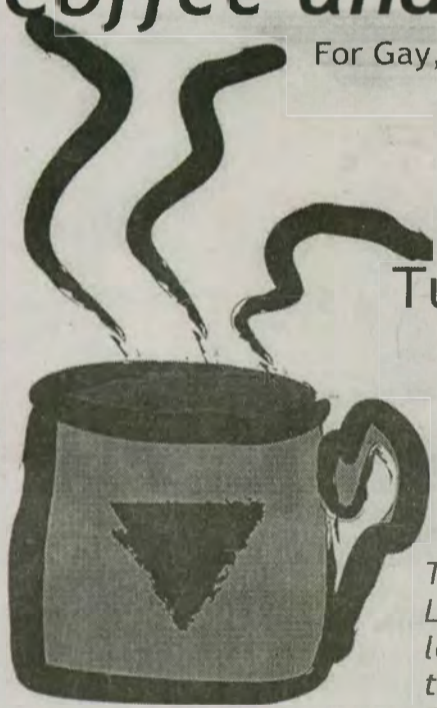
"He's really good," Poulin said, with a slight smile on his face.

Notre Dame would love to now take the confidence that came from the last half of the third period Saturday into this week, when they play Tuesday against Michigan Tech and next weekend against Wisconsin in consecutive league games.

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SMC BASKETBALL

Saint Mary's falls into fourth place

By CHRIS KHOREY
Sports Writer

In the midst of a stretch coach Suzanne Bellina has called "so important to us," the Belles lost a key game to Alma Saturday 77-71 in overtime.

Saint Mary's (7-9, 2-5 MIAA) entered Saturday one game ahead of Alma (7-6, 2-5) in the conference standings. The loss drops Saint Mary's into a four-way tie for fifth with Olivet, Tri-State and Alma.

Star forward Emily Creachbaum said the team is disappointed with dropping an opportunity to pick up a win against Alma, an MIAA bottom feeder.

"[Saturday] would have helped established us in the middle of the pack," she said.

With the conference season heating up and the Belles still on a roller coaster ride, Creachbaum said the team is trying to concentrate on one game at a time.

"Every win in our conference will help us move up," she said.

The Belles' schedule should be easier over the next few weeks, as Saint Mary's has already played its road games

against MIAA powerhouses Albion, Hope and Calvin.

"We've already played the top teams in our conference on the road," Creachbaum said.

Like so many games this season, the Belles started the Alma game hot and led 36-31 at half-time but lost the lead after half-time.

"The momentum switched at the beginning of the second half," Creachbaum said.

Saint Mary's was able to force the game in to overtime, but Scots forward Katey Peacock took over in the extra frame. Peacock finished the game with 25 points on 7-of-18 shooting from the field.

"They would set three screens, and she would cut," Creachbaum said. "We felt like we were just chasing her around, and she scored a lot of baskets."

On a more positive note for the Belles, four players, Bridget Lipke, Maureen Bush, Alison Kessler and Bridget Boyce, scored in double figures, with Lipke leading the team with 17. Creachbaum pitched in eight points and nine rebounds.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Irish can't take wins for granted in Big East

With the score tied at 14, Chris Quinn dribbled into his defender and forced a floating jump shot from the left wing. The two players made contact, the ball lofted a few feet in the air and St. John's grabbed the loose ball.

As the play continued to the opposite end of the floor, Quinn turned to the referee befuddled.

He wondered why no foul had been called. He looked like a player on a proven team who expected calls on his home court.

But the whistle stayed silent.

Perhaps it did not occur at that specific moment, but at some point during Notre Dame's 67-66 win over the Red Storm Saturday, the Irish discovered a bit more about their identity in the Big East.

On the one hand, Notre Dame found out a few things that already had become evident. Colin Falls has become increasingly confident and lethal with his jump shot. The inside game still needs to improve. Russell Carter and Omari Israel look like they will contribute significantly from the bench.



Pat Leonard

Sports Writer

But Notre Dame also found out that even after it challenged Syracuse for 26 strong minutes, beating a St. John's team that just last year set a record for lowest conference wins — for this Irish squad — was not a given.

In fact, coach Mike Brey said his team understood its situation prior to tip-off.

"[Our players] are not shocked we had to do this to win," Brey said. "I told them to expect to do this to win. We never expected we were going to beat St. John's by 10 or 12. I don't expect that at any Big East game."

But the Irish should have expected that against the Red Storm.

While Notre Dame's being favored should not demand a sound victory alone, the Irish had every opportunity to put a team away that shot 31 percent from the field in the second half and made 10 of its 22 foul shots, including 5-of-12 during the final 8:38 of the game.

In that same stretch, Notre Dame scored only 12 points and made no two-point field goals the remainder of the game.

The shot selection is not as big of a deal because most of the shots the Irish took Saturday, as Brey said, were good ones. Also, St. John's is playing every game like a play-off due to its ban on postseason participation.

"They really have nothing to lose. They're just playing," Brey said. "This is an NCAA tournament game to them. They're playing them like there's 12 or 13 left."

But the fact that the Red Storm would have stolen this one in the Joyce Center had it not been for poor foul shooting and Chris Thomas' 3-point shot speaks volumes towards Notre Dame's status as a basketball team.

"Part of playing in this league is learning how to win, especially down the stretch," Quinn said. "I think in our four games for the most part we've done a pretty good job down the stretch ... it seems like every Big East game is going to come down to those last three or four minutes."

The Irish are 3-1 in the Big East, a game better than they were after four conference games last season. But as a tough schedule looms ahead, Notre Dame has not shown convincing evidence that it is significantly better than anybody.

While the Irish swarmed Syracuse Monday, the Orange eventually separated themselves as the better, more composed team with a 14-0 second half run. Notre Dame could not do that to St. John's Saturday.

"Last year we lost a lot of close games, and this year we're winning them," Falls said. "That makes a difference



RICHARD FRIEDMAN/The Observer

Colin Falls, left, chats with Chris Quinn, center and Torin Francis during Notre Dame's win over St. John's Saturday.

come tournament time."

It sure does, and playing in the Big East undoubtedly prepares teams for the stiff competition they will see in the post-season. In such a difficult conference, Brey shows strength and leadership as a coach by appreciating a win for what it is.

"I want [our players] to celebrate," he said. "I don't want them to say, 'Oh man, we should have won by [so many points]... B.S. We will enjoy it, and then we will get back to

work tomorrow, because a league win is a league win. And we'll take it, man."

But if Notre Dame cannot hang with teams like Syracuse for the full 40 minutes, the Irish must take care of teams like St. John's consistently.

Otherwise, they should not expect any referees' calls. Even at home.

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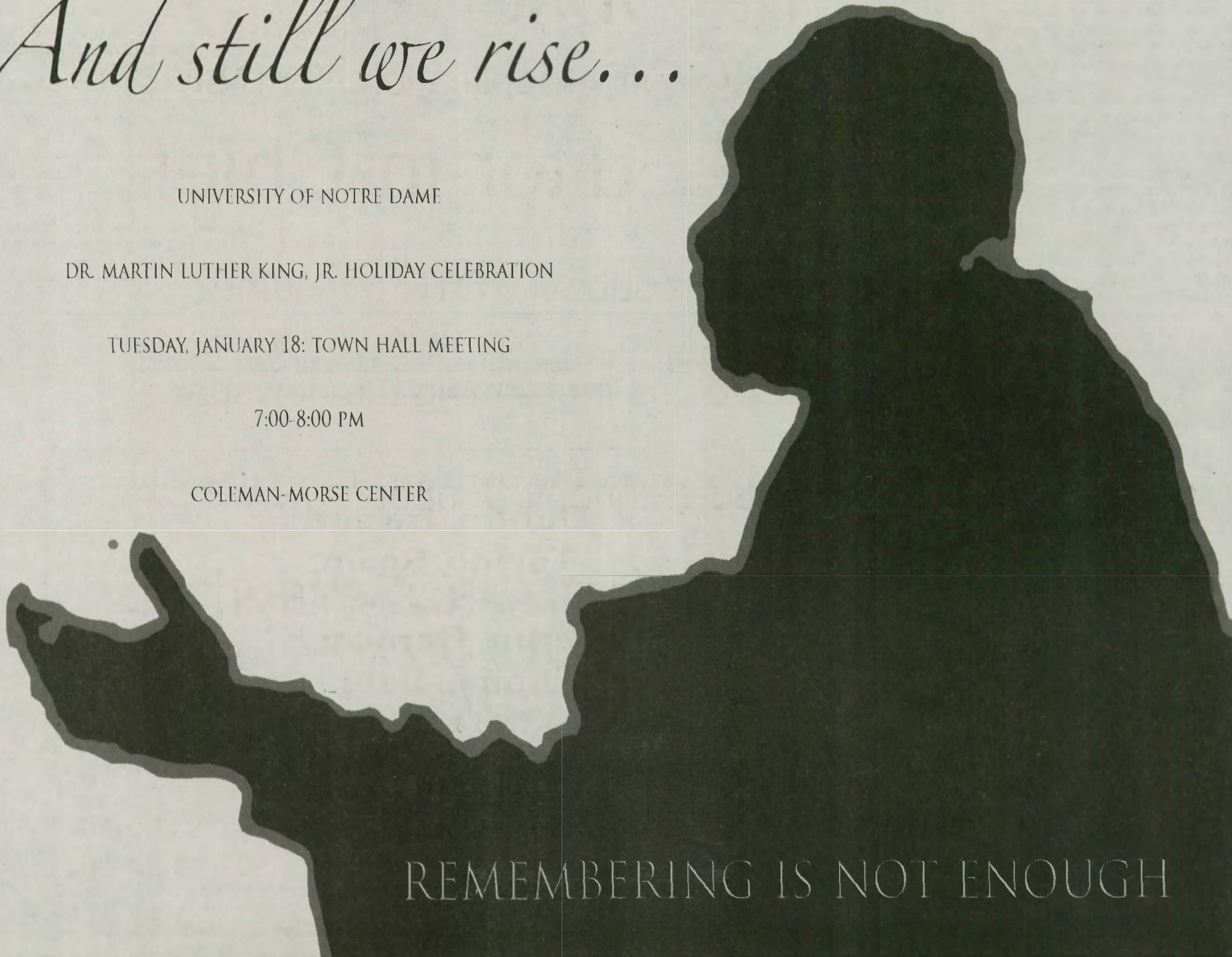
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REMEMBERING IS NOT ENOUGH

Blowout

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"I think we've had all year long." Notre Dame (14-3) and Purdue (10-6) went back and forth for the first 11 minutes, with eight lead changes. But with 8:57 to play in the half and Purdue up 27-24, the Irish came out firing.

Powered by outstanding shooting and rebounding, the Irish went on a 19-7 run to go ahead 44-32 with 3:10 to play in the half.

The Irish closed the first half on a 7-0 run to extend the lead to 54-38 at halftime.

Point guard Megan Duffy was 3-for-3 from behind the arc in the first half, en route to 17 first half points.

"I felt good out there," said Duffy, who finished with 19 points and six assists.

Early in the second half, Notre Dame maintained its lead, carrying a 60-45 advantage after just under four minutes of play. But Purdue fought back, going on a 6-2 run to cut the Notre Dame lead to 11 with 14:35 to play.

After a Notre Dame timeout, the Irish scored six straight points to extend the lead to 68-51 behind points from Duffy, Teresa Borton and Tulyah Gaines and four rebounds from Batteast, who showed no ill effects of an ankle injury suffered Wednesday night.

Purdue never got closer than 13 points, and Notre Dame cleared its bench with two minutes to play, securing the first win over the Boilermakers since the 2001 National Championship game in which Notre Dame defeated 68-66 Purdue for the NCAA title.

"We just wanted to come out and show them that they're not going to do anything that we don't want them to do in our house," said Batteast, who also had three blocks.

Notre Dame gave up 69 points, well above its season-average of 56.9, but the Irish defense was key to the game, according to McGraw.

"We played with tremendous intensity at the defensive end and really did some great things," McGraw said.

Notre Dame had six steals, and Purdue turned the ball over 21 times, with the Irish converting them to 29 points.

Notes:

◆ Borton has shot 23-31 from the field in the last four games good for 74 percent.

◆ Batteast's double-double (21 points, 11 rebounds) was her fourth of the season and 36th of her career. Sunday's numbers tied her with Ruth Riley for second on the all-time list of most double-doubles for Notre Dame.

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PURDUE (10-6)

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NOTRE DAME	54	32	86
Purdue	38	31	69

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Win over Purdue gives Irish confidence

Few 13-3, top-10 teams ever have must-win games in January against a non-conference opponent.

But that's where Irish coach Muffet McGraw thought her team was, heading into a matchup against No. 20 Purdue on Sunday.

In its two previous games, Notre Dame played sloppy, inconsistent and downright ugly basketball in consecutive losses to Villanova and Connecticut. They looked like an NIT-caliber team, not a squad that won 13 of its first 14 games.

After the defeats, McGraw believed her team was at a possible turning point in the season. With several talented opponents waiting on the schedule in the near future, the long-time coach knew the Irish needed a win.

After 40 dominating minutes of basketball, Notre Dame delivered just that — in the form of an 86-69 crushing of Purdue.

"It's a huge shot of confidence for us," McGraw said. "We really needed a win tonight. I thought our season was kind of on the brink of going either way at this point. We started off so well and we needed to keep it going. This game gives us the confidence we need."

And just like that, the Irish are back playing well in all aspects of the game. Their intensity is back. Their aggressive play is back. And, most importantly, their swagger is back.

All those characteristics — characteristics that made this team one of the best in the nation during the early stretch of the season — led Notre Dame back where it should be Sunday — in the win column.

Up until last week, Notre Dame looked like a lock to cruise into the NCAA tournament in March with a No. 1 or No. 2 seed in the bag after playing impressively through 14 games. They drained every big shot, grabbed every crucial rebound and made every key defensive stand. If one player had a rough night, someone else picked up the slack. When the game was close in the waning minutes, Notre Dame played fearless.

Simply put, the Irish could do no wrong.

Then came the Villanova and Connecticut games. The Irish were pushed around and didn't make the plays down the stretch to beat Villanova, then watched helplessly as a four-loss Connecticut team smoked them at home.

Suddenly, the intensity, the confidence



Joe Hettler

Sports Writer



TIM SULLIVAN/The Observer

Irish guard Megan Duffy looks to pass the ball in Notre Dame's 86-69 win over Purdue Sunday. Duffy scored 17 points in the first half of her team's victory.

and the swagger were gone. In their place was a team searching for answers.

But just as quickly as Notre Dame had lost its confidence, they found it again by blowing out their intrastate rival. They went back to playing Notre Dame basketball. They hustled on defense and spread the ball around on offense. Megan Duffy played superbly at the point, scoring 17 first-half points, while Jacqueline Batteast had a typical evening — 21 points, 11 rebounds and five assists. Teresa Borton added 18 and the rest of the team contributed with solid nights as the Irish pulled away midway through the first half.

"Coming off two losses we were angry more than anything," Duffy said. "I think confidence was down a little bit but it was more so the fact that we needed a win and it was nice we got it against Purdue. We just focused on whatever it takes to get a win that's what we have to do and we did that tonight."

The Irish are in the midst of likely their toughest stretch of games this season. The team has road contests against

Syracuse and Connecticut and Rutgers and Boston College at home in four of its next five games. This is when Notre Dame needs to begin playing its best basketball as the schedule turns over into February.

It looked like the Irish would be falling during this stretch, not rising after the two losses in conference. But McGraw believed her team had the ability and toughness to overcome some mid-season adversity. She believed this team wouldn't fold when faced with challenges. She believed her team would overcome the obstacles in its way.

Sunday against a ranked Purdue team, McGraw's players proved her right.

"We just really came out fighting and I think that's how you tell the character of your team — how they respond after a loss," McGraw said. "I thought we responded really well."

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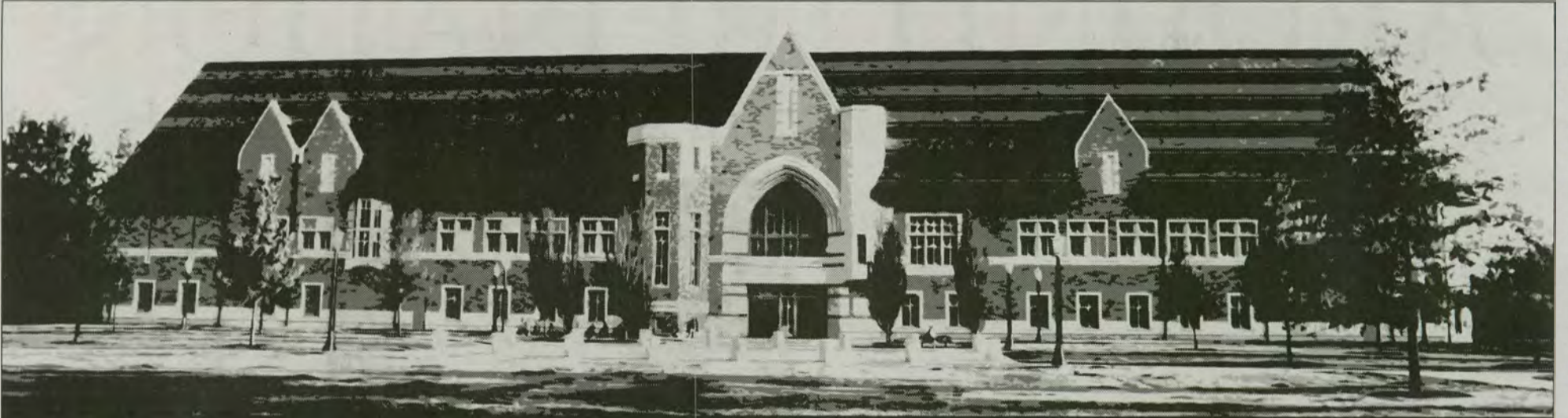
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Men's Swimming & Diving CSCAA Top 25

	team	points
1	Stanford	200
2	Florida	190
3	Auburn	184
4	California	170
5	Arizona	164
6	Southern Cal	163
7	Minnesota	156
8	Michigan	149
9	Texas	136
10	Virginia	127
11	Kentucky	118
12	Georgia	108
13	Indiana	105
14	Northwestern	96
15	Tennessee	90
16	Purdue	78
17	Wisconsin	67
18	Texas A&M	60
19	North Carolina	53
20	BYU	48
21	NOTRE DAME	36
22	Hawaii	34
23	Florida State	25
24	Ohio State	11
24	Alabama	11

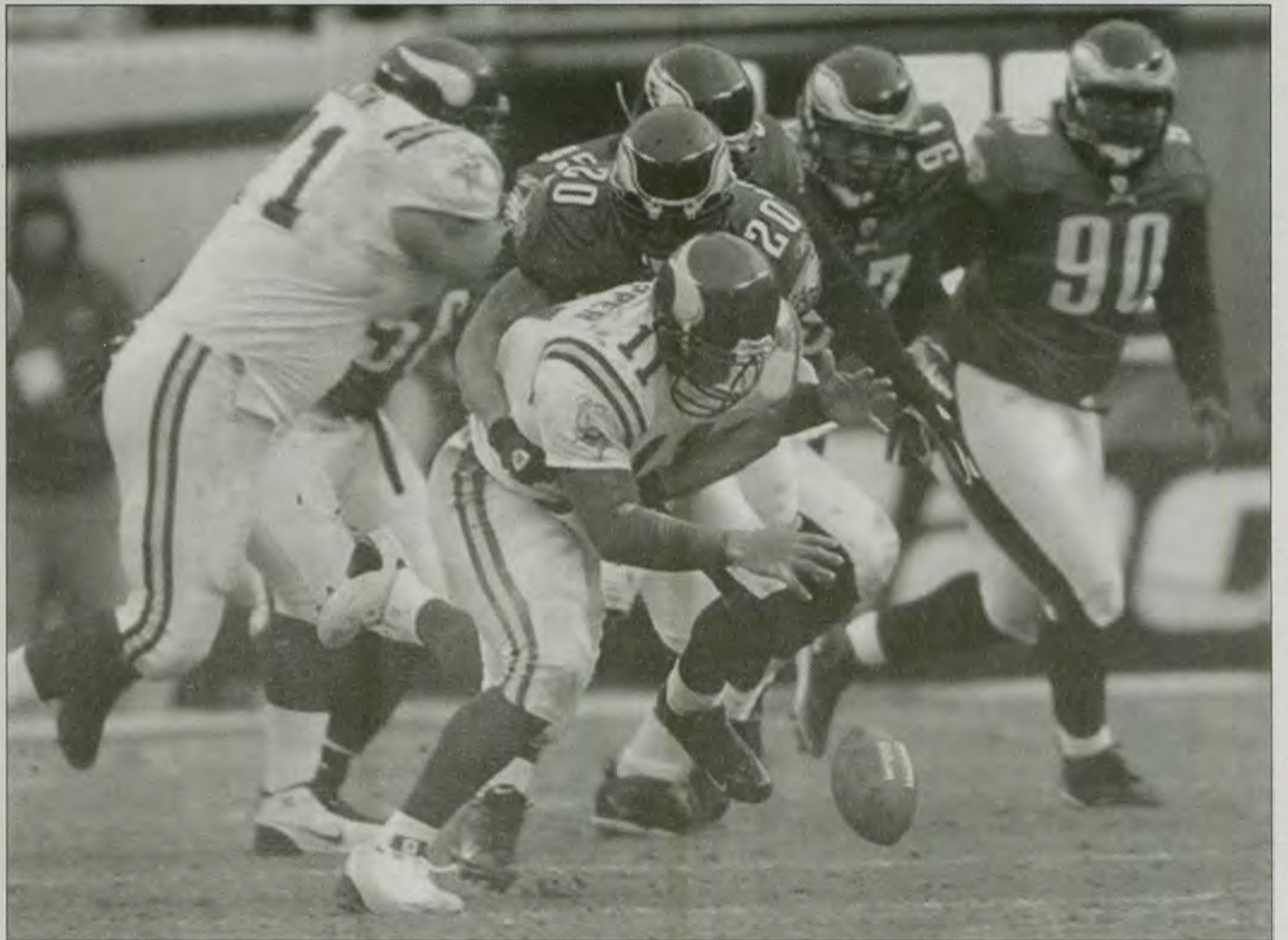
Women's Swimming & Diving CSCAA Top 25

	team	points
1	Georgia	175
2	Auburn	168
3	Florida	159
4	Arizona	156
5	Texas	146
6	SMU	141
7	California	133
8	Stanford	124
9	Wisconsin	118
10	Texas A&M	115
11	UCLA	104
12	Maryland	96
13	Michigan	89
14	Penn State	83
15	North Carolina	74
15	Virginia	74
17	Arizona State	64
18	Southern Cal	56
19	Purdue	46
20	Hawaii	45
21	Florida State	28
21	NOTRE DAME	28
22	Northwestern	20
24	Indiana	8
24	Washington	8

Central College Hockey Association

team	CCHA	overall
Michigan	15-1-0	18-5-1
Ohio State	12-3-1	15-6-3
Nebraska-Omaha	9-7-2	11-9-2
Northern Michigan	8-5-3	10-7-5
Bowling Green	7-5-2	10-7-3
Lake Superior	6-6-2	7-12-3
Michigan State	7-9-0	12-11-1
Alaska Fairbanks	5-10-1	6-11-1
Ferris State	4-9-3	9-12-3
Miami (Ohio)	4-9-3	8-12-4
Western Michigan	5-10-1	10-11-1
NOTRE DAME	3-11-4	5-13-5

NFL



Minnesota Vikings quarterback Duane Culpepper fumbles the ball as he is sacked by Philadelphia Eagle Brian Dawkins during the NFC divisional playoff game in Philadelphia on Sunday.

Eagles stomp Vikings Patriots one step closer

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — In the Eagles' first meaningful game in nearly a month, the back-ups played like regulars and the supporting cast picked up the slack. Philadelphia wasn't rusty at all in making its fourth straight NFC championship game with a 27-14 romp Sunday over the self-destructing Minnesota Vikings.

Mitchell was the headliner. He more than filled in for All-Pro wide receiver and glamour guy Terrell Owens, who watched from a luxury box while nursing an injured ankle. He

scored two touchdowns, and wasn't a bit shy about congratulating himself for playing the part of team celebrity.

"I'm a special player," he said, wearing an Indiana Jones hat and bow tie. "I've just got to thank my hands for being so great. I've just been chillin' being patient, being humble. I knew my time was going to come."

The bigger question: Has the Eagles' Super Bowl time finally come?

Philadelphia, which has lost three consecutive conference title games, the last two at home, hosts Atlanta next Sunday.

Associated Press

FOXBORO, Mass. - The New England Patriots kept the ball away from Peyton Manning most of the game and shut him down when he had it.

For the second year in a row, the Pats made the league's MVP look ordinary and his Indianapolis teammates inept, this time beating them 20-3 Sunday behind Corey Dillon's 144 yards rushing.

"I think our defense is what made this game successful," Patriots quarterback Tom Brady said. "Three points to one of the best offenses in the history

of football is incredible."

Manning's quarterbacking brilliance was neutralized as usual by Bill Belichick's punishing defense and the Colts' Super Bowl aspirations ended yet again on this snowy New England field.

Manning is now 0-7 in Foxboro. Brady is 7-0 in the postseason.

For the defending champions, one more win in Pittsburgh and it's on to Jacksonville, Fla., for their third Super Bowl trip in four years.

Tedy Bruschi, Willie McGinest and Bill Belichick's defense spent the day frustrating Manning.

IN BRIEF

Kwan makes history, wins ninth title

PORTLAND, Ore. — Michelle Kwan held up nine fingers and grinned at the camera. She has her place in history, a run as impressive for its longevity as its dominance.

Kwan won her ninth title at the U.S. Figure Skating Championships on Saturday night, tying Maribel Vinson for the all-time record. She earned four more 6.0s, giving her 42 at nationals in an illustrious career that began more than a decade ago when she was too young to wear makeup.

Now 24, Kwan is as dominant as ever, with no one in the United States coming close to challenging her.

"Nine incredible national championships," Kwan said, looking stunned at the magnitude of what she's done. "I don't know, every one is so different and unique."

Vinson won nine titles in the 1920s and 1930s, a mark that once seemed certain to stand. Gretchen Merrill,

Tenley Albright and Peggy Fleming — they all won multiple titles, but none came close to Vinson.

But it's somehow fitting that Kwan was the one to finally reach the pinnacle. Her former coach, Frank Carroll, trained with Vinson, and Carroll would often tell Kwan stories about Vinson and the lessons she'd taught him.

Former Raiders center shot by police officer

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. — Former Oakland Raiders center Barret Robbins was shot and critically wounded during a struggle with a police officer investigating a burglary at a South Beach office building.

Robbins, a former All-Pro known best for going AWOL during the 2003 Super Bowl and other erratic behavior, was hospitalized in critical condition.

Robbins was shot several times in the torso during a "violent struggle" with a Miami Beach detective Saturday night, police spokesman

Bobby Hernandez said.

"The officer was literally fighting for his life, trying to get Mr. Robbins from getting his gun. That's when the shots rang out," Hernandez said.

Robbins, 31, was confronted in a second-floor office in a building that also houses a nightclub, gym and jewelry store. He was considered a burglary suspect, though no charges had been filed, Hernandez said.

"We just have to figure out what he was doing there," Hernandez said.

Hernandez said authorities had not been able to interview Robbins, but that the former offensive lineman was expected to face a charge of battery on a police officer. Hernandez also said police were trying to determine whether he would face trespassing or burglary charges.

Detective Mike Muley, who fired the shots, had minor head injuries from the scuffle and was treated at a hospital and released.

Robbins was taken to Ryder Trauma Center at Jackson Memorial Hospital.

around the dial

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Connecticut at Seton Hall, 7 p.m., ESPN

Oklahoma State at Texas, 9 p.m., ESPN

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Texas at Connecticut, 5 p.m., ESPN2

TENNIS

2005 Australian Open, 2 p.m., ESPN2



TIM SULLIVAN/The Observer

Irish defensive end Justin Tuck sacks Brigham Young quarterback Matt Berry in Notre Dame's first game of the season. Tuck has elected to enter the NFL Draft.

Tuck

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sideration many factors when deciding whether or not to enter the draft, including how high he would be drafted. He said Sunday night that he expects to go late first-round or early second round when the draft approaches.

"Anytime you have an opportunity like this one, it's an opportunity that few people get," Tuck said Sunday night on the show. "There's really no guarantees going out or coming back but I did

my research and I feel like it's the best decision for me and my family."

Tuck said the coaching change didn't play a large role in his decision to turn pro.

"Anytime you have a coaching change of that magnitude it will affect a decision, but the new staff really reached out to me," Tuck said on the show. "I know this staff is going to be a great staff so it didn't really have that much of an effect."

After having off-season knee surgery, Tuck saw his numbers decrease this year.

He recorded 73 tackles in

2003, including 19 tackles for a loss. However, this season, facing constant double teams, Tuck registered just 47 tackles, including 14 for a loss and six sacks in 11 games.

He sat out the Dec. 28 Insight Bowl nursing a sore knee.

This season, despite the decline in his numbers, Tuck was named Notre Dame's Most Valuable Player.

"I just want to reflect back on all the good things," he said on the show. "My time here has been great."

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RICHARD FRIEDMAN/The Observer

Irish guard Chris Quinn brings the ball up court against St. John's during Notre Dame's 67-66 win over the Red Storm.

Squeaker

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before," Thomas said. "When they told me I had a concussion and said I wouldn't be playing the rest of the game, I think that's what hurt me more than not knowing where I was."

On the last possession of the first half, Thomas was guarding the Red Storm's Darius Hill who went long on the inbounds play. Thomas ran straight into a pick from Red Storm forward Lamont Hamilton.

Needing help to get to the locker room, Thomas' condition became the hot topic.

The coaching staff heard from team physician Dr. Jim Moriarty that it was doubtful Thomas would return to the game.

"I'm surprised he played [after] the way he looked at halftime," Irish coach Mike Brey said. "We went into the second half thinking he wouldn't be back."

When Thomas got the same message, even being groggy, he didn't like what he heard.

"When he told me I wasn't going to play, I was like, 'Are you serious? This is Big East, my senior year,'" Thomas said. When I first came in I was nauseated. My feet were heavy and my head was light. I couldn't even walk into the locker room without escorts. When they told me I couldn't play, that's when you put everything else aside and make a sacrifice."

Sporting a quarter-sized bump on the left side of his forehead, Thomas heard from Moriarty he had to wait 20 minutes before heading back to the court. Thomas watched the beginning of the second half in the locker room while listening to the announcer and Joyce Center crowd.

Then Thomas went down to The Pit, ran some suicide sprints, and after talking with Moriarty some more, got clearance to return to the game and checked in with 11:36 remaining.

"Yeah, [the second half] was clear to me, but I still have a serious headache," Thomas said. "You just feel light and carefree. I just wasn't getting into the hype of the game until it really hit me with 3 minutes left."

The game stayed close because of the play of Hill who led the Red Storm with 30 points, including 5-of-6

shooting on 3-pointers, and Hamilton who had 17. But in the second half, and specifically down the stretch, St. John's free throw shooting prevented them from pulling the upset.

The Red Storm made 10-of-20 free throws after halftime, and only 1-of-4 in the last minute. That gave the Irish a couple of chances down the stretch.

Down 65-64 with just under a minute remaining, Thomas found a wide-open Falls. Known for hitting big-time shots, Falls' attempt went around the rim and out.

"I thought we had a great look with Colin, it just didn't fall for us so I knew we were going to get an opportunity coming back," Thomas said.

After Hill split two free throws, Thomas brought the ball down court. He dribbled to the right, looked at Torin Francis who was battling for position on the blocks, but Thomas used a shot fake and pass fake on Hill who slipped and left Thomas with a wide-open look at the game-winner.

"You know what, the next person that I see out there who has something negative to say about Chris Thomas, I going to say, 'Watch this game, to watch this shot,'" Irish senior Jordan Cornette said. "I think that in a nutshell tells you what kind of guy he is. Any naysayers out there are crazy because he's one of the best guys I've been on the court with."

"When he took that shot, I don't know if you knew, but I knew it was going down."

**NOTRE DAME 67,
ST. JOHN'S 66
at the JOYCE CENTER**

NOTRE DAME (11-3, 3-1)
Cornette 3-10 0-0 9, Francis 2-9 5-6, 9, Thomas 3-10 3-4 11, Quinn 5-12 1-1 13, Falls 7-16 3-3 23, Isreal 0-2 0-0 0, Latimore 0-4 0-0 0, Carter 1-2 0-0 2.

ST. JOHN'S (6-7, 0-3)
Hamilton 7-16 3-6 17, Hill 11-21 3-6 30, Lawrence 1-4 0-2 2, Jackson 0-1 0-2 0, Gray 1-4 0-0 2, Missere 3-3 1-2 7, Williams 2-8 3-4 8.

	1st	2nd	Total
NOTRE DAME	35	32	67
St. John's	36	30	66

3-point goals: Notre Dame 13-34 (Falls 6-13, Cornette 3-9, Quinn 2-5, Thomas 2-6, Carter 0-1), St. John's (Hill 5-6, Williams 1-3, Lawrence 0-3, Jackson 0-1). **Fouled out:** None. **Rebounds:** Notre Dame 41 (Francis 9), St. John's (Williams 10). **Assists:** Notre Dame 17 (Cornette, Thomas, Quinn 4), St. John's (Lawrence 6). **Total fouls:** Notre Dame 17, St. John's 16.

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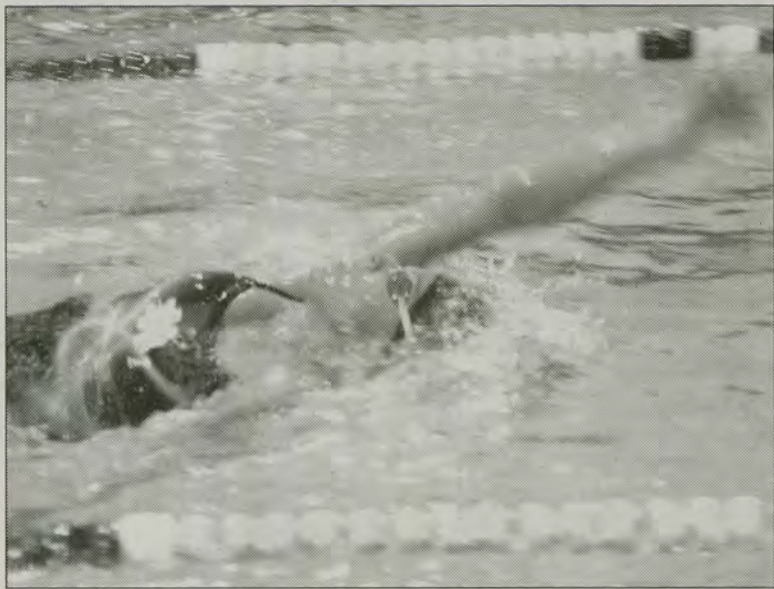
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SOFIA BALLON/The Observer

Notre Dame's Rebecca Grove swims against Illinois. Grove's .06-second victory as anchor in the 400-yard freestyle relay gave the Irish the win over the Illini.

Illinois

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next day, she shattered the pool record with a 3-meter diving score of 576.05 points in 11 dives. Her score was more than 25 points better than the previous mark, and had been the only pool record that she did not own.

"She's done a great job for us all year," Weathers said.

The Irish diver is now 8-0 in 2004-05, and the win extended her dual-meet winning streak to 21 in a row, dating back to 2001.

The meet featured both Illinois and the No.13-ranked Michigan teams, but the Irish were only scored against the Illini.

Friday's session began with Illinois jumping out to a quick lead, but the Irish swimmers roared right back as the night progressed.

The Irish charge was led by Carroll and freshman Kelly Battle, who finished second and third in the 200-yard individual medley. Notre Dame took over the lead on the final event of the day, as the team of Caroline Johnson, Carroll, Jessica Stephens and Ellen Johnson posted a time of 3:51.90 in the 400-yard medley relay.

The Saturday morning session was highlighted by a few unlikely marks posted by the Irish. Carroll took second in the 400-yard medley despite it being only the second time she swam

the event this year.

In the 100-yard butterfly Junior Christel Bouvron finished just .09 seconds behind Illinois' Christina Brunka, despite battling an illness that caused her to scratch out of all other races.

The Irish began the final session strongly, as senior co-captain Kelli Barton and sophomore Abby Strang took third and fourth place respectively in the first event, the 1,650-yard freestyle.

Despite a strong showing from senior Kristen Peterson and sophomores Ellen Johnson and Ann Barton in the 200 backstroke, the Irish found themselves down by 14 points with only two events remaining.

Excellent times from Carroll and senior Brooke Taylor in the 200-yard butterfly brought the Irish to within three points of the Illini, setting the stage for the final relay.

"I was slightly nervous, we were all a little nervous, but we all knew we could win the meet," Grove said. "We knew how important it was for the seniors."

"We haven't had a meet that came down to the last relay in several years," Weathers said. "I think it's a really good experience for us. It's a confidence builder."

The Notre Dame women swimmers are off until Jan. 28, when they travel to Michigan to take on the No. 13 Wolverines.

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Irisheyes.com. "I saw that Notre Dame degree and I knew I could do something with that after football."

Hord is the 12th verbal commitment to Notre Dame this year and the second commitment the Irish received in the last week after safety Ray Herring verbally committed to the Irish on Wednesday. Notre Dame's recruiting class is currently rated 24th nationally by Scout.com.

Hord, from Kansas City, caught 36 passes for 560 yards and six touchdowns his senior year at Rockhurst High School. As a junior he tallied 600 receiving yards and 10 scores.

But Hord's speed and quickness is what makes him the 10th-rated wide receiver prospect in the nation by Scout.com. He has run the 100-meter dash in 10.39 seconds and has a 35-inch vertical leap.

"I'm tall and have good speed," Hord, who is listed at 6-foot-1, 190-pounds, said to Irisheyes.com. "I'm a finesse and flashy type of player."

Herring, from Melbourne, Fla., is a three-star prospect according to Scout.com. He made 76 tackles and nine interceptions his senior year and recorded 401 tackles and 25 interceptions during his career at Holy Trinity Episcopal School.

Herring ranks seventh in state history in career inter-

ceptions.

He documented his experiences as a Division I recruit in the form of a diary for his local newspaper.

He chose the Irish over Georgia Tech and Maryland after an emotional visit to the Notre Dame campus.

"They played an amazing video about Notre Dame, the traditions, the athletics, the people, just a really inspiring video that got my attention," Herring said in "Florida Today." "I don't know why but I even got a little choked up."

Named to the all-state team every year in high school and carrying a 3.7 GPA, Herring thinks he will be able to handle the athletic and academic pressures at Notre Dame.

"I was impressed with how much they care about you as a student as well as an athlete," Herring said in "Florida Today."

"I like the fact that they have a 99 percent graduation rate among their football players."

Herring is only the second player from Melbourne to accept a scholarship offer from Notre Dame.

The other, tight end Derrick Brown from Merritt Island Prep, signed with the Irish in 1988 and was a freshman on Notre Dame's last national championship

team. Brown went on to become a first-round draft pick of the New York Giants.

After Tyrone Willingham was fired on Nov. 30, Herring's interest in playing for the Irish wavered. But talking with Irish coach Charlie Weis and other members of the new staff alleviated any other worries that Herring might have had.

"I love [Weis'] attitude and the way he expresses himself," Herring said in "Florida Today." "He isn't cocky but he has real confidence in what he says."

"I knew he was a coach I could see myself playing for."

Hord also felt Weis made a good impression during his campus visit the weekend of Jan. 7-8.

"Before the visit I really didn't know who the coaches were," Hord said to Irisheyes.com. "After talking to coach Weis face to face, that was a big thing for me on the visit."

Herring is rated 48th at his safety spot by Scout.com and Rivals.com lists him as the 57th best player in Florida at any position.

But recruiting rankings are only predictions and the two recruits are both eager to live up to the hype.

"Everybody is starting all over since it's a new system," Hord said to Irisheyes.com. "I think I can come in and make something happen."

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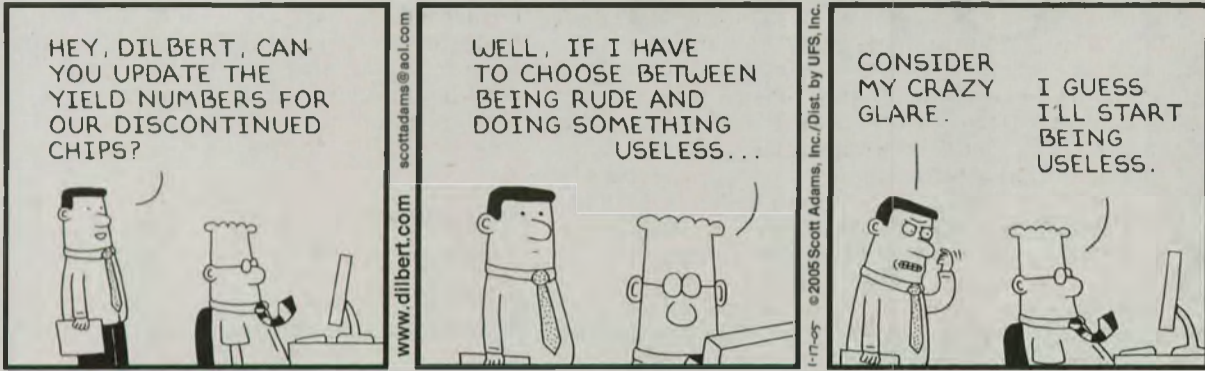
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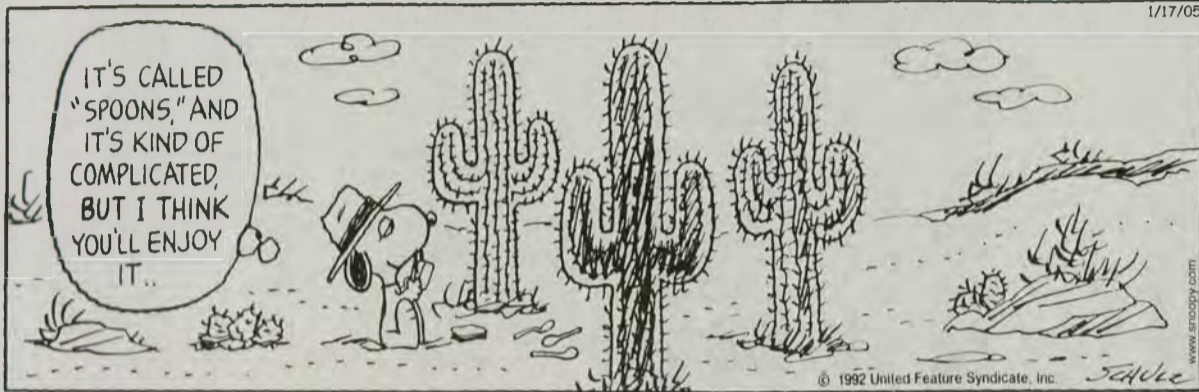
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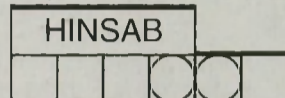
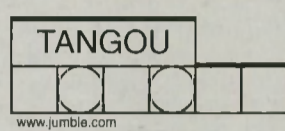
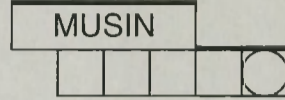
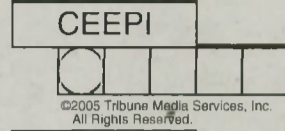
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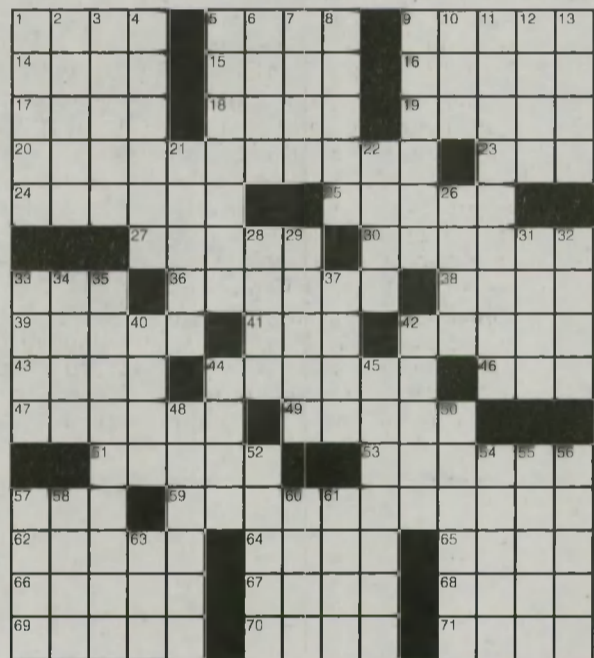
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TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You may have trouble with authority figures if you haven't done everything by the book. Educational pursuits may be interesting but may also set you back financially. ***
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FOOTBALL

Tuck decides against fifth year, will enter NFL draft

By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN
Sports Editor

After breaking the career sack record at Notre Dame, defensive end Justin Tuck has decided to take his talents to the next level.

Tuck announced Friday afternoon that he has made

himself available for the 2005 NFL draft.

"After much thought and consideration, I have decided to make myself eligible for selection in the upcoming NFL Draft and will not return to Notre Dame for a fifth season," Tuck said in a statement. "The coaching staff at Notre Dame did a great job preparing me for the NFL.

Coach Willingham and coach Mattison, along with the rest of the staff, have been a very positive influence in my personal growth on and off the field. I know that I'm ready to test my skills and meet the challenges of the National Football League. I'd like to thank the Notre Dame community, the students, the faculty, the alumni, and all of my

teammates for their outstanding support."

Tuck, an academic senior with one year of eligibility remaining, will graduate in May with a degree in business management/entrepreneurship from the Mendoza College of Business.

"That's the No. 1 focus," Tuck said Sunday night on WSBT'S "Sports Dawgz." "My

main focus was getting my degree."

The Kellyton, Alabama native is the Notre Dame leader in career sacks with 24.5 in his three year career. He also holds the single season mark, set in 2003 when he recorded 13.5 sacks.

Tuck said he took into con-

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ND BASKETBALL

A win's a win

Thomas hits winning 3-pointer late as Irish squeak past St. John's

By MATT LOZAR
Sports Writer

The only thing that could keep Chris Thomas off the floor during a Big East game was a concussion.

And that was for only eight minutes.

On his only field goal attempt of the second half, Thomas nailed a game-winning 3-pointer with 6.5 seconds remaining as the Irish (11-3, 3-1 Big East) survived St. John's' (6-7, 0-3) upset bid 67-66 Saturday at the Joyce Center.

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At left, Irish guard Chris Thomas dribbles the ball against St. John's. At right, Notre Dame forward Jacqueline Batteast, left, gets ready to shoot against Purdue Sunday.

Batteast dominates with 21 points in team's 86-69 rout of No. 20 Purdue

By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN
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Notre Dame needed a win. They got that and much more Sunday with an 86-69 win over No. 20 Purdue.

Jacqueline Batteast had 21 points and 11 rebounds to lead No. 7 Notre Dame, who entered the contest after dropping two tough games to Big East foes Villanova and Connecticut.

"That one feels good," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. "That was probably the best team effort

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FOOTBALL RECRUITING

Herring, Hord say 'yes' to Notre Dame

By MIKE GILLOON
News Writer

D.J. Hord did not make a reception in Saturday's Army All-American Bowl in San Antonio. But the biggest grab of his life may have come at halftime when he reached into a duffel bag and pulled out a Notre Dame baseball cap, signifying his intention

to play football for the Irish next season.

A four-star wide receiver according to Scout.com, Hord chose Notre Dame over Kansas State and will be able to officially sign with the Irish on February 2.

"I always felt comfortable with those guys," Hord said to Mike Frank of

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ND WOMEN'S SWIMMING

Swimmers win on close finish

By MIKE TENNANT
Sports Writer

Sixth hundredths of a second may not seem like a lot, but it was huge for the Irish women's swim team this weekend.

Illinois led the No. 21-ranked Irish 175-172 going into the final swim of the meet, the 400-yard freestyle relay. Three and a half minutes later, Notre Dame sophomore Rebecca Grove touched the wall .06 seconds in front of Illinois' Barbie Viney, giving the Irish a 183-

181 victory.

"I couldn't really see anything, so I just looked up at the girls and saw Ellen [Johnson] holding her arms up and jumping up and down, that's when I knew," Grove said.

The team of sophomores Katie Carroll, Ellen Johnson and Grove and freshman Caroline Johnson posted a time of 3:28.22, the best for this Irish in this event all season.

The relay victory brought a fitting close to the final home meet of the season.

"We made it more exciting

than we intended," Irish coach Bailey Weathers said. "We've had this meet on and off the last few years, and they [Illinois] always make things pretty hard on us."

Six seniors said goodbye to Rolfs Aquatic Center Saturday, but none more triumphantly than diver Meghan Perry-Eaton.

The fifth-year senior broke her own pool record for 1-meter diving with a six-dive score of 316.30 on Friday. The

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Irish drop pair of games to Ohio St.

Icers fall 4-1 Friday, 3-1 Saturday to the second-place Buckeyes.

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Alma 77, St. Mary's 71 (OT)

The Belles missed out on a chance to move up in the MIAA standings.

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Team wins two matches easily

Notre Dame has little trouble in victories over Toledo and Illinois State.

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Steelers, Falcons advance Saturday

Pittsburgh needs overtime to beat New York. Atlanta routs St. Louis.

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NFL PLAYOFFS

Eagles, Patriots win Sunday

Philadelphia's receivers play well in win over Minnesota. New England ends Manning's dream season.

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