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Few sex crimes reported annually

National trends indicate many incidents not brought to police; victims seek other options

By KAITLYNN RIELY
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Rape and sexual assault are the most underreported crimes in the U.S., said a representative from S-O-S of Madison Center, the St. Joseph County rape crisis center in South Bend — and judging from statistics, Notre Dame is no exception to this statement.

While Notre Dame

Security/Police (NDSP) statistics from 2003-05 show just one to two incidents of reported sex offenses each year — more recent numbers aren't available, but there were two more just last week — 61 students reported "some kind of victimization experience" to the University Counseling Center last year, according to Rita Donley, the Center's associate director.

These incidents may include

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Sex offenses reported on campus

	2003	2004	2005
Notre Dame enrollment 11,479	1	2	1
Boston College enrollment 14,561	10	5	9
University of Dayton enrollment 10,495	13	14	12

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Statistics courtesy of The U.S. Department of Education's Office of Post Secondary Education

STUDENT GOVERNMENTS

COR, BOG combine for meeting Shappell, McIllduff bring groups together

By KATIE KOHLER
Assistant News Editor

Nearly two months ago, Notre Dame Student Body President Lizzi Shappell and her Saint Mary's counterpart Susan McIllduff scheduled a meeting to engage their student governments in discussion of important issues facing both schools. The meeting will be the first of its kind in over four years.

Tonight at 5:30 in the Student Government Offices at Saint Mary's, both presidents will formally meet for the third time this year, this time alongside the Saint Mary's Board of Governance (BOG) and the Notre Dame Council of Representatives (COR).

"The meeting was our own idea and we are really using it as a networking session," Shappell said. "There is no set agenda."

Agenda aside, a Feb. 13 column by Observer columnist Jonathan Klingler attacked the Notre Dame/Saint Mary's relationship, claiming that Saint Mary's is taking more than it is giving back. Shappell and McIllduff, however, say they scheduled the meeting long before the editorial was printed and plan to keep the focus of the meeting on familiarizing their groups with the student govern-

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Campus construction projects begin



Courtesy of News and Info

Some campus construction that starts this week will affect areas near Notre Dame Stadium and the Joyce Center.

By AARON STEINER
News Writer

Two major campus construction projects — a sanitary sewer job and removal of a portion of Juniper Road — are slated to begin this week, according to a Feb. 12 University press release.

Both projects will cause minimal closures in certain areas on campus, University Vice President for Business Operations Jim Lyphout said Monday.

On Monday, Lyphout said, snow removal began on the first section of Juniper to be removed — between Notre Dame Stadium and the Joyce Center.

The road will be eliminated and replaced with a pedestrian-friendly plaza. In addition, the project will make possible

improvements in sewer systems and other utilities, which will in turn allow for the planned addition and reconstruction of the Joyce Center, he said.

"The [area] will have grass, landscaping and a nice pedestrian feel," Lyphout said. "We expect to be done before the first home football game."

Throughout the project, all entrances to the Joyce Center will be accessible, Lyphout said.

The second project will increase sanitary sewer capacity leading to Notre Dame Stadium, Lyphout said. Construction will begin immediately east of Breen-Phillips Hall and continue southeast toward Notre Dame Stadium.

The project was scheduled to begin this week, and Lyphout said they hope to begin construction within 10 days to two

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Senior's portraits adorn local Club's hallway

By BECKY HOGAN
News Writer

For senior Kelly Hardy, her paintings are far more than something beautiful to look at — they're a way to give back to South Bend.

After spending last summer working at the Boys and Girls Club of St. Joseph County, Hardy created seven portraits of the children she had worked with as an assignment for her Multilevel Painting class.

Hardy worked on the project for the entire Fall 2006 semester — a feat that, until recently, she thought she would never accomplish.

"I had never really painted people before. It was something that I had always avoided even

though I had been painting a long time," Hardy admitted. "[But] I decided ... to dive right in with huge, oversized [portraits]."

For Hardy, who first attended a painting class in second grade, art influences the way she interacts with kids today.

"I think the best part about this was getting to know the kids individually by working with them, and then getting to know them at a different level by painting them. ... It brought a whole new level of meaning," Hardy said.

Although Hardy did not originally plan to donate the paintings, she felt that the Club would benefit most from them.

"There were seven pretty over-

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ND plans Mardi Gras meals, parties

By MEGHAN WONS
News Writer

You don't have to travel to New Orleans to celebrate "the feast before the fast" today, since Notre Dame is bringing some Cajun culture to campus for Mardi Gras.

French for "Fat Tuesday," Mardi Gras is the day of celebration before Ash Wednesday, a solemn day which marks the beginning of the Lenten fasting season.

If you want to partake in feasting, you can take a trip South — to South Dining Hall — where chefs have been busy preparing for the annual Fat Tuesday feast.

South Dining Hall will serve some Cajun favorites for dinner tonight, including rum raisin bread pudding, Louisiana red



Mardi Gras decorations are on display in the South Dining Hall Monday to get students excited for Fat Tuesday.

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INSIDE COLUMN

Delayed departure

It's a Sunday night (technically early Monday morning) as I sit here writing. I'm sitting at a desk in my room at the Detroit Airport Days Inn. My luxurious surroundings include walls with peeling paint and a leaky toilet. I can hear sounds from HBO's "Rome" in the background. I didn't realize the Romans cursed so much.

Eva Binda
News Wire Editor

Anyway ... why am I here? Well, I guess the story begins a couple of days ago. I had a bad feeling. My flight was scheduled for 1:30 p.m. on Friday afternoon. I was going home. I thought I should be more excited, but instead all I could think about was a Monday afternoon Theology exam (and 20 percent of my grade) looming in the distance.

Needless to say, I did not leave South Bend at 1:30 p.m. Instead my fate consisted of delayed flights, a rebooking with another airline and a canceled flight before I finally arrived in Baltimore at 10 p.m. From there it was a short drive to my home city of Washington, D.C.

I could barely enjoy the weekend before it was Sunday evening and time to head back to the airport.

Once I arrived, I got through security easily enough. Despite the fact the monitor proudly displayed On Time at my gate, we were delayed in D.C. for an hour. There goes my one hour layover in Detroit...

I was off the plane in Detroit at 10:40 p.m. My flight to South Bend left the gate at 10:30 p.m. I was alone and spending the night in Detroit.

Just as I was about to sit down and have a good cry, I spotted a girl at the gate counter talking about South Bend. I immediately went up to her and introduced myself. Her name was Laura.

Just knowing someone else was in my situation and I suddenly wasn't alone in the world calmed me down. We walked together through the airport and swapped weekend horror stories.

We arrived at ticket counter to get rebooked. I went first to an agent who said she would put me on a flight to South Bend via Cincinnati in the morning. Soon another agent showed up who helped Laura.

"Try to get her on the same flight," said my ticket agent.

As it ended up, Laura's agent must have been faster because she was booked on the flight and I wasn't.

My ticket agent attempted to whisper to the other agent, "I don't have any more availability."

I was too numb to be upset. Instead I witnessed one of the nicest things a stranger has ever tried to do for me. Laura pleaded with the agent to cancel her booking so that I could have it. When she was told it wouldn't work, she asked if my name could be put on the ticket instead.

I couldn't believe it. She didn't even know me. Despite the reality that we had arrived at the counter together and she had as much right to be first as me, she was genuinely sorry about getting the ticket.

Not only did she attempt to give me her seat, but she did this after being told all flights to South Bend were fully booked for the next day.

But it all ended up working out. Somehow the agent found a seat for me on a direct flight to South Bend at 12:05 p.m. the next day and Laura kept her reservation. Within an hour, we were on a shuttle to a hotel and the next day, we both returned to Notre Dame.

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CORRECTIONS

Due to an editing error in the Feb. 19 Viewpoint section of The Observer, the letter to the editor titled "Dialogue is not dead" listed the name of the writer incorrectly. The author's name is Mary Elizabeth Walter. The Observer regrets this error.

QUESTION OF THE DAY: HOW ARE YOU CELEBRATING FAT TUESDAY?



Angela Sutton
sophomore
Pasquerilla East

"Eat lots of Subway cookies."



David Okiyama
freshman
Carroll

"Drinking soda, not pop."



Elizabeth Ludemann
senior
Pasquerilla East

"I'm giving up elevators for Lent, so I'm going to ride as many as I can on campus."



Gregory Vallejos
sophomore
Zahm

"Going to the hot spot—NDH."



Joe Helms
sophomore
Fisher

"What's Fat Tuesday?"



Johanna Sioson
senior
Pasquerilla East

"Go to one of the dining halls and steal a whole tub of moose tracks ice cream. Holla."



ANDREW STEVES/The Observer

Sophomore Elise Yahner and junior Oscar Garcia took advantage of the warmer weather Monday to build a snowman on North Quad in front of Haggar Hall.

IN BRIEF

There will be a panel discussion on "Imaging War: From Vietnam to Iraq" today at 4:30 p.m. in the Annenberg Auditorium of the Snite Museum of Art. Diana Matthias, curator of education and academic programs at the Snite, will moderate a panel comprised of members of the University community including U.S. Army Lt. Col. Kelly Jordan, writing program adjunct instructor David Griffith and doctoral candidate Todd Thorpe.

Author Lance Olsen will read from his book "Nietzsche's Kisses" today night at 7:30 in the Hospitality Room of Reckers.

This Wednesday marks the beginning of the Lenten season for Christians. Mass will be celebrated at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart at 11:30 a.m. and 5:15 p.m.

As part of the Foreign Film Series, "Milagros: Made in Mexico" will be shown Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the Hesburgh Center Auditorium. The film is preceded by a reception with Mexican cuisine at 6 p.m. in the Hesburgh Center Great Hall.

Stations of the Cross will be held in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart at 7:15 p.m. Friday. Stations will be held at the Basilica each Friday during Lent.

Notre Dame men's ice hockey will play Ferris State at 7:05 p.m. at the Joyce Center Saturday.

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

OFFBEAT

Couple plans to wed in graveyard ceremony

PACIFIC, Mo. — It's not the traditional "till death do us part," but Scott Amsler and Miranda Patterson believe getting hitched in a graveyard is just thinking outside the box.

Come September, the Illinois couple expects to pledge their undying love among the dearly departed in this St. Louis suburb's city cemetery, even though those who approved the request are dead set against seeing it become a trend.

The wedding wouldn't be out of character for Amsler, 27, a computer

expert for a financial company by day and rehabber of old hearses by night.

The graveyard, he said, just has a certain tranquility and thriftiness for nuptials the young couple insists will be small, private and traditional — except for the bagpipes, Amsler's refurbished hearse and the throng of eternally silent witnesses.

Thousands make snow angel in record attempt

BISMARCK, N.D. — Among the thousands of people frantically flapping in the snow Saturday in an attempt to set the record for the

most snow angels ever made were parents, children, even snowplow drivers.

And then there was Pauline Jaeger — who on her 99th birthday, was making her very first angel.

"It's fun," Jaeger said. "I feel just like a kid."

More than 8,900 people flapped their arms and legs on the state Capitol grounds Saturday in an attempt to reclaim the record, which was snatched away about a year ago in Michigan.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

	TODAY	TONIGHT	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
LOCAL WEATHER						
	HIGH 32 LOW 25	HIGH 25 LOW 18	HIGH 35 LOW 27	HIGH 35 LOW 27	HIGH 37 LOW 32	HIGH 40 LOW 35

CAMPUS LIFE COUNCIL

Poorman responds to recently passed resolutions

Vice President for Student Affairs commends Council for freshman 'disorientations,' Domer Dollars work



QUENTIN STENGER/The Observer

Student body president Lizzi Shappell, left, and vice president Bill Andrichik discuss recently passed resolutions Monday.

By KATHLEEN McDONNELL
News Writer

A letter from Vice President of Student Affairs Mark Poorman, which addressed the Campus

Life Council's resolutions on freshman "disorientation" events and the reliability of the campus Domer Dollar swipe card system, topped the agenda at the council's meeting last night.

Student Affairs recently convened a rector task group to examine freshman orientation in the halls, Poorman wrote, and the group will consult with representatives from the Student Activities Office, the Office of Residence Life and Housing, the Conduct Awareness Task Force of the CLC, the Office of Residence Life and Housing, the Conduct Awareness Task force of the CLC, the Office of Alcohol and Drug Education and the Gender Relations Center — as CLC's

resolution suggested.

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Father Mark Poorman
Vice President
Student Affairs

Poorman wrote. "I will forward the resolution to the newly formed rector task group, and am sure that the findings outlined in the report will be helpful as they begin their work."

In addition, Poorman forwarded the Domer Dollar resolution to James Lyphout, vice president for Business Operations. Given "fruitful conversations in the past on matters related to student life," Poorman anticipates Mr. Lyphout's "sincere attention to

this issue."

In other CLC news:

◆ Liz Brown, chief executive assistant and task force on student voice and input chair, said that after a few changes are made to the Du Lac pamphlet per suggestion by the Office of Residence Life and Housing and the Student Union Board finishes the design, the pamphlet should be printed.

◆ Bill Andrichik, student body vice president and task force on conduct awareness chair, said his committee has reviewed the University's report on gambling and hopes to become involved in the education efforts the report outlines. The aim is to educate the student body on the illegality of gambling in Indiana as well as to add to various existing resources available for hall staffs.

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Seniors weigh choices for graduation gift to University

Class of '07 members can vote on one of three monetary options, present will be given in Caitlin Brann's memory

By BECKY HOGAN
News Writer

As the class of 2007 finishes up one last semester, it plans to leave behind a reminder of its legacy at Notre Dame. With the help of the Notre Dame Annual Fund, the senior class will choose a class gift to give something back to the University.

Last Wednesday marked the last day seniors could vote on the class gift from the three options selected by the Senior Class Gift Committee. The money raised by the committee will either be given to the Erasmus Institute Endowment, the Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program (UROP) or Student Activities. Seniors were able to vote from the three different options by e-mailing the Annual Fund's e-mail address.

The gift from the class of 2007 will be donated in memory of Caitlin Brann, a member of the class of 2007 who died in November 2006.

"In the Committee's first meeting, a few members asked me if the gift could be made in memory of Caitlin," said Moira Madden, assistant director of the Notre Dame Annual Fund. "After some discussion, all of the committee members agreed unanimously that regardless of the allocation that the class voted to support, the gift would be made in memory of Caitlin Brann. Past Senior Class Gifts have also been made in memory of classmates who passed away before the class graduated."

The committee is comprised of 10 seniors, Madden said.

"In past years, the Annual Fund has worked with the senior class council," she said. "However, this year we decided to expand the program and created the Senior Class Gift Committee. Some of the senior class council members are members of the Senior Class Gift Committee as well."

Senior Class Council chair Stephanie Pelligra said the fact that the gift will be donated in Caitlin Brann's name adds to the

significance of the gift.

"At one of our first meetings it was decided across the board ... that the gift should be given in Caitlin's name because she passed away during our senior year and this affected a lot of people in our class," Pelligra said. "The fact that it [will be] in Caitlin's name makes it even more special since it was a traumatic loss for our class."

Committee chairman Rosie DePaoli said the Senior Class Gift Committee held its first meeting before Christmas break in December and has been meeting as a group once a month.

According to the Notre Dame Annual Fund's Web site, the University appreciates "contributions which are not designed for a specific project but can be used to address the University's most pressing needs."

Madden said although the Senior Class Gift is usually a monetary gift to a University department or program, it may sometimes be a physical gift as in the case of the class of 2002, which donated the "Jesus the Teacher"

statue located near the Bookstore.

"Any of the three gifts would really be great for our class," Pelligra said. "Those are the three that most represent our class. I think the UROP gift would be great because so many members of our class have studied abroad or have taken part in research opportunities."

Although there is no deadline for the gift, there are some incentives for seniors to fulfill their pledges before the end of the year. If seniors make their contributions before May 1, they receive a "token of appreciation" from the Annual Fund. Also, seniors can be entered in the 2008 football ticket lottery if their gifts are received before Dec. 31.

"I think [the lottery] will generate a big response because alumni love to come back for ND football Saturdays and partake in all the traditions associated with them," DePaoli said. "As soon-to-be young alumni, it is one of the best excuses to come back for a weekend and meet up with friends."

Contributions to the Class of 2007 Gift can be made online at supporting.nd.edu or can be submitted by check or credit card. Seniors who live on-campus can donate their \$50 dorm room deposits — an option which Madden said is widely used by graduating seniors.

"From what I've heard a lot of people do plan on donating because it is in Caitlin's name and it's a really great thing to do to give back to the University," Pelligra said.

The final decision on the Senior Class Gift will be announced Feb. 28 in LaFortune's Sorin Room at the "Thanksgiving in February" event from noon to 7 p.m.

"I think that most people see [the class gift] as great way to create our own legacy as a class of Notre Dame — leaving a tangible mark that we can carry on in the coming years and that will benefit many Domers in the future," DePaoli said.

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weeks as plans are finalized.

Pedestrians can expect minimal detours in the areas between Breen-Phillips Hall and the Hesburgh Library, and on the Hesburgh Library quadrangle, he said.

The sewer system expansion is necessary due to recent growth, Lyphout said.

"The sewer system has been taxed as the campus has grown," he said, noting that in the mid-1990s there was some flooding in Galvin Hall, Hesburgh Library and the IT building related to sewer use at Notre Dame Stadium. The project is intended to reduce the possibility of similar backups in the future.

They expect the project to be completed in six weeks, Lyphout said.

Both project completion dates are subject to change due to weather and other factors. Still, weather issues tend to delay construction by "only a few days," Lyphout said.

Lyphout said both projects are part of the University's "long term, master plan."

The creation of the pedestrian plaza between the Joyce Center and Notre Dame Stadium is part of the scheduled removal of Juniper Road between Edison and Douglas Roads. The removal will continue north in the coming months, leading to construction of new service routes to Hank, Galvin, Friemann and Lobund buildings and reconstruction of the Hesburgh Library circle, including additional parking near the library. Construction to remove the portion of Juniper Road between the B and C parking lots south of the Joyce Center and Notre Dame Stadium will begin in March.

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Meeting

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ments of their counterparts.

"This meeting has been on the book for a while and this just happened to be the best time that worked with everyone's schedules," McIllduff said.

Both Shappell and McIllduff recognized, however, that the Viewpoint issue cannot be completely avoided.

"Our three schools are so integrated that it is important to establish good relations with each other," Shappell said. "I am sure the Viewpoint issue will come up and we are willing to have conversations about it, but it is not our primary focus."

McIllduff shared similar sentiments about Klinger's column and the reaction it caused within the student body.

"We don't want to go back [to that issue]. We are just going to focus on issues affecting both schools and the community," she said.

For the past two years, a member of BOG has held the position of tri-campus commissioner, attending weekly COR meetings at Notre Dame and also working with Holy Cross. This year, Alanna Cheifari holds that position.

"Alanna has been coming a lot more regularly than other tri-campus commissioners and her efforts have helped," Shappell said.

Conversely, a member of COR has represented Notre Dame on BOG in past years. This year, however, no one holds that position.

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Lizzi Shappell
student body president

"It is not constitutionally mandated by Notre Dame that someone has to sit on our board. This year, Lizzi [Shappell] chose not to appoint someone," McIllduff said.

Both presidents have invited all board members to attend, and there have been a few unavoidable conflicts.

"The meeting is mandatory for BOG members, but we did our best to accommodate as many COR members too so there would be better representation," McIllduff said.

Shappell said she was also interested in getting a high turnout of COR members.

"We are hoping to get as many COR members as their schedules allow to attend," Shappell said.

The groups will also be discussing up-and-coming issues such as the Community Summit at Notre Dame.

"We just hope this meeting will give our boards the opportunity to get to know how other student government structures work so we can better understand the other systems," Shappell said.

Shappell and McIllduff said they hope this is the first of many meetings between the two groups.

"I would recommend meeting once a semester — once at Notre Dame and once at Saint Mary's," McIllduff said. "I think that would be really important in beginning to address issues we both share."

Tonight's meeting is open to all members of each student body.

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Dinner

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beans and rice, jambalaya with chicken and ham and a host of indulgent desserts.

If Cajun food isn't preferable, the Student Union Board (SUB) is sponsoring an event called "Multi-Cultural Mardi Gras" from 8 to 10 p.m. in LaFortune's Sorin Room. They will serve Chinese food from Golden Dragon, Mexican food from Hacienda and Indian food from Star of India.

Beth Melia, director of programming for SUB, said she hopes students enjoy the free food and will come "to eat up, celebrate Fat Tuesday and celebrate life."

For those 21 and older, South Bend's Linebacker Lounge is commemorating Mardi Gras with a Cajun style buffet that "will begin at 11 in the morning and last until the food runs out," Linebacker bartender, waitress and "jack of all trades" Paula Walsh said.

"We'll have everything from shrimp au gratin to jambalaya to whiskey cake and there will be all kinds of drink specials," she said.

While many students got a taste of the New Orleans nightlife while in town for the Sugar Bowl, some returned to experience one of the most famous Mardi Gras celebrations in the world this weekend.

Senior Lucy Summerville left Thursday night around 10 to make the 18-hour road trip to New Orleans. Summerville said there were eight girls and three guys in two vans and they all took turns driving in shifts to make it to New Orleans around 3 p.m. Friday.

Summerville said she and her friends got a taste of the French Quarter at a huge parade on Saint Charles Street Friday night.

"Contrary to popular belief, you don't really have to do anything for the beads. They just kept throwing them off of the floats and we collected quite a bunch," Summerville said. She said she and a friend attended a ball "with thousands of people" Saturday evening in the Superdome — the site of Notre Dame's Sugar Bowl loss. She said American Idol winner Taylor Hicks, Journey and Styx all performed at the ball.

"The drive was worth every minute of our time in New Orleans," Summerville said of her Mardi Gras experience.

Senior Thomas McCall also traveled to Louisiana this past weekend, but he bypassed Bourbon Street for his hometown of Lake Charles to partake in a more traditional, historic Mardi

Gras celebration — a debutante ball.

McCall and seven of his Notre Dame friends made the approximately 1,100 mile drive on Thursday night and returned back to South Bend in time for class Monday morning at about 6:30 a.m., McCall said.

McCall said he and his friends experienced "a very traditional Mardi Gras celebration, not the touristy Mardi Gras" that people usually picture when they think of the holiday.

They attended a crawfish boil on Friday night and got dressed up in tuxedos on Saturday night to serve as escorts for some of the town's young women who made their debuts at the ball.

He said it was a great time and on Monday afternoon he joked that he "planned to take a 25-hour nap" to recover from the road trip.

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Lucy Summerville
senior

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Iranian nuclear construction delayed

MOSCOW — The launch of a Russian-built nuclear power plant in Iran could be delayed because Iran has fallen behind in payments, Russian officials said Monday. Top Iranian officials swiftly denied that payments had been disrupted, in the latest dispute surrounding the deal at the heart of the two countries' nuclear cooperation.

Last year, Russia agreed to ship nuclear fuel to Bushehr — Iran's first nuclear plant — by March 2007 and launch the facility in September, with electricity generation to start by November. Under a separate deal, Iran agreed to return to Russia all spent fuel from the plant in southern Iran for reprocessing — a move intended to assuage global concerns that the fuel could be used to make nuclear weapons.

Iran broke the schedule of payments this year under the \$1 billion contract, said a Russian official. He said the Iranians blamed the delay on the need to switch payments from dollars to euros.

Russia wary of U.S. missiles in Europe

MOSCOW — In a statement reflecting the growing distrust between Moscow and the West, a top Russian general on Monday warned that Poland and the Czech Republic risk being targeted by Russian missiles if they agree to host U.S. missile defense bases.

The stark threat, by missile forces chief Gen. Nikolai Solovtsov, was one of the most bellicose comments yet by Russian officials on the issue, which 10 days ago led President Vladimir Putin to warn of a "new Cold War" in a speech in Munich that shocked Western governments.

"If the governments of Poland and the Czech Republic take such a step, the Strategic Missile Forces will be capable of targeting these facilities if a relevant decision is made," Solovtsov told reporters in Moscow, asserting the U.S. plan could upset strategic balance of power in the region.

NATIONAL NEWS

New Jersey offers same sex civil unions

TEANECK, N.J. — Hundreds of gay couples won the same legal rights, if not the title, as married couples Monday as New Jersey became the third state to offer civil unions. More than a dozen other couples applied for licenses for ceremonies later in the week.

The civil unions, which offer the legal benefits but not the title of marriage, were granted automatically to the hundreds of gay New Jersey couples who had previously been joined in civil unions or married in other states or nations.

Couples who had not been joined previously could apply for licenses but must wait 72 hours before they can hold civil union ceremonies, the same waiting period for weddings.

Diocese of San Diego mulls bankruptcy

SAN DIEGO — The Roman Catholic Diocese of San Diego said in a letter to parishioners this weekend that it is considering declaring bankruptcy to avoid going to trial on more than 140 lawsuits alleging sexual abuse by priests.

The pastoral statement, signed by Bishop Robert Brom, said if fair settlements can't be reached with abuse victims, "the diocese may be forced to file a Chapter 11 reorganization in bankruptcy court."

The diocese is concerned "that settlements not cripple the ability of the Church to accomplish its mission and ministries," the letter said.

LOCAL NEWS

State considers video game restrictions

INDIANAPOLIS — Lawmakers watched clips of violent beatings, topless strippers and other adult material Monday as they considered a bill that would restrict the sale of certain video games to young people.

Committee chairman Sen. David Ford, R-Hartford City, took responsibility for the decision to show the clips and said he could have handled the situation differently. But he said lawmakers needed to realize the graphic content of some video games.

The bill cleared the Senate Technology Committee 5-2 and now moves to the full Senate for consideration.

ISRAEL

Summit ends with no new agreements

Rice calls two-hour talks with Israeli, Palestinian representatives 'productive'

Associated Press

JERUSALEM — A Mideast peace summit designed to open a new chapter for Israelis and Palestinians fed up with violence concluded Monday with no new agreements and a pledge to keep talking.

The United States, which had pushed for the session, said it was an accomplishment merely to hold such a get together for the first time in six years. After two hours of talks with Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert and Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice stood alone in a bare-bones hotel function room to call the session "useful and productive."

The prospect of any immediate success here essentially was hijacked by Abbas' surprise announcement last week that he will govern hand-in-hand with the militant group Hamas. The United States and Israel list Hamas as a terrorist group and refuse all dealings with the group.

Speaking to reporters, Rice said the meeting was particularly valuable, however, in light of the lingering uncertainties over Abbas' pact with Hamas.

"I think the real value here is that they sat down to talk with each other pretty early in this process," Rice said.

"I could have made the decision that, well, I'll just wait until this all sorts out," Rice said, but she said that could have created new obstacles. "We thought it would be best to go ahead," the secretary added.

Neither Rice nor other U.S. officials would describe the content of the session, although Israeli and Palestinian officials offered some details.

Olmert said he and Abbas agreed to maintain an open channel of communication, focused both on improving the lives of Palestinians and stopping terrorism.



Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice in Jerusalem Monday. Rice's hopes were hampered by the refusal of the Palestinian group Hamas to recognize Israel.

"What we have heard today has nothing to do with a partnership," said Mohammed Dahlan, an Abbas confidant.

"Abu Mazen is determined to go ahead with this national unity government. There is no backing down," Dahlan said.

Abbas has said that the deal brokered by Saudi Arabia is the best one he could get from Hamas, and that he would move ahead with forming a coalition. The power-sharing deal is seen as crucial to halting internal Palestinian fighting that has killed more than 130 since May.

Abbas and Olmert also discussed possibly extending a 3-month-old cease-fire

covering the Gaza Strip to include the West Bank, said Palestinian negotiator Saeb Erekat.

Hamas spokesman Ismail Radwan called Monday's summit a failure.

"Rice did not succeed in pressuring President Abbas to withdraw from the unity government. We call on the U.S. administration to respect the Palestinian people's will and recognize the government and open a dialogue with the government," he said.

A senior State Department official, speaking on condition of anonymity to describe the closed-door session, said it was an "an irreplaceable opportunity to clear the air."

Meanwhile, Israeli police arrested three protesters who managed to enter the floor of the Jerusalem hotel where Rice is staying, a spokesman said.

The three entered the hotel, climbed the stairs to the floor where Rice is staying and shouted before they were stopped by bodyguards, police spokesman Micky Rosenfeld said. They called on the United States to free Jonathan Pollard, an American who is serving a life term in the United States for spying for Israel.

Israeli police arrested the three before they got very close to Rice's room, Rosenfeld said. It was not clear if Rice was in the room at the time, he said.

Patriot Act bars Vietnamese refugees

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Another irony of history: Sept. 11-era laws aimed at keeping terrorists out of the United States have disqualified many Hmong refugees, the very people specially recognized by Congress for helping American troops in the Vietnam war.

Under provisions of the USA Patriot Act and the Real ID Act, the Hmong who fought alongside the Americans in the "secret war" against communists in Laos are considered terrorists and are therefore ineligible for asylum or green cards. These are laws from the same Congress that in 2000 passed a law easing the citizenship requirements for the Hmong in

recognition of their Vietnam era efforts.

"Clearly, it's absurd that people who fought with us — people who have received special exemptions from the law precisely for that conduct — should be barred from coming to the U.S. as refugees as a result of that conduct," said Melanie Nezer, an attorney for the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society, who is coordinating a working group aimed at changing the laws.

The Hmong began arriving in large numbers during the 1970s, in the aftermath of Vietnam, and there were about 170,000 in the U.S. as of the 2000 U.S. Census, with most settled in California, Minnesota and Wisconsin. A later wave of about 15,000 settled in in 2005.

The anti-terror restrictions, which have ensnared other groups as well, also bar people who provided "material support" to terrorist organizations. Last month the Bush administration announced it was granting waivers of that restriction to eight groups, but the Hmong was not among them.

In Thailand, a group of 153 Hmong refugees have been in limbo as they await resettlement from an immigration detention center in the northern town of Nong Khai. A few weeks ago, the Thai government aborted plans to send the Hmong back to neighboring Laos, after the men in the group resisted and U.N. and U.S. officials expressed concern about the planned deportation.

Assaults

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sexual assault, rape, unwanted sexual contact or childhood sexual abuse, she said in an e-mail. This number does not reflect the instances of sexual assault that occur on campus, Donley said, since students may come to the Counseling Center to talk about another issue and bring up past instances of sexual assault.

Still, there's a significant gap between a few incidents and the dozens that are reported to the Counseling Center. "Loyal Daughters," a play performed last fall written by senior Emily Weisbecker, featured real stories from Notre Dame students and pointed at the discrepancy between reported and non-reported cases — something also attested to by Associate Vice President for Residence Life Bill Kirk.

"For various reasons ... the reporting on this doesn't reflect what I think is very legitimately the occurrence of this crime on campus and off," he said.

So why don't victims always report?

A victim of sexual offenses might not tell police or officials because he or she is afraid the authorities will not believe the report, Donley said. Another common deterrent is when too much time has passed and there is no physical evidence, so the victim may think it is not worth pursuing.

Other reasons include shame, embarrassment and "fear that the process will feel victimizing too," she said.

Ava Preacher, the victim's resource person for the University, can provide students or interested parties

with information about the procedure that will follow if a student reports a sex offense to University officials or NDSP. Preacher estimated she receives approximately 12-to-15 calls each school year about sexual offense incidents.

But Preacher said she rarely gets calls from a student right after an incident occurs. Rather, she more often receives them throughout the year, sometimes from the victim, other times from friends or rec-tors.

S-O-S of Madison Center Assistant Director and Therapist Crystal Whitlow said Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students — mostly females — come to S-O-S to use their counseling services, but also said these may not be recent cases, but incidents that occurred in the past which the student is just starting to address.

"Between Notre Dame and Saint Mary's, we have seen dozens of victims in the last year," Whitlow said.

In most of the cases S-O-S employees see, the incident is acquaintance rape.

"Usually alcohol is frequently involved, but almost always the person is known to the victim," she said.

The U.S. Department of Education's Office of Post Secondary Education maintains an online database that shows crime statistics from colleges throughout the United States. Notre Dame, a school with a reported population of 11,479, had one forcible

sexual offense in 2003, two in 2004 and one in 2005, all on campus.

The Web site defines a forcible sex offense as "any sexual act directed against another person, forcibly and/or against that person's will; or not forcibly or against the person's will where the victim is incapable of giving consent." This includes forcible rape, sodomy or fondling and sexual assault with an object.

Boston College, a school with a reported population of 14,561, had 10 reported sex offenses in 2003, five in 2004 and nine in 2005. In 2004 and 2005, two of these offenses occurred on public property each year.

University of Dayton, with a reported population of 10,495, had 13 reported sex offenses in 2003, 14 in 2004 and 12 in 2005. One of the reported offenses in 2003, four in 2004 and two in 2005 occurred on public property.

But Kirk said it's hard to compare statistics and say Notre Dame has relatively little incidents of sexual assault, due to the difference in campuses, the different residence life systems and the frequently unreported nature of sexual assault.

"If you compare our data with other campuses, we'd look good," Kirk said. "... But the last thing we'd want to do is get a false sense of confidence because our numbers are very low compared to other schools."

But Notre Dame is trying to combat the silence of sex-

ual assault by making resources readily available for students.

Kirk and Associate Vice President for Student Affairs Ann Firth are co-chairs of the Sexual Assault Advisory Committee, which Preacher said is changing its name to the Committee on Sexual Assault Prevention. The goal of this group, which includes faculty, staff and students, is to work on sexual assault prevention and education and improve University response to incidents, she said.

Donley said it is never "easy" to for a victim of sexual assault to come forward, but said the University has proved several outlets — from services like Residence Life, the Gender Resource Center and the Counseling Center — for students to use.

Assistant Director for NDSP David Chapman encouraged students who are victims of sexual assault to seek help from the police and other counseling services.

"We want the young victims to know that they are in control of the situation and we are there to help them," Chapman said.

NDSP sent e-mails to the student body last week announcing two separate incidents of sexual offenses — a forcible fondling sex offense and a sexual assault — that occurred within a few days of each other.

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Portrait

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sized portraits of the kids I worked with at the Boys and Girls Club, and I decided that the best thing that I could do with them was share them with the kids who inspired them," Hardy said.

The portraits now adorn the main hallway of the Club on Sample Street.

"Kelly has been a long-time volunteer and staff member, and it means a lot when a staff member invests so much time into [the Club]," said Kregg VanMeter, director of development at the Club. "The paintings bring a typical hallway to life and show the mission we have with the kids."

Hardy worked at the Club during her freshman year and then returned early last summer. This year, she works in its art room.

Hardy used photographic references to create the seven portraits, each of which features a child participating in the various activities the Club offers.

"They are not exactly realist ... they are more impressionist portraits — with pretty active brush strokes," Hardy said. "[The kids at the Boys and Girls Club] act very adult-like, and I wanted to catch them at their childlike moments."

Although Hardy has never donated her work before, some of her paintings will appear in the 2007 edition of the Dome yearbook.

Hardy is currently applying for a teaching service projects including Teach for America and Alliance for Catholic Education, and eventually plans to pursue a career working with children in art therapy.

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IN BRIEF

JetBlue 'paralyzed' by snowstorm

NEW YORK — The six-day siege of angry and disgruntled travelers at JetBlue's Kennedy airport terminal appeared to ease on Monday as service desks functioned more smoothly and customer calm prevailed despite flight cancellations.

The beleaguered company said it was canceling almost a quarter of its flights on Monday but planned to restore full operations on Tuesday, a week after a Valentine's Day snowstorm created a travel meltdown that virtually paralyzed JetBlue.

The service breakdown "was absolutely painful to watch," said David G. Neeleman, the company's founder and chief executive, on Monday.

He said the storm problems led to other problems, including an overwhelmed reservations system and many of the company's pilots and flight crews being stuck away from where they were needed. The company didn't have a system in place to track the stranded crews and reroute them, something JetBlue is working to rectify, Neeleman said.

Wal-Mart to target 'areas in need'

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — Wal-Mart Stores Inc. announced Monday its plans for nine stores in areas in need of economic revitalization and said it will use those stores to help other businesses in the area develop.

Wal-Mart Vice Chairman John Menzer, who heads the company's U.S. operation, was traveling to Indianapolis and Pittsburgh to announce that the company is moving into neighborhoods in each of those cities where commerce has faltered.

Menzer said Wal-Mart is working with local chambers of commerce, business groups and minority-owned businesses with the goal of guiding new suppliers and helping new or existing shops thrive.

"We're looking at working families that need us the most," Menzer said. "That's where we want to go."

As jobs are created around the new Wal-Mart stores, tax revenue will rise and the neighborhood economy will improve, Menzer said. Two of the stores are already open — in Chicago and Portsmouth, Va.

XM, Sirius Satellite to merge

Sirius CEO to lead combined company; XM shareholders to receive \$4.57 billion

Associated Press

NEW YORK — XM Satellite Radio Holdings Inc. and Sirius Satellite Radio Inc., rivals in the fledgling satellite radio industry, have agreed to combine in a deal that investors hope will result in lower costs, assuming it overcomes significant regulatory hurdles.

The companies billed the deal announced Monday as a merger of equals, with shareholders of both companies owning approximately 50 percent of the combined entity. However, Sirius will be giving \$4.57 billion of its stock to XM shareholders, a substantial premium to the value of their shares.

Sirius' Chief Executive Mel Karmazin will lead the combined company, and XM's CEO Hugh Panero will stay on only until the deal is closed. XM Chairman Gary Parsons will remain in that role.

The deal faces substantial obstacles in Washington, including a Federal Communications Commission provision that specifically forbids the two companies to combine.

Analysts have noted that the FCC could change the rule, but in a statement late Monday FCC Chairman Kevin Martin said that the "hurdle" would be "high" to prove that the deal would be in the public interest.

"The companies would need to demonstrate that consumers would clearly be better off with both more choice and affordable prices," Martin said.

A combination would also have to meet antitrust approval from the Department of Justice. The companies are expected to argue that they compete not only with each other but also with traditional radio and a growing base of digital audio sources such as iPods, mobile phones and



XM Chairman Gary Parsons, left, and Sirius CEO Mel Karmazin shake hands following the signing of the merger agreement between the two companies Monday.

non-satellite digital radio.

The XM shareholders will receive 4.6 shares of Sirius stock for every share they own, valuing them at \$17.02 each based on Friday's closing price for Sirius shares. That gives XM shareholders a premium of 22 percent to the \$13.98 closing value of their stock on Friday. Markets were closed Monday for the Presidents' Day holiday.

Investors and analysts have been speculating about a deal for months, and are hoping that the cost savings that would result

would make up for softening retail demand for satellite radio units. Both services offer dozens of channels of talk and commercial-free music for monthly fees of about \$13.

XM radio receivers can't receive signals from Sirius, and vice versa. But Karmazin and Parsons said in an interview that the companies are working on developing a receiver that could receive both signals.

In the meantime, they said, assuming the deal goes through, the companies would make other arrangements to bring pro-

gramming that's currently exclusive to one provider to listeners of the other, such as getting Major League Baseball games — currently only available on XM — to Sirius listeners.

"We will be taking every effort to find the best possible programming combination," Parsons said.

It's too early to say what the deal will mean for subscription prices. The merger could bring down the cost of providing service, but at the same time give the company more pricing power as the only U.S. satellite radio provider.

Rural poor anticipate wage increase

Associated Press

CHERAW, S.C. — Louise McQueen has scrimped all her life, working two jobs while raising two daughters alone and now earning \$5.47 an hour as a cook in a small restaurant. So it's a comfort to her in this rural corner of South Carolina that Congress this week was poised to raise the minimum hourly wage to \$7.25 over the next two years.

"I can get by, but this is going to help me a lot," said McQueen, 54, who has taken one vacation in her life and who considers her sole luxury to be watching television.

Some 160 miles away, outside Charleston, Kirby Platt juggles tuition and rent while working a part-time job for \$6.50 an hour to help pay her way through technical college. She's also hoping for the federal pay bump.

"Of course it would be helpful, going to school and supporting myself right now," said Platt, 19.

More than 10 percent of hourly workers in South Carolina, Louisiana and Mississippi would see wage increases if the federal proposal goes through — the highest such percentages in the nation, according to the Washington-based Economic Policy Institute. In South Carolina, that translates to 179,000 people.

The House and Senate have approved bills raising the hourly minimum wage from \$5.15 to \$7.25 over two years. The Senate bill paired the wage hike with tax breaks for small businesses. The House, initially reluctant to add similar tax cuts, was set to pass a smaller tax package on Friday. House and Senate negotiators will have to work out the differences.

Nationwide, an estimated 13 mil-

lion workers would be affected, either directly or indirectly. The institute estimates that workers already making the new federal minimum could expect pay hikes after lower-wage earners start making more.

South Carolina tourism officials and advocates for the poor say the rising tide effect would especially be felt among those who work in the state's \$16 billion tourism industry and other areas where employers already pay close to the proposed increase because they have trouble finding workers.

Louisiana's health care industry is another good example. Officials say a worker shortage caused by Hurricane Katrina drove up hospital wages in the southern part of the state, and they fear the effects of a federal wage hike on overall health care costs.

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Undeclared war and the role of Congress

Ready for a surprise? A member of Congress has introduced, on the Middle East, a bill embodying common sense and constitutional principle. No kidding. H.J. Res. 14, introduced by Congressman Walter B. Jones (R-NC), with two Republican and four Democratic co-sponsors, provides that no previously enacted law "shall be construed to authorize the use of military force by the United States against Iran." The punch line is in the next section: "Absent a national emergency created by attack by Iran, or a demonstrably imminent attack by Iran, upon the United States, its territories or possessions or its armed forces, the President shall consult with Congress, and receive specific authorization pursuant to law from Congress, prior to initiating any use of military force against Iran."



Charles Rice

Right or Wrong?

Substantial evidence supports a description of the Iraq war as a mistake in its inception and flawed in its execution. H.J. Res. 14 seeks to prevent a worse replay in Iran, by requiring that a new war must be initiated pursuant to constitutional process.

On Aug. 17, 1787, according to James Madison's notes of the debates, the Constitutional Convention gave Congress the power to "declare" rather than to "make" war, "leaving to the Executive the power to repel sudden attacks." "The Executive," Roger Sherman said, "[should] be able to repel and not to commence war." Elbridge Gerry said he "never expected to hear in a republic a motion to empower the Executive alone to declare war." George Mason "was

against giving the power of war to the Executive, because [he was] not safely to be trusted with it."

The Constitution created, in Justice Robert Jackson's words, "a zone of twilight," with concurrent war powers in the President and Congress but no bright line of separation. Presidents have put forces into combat more than 200 times, all with explicit or implicit Congressional approval before or after the fact. As Alexander Hamilton noted even in 1787, "the ceremony of a formal denunciation of war has of late fallen into disuse." Congress has declared war only five times. But it is still true that Congress should decide whether to go to war, with or without a formal declaration, and the President should conduct it.

The President is "Commander in Chief of the army and navy" because, as Hamilton said, "the direction of war ... demands ... exercise of power by a single hand." Congress has no right to forbid the "surge" of more troops to Iraq or to cut off funds for that "surge." Congress, however, has the power of appropriation and could cut off funds for continuation of the entire war, as was done in Cambodia and Vietnam. If the President vetoed a cut-off of funds, an override of that veto would require a two-thirds vote in the House and Senate. And impeachment of the President for his position on the war would require a two-thirds vote in the Senate to convict him. The President, incidentally, is "Commander in Chief of the army and navy," not of the country.

An attack on Iran would be a new war rather merely an incident of the Iraq war. Opinions differ on whether a war against Iran would be justified and necessary. But Congress should make that call. In 2002 Congress gave the President authority to decide whether to go to war against Iraq "as he deter-

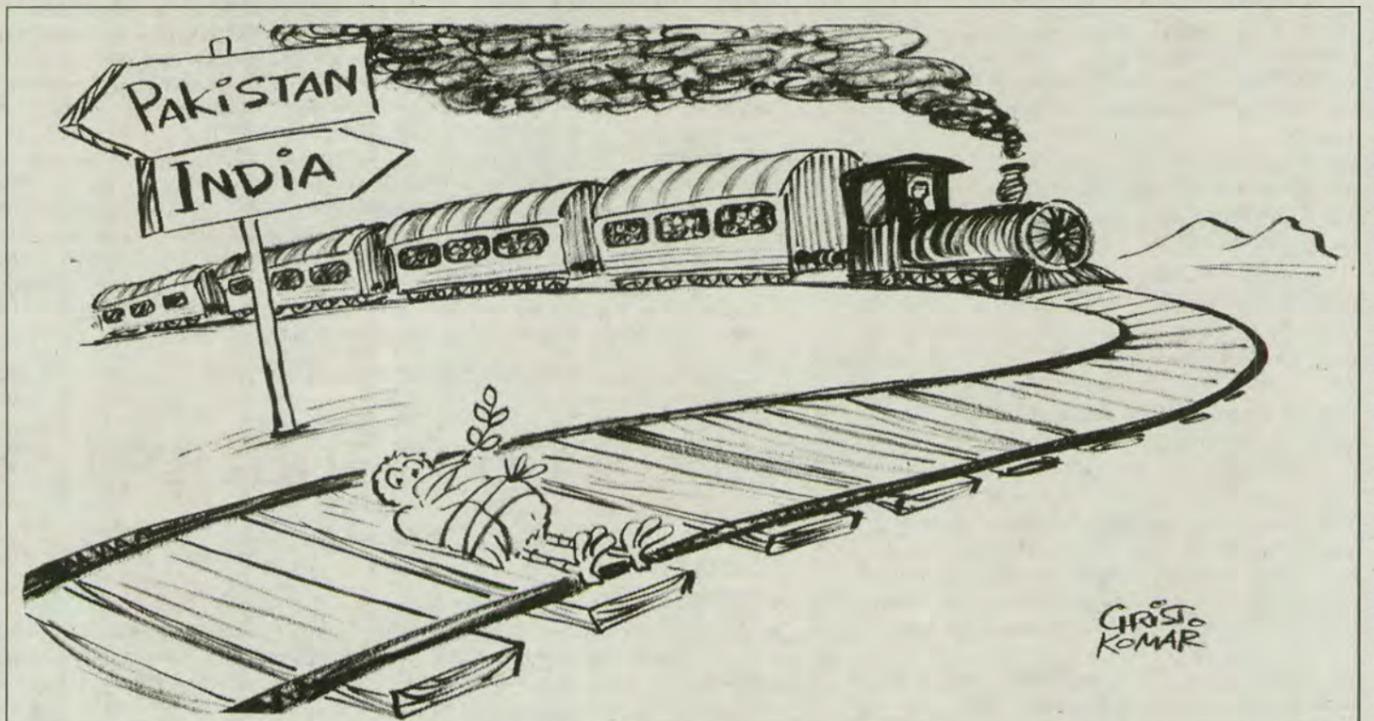
mines to be necessary and appropriate." That sort of blank check should not be given again. The members of Congress should make the actual decision whether or not to go to war, and account for it to their constituents.

"Too many times," said Congressman Jones, "Congress has abdicated its ... duty. [W]hile the Commander in Chief has the power to conduct wars — only Congress has the power to authorize war. [T]here is ... concern ... that Administration officials are contemplating military action against Iran. We understand the ... threats posed by Iran ... The question is how best to address these threats If the President is contemplating committing our blood and treasure in another war — then he and his administration must come to Congress and make their case. The Congress answers to the American people It is our Constitutional responsibility ... to hold hearings, ... to evaluate the threats and to determine the best way to counter these threats. If military action against Iran is necessary, then we in Congress will meet our ... responsibility and authorize it. If no military action is contemplated, then there should be no objection to this commonsense resolution."

The military personnel of the United States are relatively few. But they are the very best among us. They have a moral and legal right to have military power used, and themselves put at risk, only through a decision made in accord with the Constitution and therefore made with proper authority. H.J. Res. 14 should be enacted to achieve that end.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"A person is never happy except at the price of some ignorance."

Anatole France
French novelist

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Loyal Daughters' humor detracts from true dialogue

In fairness to the advocates of "The Vagina Monologues," it is a popular play that is part of our modern, national culture. In some sense, it is not unreasonable for it to be considered in a modern university setting, say in a course on gender studies or sexual assault. Although, in my opinion and in the opinion of many others, its content conflicts not only with Catholic values but also with academic values, it nevertheless has made a large enough impact to be considered in a limited and appropriate way by students.

Now, by "appropriate way" I do not mean an annual performance by amateur actresses. The greatest classics of the West, such as Hamlet or Oedipus Rex, are only performed once a decade, if at all. Some of the best plays reach the stage only once or twice a generation, if we're lucky. Even if it is tolerable for such a trashy and explicit play (by comparison) to be performed and sponsored at Notre Dame on one occasion, there is certainly no reason to justify it being performed six years in a

row.

As suggested by Mary Elizabeth Walter ("Dialogue is not dead," Feb. 19), there are many more effective ways for dialogue about the issue of the equal dignity of men and women. The Edith Stein Conference and the Right to Life Collegiate Conference are great examples of the issue considered in an intellectual and academic setting. She suggested another option, however, one with which I take issue. She seemed to imply that the performance of Loyal Daughters is a better way to explore the issues of sexual assault on campus. This play is pure sophistry and in no way adds to the important pursuit of Truth, to which Walter alluded. Although it is less explicit, it is much more dangerous. It does not address the issues in an intelligent way, but rather uses humor, stories and catchy tunes to attack the Catholic view of chastity and Notre Dame. These attacks are fallacious and have no grounding in reason. They in no way resemble an intellectual consideration of the real

problems we are facing.

The clearest example of this is the skit involving a logic professor who (ironically enough) uses false logic to try to point out a contradiction in University policy that does not exist. Since the skit imitates a well-known logician on campus and employs exaggerated gestures, viewers are too busy laughing to actually think, "Wait a second: this is terrible logic!" The performance is marked by many such skits that "prove" their points not by reason but by jokes and jabs.

Now, I don't know if the writers, performers and advocates of Loyal Daughters are aware of their error, whether it is done out of ignorance or malice. I do know that because of its humor and seemingly innocuous content it is much more effective in keeping viewers from any intellectual consideration of the issues than "The Vagina Monologues" was, and therefore is much more dangerous. The reason that Plato argued in The Republic for censorship was not because the poetry

and drama in question were explicit, but because they led people away from living by reason and toward living by delight. And since the goal of the university is to pursue universal truth, anything which hinders students' ability to think clearly and pursue this truth effectively is inconsistent with our academic character. "The Vagina Monologues" was accordingly inconsistent and now lacks sponsorship. To a much greater degree, Loyal Daughters mocks these same academic values. University President Father John Jenkins initially saw the inconsistency of a play called "Loyal Daughters" with our Catholic character. If only we realized that its offense is first and foremost against our academic character, then our University would continue its laudable work and deny sponsorship to Loyal Daughters as well.

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Positive sibling relationship should be fostered

Over the past week, we have heard a great many responses from Saint Mary's women in regard to Jonathan Klingler's article "Saint Mary's — we need to talk" (Feb. 13). We believe that the voices of Notre Dame students, however, have been surprisingly mute. On this point, we would like to offer our own humble opinion. In Klingler's article, he refers to the historical relationship between Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross as "... one of mutual benefit, respect and affection." In Klingler's opinion, this historical relationship has changed to a parasitical relationship in which Saint Mary's, although claiming to be separate and proud, has taken most of the benefits of our relationship.

Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross were founded as a family of schools run by the priests, sisters and brothers of the CSC, respectively. Indeed, the status of these schools as three related, but distinctly separate, entities follows the original vision of Congregation of Holy Cross founder

Father Basil Moreau. When he founded the CSC, he believed it best to always have priests, sisters and brothers neighboring each other and working cooperatively, but living in separate communities. In this way, we are all a family.

Yes, siblings bicker. Whether it be for the last bit of pie or a fight for who gets the car, this is inherent in the nature of siblings. If you have older siblings, you know that while you look up to them, the most annoying thing they can do is demand that you be like them. This is true also of our schools. We bicker over football tickets and relationship status. Notre Dame is the big older brother and as such should help its younger siblings grow along their own path. We are three independent and proud schools, but we each have something to learn from each other.

We feel that class sharing, ticket sharing and event sharing can only help our three schools grow stronger. It is possible that through our communion with each other we can grow into three of

the finest schools in the world. We do not feel that Saint Mary's students are "taking our seats;" rather, they are beside us cheering on our student athletes as we should do for theirs. We do not feel that Saint Mary's students are stealing the benefits of a Notre Dame education; rather, they are using the opportunities that they have available to become better people, as we should do with ours.

Finally, we do not feel that Saint Mary's is hypocritical for calling itself "Separate and Proud;" rather, they are growing up as all families have, together and individually with their siblings. As a family of colleges, we should be encouraging growth and communication amongst ourselves so that we can all broaden our perspectives and grow to be more worldly people. We challenge those who haven't had the chance yet to go out and explore Saint Mary's and Holy Cross, be it through classes, performance opportunities or just by making a new friend. For our part, we

wouldn't have met many of our wonderful friends if it hadn't been for the close relationship that Notre Dame shares with Holy Cross and Saint Mary's.

Finally, and on a slightly separate note, we find the written and verbal attacks on the women of our family disgusting. The 'inferiority' of a women's college, the 'easiness' of either college's women and the reference to the ugliness of the women angers us. Women of our colleges are not gremlins, they are not inferiors and they are not to be stereotyped. While all of us can take a joke, the constant harassment of the female community has gone too far. It is in this vein that we ask all of you to please respect those of differing race, religion and especially gender in the future.

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MOVIE REVIEW

Film adaptation of tale impresses viewers

By ERIN MCGINN
Assistant Scene Editor

It is always a difficult task when a beloved children's book is adapted into a film. Children's books lock away so many emotions and memories for young readers that it becomes both painful and frustrating when a film doesn't live up to its original source material. "Bridge to Terabithia" by Katherine Patterson is one of those books that has been treasured dearly by young readers since it was first published in 1977. A feature film of the work hadn't been tackled until now because of the dilemmas in creating the world of Terabithia as well as the intensity of the story. Fortunately the film, scripted by David Patterson (the son of the original author), lives up to the novel and is destined to be a children's classic.

"Bridge to Terabithia" tells the story of Jesse Aarons (Josh Hutcherson), a fifth grade misfit who deals with problems both at school and home through his artwork. His routine life changes when Leslie Burke

(AnnaSophia Robb) arrives at school. Leslie is the daughter of two writers and has a wild imagination and an outgoing personality. The two become friends and they create their own fantasy world called Terabithia, where they use their imaginations to escape from reality and find ways to cope with their problems in the real world.

"Bridge to Terabithia" uses the special effects team that was created by Peter Jackson when he filmed his "Lord of the Rings" trilogy in order to create the world of Terabithia. In the trailers, they promote the special effects as a strong selling point, hoping to attract the same crowds that turned out to see "Lord of the Rings" and "The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe." Even though the film plays up the fantasy much more than the novel, the actual scenes make up a small percentage of the whole movie.

In the novel, only a small amount of detail is given about Terabithia since it exists only in the minds of the children. This is easily the film's weakest point since the computer graphics tend to blur the line between fantasy and reality, which is always clearly demarcated in the book. At some points it is clear that the troll they see really is just a tree, but at other points (such as when the "troll" catches Jesse) that distinction doesn't exist. The filmmakers would have done better to model their fantasy sequences after Peter Jackson's "Heavenly Creatures" in which two girls also create their own fantasy worlds. That film does a much better job of showing that their fantasy exists solely in their minds.



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AnnaSophia Robb (left) and Rob Hutcherson star in the film adaptation of the classic children's book "Bridge to Terabithia," directed by Gabor Csupo.

The core of the story, in contrast to the trailers, lies in the human element — in the friendship between Jesse and Leslie. Hutcherson and Robb both do excellent jobs in portraying the children and in dealing with the occasionally difficult subject matter. They both succeed in endearing themselves to the audience, who in turn invests their emotions into the characters.

The supporting cast is less noteworthy, with the exceptions of Jesse's father (Robert Patrick) and their music teacher Ms. Edmonds (Zoey Deschanel) who both do great jobs of showing contrasting adult per-

spectives to the children.

Fans of the book will definitely not be disappointed by the film version of "Bridge to Terabithia." The film is just as endearing and emotionally powerful as the original novel. Those familiar with the book already know about the tragic twist that the plot takes, and the film is no less heart-wrenching. For those who don't know how its ends, be forewarned that it is impossible to leave without emptying a box of tissues.

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Bridge to Terabithia



Director: Gabor Csupo
Writers: Jeff Stockwell, David Paterson
Screenplay: and Katherine Paterson (book)
Starring: Josh Hutcherson and AnnaSophia Robb

CD REVIEW

'Emmerick' has a sound for everyone with 'North'

By MARTY SCHROEDER
Assistant Scene Editor

Southern rock exists in the popular mind — incarnated by bands such as Lynyrd Skynyrd and .38 Special. The genre is no longer popular for emerging artists to emulate — at least not artists that want to find mainstream success. Perhaps this is because the bands that came before them were just so talented at what they did, they set a benchmark no one can hope to match.

Tim Emmerick and Cold Front County make a valiant and somewhat successful attempt, but can't quite match what came before them. It's album, "North," is an excellent array of rock, country and the melding of those two genres. It does make some in-roads in combining genres — and it does it better than most mainstream bands. However, it can't match the greatness of either musical genre and falls into the trappings of mainstream pop that should be edgier than Matchbox 20.

The album opens with the raucous

"Black River Bridge," which tears through its surprisingly long 4:49 run time. This song sounds shorter than it is and Emmerick and County keeps the rock gods appeased in this opening track. However, the gods will smite the next song, "Fall to the Leaves," that sounds only remotely rock and simply tries too hard with forced guitar solos that seem out of place in the factory-sealed blandness that is this song.

On a slower note, "Intentions Fade" brings about apparitions of The Eagles and manages to keep a toe-tapping tempo going as Emmerick sings about death and mourning. The bluegrass edge to this song is a welcome addition to the album as most of the other tracks sound they could have come from anywhere. This one is unique and the talent the band put into this one shows.

As the album progresses, the rock and roll punch that made the opening track so fun transforms into straight up steel guitar old-school country on "Chapter and Verse." For the fan of country a la George Strait and early Alan Jackson, this song will certainly appeal to their roots. This is also the best written song on the album as Emmerick sings about the failings of his personal religion and how faith can be do good in the world but can also be a very dangerous tool that some will use to put



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Tim Emmerick and Cold Front County recently released "North" on Red One Records. The band is an eclectic mix of country, rock and bluegrass sounds.

down others.

"North" could have closed on a stronger note than "Mercy," which clocks in at 6:34 — far too long for a closing track. This song could have benefited off some of the energy from the opening, which would have been appropriate close to this sometimes loud, sometimes ponderous album.

With something for everyone, Tim Emmerick and Cold Front County promises something for everyone who are fans of the country rock and what falls in between. The tracks on this album that are good are really good

and the tracks that are mediocre are really mediocre. There are no horrible songs on this album but some are certainly better than others. Its too bad Emmerick couldn't keep up the energy through the whole album that he opened with. They should take a note out of Skynyrd's and George Strait's book — the tradition from both old country and southern rock could make this album much better than it is.

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Tim Emmerick and Cold Front County

North

Red One Records



Recommended tracks: 'Chapter and Verse' and 'Storm'



MOVIE REVIEW

'Illusionist' fails to realize magic potential

By MARTY SCHROEDER
Assistant Scene Editor

Many films try to recreate the past and immerse the audience into some far distant time with kings, wars and chivalry. Few modern films, though, try to immerse us in a viewing experience as those viewers of the past would have had. "The Illusionist," however, does exactly this. A tale about a magician who travels to Vienna at the turn of the 19th century, this flick is not so much about the past but about the past viewings of films.

Starring Edward Norton and Jessica Biel, "The Illusionist" weaves a plot around the peasant who becomes the famous Eisenheim the Illusionist (Norton). He falls in love with a Countess (Biel) who has caught the eye of the crown prince of the Austro-Hungarian Empire. Rufus Sewell deftly plays Crown Prince Leopold whose unique voice brings an unmistakable menace to the character. The hubris that Sewell brings suits the character well and counters

Norton's Eisenheim in a way that is not complicated or subtle but works well for what the film is — an entertaining yarn about magic, love and little else.

The standout in "The Illusionist" is Paul Giamatti who never fails to impress. He plays the ambitious yet righteous Inspector Uhl. The plot revolves around his inspection of Eisenheim and the desire to learn how his secrets are performed. Giamatti's Uhl is the only character with complication and thus is the most interesting. Eisenheim is the peasant angry at the aristocracy, Leopold is the aristocrat who wants people in their place and Biel is the Countess who wishes she could love who she wants but can't — these are all basic stock characters. Only Uhl examines social mores and roles and questions what he is doing and yet still attempts to legitimize his doing it — this isn't an Oscar caliber performance but it keeps the story interesting.

The DVD has a commentary by the writer and director Neil Burger that is interesting and insightful. The making of the film is also of note due to the highly detailed sets and costumes. This is where the film shines through the most because it seems the art department is one of the few that actually took their jobs seriously. Except for a certain sword that looks like something out of a cracker-jack box, the sumptuous costumes and varied sets are explored in this making of featurette that is sure to impress. Jessica Biel on "The Illusionist" is nothing too impressive. Her acting was sub-par, as was her interview on the film. It would have been far more inter-



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"The Illusionist," a film about the famous Eisenheim the Illusionist, stars Edward Norton (right) as Eisenheim and Paul Giamatti (left) as Inspector Uhl.

esting if they had interviewed veteran film actors Norton or Giamatti.

Overall, this film is entertaining and highly watchable. The ending has some predictable twists alongside some not so predictable twists that keep the plot interesting. This is not a film that deserves a blind-buy but instead should be watched before being purchased. Fans of magic, mystery and period pieces will enjoy it thoroughly. If, however, you aren't into genres of that ilk, this may not be the film for you. It may have

received more credit if it hadn't been released right in line with the similar (and better) "The Prestige" but it still can hold its own. This is not Norton's nor is it Giamatti's best, but each performance is entertaining in its own way. Netflix or Blockbuster deserves your business for this one but perhaps not Best Buy — unless you're a magic lover.

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The Illusionist



Director: Neil Burger
Writers: Neil Burger (screenplay) and Steven Millhauser (short story)
Starring: Edward Norton, Paul Giamatti and Jessica Biel

MOVIE REVIEW

'Rider' takes the fast lane to cinematic trash heap

By RAMA GOTTUMUKKALA
Scene Writer

The first sign that something's gone horribly, horribly wrong with "Ghost Rider" comes 15 minutes into the movie.

Life is good for young Johnny Blaze, a hotshot motorcycle-riding stuntman — until he finds a (rather conveniently placed) doctor's diagnosis lying around the house, saying his father has cancer. Fortunately, a mysterious stranger named Mephistopheles (Peter Fonda) offers a miraculous cure for his dear old dad. All Johnny has to do, naturally, is sign away his soul.

He's thinking about it, and while reading the agreement, he pricks his finger on a sharp edge of the devilish document. A small drop of blood splatters on the dotted line.

"That's good enough," says Mephisto, a crafty old dodger. And that's that — Johnny's fate is sealed. Too bad Mephisto never told Johnny that his cancer-free dad would ride headlong into the outer rim of a ring of fire the next day.

Wait, didn't the snazzy tagline on all the "Ghost Rider" movie posters proclaim that, "long ago he made a deal to save someone he loved"? Clearly, the filmmakers didn't get the memo when forming this steaming hot pile of hellish tripe.

Ghost Rider



Director: Mark Steven Johnson
Writers: Mark Steven Johnson
Starring: Nicolas Cage, Peter Fonda, Matt Long and Raquel Alessi

That Johnny never willfully signs the damned paper is the first of many signs that our hero, and this picture, is beyond saving.

A paper-thin plot gets slimmer still when director/writer Mark Steven Johnson cranks time forward to the present. When he's not plotting death-defying stunts, grownup Johnny (Nicolas Cage) enjoys eating jelly beans out of martini glasses, jamming to Karen Carpenter and reading dusty old tomes about the occult. But — surprise, surprise — Mephisto comes calling when his vile son, Blackheart (Wes Bentley), wants to move in on daddy's turf. Mephisto unleashes the dormant Ghost Rider and sets Cage — err, the Rider — loose to wreck unholy vengeance on us, err, those who deserve it.

As comic book properties go, Ghost Rider is the redheaded stepchild of the Marvel Comics family. He'll never have the name recognition of a Spider-Man or Wolverine, but his full head of flames and goth-chic getup of black leather jacket, chains and a wicked hog means he's always trying. Sadly, this Rider careens into a ditch, and the culprits are Cage and Johnson.

"Daredevil," Johnson's last feature film, was a passable and sometimes genuinely entertaining take on another lesser-known hero in the Marvel Comics stable. But here, his skills seem to have devolved.

The dialogue in "Ghost Rider" is atrocious. Many of the zaniest one-liners are left for Bentley's Blackheart to contend with. It's hard enough to fear a villain who dares to proclaim, "I will retire you Ghost Rider. And then I will retire you ... Father." But it's a downright embarrassment to villainy when his encore is, "We are Legion ... because we are many!" Pathetic.



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Nicolas Cage stars as stuntman Johnny Blaze in the comic book turned action film "Ghost Rider." The movie is written and directed by Mark Steven Johnson.

For diehard comic book fans, Joel Schumacher's 1997 film "Batman and Robin" is a registered crime against humanity for how badly it crippled the Dark Knight. Ghost Rider purists have good reason to weep, for Johnson comes dangerously close to dunking their beloved Flamehead under water for good.

As for Mr. Cage, he seems content to spend his screen time making a mockery of the character and himself. When producers were looking to land Johnny Depp for the role, Cage stepped in and revealed his deep love — and body art — for the character. Ironically (or fittingly), Cage had to have his Ghost Rider tattoo covered with make-up to play Johnny Blaze.

When he's not hiding behind a heinous-

ly bad computer-generated skull, Cage ceaselessly points at his victims and gesticulates about justice. His Ghost Rider rarely bothers to punch someone with those oven-hot mitts of his, preferring instead to utilize his Penance Stare. After locking eyes with his victim in a short-lived staring contest, Ghost Rider reflects back all of the pain that the wrongdoer has inflicted on other people and increases the agony tenfold.

It is our deep misfortune that the real Ghost Rider is nowhere in sight to save us, for surely he would unleash the Penance Stare on Johnson and Cage, making them suffer the full horror of what they've done.

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NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL

Fields, not Gray, leads Panthers over Seton Hall

Pitt notches 11th Big East victory without its injured star center

Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — LeVance Fields scored seven of his 15 points in the final 2 1/2 minutes to help short-handed No. 10 Pittsburgh hold off Seton Hall 71-68 Monday night.

Levon Kendall had 14 points and eight rebounds and Sam Young added 11 points for the Panthers (24-4, 11-2 Big East), who were without injured 7-foot center Aaron Gray. The victory was the 100th for Pittsburgh coach Jamie Dixon (100-26), who reached the milestone faster than any coach in school history.

Eugene Harvey scored 19 of his 24 points in the second half, Jamar Nutter had 19 and Brian Laing added 12 points and eight rebounds for Seton Hall (12-14, 3-10).

The Pirates, who fell behind by 14 with 5 1/2 minutes to go, pulled to 64-61 on Paul Gause's tip-in with 1:20 remaining.

Fields, who made five free throws in the final minute, hit two to push Pitt's lead to 67-61 with 49 seconds left. After Harvey's layup pulled Seton Hall to within three with 16 seconds remaining, Fields made two more from the line less than a second later.

Nutter then hit his fourth 3-pointer of the game to pull the Pirates to 70-68 with about 5 seconds remaining, and Fields made 1 of 2 free throws to make it a three-point game. Nutter's desperation 3 from inside half court at the buzzer bounced high off the rim.

Pittsburgh moved one-half game ahead of Georgetown for first place in the conference, and visits the Hoyas on Saturday.

Gray, who sprained his left ankle in the final minute of a win over Washington on Saturday, was on the bench in warmups with a protective boot on his foot.

After missing their one free-throw attempt in the opening period, the Pirates made their charge by making 16-for-19 from the line in the second half.

The teams traded baskets for the first 5 1/2 minutes of the second half, before Seton Hall pulled to 39-37 on two free throws each by Harvey and Nutter. Keith Benjamin's dunk pushed Pitt's lead back to four. Harvey's basket with 11:01

left cut the Pirates' deficit to 43-41, and the Panthers had a shot-clock violation on the ensuing possession.

No. 16 Marquette 80 Villanova 67

As far as Lazar Hayward was concerned, it was about time.

The freshman scored a career-high 18 points to lead No. 16 Marquette to a victory over Villanova.

Hayward, who entered the game averaging six points per game, had 13 in the first half before fouling out late in the second.

"Guys were making fun of me how it was about time I start playing this way," said Hayward, who was 5-for-7 from the floor. "I can't let this be a one-hit wonder."

Dominic James added 18 points and Wesley Matthews had 16 points for the Golden Eagles (22-7, 9-5 Big East), who snapped a three-game losing streak.

Marquette made all 16 of its free throws in the final 5:58 of the game. Matthews was 12-for-12 from the line.

For the game, Marquette shot 31-35 (88.6 percent) from the foul line. The team entered the game with a 64.2 shooting percentage, 15th out of 16 Big East teams.

"They've been struggling shooting free throws, but they were drilling them," Villanova coach Jay Wright said.

Scottie Reynolds scored 25 points for Villanova (18-9, 6-7), which lost its second straight game.

"If there's a better freshman guard in the country, I'm not sure who it is," Marquette coach Tom Crean said of Reynolds.

Curtis Sumpter added 14 points for the Wildcats, whose last four losses have come against Top 25 teams.

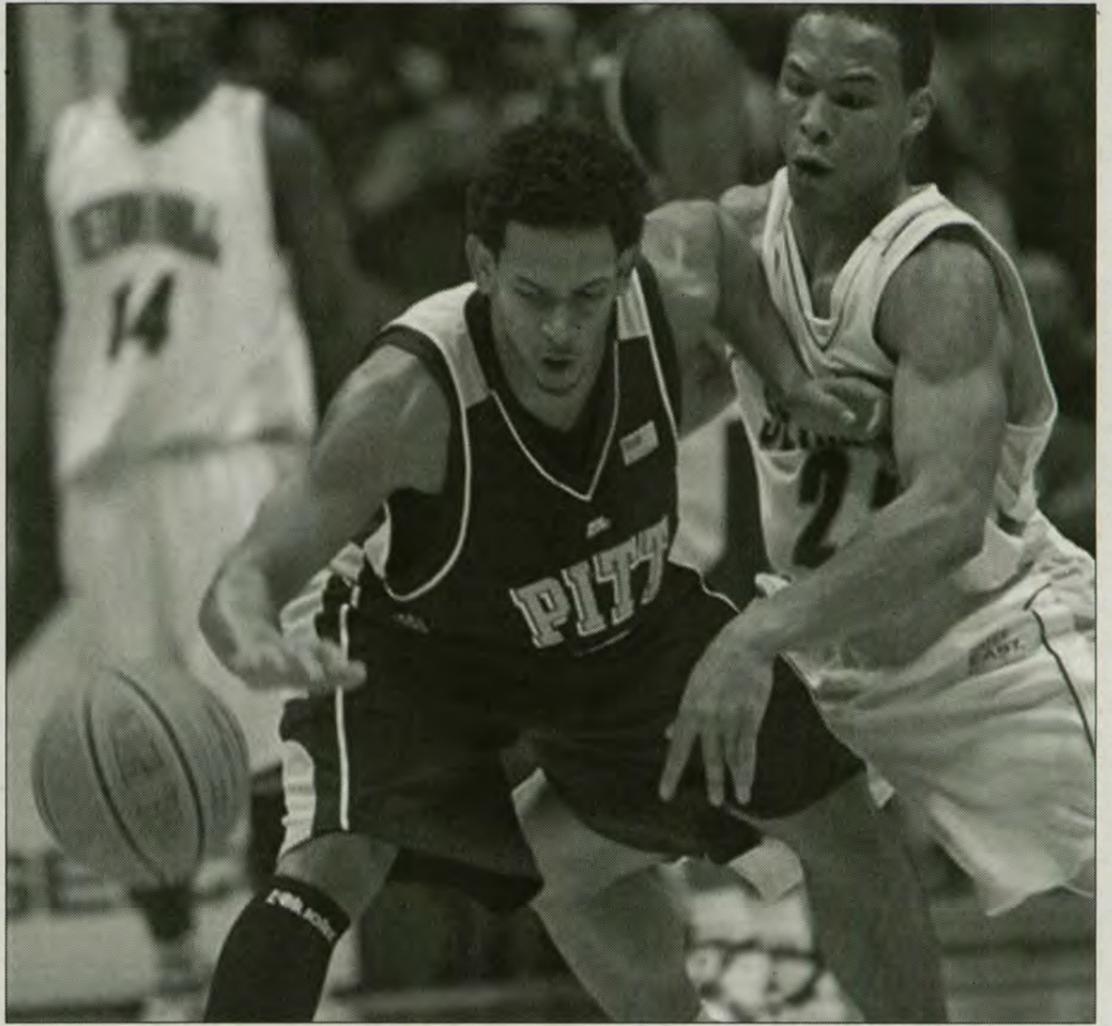
"You're going to lose some games," Sumpter said. "You can't worry about that. You've got to focus on your next game."

Mike Nardi made two free throws to cut Marquette's lead to 70-64 with 2:24 remaining, but Villanova scored just three points, all on free throws, the rest of the way.

The Wildcats missed three straight 3-pointers and Marquette made all 11 of its free throws in the final 1:29.

No. 6 Kansas 71 Kansas State 62

Freshman reserve Sherron Collins scored 20 points and led a key second-half run, and No. 6 Kansas beat Kansas State to extend its winning



Seton Hall guard Paul Gause, right, slaps the ball out of the hands of Pittsburgh guard Ronald Ramon during the first half of Pittsburgh's 71-69 win Monday.

streak in Manhattan to 24 games.

Mario Chalmers added 17 points, Darrell Arthur had 13 points and 12 rebounds, and Brandon Rush finished with 11 points for Kansas (24-4, 11-2 Big 12), which has never lost in Bramlage Coliseum since it opened for the 1988-89 season. The Jayhawks' last loss in Manhattan was a 58-57 defeat on Jan. 29, 1983, in Ahearn Fieldhouse.

Kansas trailed by one at the break and didn't take control until the midpoint of the second half.

Two 3-pointers by Cartier Martin and another by Lance Harris pulled the Wildcats (19-9, 8-5) even at 43-all with 11:12 to go. But Collins answered with a 3-pointer that ignited a 16-4 run for the Jayhawks.

A basket by Rush and two free throws by Collins gave Kansas its first double-digit lead, 59-47, with 5:39 to go.

Kansas State got to 68-62 on Clent Stewart's layup with 46.9 to go, and then got the ball back on Akeem Wright's steal. But David Hoskins missed a 2-footer with 15 seconds left,

and Rush iced it when he hit one free throw, missed the second and put back his miss with just under 7 seconds to go.

The Wildcats shot just 32.3 percent (20-for-62).

Martin led Kansas State with 19 points. Stewart added 13 points and Harris had 10 for the Wildcats

No. 15 Butler 68 Wisconsin-Green Bay 58

A.J. Graves scored 20 points, Brandon Crone added 17 and No. 15 Butler beat Wisconsin-Green Bay.

The Bulldogs (25-4, 12-2 Horizon League) battled through a physical game after they had lost two of their previous three in the past nine days with setbacks at Wright State on Feb. 10 and No. 13 Southern Illinois on Saturday.

Green Bay (16-13, 7-8) had won four of its previous five, but lost its 11th straight game against a Top 25 opponent after hitting just one field goal in the final 5:47.

Ryan Evanochko, who finished with 10 points, made two free throws to cut Butler's lead to 58-56 with 2:19 to play, but Graves answered with a 3-

pointer and Crone grabbed a rebound off Mike Schachtner's shot and was fouled.

Crone hit both free throws to make it 63-56 and Green Bay never came back within striking distance, missing six of its final seven shots.

Mike Green scored 13 points and Pete Campbell added 11 for Butler.

Schachtner finished with 13 points for the Phoenix, which also got 11 each from Terry Evans and Ryan Tillema.

Green Bay, which last beat a ranked team in 1998, took a five-point lead in the second half before the Bulldogs changed tactics and tried to speed up the game by pushing the tempo off missed shots.

A quick run by Butler erased the deficit, and Campbell hit three 3-pointers as part of a 9-1 run to give the Bulldogs' a 47-40 lead.

Graves, who went 6-of-17 from the field and 3-of-11 from beyond the arc, slashed through the lane and hit a layup to make it 54-46 with just under 6 minutes to play, and Green Bay's drought began after Troy Cotton's 3-pointer made it 55-51.

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Men's Basketball Associated Press Top 25

	team	record	points
1	Wisconsin	26-2	1,747
2	Ohio State	24-3	1,728
3	Florida	24-3	1,647
4	UCLA	23-3	1,611
5	North Carolina	23-4	1,474
6	Kansas	23-4	1,403
7	Memphis	23-3	1,378
8	Texas A&M	22-4	1,283
9	Washington State	22-4	1,172
10	Pittsburgh	23-4	1,161
11	Nevada	24-2	1,146
12	Georgetown	20-5	1,009
13	Southern Illinois	23-5	962
14	Air Force	23-4	831
15	Butler	24-4	695
16	Marquette	21-7	510
17	Vanderbilt	18-8	413
18	Duke	20-7	410
19	Texas	19-7	332
20	Louisville	19-8	286
21	BYU	20-6	264
22	West Virginia	20-6	240
23	Oregon	20-7	218
24	Virginia	18-7	185
25	Alabama	19-7	177

Women's Basketball Associated Press Top 25

	team	record	points
1	Duke	28-0	1,250
2	Tennessee	24-2	1,190
3	Connecticut	24-2	1,129
4	North Carolina	26-2	1,116
5	Ohio State	24-2	977
6	Maryland	25-4	957
7	LSU	23-4	947
8	Stanford	23-4	869
9	George Washington	23-2	846
10	Arizona State	25-3	829
11	Georgia	23-5	770
12	Vanderbilt	23-4	665
13	Oklahoma	20-4	629
14	Baylor	23-4	609
15	Purdue	23-5	532
16	Texas A&M	20-5	498
17	Middle Tennessee St.	24-3	465
18	Bowling Green	24-2	437
19	Marquette	22-4	304
20	Michigan State	21-6	300
21	Rutgers	17-7	256
22	James Madison	24-2	157
23	Louisville	22-5	107
24	Wisc. Green Bay	21-3	102
25	Nebraska	21-6	90

NCAA Women's Basketball MIAA Standings

	team	conference record	overall record
1	Calvin	16-0	23-1
2	Hope	13-3	21-3
3	SAINT MARY'S	10-6	11-12
4	Albion	9-7	14-10
4	Olivet	9-7	12-11
6	Alma	6-10	10-13
7	Tri-State	4-12	6-18
8	Adrian	3-13	8-15
9	Kalamazoo	2-14	3-21

NFL



Norv Turner, right, shakes hands with San Diego president Dean Spanos during a press conference Monday announcing Turner as the Chargers' head coach. Turner formerly coached the Raiders and Redskins.

Chargers hire Turner as head coach

Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — Norv Turner got his third shot at an NFL head coaching job when he was hired Monday by the San Diego Chargers, a week after the surprise firing of Marty Schottenheimer.

The hiring came less than 24 hours after the Chargers wrapped up their interviews. The Chargers also hired Ted Cottrell as defensive coordinator.

Turner, the San Francisco 49ers' offensive coordinator, was the only one of the six candidates who's been an NFL head coach, and the only one from the offensive side of the ball.

He inherits a team that was an NFL-best 14-2 last season but melted down in its playoff opener, a stunning 24-21 loss to the New England Patriots.

Last Monday, the Chargers again surprised the NFL when president Dean Spanos fired Schottenheimer, citing a "dysfunctional situation" between the coach and general manager A.J. Smith.

Turner had trouble winning in the regular season, going 58-82-1 in head coaching stints with Washington and Oakland. Schottenheimer had trouble winning in the postseason, going 5-13 overall and

0-2 with the Chargers.

Turner was San Diego's offensive coordinator in 2001, when LaDainian Tomlinson was a rookie and Smith was the assistant to the late John Butler.

The Chargers still use the same offense Turner installed.

"This isn't a team where you're rebuilding," Turner said. "We should start fast. We should be good early and we should be good late. Not having to go through the normal things you have to go through when you make a coaching change is going to help the players more than anyone."

Turner was fired by the Raiders in 2005 after going

9-23 in two seasons.

San Francisco's Mike Nolan quickly hired Turner to take over the NFL's 32nd-ranked offense. Turner got remarkable progress from quarterback Alex Smith and an improved offensive line. He helped Frank Gore become the NFC's leading rusher in a breakout season.

Turner will be able to help with the continued development of quarterback Philip Rivers, who was voted to the Pro Bowl but saw his play tail off down the stretch. Tomlinson was the league's MVP after setting NFL records with 31 touchdowns and 186 points.

IN BRIEF

Swindal returns to work, apologizes for distractions

TAMPA, Fla. — Steve Swindal returned to work at Legends Field on Monday and apologized for becoming a distraction. He wouldn't speculate whether his arrest last week for driving under the influence would alter his role as George Steinbrenner's designated successor to run the New York Yankees.

Swindal was arrested early Thursday by the St. Petersburg Police, who claimed he was driving 61 mph in a 35 mph zone. Swindal was released on \$250 bond and has a March 15 court date.

"I just wanted to tell you on a personal level how embarrassed I am for my family, for the Yankees, the fans. I know I let a lot of people down, and I promise to do better and put this behind me," he said, standing in front of a photograph of Billy Martin in the Legends Field press box.

Colts place franchise tag on Freeney despite poor season

INDIANAPOLIS — The Indianapolis Colts made defensive end Dwight Freeney their franchise player on Monday, keeping him with the Super Bowl champions for at least one more season while they work on a long-term contract.

Freeney, a first-round draft pick in 2002, missed the Pro Bowl this year for the first time since his rookie season. He was held to a career-low 5 1/2 sacks while fighting shoulder and leg injuries.

Still, the Colts were not going to let him get away.

"He wasn't going to go anywhere," team president Bill Polian said. "There's no timeline, but we're still talking (to his agent) with the idea of putting together a longer deal. He's a key part of our team."

Freeney would have become an unrestricted free agent March 2 without a new contract.

Federer ties record for longest stretch atop rankings

LONDON — Roger Federer tied Jimmy Connors' record of 160 consecutive weeks as the top-ranked player in men's tennis Monday.

The 10-time Grand Slam champion has held the No. 1 ATP Tour ranking since Feb. 2, 2004. The Swiss star is assured of breaking the record next week.

"Breaking records and doing something that hasn't been done for a long time, it's really nice," Federer said recently.

Connors was No. 1 from July 1974 to August 1977. He is now coaching one of Federer's biggest rivals, Andy Roddick.

Federer, who has won six of the last seven Grand Slam titles, hasn't played since beating Fernando Gonzalez in the Australian Open final on Jan. 28. He returns to action next week at the Dubai Open.

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NFL

Bears won't retain defensive coordinator Rivera

Assistant coach crafted one of the league's top defenses in Chicago

Associated Press

LAKE FOREST, Ill. — Chicago defensive coordinator Ron Rivera has gone from head coaching candidate to out of a job — a little more than two weeks after Bears were in the Super Bowl.

Rivera, who has talked with eight different NFL teams about their head coaching positions over the last two seasons, had a three-year contract with the Bears that was set to expire next week. The NFC champions announced Monday he will not be back.

Head coach Lovie Smith had been pushing Rivera for head coaching jobs, now he's pushed him off his staff.

"It's just something that coach decided he was going to shuffle his staff and we'll go from there," Rivera said during a conference call.

Rivera said he wanted to return and was told a few days ago he wouldn't.

Was there a personality conflict with Smith?

"No, no, no, please. I don't think there is. I really don't," he said.

"I believe this is just a football decision and it was made. Emotionally, I'm disappointed in not getting the opportunity to come back in '07 because as I said at the end of the year after the loss that this is a football team that's headed in the right

direction."

Smith, a defensive-oriented coach, insisted there no philosophical differences with Rivera.

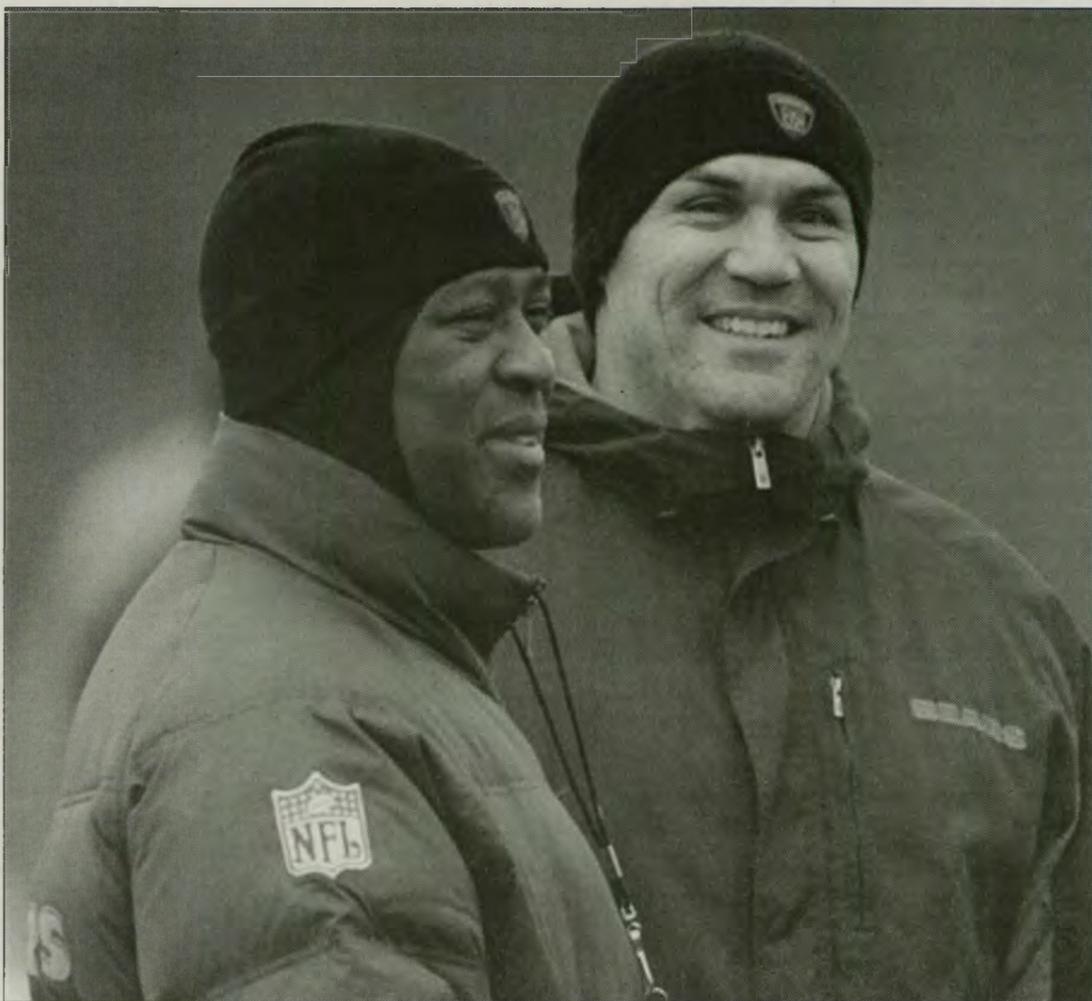
"As much as anything, it's just a fit that we have and right now the direction I would like to go and the direction that Ron would like to go, we're going in two different directions," Smith said during a conference call.

"It's been my goal all along to help Ron, to do everything I could to get Ron an opportunity to get a head football coaching job and it's no more than that. We've tried to do that. Ron had a contract. I don't see it as a firing or anything like that. His contract expired and he wants to go in one direction, and I'd like to go in one. No more than that."

Rivera was a linebacker on Chicago's Super Bowl champion team in 1986 and then led a defense that helped the Bears make the playoffs in back-to-back seasons. Chicago had trouble containing Indianapolis in the Super Bowl, losing 29-17 to the Peyton Manning-led Indianapolis Colts.

Rivera has been an assistant coach for 10 years in the NFL beginning as a quality control coach with the Bears in 1997. He spent five years with the Philadelphia Eagles as their linebackers coach and then the last three in charge of Chicago's defense.

The Bears led the NFL with 44 takeaways in the regular season, but the defense was slowed in the latter stages of the season after injuries to



Former Chicago Bears defensive coordinator Ron Rivera, right, and head coach Lovie Smith observe their team's practice in Lake Forest, Ill. last January. Rivera's contract was not renewed for the 2007 season.

defensive tackle Tommie Harris and safety Mike Brown.

Smith did not elaborate when asked if there were things about Rivera's performance he did not like.

"Those are the things Ron

and I talked about," Smith said. "We feel good about the things we did together during that time, but no more needs to be said about that. That's between he and I."

Rivera was a candidate last season for head coaching jobs in Green Bay and St. Louis. This year he talked with Pittsburgh, Miami, Atlanta and Arizona before the Bears started postseason play. After Chicago lost the Super Bowl, he interviewed for coaching

vacancies at Dallas and just a few days ago at San Diego.

Smith said he would move quickly to replace Rivera. Linebackers coach Bob Babich is considered a top candidate.

Even though many NFL coaching spots are already filled, Rivera said he is confident he will get a job.

"The timing sometimes could have been better or it could have been worse. It is what it is right now," he said.

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MLB

Rodriguez admits relationship issues with Jeter

Yanks infielder speaks frankly about problems with captain, himself

Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — Yes, it's true, admitted Alex Rodriguez, his relationship with Derek Jeter is not what it once was.

Surrounded by reporters and cameras as he sat in the first-base dugout Monday at Legends Field, A-Rod played true confessions, acknowledging they no longer have sleepovers and don't go out together all the time anymore.

"People start assuming that things are a lot worse than what they are, which they're not. But they're obviously not as great as they used to be. We were like blood brothers,"

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Alex Rodriguez
Yankees third baseman

Rodriguez said. "You don't have to go to dinner with a guy four, five times a week to do what you're doing. It's actually much better than all you guys expect, but I just want to let the truth be known."

On the first day of his fourth season with the Yankees, he did three rounds of interviews — English-language television, Spanish-language television and print reporters. He talked about his poor postseason ("I stunk"), his pride at being the highest-paid player in U.S. team sports

("It's pretty cool") and his refusal to rule out exercising the opt-out provision in his contract after this season ("I understand my options").

A-Rod and Jeter were buddy-buddy back in the 1990s, when Rodriguez was a young star shortstop in Seattle and Jeter emerged as a force that helped the New York Yankees win four World Series titles in five years. But A-Rod dissed Jeter in a 2001 Esquire article, saying "Jeter's been blessed with great talent around him" and "he's never had to lead."

"You go into New York, you wanna stop Bernie (Williams) and (Paul) O'Neill," A-Rod was quoted as saying. "You never say, 'Don't let Derek beat you.' He's never your concern."

Since Rodriguez was acquired by the Yankees in 2004, their relationship has been analyzed and dissected, a soap-opera sidebar to New York's repeated postseason failures.

Until now, A-Rod had denied their relationship had changed. Sitting in jeans and a black sweat jacket, Rodriguez said it was "important" that people heard the truth directly from him.

"Let's make a contract," Rodriguez said after the first Jeter question. "You don't ask me about Derek anymore, and I promise I'll stop lying to all you

guys."

"The reality is there's been a change in the relationship over 14 years and, hopefully, we can just put it behind us," he went on. "You go from sleeping over at somebody's house five days a week, and now you don't sleep over. It's just not that big of a deal."

Jeter had left the clubhouse by the time reporters were allowed back in. His agent, Casey Close, said later that Jeter didn't want to comment.

Most of the Yankees have long concluded the relationship between their captain and Rodriguez is a non-issue.

"They're probably not as tight as they used to be, but it's not a situation where they don't look at each other and don't say, 'Hi.' They're teammates and they're still friends," Jason Giambi said.

"I suspect it's nowhere near as bad as the general perception is," general manager Brian Cashman added.

During the offseason, former Yankee Darryl Strawberry said Jeter needs to "embrace" Rodriguez. A-Rod said he didn't feel Jeter needed to support him more.

"I'm a big boy. I'm 31 years old now, so I should be able to help myself out there," he said. "I care about what he thinks about me on the field. I think it's important for us to be on the right page. And we are. We're here to win a championship

together."

While Rodriguez won the AL MVP award for the second time in 2005, he was booed for stretches at Yankee Stadium last season, when he hit made 24 errors. Some thought that if Jeter spoke out on A-Rod's behalf, fans would go easier on him.

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Jason Giambi
Yankees designated hitter

"Derek can't stop the fans from booing. They boo all of us," catcher Jorge Posada said.

And then came another abysmal postseason for Rodriguez. He's 4-for-41 (.098) without an RBI in his last 12 playoff games dating to 2004. He got just one hit in last year's playoff loss to Detroit.

"I stunk. And when you stink, sometimes, you have to call it," he said. "I went 1-for-14 last year with an error and that's pretty lousy."

As the Yankees were eliminated in Game 4, he was dropped to eighth in the batting order for the first time in a decade.

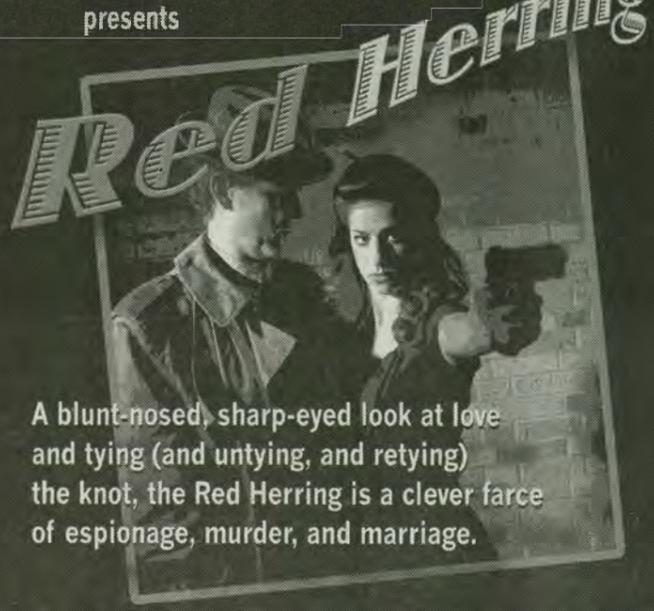
"It was very disappointing," he said. "Yes, I was embarrassed."

Rodriguez is entering the seventh season of his \$252 million, 10-year contract, a deal he signed with the Texas Rangers. He can terminate the agreement after the season, forfeit the \$72 million owed in the final three years and become a free agent. He also could pressure New York for an extension.

He said he wants to remain a Yankee, but wouldn't promise that he will. Like Mariano Rivera, he is thinking ahead to the new ballpark scheduled to open in 2009.

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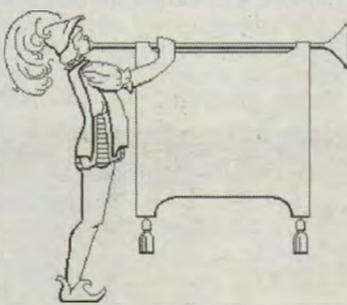
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- 4) a budget indicating the costs involved;
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PGA TOUR

Woods shoots for eighth straight Tour victory

Tiger can rebound from overseas loss with win in Accenture tourney

Associated Press

MARANA, Ariz. — Tiger Woods ran into one player and got two reminders.

He was zipping along The Gallery during a practice round Monday, his first look at a new

course for the Accenture Match Play Championship where he will try to win his eighth straight PGA Tour event. Some people will argue it's not really a winning streak, for Woods has failed to win four times overseas.

So it was only fitting that he caught up to Shaun Micheel on the second green.

"Do you think I should wish him luck this week?" said Tony Lingard, the caddie for

Micheel.

The streak in its purest form ended Sept. 14 on a gray afternoon in the English countryside when Micheel, the last seed in the 16-man field of the HSBC World Match Play Championship, pulled off a stunner and beat Woods, 4 and 3.

That never came up during the next 16 holes of a course that stretches some 3 miles out into the desert and eventually

winds back through cactus and shrub toward the clubhouse.

They talked about the birth of Micheel's daughter, Marin Belle born on Feb. 9, and Micheel asked him if Woods knew what gender his child would be when it comes this summer.

"We're not going to find out," Woods told him. "It's got to be one or the other."

The rest of the round was spent navigating the 7,446-yard course at Dove Mountain

just north of Tucson, with two par 5s over 600 yards and two par 4s that can be reached off the tee.

It's a new course for all 64 players in the field after the World Golf Championship event left soggy La Costa Resort north of San Diego. Phil Mickelson was due on Tuesday, and he joked last week that he couldn't remember the last time he played a regular practice round anywhere except the majors.

It is rare for Woods to show up on Monday, but he knew nothing about the course, and didn't learn much except to notice it was green, brown and white with some marvelous vistas of the valley below.

At stake this week is the streak with the asterisk.

Counting only PGA Tour events, the last time he didn't go home with a trophy was July 9, when he was second at the Western Open. Woods believes his streak ended when he lost to Micheel, although he also recognizes that his PGA Tour streak is seven and counting, and each week brings him closer to the 11 in a row that Byron Nelson won in 1945.

More than anything, he realizes there are no guarantees at the Accenture Match Play Championship.

Woods is a two-time champion of this fickle event, but he also has lost in every round except the semifinals. A year ago, he was bounced by Chad Campbell in the third round.

And while this WGC event is played over 18 holes until the 36-hole championship match, even the purest form of match play — 36 holes every match — didn't spare Woods a defeat at Wentworth last September.

"I cherish my win against him," said Micheel, who lost in the championship match that week to Paul Casey. "It's exciting to be playing in the same generation with a guy who arguably is the best ever."

And what does Micheel think when he hears about the winning streak?

"I'm not too much of a historian," he said, "But I don't think guys were going overseas back in Byron's day. Golf was nothing like it is today. Tiger's streak is a PGA Tour streak, and it's amazing. But this can be the one tournament that gets him."

Micheel won't face Woods in the first round Thursday — he will play third-seeded Adam Scott, while Woods takes on No. 64 J.J. Henry, who got into the field when Charl Schwartzel withdrew. The former PGA champion would have to win all his matches, and Woods would have to win all his, for them to meet again.

Micheel already has the ending scripted.

"I think it's interesting that Byron's streak ended in Memphis," he said. "Wouldn't that be something if a guy from Memphis could stop Tiger's tour streak?"

That's getting too far ahead. Most players know better than to look past Wednesday.

The only player who should be concerned about Woods — and vice versa — is Henry. Maybe it was just a coincidence, but Henry was on the flight to Tucson with Micheel on Sunday night.



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FOOTBALL

New personnel highlight Irish coaching staff

Nine hirings include old, familiar faces

By KEN FOWLER
Sports Editor

A month after naming Corwin Brown its new defensive coordinator, Notre Dame on Monday delineated Brown's position tasks and specified other staff changes.

In a news release sent to media by e-mail, Irish coach Charlie Weis announced that Brown will lead outside linebackers in the team's new "3-4 personnel" defensive scheme. Current special teams coach Brian Polian will split his duties between his current position and the inside linebackers.

With Polian splitting time between his two responsibilities, current tight ends coach Bernie Parmalee will serve as concurrent special teams coach.

The Irish added a second intern this year — Kevin Loney — to focus on offense. The status of 2006 intern Jesse Minter, the son of Rick Minter, who was Brown's predecessor before

Weis "went in a different direction" with the defense, was unknown Monday.

With Ron Powlus promoted to quarterbacks coach, Notre Dame also changed the titles for its director of personnel development and its coordinator of personnel development. Tim McDonnell, who served in 2006 as coordinator of quality control, will become director of football personnel. Dave Peloquin, who was coordinator of football personnel development, will now be director of football development.

Nick Mainieri, the son of former Irish baseball coach Paul Mainieri, will take McDonnell's position as coordinator of quality control.

Notre Dame also hired Patrick Graham as its graduate assistant on defense. He replaces Jeff Burrow, whose two-year stint in the position ended after the 2006-07 season. Director of Football Media Relations Brian Hardin said Shane Waldron, the current offensive graduate assistant, might apply for a third year.

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New faces and new titles Notre Dame football

Corwin Brown -
Defensive Coordinator, Outside Linebackers Coach

Ron Powlus -
Quarterbacks Coach

Brian Polian -
Inside Linebackers, Special Teams Coach

Bernie Parmalee -
Tight Ends, Special Teams Coach

Tim McDonnell -
Director of Football Personnel

Dave Peloquin -
Director of Football Development

Nick Mainieri -
Coordinator of Quality Control

Patrick Graham -
Graduate Assistant - Defense

Kevin Loney -
Intern - Offense

Streak

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was cold from the free-throw line, sinking just 41.2 percent of its foul shots. On Dec. 30, the Irish shot well but made only 66.7 percent of their free throws and forced just 15 turnovers.

Against Connecticut Jan. 27, the defense created plenty of turnovers but the team shot just 24.2 percent for the game.

Sometimes all the factors are present, but still don't add up to a victory. Against Indiana Dec. 3, Notre Dame shot 41.7 percent from the field, 83.3 percent from the free-throw line and forced 21 turnovers, but still lost 54-51.

But in the past five games, the

Irish have shined. They've averaged 19.8 turnovers per game, shot 45.3 percent from the field and 73.4 percent from the free-throw line.

"We have shot the ball well at different times," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said in her bi-monthly conference call. "Melissa Lechlitner, I think one of the best shooters on our team, has really in the last two games shot the ball very well. Breona Gray is shooting the ball very well right now, and Charel Allen has shot well the last eight games."

Field goals

Allen is averaging 24.8 points per game on 52 percent shooting during the win streak, Gray is averaging 9.2 points per game shooting 41 percent and Lechlitner is averaging 8.6 points per game on 43 percent shooting.

The Irish have steadily improved their shooting throughout the streak. They began sinking 40.4 percent against West Virginia Feb. 4.

That number climbed gradually to 49.1 percent in their win over Providence Feb. 17.

"I think overall, we're really putting the ball in the basket a little bit more," McGraw said. "I don't think our shot selection is any different, I just think we're really confident right now."

Foul shots

The free throw line has also been an important source of points for Notre Dame.

The team set the tone by sinking 33-of-39 free throws against West Virginia, a scorching 84.6 percent. What's amazing about this particular aspect is the lack of attention paid to it by McGraw.

"It's funny, we haven't worked on it at all," she said. "We're pretty good free-throw shooters in general."

Last summer, center Melissa D'Amico and forward Crystal Erwin were told to improve their free-throw shooting, as both were under 60 percent. The work paid off — D'Amico now shoots 81.1 percent from the line.

"They both obviously worked on it very well, Mel in particular," McGraw said. "She's shot the ball very well from the free throw line. And I think our freshmen were good free throw shooters in high school and they continue to do that."

McGraw went on to call this

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Muffet McGraw
Irish coach



ALLISON AMBROSE/The Observer

Notre Dame center Melissa D'Amico attempts a shot over Syracuse center Vaida Sipaviciute Jan. 20. The Irish won 83-55.



PHIL HUDELSON/The Observer

Irish guard Charel Allen controls the ball in Notre Dame's 87-66 win over Richmond Nov. 28.

year's team the best free-throw shooting team she's ever coached.

Turnovers

Notre Dame has caused problems on defense all season, but the success wasn't always coupled with the offensive production it now enjoys. Villanova's offense was immeasurably hampered due to the turnovers the Irish caused, and the 24-turnover performance played a large role in upsetting then-No. 17 Louisville Feb. 7.

Still, McGraw is not entirely pleased.

"I was a little disappointed against Providence," she said. "They have very good guards,

and they handled our pressure very well. That's the first game in a while that a team hasn't turned the ball over 20 times, so we are really going to focus on that a little bit more, and try to develop maybe a little something different for the stretch run and the Big East tournament."

With three games left in the regular season, Notre Dame has a tentative hold on the final first-round bye in the Big East tournament. Nothing is guaranteed, but if the Irish continue to combine the successful elements of their game, it could mean good things for the postseason.

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Demons

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breaker as well. "This is the biggest week of our season," Falls said.

The Irish finish the regular season March 3 at Rutgers.

With just three games to go and Big East seeding and an NCAA Tournament bid on the line, Falls said the team is the most focused it's been.

"We're not going to lose games down the stretch based on effort," the senior said.

Falls is coming off a 23-point performance Saturday against Cincinnati, his fourth straight game as high-point man for the Irish. For the season, he is averaging 14.8 points per game, second on the team to senior guard Russell Carter's 17.2. Falls had 20 points in the first matchup, while Carter struggled to just nine against the quick DePaul defense.

The Blue Demons (16-11, 7-6) have plenty of motivation tonight as well. They are sitting one game behind the log-

jam for fourth place and need to win out to have a shot at the Big Dance.

Notre Dame big men Rob Kurz and Luke Harangody will be tested by DePaul forwards Chandler, Karron Clarke and Marcus Heard, who average a combined 28 points per game.

The Irish interior defense struggled in the first matchup, allowing the Blue Demon trio to combine for 41 of DePaul's 67 points.

Kurz made up for it on the offensive end of the floor, scoring 15 points, but Harangody struggled against Wilson's defense, shooting just 2-of-10 from the floor and scoring five points.

Irish forward Zach Hillesland could prove to be the difference in the game. Hillesland played just 12 minutes in the first matchup, scoring two points, but has come on strong of late — averaging 10.5 points per game since.

"We're not going to lose games down the stretch based on effort."

Colin Falls
Irish guard

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Irish guard Colin Falls drives through traffic on his way to the basket in Notre Dame's 67-66 loss at DePaul Feb. 8. Falls set the Notre Dame career three-point record Sunday against Cincinnati.

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ered holding a preliminary competition in The Pit to narrow down the number of contenders that would fight under the lights and before the crowd, senior captain Dan Ward said.

But, as it happens every year, at least 20 boxers dropped out of the bouts on weigh-in day and a spot was found for every fighter in the main events, Ward said.

"Logistically speaking, we can't fight from 6 p.m. till 4 a.m. two nights in a row," Ward said. "It wound up working itself out."

The preliminary round, which will begin with 47 fights Wednesday from the 129-pound to 160-pound weight classes and conclude Thursday with 45 fights from the 163-pound class to the

super heavyweights, marks the culmination of over six months of planning, conditioning and training for the Bouts' captains and boxers.

Six months during which the captains pushed the boxers to their physical and mental limits, sometimes in an attempt to lower numbers.

"There were even times, as captains, where we would take a week and try to limit the numbers, to try to work them so hard they're not going to want to stay," McGill said. "We really pushed the guys and to give the guys a lot of credit, they stayed with it. We made it enjoyable but at the same time challenging."

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The planning for the Bouts began soon after school started in August, McGill said. The captains coordinated schedules and held meetings to garner interest in the Boxing Club, in preparation for the novice season for beginning boxers that began after Fall Break.

McGill and the other captains, six seniors and three juniors, taught the young boxers how to throw punches, the mechanics of their stance and movements and how to block opponents' attacks in the latter half of the fall semester.

"We really push them hard with pushups and sit-ups,"

McGill said. "We really try to condition them as much as possible."

Then, during study days, the club brought in EMTs and referees to workouts so the novices could spar and get a feel for the ring. Upon returning from winter break, it was time for the meat of the season, when the veterans and novices combined, to begin.

"Everyday we decide what we want to work on," McGill said. "At the beginning we'll have a day where we work on legs, a day where it's all upper body — running, conditioning. We change it around a little bit."

In order to accommodate the increased numbers in the Boxing Club this season, they set up two rings for the first time so that double the amount of boxers could spar everyday, McGill said. The senior captain also said the length of the training season and its intensity lends itself not only to better boxers, but in developing better people.

"You can really see their character develop as they progress through the program," he said. "You can see everyone mature. As the season progresses, you can see everyone become best friends. The best thing about the Bengal Bouts is that it takes an individual sport, in boxing, and turns it into a team sport."

There will be no rematches of last year's semifinal or championship bouts in the preliminary rounds because of the bracket system the Club uses to separate the main contenders, McGill said. It will, however, be the proving ground for many inexperienced boxers.

"The first round is a lot of guys getting in and getting

the butterflies out of their stomachs," McGill said. "It's pretty different boxing down here, training down here and then going upstairs and being in an atmosphere where the entire arena is dark. You're in a ring in front of a thousand or so people or more and all the lights are focused on you and your opponent."

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Senior Nathan Dyer, who has fought since his freshman year and made it to the semifinals in the 145-pound division last year, remembered how nerve wracking it was to step through the ropes for the first time.

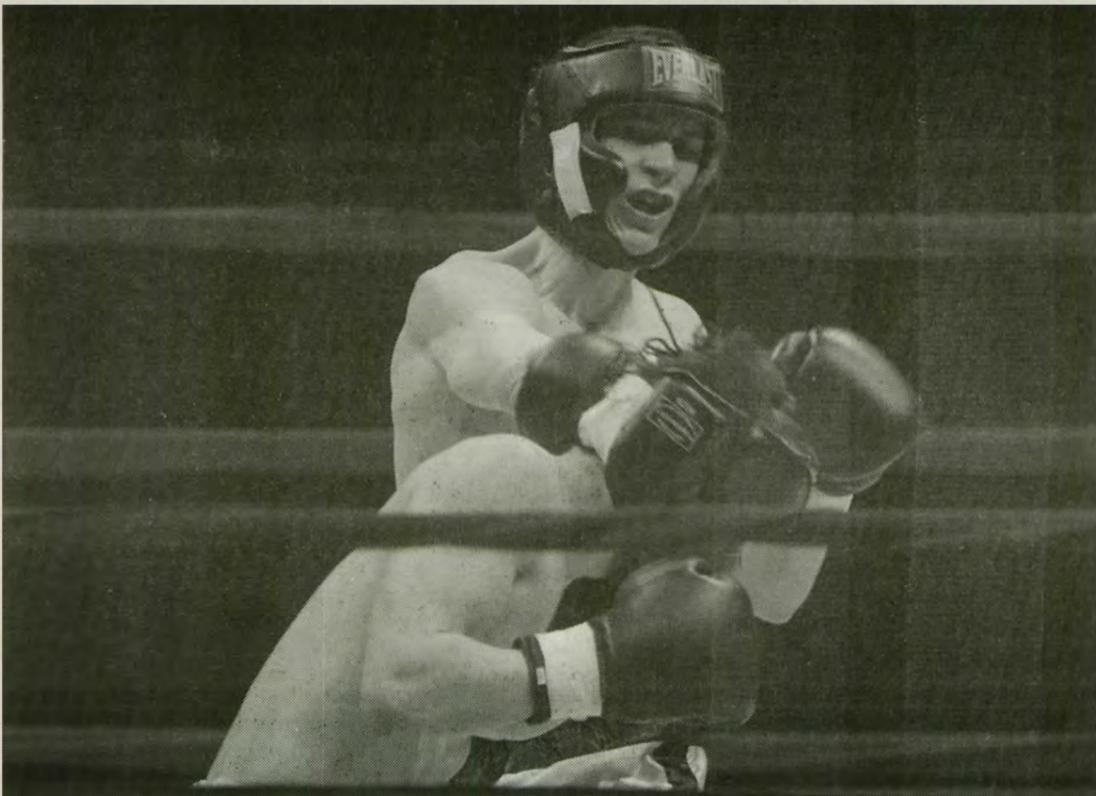
"I was completely nervous, scared, I didn't know what I was getting myself into," he said. "I had no idea what I was doing. I was going purely off adrenaline maybe, instinct maybe, I was just a wreck. I just walked in there and tried to remember how to fight."

Ward, who will compete in the 180-pound class and who already has won a championship, has his own approach to the ring.

"Personally, I kind of black out for a little bit," he said. "You don't think — you just react. The best I can describe it is just going blank for a little bit, and praying that your body knows what to do when it's moving different ways."

McGill quoted from a book called "The Power of One" that the captains and coaches use to preach mental toughness for those about to step into The Sweet Science.

"Boxing is as much mental as it is physical," he said. "To quote from the Power of One, 'First with the head, then with the heart.'"

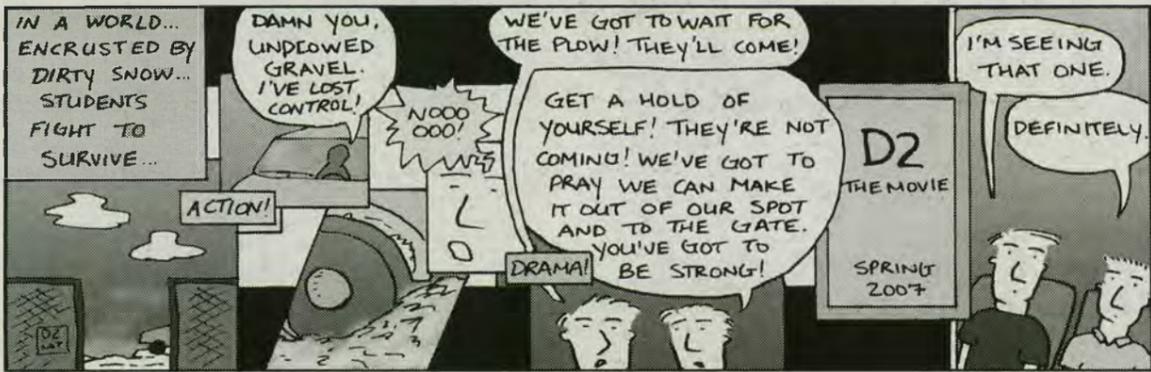


Bengal Bouts president Andrew McGill lands a punch against Tommy Fork in last year's tournament. This year, a record number of participants will take part in the event.

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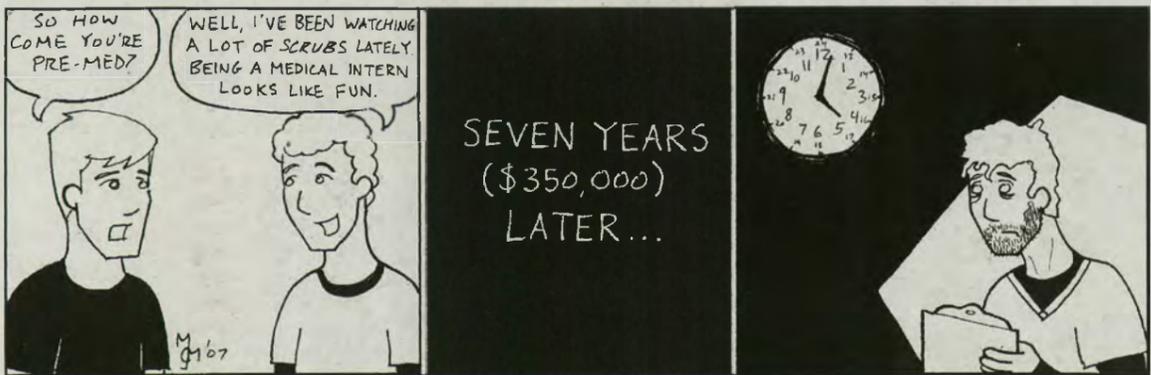
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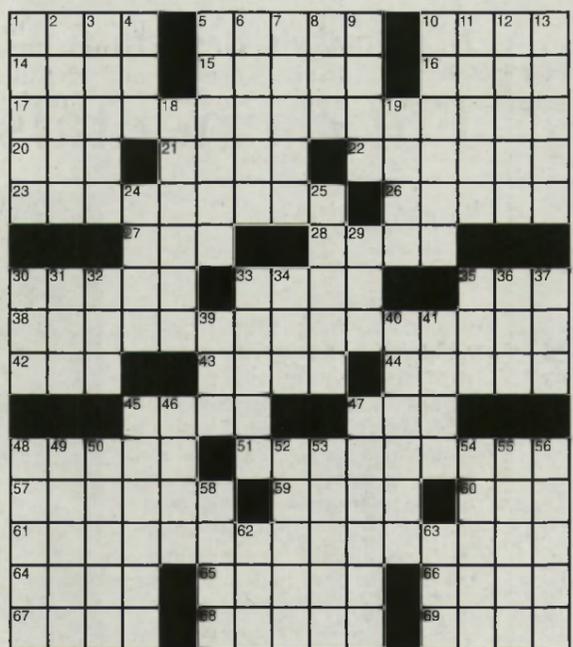
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EUGENIA LAST

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Justine Bateman, 41; Seal, 44; Jeff Daniels, 52; Smokey Robinson, 67

Happy Birthday: Your inclination to overdo, overuse and overindulge will get you into trouble this year. Have no impulsive moves or actions. Restraint and moderation will be what counts and what helps you balance your world the first three quarters of the year. After that, you can breath easy. Your numbers are 7, 13, 19, 25, 27, 38

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Someone is likely to divulge secret information that will come in handy regarding a legal or health matter. Don't let yourself get all worked up over nothing or you will miss out on something that you want to do. ** TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Look for the less obvious and you will get a clearer picture of what's actually going on. Someone will surprise you with his or her interest in what you are doing. Don't take anything for granted -- if someone offers you something be sure to get it in writing. ****

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): As much as you want to do what's right, it will be difficult. Expect someone to cause you worry or cost you dearly. Rely on someone older or who has more experience to help you out. **

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You have to take advantage of whatever comes your way today. A money or investment opportunity is looking good. The chance to make a move that will lead to a better paying position is apparent. Leave some time for a little loving and romancing. ****

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Someone may be trying to take advantage of you financially. Don't get involved in a dubious get-rich-quick scheme. You are likely to end up with the short end of the stick. Gambling, traveling and being gullible will lead to losses. ***

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Don't rely on anyone but yourself. Someone you are close to or live with will take advantage of you. Aggressive behavior or actions will not solve anything. Be upfront about the way you feel. ***

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Your emotions will be difficult to control. Focus on work and money and leave your personal matters alone for the time being. You need more information and certainly more time to sort through what is going on. ***

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Everyone will be counting on you today. Be honest about what you can and cannot do. A love connection will grow stronger if you put time aside to nurture it today. Get serious about your plans. ***

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): As much as you would like to ignore emotional matters, you must deal with them. Running never solves anything so get to it. It will ease your stress and any guilt you are experiencing if you do. **

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): It's time for a big change. Travel, the way you earn your living and what you want to do with the rest of your life are all up for discussion. Be true to yourself and your needs and don't give in to what someone else wants. ****

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Don't try to fool yourself into thinking that everything is perfect if you haven't actually reached your goals. This isn't the day to give up or give in. Reevaluate to find a way to get what you want. Take action now. ***

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Listen, observe and take your time making a decision. You may feel the urge to be impulsive but that will only lead you in the wrong direction. Someone you think you know well is not being honest with you. ***

Birthday Baby: You are sensitive, caring and intuitive. You can imitate, create and invent with originality and ease. You are a storyteller, colorful and persuasive. You are a master at the art of manipulation.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Exorcising Demons

Irish look for revenge at home against DePaul

By CHRIS KHOREY
Associate Sports Editor

Colin Falls called it the "hardest loss of [his] career."

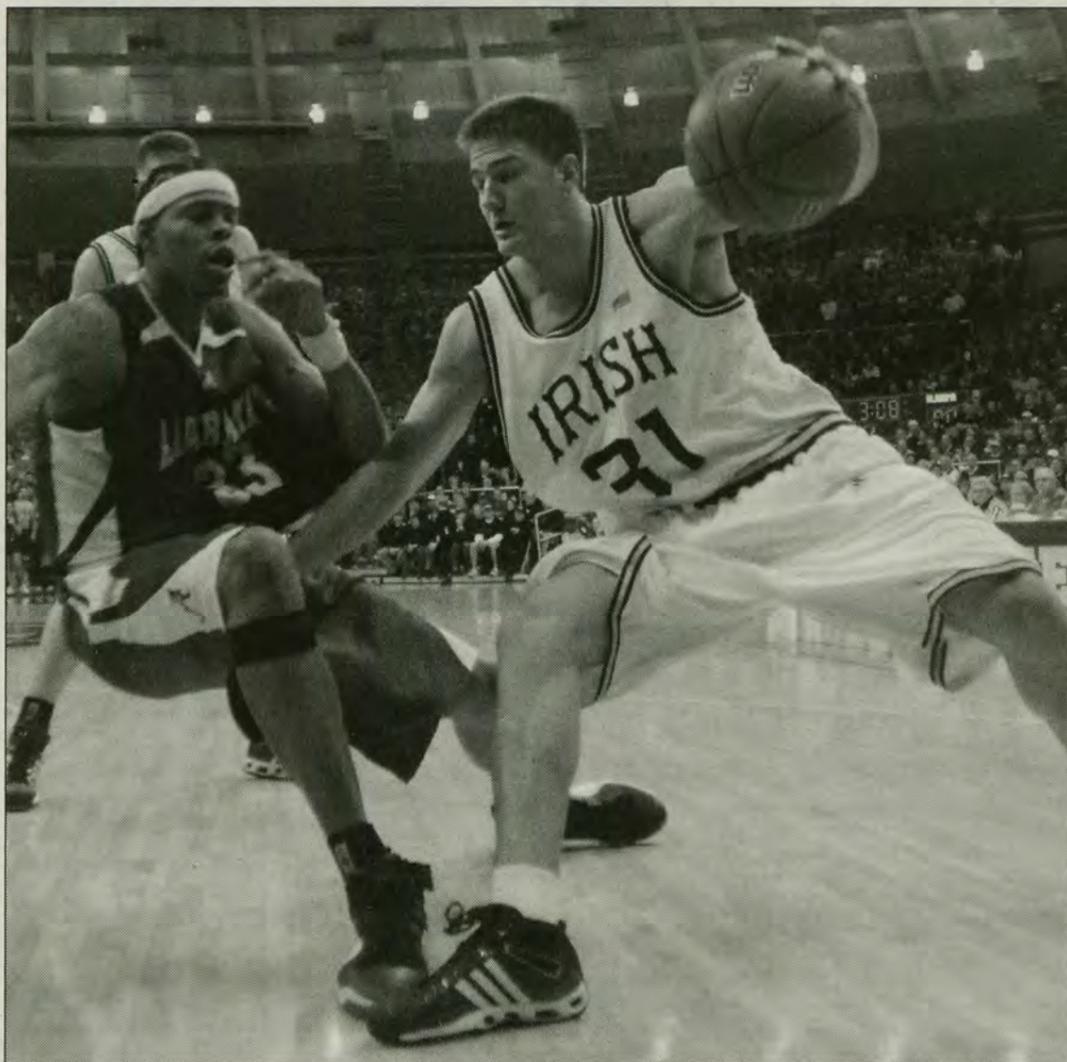
Last week, Notre Dame fell to DePaul 67-66 on a dunk in the closing seconds by forward Wilson Chandler. Falls had been holding the ball near mid-court when Blue Demons guard Draelon Burns stole it and hit a streaking Chandler for the winning basket.

Tonight, the Irish senior guard and his teammates have a chance at revenge as they take on the Blue Demons at 7 at the Joyce Center.

"We owe them," Falls said. "They're a good basketball team but this is a huge week for us and we're really excited."

The No. 23 Irish (20-6, 8-5 Big East) are chasing a bye in the Big East tournament. They are currently in a four-way tie for fourth place, but control their own destiny. Notre Dame holds tie-breakers over fellow 8-5 teams Syracuse and West Virginia and plays Marquette Saturday with a chance to earn that head-to-head tie-

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DAN COOPER/The Observer

Irish forward Rob Kurz creates room against Alabama forward Jermareo Davidson in Notre Dame's 99-85 win over the Crimson Tide Dec. 7. Notre Dame tips off against DePaul tonight at 7 in the Joyce Center.

FOOTBALL RECRUITING

Golic, Jr. commits to 2012 class

Observer Staff Report

Notre Dame landed its first recruit for the class of 2012, the Chicago Tribune reported Monday.

Mike Golic, Jr., the son of the former Irish defensive tackle and current ESPN Radio morning show host, verbally committed to Irish coach Charlie Weis Monday, the Tribune reported. Golic is a 6-foot-5, 260-pound center from Northwest Catholic High School in New Haven, Conn.

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The commitment is the first since Weis' statements on national signing day Feb. 7, in which he criticized the trend of high school seniors committing to one program while actually keeping their recruitment open.

Weis said all new "commits" would have to promise him that they would not take telephone calls from other coaches or travel to other schools for visits after the promise. Three players who had previously committed to Notre Dame decided to go elsewhere in the final three weeks of the recruiting cycle.

BENGAL BOUTS

Over 200 ready to rumble at Joyce

By KYLE CASSILY
Sports Writer

Two days before the opening blows of the 77th annual Bengal Bouts will resound throughout a darkened Joyce Center Fieldhouse, over 200 boxers crammed into the bowels of The Pit to get in some last-minute conditioning for what will be the largest Bouts tournament ever.

The amateur boxers were led Monday by junior and senior captains through calisthenics in the basketball gym, while others jumped rope, shadow boxed and hit the heavy bag in an adjoining

room underneath the Joyce. Among the group were eight returning champions, dozens of experienced fighters and a large number of novice boxers who will conclude months of training when the preliminary round of the Bouts begins Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. and continues at the same time Thursday evening.

Bengal Bouts President and senior captain Andrew McGill said that the 200 and plus boxers that will compete this year blew away the previous record of 150 set last season. The Bouts captains were faced with so many prospective boxers that they consid-

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL — ANALYSIS

Fundamentals spark win streak

By BILL BRINK
Sports Writer

Sometimes the formula for winning lies in the little things.

Since Feb. 4, Notre Dame has won five straight Big East games by an average score of 12.2 points per game. Charel Allen has scored 25 or more points in four of those five contests. The Irish defense is better than ever. It even out-rebounded Louisville, the best rebounding team in the Big East. But no single factor is responsible.

Regardless of what results may show, field goals, foul shots and turnovers have been Notre Dame's strong points this season. But often they've had one or two and lacked the other.

In a loss to USC Nov. 24, the team forced 27 turnovers but

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PHIL HUDELSON/The Observer

Irish guard Melissa Lechlitner goes up for a shot in Notre Dame's 82-55 victory over Lake Superior State Oct. 31.

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