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Three halls receive racist letters

Jenkins, Poorman warn students, condemn message; unclear why ND was targeted

By MARCELA BERRIOS
Associate News Editor

After every resident of at least three Notre Dame dorms last week received racist letters, University officials have reached out to the student body to condemn the message and warn that more letters may arrive.

In an e-mail to the student body sent Friday, University President Father John Jenkins and Vice President for Student Affairs Father Mark Poorman dismissed the

writer's claims as "blatant prejudice" and reiterated Notre Dame's stance on racism.

The writer of the one-page letters — who identified himself in the document as a man from North Dakota — sent an envelope to each room in at least two residence halls, addressing them simply to "Occupant," Jenkins and Poorman said.

The Observer has since learned that at least one more dorm received the letter. Though Zahm, Lewis and Knott Halls were the only

confirmed recipients of the letter Sunday night, Jenkins, Poorman and the rectors of the targeted dorms said there is a possibility more of these letters may arrive in the next days.

The letter, Jenkins and Poorman said in their e-mail, "makes the false and abhorrent argument that blacks are intellectually inferior to whites."

In the letter, the writer claims that "on average, blacks are less intelligent than whites and the reason why is genetic."

He cites various books and magazine articles to support his argument that putting more resources into predominantly African-American schools will not result in "significant improvement" in these communities' levels of education. He further condemns the United States' decision to give aid to African countries.

In April 2007, the same man sent 354 letters to residents in seven different dorms in Ohio State

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Radical Islam examined

Writer: Muslims must take responsibility

By MADDIE HANNA
News Writer

Muslims need to take responsibility for violence and oppression perpetuated by radical followers of their religion, Chahdortt Djavann, an Iranian woman who moved to France and became a writer, said Friday at Notre Dame.

The provocative novelist, whose writings include a pamphlet protesting the veil

worn by Muslim women and a book criticizing radical Islam in Europe, delivered a lecture to about 50 students and professors in O'Shaughnessy Hall. She spoke primarily in French and didn't hesitate to make politically charged statements, including calling Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad a "psychopath." Her remarks were translated by French professor Catherine Perry.

The problem with radical Muslims, Djavann said, is that "they don't see themselves as radical Muslims." She focused on the French word islamisme,



Djavann

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Club 23 owner still searching for buyer

Two months after going on the market, off-campus tavern remains on Craigslist

By JOHN TIERNEY
News Writer

Off-campus tavern Club 23, which has been listed for nearly two months on popular classifieds Web site Craigslist, has not yet been sold.

Mahmoud Hussein said his establishment, the site of a shooting that seriously injured two Notre Dame students in August, remains for sale on the Web site.

A search of craigslist.com Sunday night revealed that Hussein's initial advertisement, posted in December, has been replaced by an ad dated Jan. 22. The new advertisement is housed

under the office and commercial listings on the South Bend and Michiana page of Craigslist.

The asking price for the bar, located on 744 N. Notre Dame Ave., is \$695,000 and will get the buyer the tavern's 2,500 square feet of space, the building itself, the 57-car parking lot, the furniture inside and the establishment's liquor license.

Hussein said that he is in negotiations with "a few potential buyers."

Hussein said several parties have expressed interest in buying the bar. He said that four groups are compet-

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Observer file photo

Club 23 has been on sale for two months. The owner says business is good, five months after two ND students were shot outside the bar.

Sociologist targets urban poverty

Coalitions could ease ethnic tensions, help build community

By JOHN TIERNEY
News Writer

The key to combating the racial and economic tensions associated with urban poverty is to work to build coalitions that defy ethnic and socioeconomic barriers, said Harvard sociologist William Julius Wilson.

Wilson's speech Sunday evening in DeBartolo Hall encouraged community collaboration and commemorated the 25th anniversary of the Center for Social Concerns.

"The American ideal of integrated neighborhoods is difficult, but not impossible,

to achieve, but coalition building would at least have the potential to create interdependence, where groups can come together and recognize they need each other to reach common goals," Wilson said.

According to Wilson, it is an improbable goal to try to make neighborhoods completely ethnically diverse, but that it is possible to ease ethnic tensions to the point where "diverse groups [can] live side by side in harmony, not in fear."

Building community coalitions is the best method for relieving ethnic tensions, Wilson said.

Although he declined to give the names of any specific neighborhoods, Wilson cited the example of what he called the "Dover" community in Chicago, where white and Latino residents

created a coalition to bring an end to the busing of students to schools in poorer neighborhoods. The coalition helped build new schools in "Dover" to solve the busing problem and also forged closer relations between whites and Latinos in the area.

In addition, Wilson emphasized that the impact of urban poverty on the middle and working classes extends beyond race. Most city neighborhoods are concerned with the "prevalence of crime and other social dislocations in nearby ghetto neighborhoods," he said. Middle-class neighborhoods are worried that that incoming residents of a lower socioeconomic status will bring high crime rates with them.

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Hine elected 2008-09 Observer editor-in-chief

Observer Staff Report

The Observer General Board elected sports editor Chris Hine as the 2008-09 editor in chief Saturday.

Hine, a junior history major and journalism, ethics and democracy minor from West Pittston, Penn., joined The Observer as a sports writer during the fall of his freshman year.

He started by covering Interhall football and since then has covered Notre Dame swimming, track and field, women's golf, women's ten-

nis, men's basketball and football.

"I feel very honored and hope I can live up to the high standards of the editor-in-chiefs I've worked under during my time here," said Hine, who lives in Fisher Hall.

As one of The Observer's two sports editors this year, Hine learned to manage a department and work with new reporters "to write the best stories possible, to make the best sports section that you can," he said. The position, he said, gave him the experience he needs to run the paper.

"I have confidence in Chris's ability to lead The Observer next year," outgoing editor-in-chief Maddie Hanna

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Hine

INSIDE COLUMN

Airing of grievances

Lately, I've been thinking of things that annoy or frustrate me, things that have been happening to me as I go about my day. I have decided to share these with you, formatted in a trendy-yet-concise top ten list, for your reading pleasure. So, without further ado, I present my own Airing of Grievances.

Christian Sagardia
Systems Administrator

10) People who have cell phone conversations while "doing their business" in the bathroom. When I go to the porcelain throne, I go there to be alone, to meditate. It is a place of solitude and reflection, and the guy blabbing next to me on how drunk he got last night and who he hooked up with is not something I want to hear when I go into the bathroom. I live in a guys' dorm after all, so I already hear enough of it.

9) People who do not say "Excuse me" and just shove their way through people. Come on people, this is just common decency. You will expend more energy shoving someone than simply saying, "Excuse me."

8) People who block the aisles in between seats in a classroom. Do I have to go through an obstacle course to get to my seat? Hell, next time I will bring my running shoes and stretch before class.

7) People who preach tolerance until their eyes bleed and yet practice anti-tolerance in regards to something they do not agree with — this one is about respect. Agree to disagree, live and let live, and stop telling me to be so open-minded. My brain might fall out.

6) People who do not silence their phones in movie theatres after seeing 10 different commercials/warnings to silence their phones. There is a special place in Hell for your kind.

5) People who think Starbucks is the best coffee ever. Enough said.

4) People who wear shorts and T-shirts in this God-awful, cold-as-the-arctic weather. It is below zero and these people are strolling around like it is the summertime with their shirts and shorts. Your attempts in being tough fail, epically.

3) People who draw phalluses constantly on everything they see. It was funny the first time, during freshman year when we all got whiteboards. Okay, the joke's done; time to move on. Grow up, please.

2) Snow, snow, snow, snow, snow, snow, snow, snow, snow....

1) And finally, people who make top ten lists like this. I mean, come on, who actually reads them anyway?

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT SINGER/BAND WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE PERFORM AT LEGENDS?



Katie Halloran
freshman
Lewis

"Dave Matthews Band."



Lindsey McAlarnen
freshman
Lewis

"Dave!"



Isaac Reichman
freshman
Fisher

"Guster."



Nga Chu Man
freshman
Walsh

"The Bee-Gees."



Photo courtesy of John Siegel

Keenan Revue director John Siegel III watches performers act out a skit at tryouts this past weekend. The Revue is this Thursday, Friday and Saturday in the O'Laughlin Auditorium at Saint Mary's.

OFFBEAT

Burglar steals crown from bishop's car

ARLINGTON, Texas — A burglar who broke into a Greek Orthodox bishop's car made off with quite a haul, but fencing one of the stolen items could prove difficult.

Among the items stolen from Bishop Metropolitan Isaiah's car was a jeweled crown of gold and silver, which Isaiah estimated to be worth between \$6,000 and \$10,000.

Isaiah, who is based in Denver and is bishop for the Northwest region of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America,

said he was dining with others at a restaurant when the break-in occurred. He said the car was parked in a well-lit spot.

"We came out at 10 o'clock, and the window was smashed," he said.

Brazilian carnival star eyes surgery record

RIO DE JANEIRO — Brazilian model Angela Bismarchi will dance nearly nude ahead of a 300-person drum corps in next month's Carnival parade, hoping her sculpted beauty as a "percussion queen" will lead her samba group

to the championship.

But she has another goal in mind as well.

In preparation for Rio's five-day Carnival blowout in February, she's having her 42nd plastic surgery — closing in on the Guinness World Record of 47 surgical procedures held by 52-year-old American Cindy Jackson.

"I always was vain," Bismarchi, 36, acknowledges at the medical clinic near Rio where her plastic surgeon husband has operated on her 10 times.

Information compiled by the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

School Sector Manager for the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) Rachel Gutte will deliver a lecture entitled "USGBC and LEED: Building Green on Campus and Beyond" at 4:30 today in 104 Bond Hall. She will discuss USGBC's National Green School Campaign as well as the LEED for Schools Green Building Rating System.

Prints from the Snite Museum of Art's collection that focus on artistic subjects from the 17th century will be displayed Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The exhibit, "Rembrandt and the Art of Printmaking in Holland," will highlight the golden age of Dutch art, depictions of landscapes, portraits of animals and individuals in non-aristocratic social and economic classes, and scenes of their everyday life.

Women's basketball will play Providence Wednesday at 7 p.m. at the Joyce Center arena.

The film "In July" will be shown at 7 p.m. and again at 10 p.m. Thursday in the Browning Cinema in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Tickets will cost \$3 for students, \$5 for faculty and staff, and \$6 for general admission.

Men's basketball will play Providence Thursday at 7 p.m. at the Joyce Center arena.

Men's hockey will play the U.S. Under-18 Team Friday at 7:35 p.m. at the Joyce Center ice rink in an exhibition.

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

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Parolee arrested for murder of student

Associated Press

BOULDER, Colo. — A Wyoming prison parolee has been arrested in the 1997 rape and beating death of a University of Colorado senior after he was linked to the case by a DNA match and other evidence, police said Sunday.

Diego Olmos-Alcalde, 38, was being held on \$5 million bail on charges of first-degree murder, second-degree kidnapping and first-degree assault for the rape and killing of 23-year-old Susannah Chase of Stamford, Conn., police said.

"The department is ecstatic over this," police Chief Mark Beckner said.

Chase's family praised investigators in a statement issued at the Sunday news conference.

"As you might imagine our emotions have run the gamut since we first heard of the DNA match with Susannah's case. We are delighted that a suspect has been identified and apprehended," the family said.

Chase was walking home alone early Dec. 21 after an argument with her boyfriend when she was beaten with a baseball bat and left for dead in an alley a block

from her home. Police believe the intended motive of the attack was sexual assault.

Police never gave up on the case, and interviewed more than 100 people to try to find Chase's killer, Beckner said.

DNA taken from seminal fluid found on Chase's body that was entered into a national DNA database, apparently recently, matched Olmos-Alcalde's, Beckner said.

He said investigators had other information linking Olmos-Alcalde to the attack, but declined to say what information.

Boulder County Jail officials did not make Olmos-Alcalde available for comment by telephone. A jail official did not know whether

Olmos-Alcalde had an attorney, and the prosecutor's office was closed Sunday.

Olmos-Alcalde, who is from Chile, went to prison in Wyoming for a kidnapping in 2000 and was released to immigration officials in July 2007, police said.

He failed to report to his Wyoming parole officer and was arrested Saturday by Boulder and Aurora police for violating his parole. Police served Olmos-Alcalde with the murder warrant after his arrest.

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Statement from the student's family

Bush calls for action economic plan

President says bipartisan agreement on bill is 'important'

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush appealed on Saturday for swift congressional action on an economic rescue initiative and an electronic surveillance law that soon expires.

The White House and House leaders of both parties reached agreement on a simply drawn stimulus program, which would provide tax rebate checks to 117 million families and give businesses \$50 billion in incentives to invest

in new plants and equipment. In his weekly radio address, Bush asked Congress to approve the agreement as soon as possible.

Some in the Senate, which will take up the measure after it goes to the House floor next week, have signaled that they want to broaden the bill. Democrats there want such things as an unemployment benefits extension, an increase in home heating subsidies or higher food stamp benefits. Bush suggested they could derail the whole effort, and he warned against it.

"While I understand the desire to add provisions from both the left and the right, it

would be a mistake to undermine this important bipartisan agreement," the president said. "By working together, we can provide our economy with a shot in the arm when we need it most."

Sen. Byron Dorgan, D-N.D., said Saturday: "The White House's cooperation with Congress in recent days is long, long overdue. And it's encouraging. But let's hope it is habit-forming."

But Dorgan, delivering the Democrats' weekly radio address, added: "We need to do so much, bigger economic issues that threaten our country's future."

Among those issues, Dorgan said, are the cost of the war in Iraq, the mortgage crisis and the trade deficit.

The eavesdropping law expires Feb. 1. Among the issues to be resolved are: How much oversight, and by whom, of the government's surveillance of communications involving people inside the United States

with those outside the country? Also, whether to grant legal immunity to telecommunications companies that helped the government conduct warrantless surveillance.

"If this law expires, it will become harder to figure out what our enemies are doing to infiltrate our country, harder for us to uncover terrorist plots, and harder to prevent attacks on the American people," Bush said. "We need to know who our enemies are and what they are plotting. And we cannot afford to wait until after an attack to put the pieces together."

The original FISA law requires the government to get permission from a special court to listen in on the phone calls and e-mails of people in the United States. The Protect America Act, adopted in August, eased that restriction. Privacy and civil liberties advocates say

it went too far, giving the government far more power to eavesdrop on American communications without court oversight.

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., said Saturday that

Bush's threat to veto a short extension of the intelligence measure is "shamefully irresponsible."

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Applications for Managing Editor and Assistant Managing Editor should be 12 pages long and should explain the applicant's qualifications and goals.

Applications for other editorial positions should be at least five pages.

All applications should be submitted this week to Chris Hine in The Observer office, located in the South Dining Hall basement.

Please direct questions about these positions to Chris Hine at chine@nd.edu or Maddie Hanna at mhanna1@nd.edu

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which translates as "Islamism." The term is used less in the U.S. than in Europe, where it is generally defined as "political Islam," Djavann said.

That definition implies that Islam, in itself, is not political, Djavann said, explaining that every religion has two sides: one spiritual, the other legislative. In Islam, the legislative aspect is "much more powerful," she said.

This emphasis on legislation has led the West to draw a parallel between Islamism and communism, Djavann said — "a very big problem."

"The communists, they [called] themselves communists," she said. "Stalin said, 'I am a communist' ... and the West also named them as communists. But nobody [says], 'I am an Islamist,' in a Muslim country."

Islamism, she continued, is "a concept that doesn't reflect any reality in a Muslim country."

Because of this disconnect, Muslim intellectuals often say Islamism has nothing to do with Islam, Djavann said. But she believes those intellectuals are ignoring reality.

"No one says the Inquisition had nothing to do with Christianity," she said, adding that what happens during the history of a religion should be considered part of that religion. "Without recognizing the problem, there cannot be a solution. ... What's happening today in the world, in the Muslim countries, it belongs to Islam."

Djavann also criticized the way Muslims view the Koran, the holy book of Islam. The book includes messages of love, but also messages of war and jihad, she said. "Everyone takes what he wants."

Muslim thinkers blame radical Islam on "problems of interpretation" of the Qur'an, she said. But Muslims also believe the Quran is the direct word of God.

"Why would God need humans to interpret his word?" she asked.

The Quran was written by humans decades after the prophet Muhammad died, Djavann said, and "what is written by a human being can be criticized by it. We have the right to criticize the Quran."

"But if I say that in my [native] country?" She paused and feigned slitting her throat.

"It's like the Middle Ages with the Inquisition. ... I would be killed."

Djavann said she considers blasphemy her "duty," because "the Muslim people should be more tolerant." While her parents were Muslim, and she credits religious thought throughout history as "a promoter of civilization." She calls herself an atheist.

"Any belief is not sacred," she said. To her, belief "presupposes uncertainty."

"What is sacred," she said, "is human life."

After her talk, Djavann fielded a number of questions: What criteria should be used to determine what is and what isn't acceptable in the Islam religion? (Her answer: "Human rights.") Isn't her perspective of Islam a modern interpretation?

(We don't have to say it's the problem of interpretation.") Are there no grounds for tolerance in Islam? There are, she said, since the Qur'an preaches tolerance.

But it also preaches war, she said. Another audience member asked if Islam can exist within a democracy. Earlier, Djavann had said "no religion" was compatible with democracy, since "if that religion becomes the law, if that religion becomes the state, if that religion becomes political," the result is totalitarianism.

In terms of Islam within a secular, democratic society, Djavann said, "one has the right to be Muslim." But few Christians live in Muslim countries, she noted. Islam is "not tolerant."

Still, Djavann pointed to Western culture as the best model for how Islam should operate: personal religious beliefs within a secular society. "The best thing is education, pedagogy," she said.

Schools in Muslim countries should teach children that "some people say the Qur'an is the word of God, some people say no," Djavann said. That way, there "can be discussion, the religion can become moderate."

But she said she was not optimistic that would happen.

Djavann's talk was co-sponsored by several Notre Dame departments, including the Program in French and Francophone Studies and the Nanovic Institute for European Studies.

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University, reported the school's student newspaper, The Lantern. The paper chose not to disclose the writer's name, which — as in Notre Dame's case — was included at the end of the letter.

The Observer was not able to contact the man Sunday and is therefore not releasing his name either. It was not immediately clear why the man targeted Notre Dame, or how the dorms that received the letters were chosen.

In their e-mail, Jenkins and Poorman immediately made it clear that such racism and bigotry would not be tolerated at Notre Dame, an opinion shared by the rectors of the dorms that were targeted.

When Corry Colonna, rector of Zahm, was notified by his dorm's mail clerk about the letters, he sent the entire hall a follow-up to Jenkins and Poorman's e-mail.

"It is with great disgust that I inform you that our hall is one of the halls that received the racist mailing for which you received an e-mail from the President about," Colonna said in his e-mail to the residents of Zahm early Saturday morning.

He told them he informed Poorman about the letters

before delivering them to the residents' mailboxes.

"I wish we could just throw all of this hateful mail away but since it was sent through the U.S. Postal Service, it must be delivered under federal law," Colonna said in the e-mail. "Everyone has a right to say what they want in this country. I respect that

right, though I find nothing in the letter the least bit worthy of our time or respect. My suggestion to you all is to toss it in the trash as soon as

you see the envelope in your mailbox."

Like Jenkins and Poorman, Colonna also told the residents of Zahm that he did not know why Notre Dame — or Zahm in particular — had been targeted.

"There is no reason that I can figure out why our hall or our University was plagued with this mailing. I reiterate to you that this letter does not reflect the values of our institution and certain-

ly not those of Zahm Hall," Colonna said. "Please do not respond to the letter in any way. The individual who sent it clearly wants attention. Let's foil his hopes by ignoring him completely."

Lewis rector Linda Cirillo said she agreed with the sentiments expressed in Colonna's e-mail. They both said students in their halls have expressed disappointment at the level of racism palpable in the letters, but everyone has remained calm.

"To be completely honest, Father Jenkins and Father Poorman's e-mail really prepared our students well for the letters," Colonna said Sunday. "The prompt response by the administration to address the issue helped everyone to stay calm and take the letters for what they are — offensive junk mail."

Jenkins and Poorman said in their e-mail they were working with a U.S. postal inspector and officials at Ohio State to evaluate a

course of action for the University. Poorman declined to comment on this statement Sunday.

The letters were sent from Pembina, a town of 642 in North Dakota, according to the 2000 U.S. Census.

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Zahm rector

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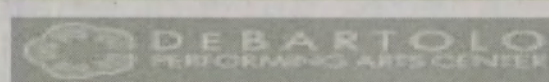
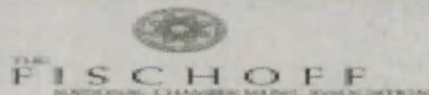


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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Protest leaves seven dead in Lebanon

BEIRUT — Protesters angry about electricity rationing clashed with Lebanese troops Sunday in Beirut's worst riots in a year, leaving seven people dead, hospital and security officials said.

Hundreds of Shiite Muslims opposed to the government rioted and burned tires, blocking some major roads in the Lebanese capital and its southern suburbs.

Lebanese soldiers fired into the air to disperse the crowd, but it was unclear how the deaths occurred and whether the soldiers also intentionally fired on civilians.

Egypt criticizes Gaza's Hamas rulers

RAFAH, Egypt — In its first public criticism of Gaza's Hamas rulers, Egypt complained Saturday of "provocations" during the Gaza-Egypt border crisis and said more than three dozen members of its security forces were hospitalized as a result.

The border, which was initially breached by Hamas militants, remained open for a fourth day, though Egyptian security forces blocked Gazans from driving beyond the border town of Rafah itself.

Egyptian border guards were now authorized to return fire if attacked, said a security official speaking on customary condition of anonymity on the Egyptian side of Rafah. Over the past two days, 38 Egyptian security forces have been wounded — some seriously — after Palestinians hurled stones and shot at them at the border, Egypt's foreign minister said.

NATIONAL NEWS

Developer proposes 16-mile tunnel

OYSTER BAY, N.Y. — It would be the world's longest highway tunnel, running more than 16 miles under the west end of Long Island Sound.

The cost is estimated at \$10 billion — and it wouldn't cost taxpayers a dime. A developer wants to build the tunnel with private money, recouping his costs by charging drivers \$25 each way and by selling advertising.

Developer Vincent Polimeni says the tunnel between Oyster Bay and Rye on the New York mainland would let travelers going between Long Island and New England avoid crowded New York City highways and help alleviate traffic congestion.

While not expected to be completed before 2025, the proposal received renewed attention this past week when a state Senate committee held a hearing.

Canines celebrate carnival season

NEW ORLEANS — Carnival season in New Orleans is the prime time to see all the crazy people. Just add their dogs to the mix, as they did Sunday, and it becomes the annual Krewe of Barkus parade.

Hundreds of dogs and their owners paraded in the French Quarter. Human and beast, alike, were dressed for the occasion. Popular outfits for the four-legged set included frilly collars and tutus, sweaters and hats.

Amber Scott and her boxer, Roxy, were clad in she-and-doggie matching bumblebee outfits. For Scott, it was her first venture to the parade, sponsored by the Krewe of Barkus and Meoux, which helps abused and homeless animals.

LOCAL NEWS

Some fear bill may lead to racism

INDIANAPOLIS — Some members of the Indiana Hispanic community met Sunday with the sponsor of legislation to sanction companies that hire illegal immigrants, telling him the bill might lead to acts of racism against them.

Some 100 members of the Hispanic community met at the Statehouse on Sunday with Sen. Mike Delph, R-Carmel.

"We're not criminals. We just want a future," said Alejandra Laguna, a student at Ivy Tech Community College. "All my life I have lived in this community."

The Senate Pensions and Labor Committee voted 10-1 last week to forward the proposal to the Senate floor, and Delph said it would be heard there no later than Wednesday.

MEXICO

Village women fight for the vote

Town board tears up ballots from women; female mayoral candidate launches national case

Associated Press

SANTA MARIA QUIEGOLANI — Women in this Indian village high in the pine-clad mountains of Oaxaca rise each morning at 4 a.m. to gather firewood, grind corn, prepare the day's food, care for the children and clean the house.

But they aren't allowed to vote in local elections, because — the men say — they don't do enough work.

It was here, in a village that has struggled for centuries to preserve its Zapotec traditions, that Eufrosina Cruz, 27, decided to become the first woman to run for mayor — despite the fact that women aren't allowed to attend town assemblies, much less run for office.

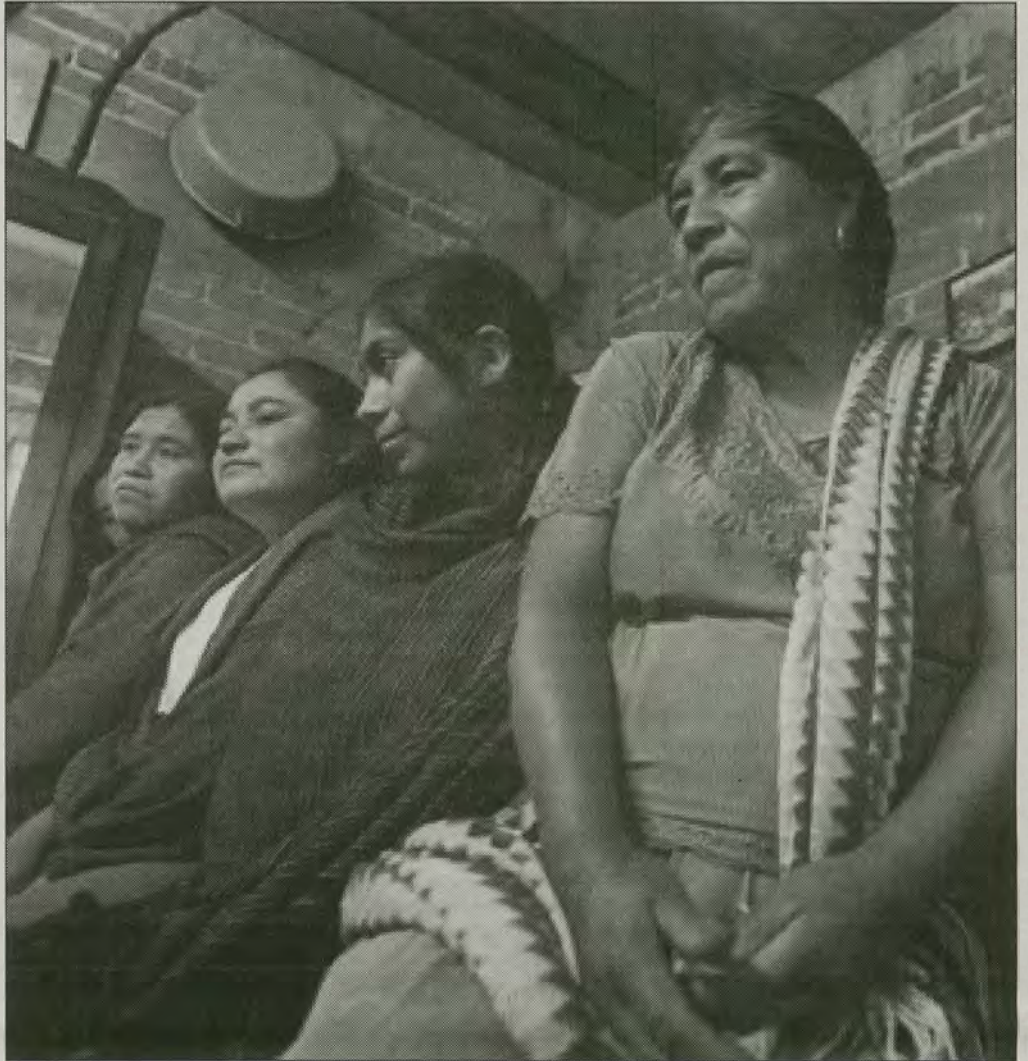
The all-male town board tore up ballots cast in her favor in the Nov. 4 election, arguing that as a woman, she wasn't a "citizen" of the town. "That is the custom here, that only the citizens vote, not the women," said Valeriano Lopez, the town's deputy mayor.

Rather than give up, Cruz has launched the first serious, national-level challenge to traditional Indian forms of government, known as "use and customs," which were given full legal status in Mexico six years ago in response to Indian rights movements sweeping across Latin America.

"For me, it's more like 'abuse and customs,'" Cruz said as she submitted her complaint in December to the National Human Rights Commission. "I am demanding that we, the women of the mountains, have the right to decide our lives, to vote and run for office, because the constitution says we have these rights."

Lopez acknowledged that votes for Cruz were nullified, but claims they added up to only 8 ballots of about 100 cast in this largely unpaved village of about 1,500 people.

Cruz says she was winning — and wants the election to be annulled and held again, this time with women voting.



Women in the Mexican village of Santa Maria Quiegolani are not allowed to vote in local elections, but villager Eufrosina Cruz is now challenging that system.

But the male leaders are refusing to budge. "We live differently here, senior, than people in the city. Here, women are dedicated to their homes, and men work the fields," Apolonio Mendoza, the secretary of the all-male town council, told a visiting reporter.

Cruz has received some support from older men, who by village law lose their political rights when they turn 60. Some younger men also say the system must change and give women more rights.

At a recent meeting of several dozen Cruz supporters, most of them voteless, women in traditional gray shawls recalled being turned down for government aid programs because they

weren't accompanied by a man.

Martina Cruz Moreno, 19, said that when her widowed mother sought government-provided building materials to improve her dirt-floor, tin-roofed wooden home, village authorities told her, "Go get yourself a husband."

As a woman, Eufrosina Cruz is not only barred from being mayor, but from participating in the "community labor" that qualifies male villagers as "citizens." Those tasks include repairing roads, herding cattle, cleaning streets and raising crops.

"I'd like to see the men here make tortillas, just for one day, and then tell me that's not work," said Cruz, describing the hours-long process of cleaning, soaking,

cooking and milling the corn, shaping the flour into flat disks, and collecting the firewood to heat the clay and brick hearths on which most women cook.

During all-important village festivals, women are expected to cook for all the male guests. But instead of joining them at the table, Cruz says, they are relegated to straw mats on the floor. Clothes are washed by hand, and while most homes have some form of running water, it's often only a single spigot.

Cruz decided to escape that life after she saw her 12-year-old sister given to an older man in a marriage arranged by her father. The sister had her first child at 13, and has since borne seven more.

Officials: Satellite could hit Earth

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A large U.S. spy satellite has lost power and could hit the Earth in late February or early March, government officials said Saturday.

The satellite, which no longer can be controlled, could contain hazardous materials, and it is unknown where on the planet it might come down, they said. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because the information is classified as secret. It was not clear how long ago the satellite lost power, or under what circumstances.

"Appropriate government agen-

cies are monitoring the situation," said Gordon Johndroe, a spokesman for the National Security Council, when asked about the situation after it was disclosed by other officials. "Numerous satellites over the years have come out of orbit and fallen harmlessly. We are looking at potential options to mitigate any possible damage this satellite may cause."

He would not comment on whether it is possible for the satellite to perhaps be shot down by a missile. He said it would be inappropriate to discuss any specifics at this time.

A senior government official said that lawmakers and other nations

are being kept apprised of the situation.

The spacecraft contains hydrazine — which is rocket fuel — according to a government official who was not authorized to speak publicly but spoke on condition of anonymity. Hydrazine, a colorless liquid with an ammonia-like odor, is a toxic chemical and can cause harm to anyone who contacts it.

Such an uncontrolled re-entry could risk exposure of U.S. secrets, said John Pike, a defense and intelligence expert. Spy satellites typically are disposed of through a controlled re-entry into the ocean so that no one else can access the spacecraft, he said.

Poverty

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"Society cannot continue to ignore social problems of ghettos because of their impact on the middle class," Wilson said. "[Neighborhoods] are concerned about the immigration of lower income populations, with renters who do not share the values of homeowners."

Wilson cited a neighborhood he named "Groveland," also in Chicago, as an example of socio-economic status creating divisions in the community. "Groveland" was a predominantly middle- and working-class, African-American community that experienced some influx of lower-class individuals.

"Families from nearby poor neighborhoods had begun to trickle in, and their behavior was closely scrutinized," Wilson said.

Many of the residents expressed fears about their new neighbors, and Wilson said that one resident of

Groveland was worried about the "riffraff coming in" when lower-class African-Americans entered the neighborhood.

In conclusion, Wilson said he supports the candidacy of Sen. Barack Obama, and argued that the senator has the ability to "successfully reach out across racially and political spectrums." That will

allow him to be "far more likely to get groups together to generate a sense of interdependence to pursue collective goals," he said.

Wilson stressed that urban poverty is not an isolated experience, but rather, is something that affects society as a whole. The problems associated with urban

poverty, such as crime, permeate the rest of society in the form of fear and apprehension of those living in poverty.

It is only through working together to "address the needs of lower income urban black residents," Wilson said, that society can alleviate these fears and the poverty that causes them.

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Club 23

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ing in final negotiations to acquire Club 23.

He blamed the holiday season for delaying the sale and causing the buyers to be unable to "get the money together."

"I'm not in a hurry" to sell the club, Hussein said. He said business has been "very good" and has not been affected by talks of the sale.

"I'm not going anywhere yet," Hussein said.

Although it is not currently a term of sale, the potential buyers say they plan to keep Club 23 a bar, Hussein said.

Hussein admits that the winning bidder will have to put additional investments into Club 23 even after they finalize the sale.

"They'll have to put money into remodeling and give it a better look," he said.

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said. "He has a wealth of great ideas and an excellent relationship with the staff."

During his tenure, Hine said he hopes "to bring an in-depth look at our campus and get people talking about what goes on at Notre Dame."

Hine will take over as editor-in-chief on Feb. 25.

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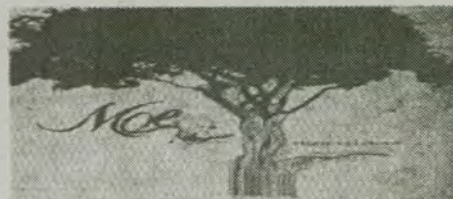
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NASDAQ	2,326.20	-64.72
NYSE	8,827.50	-114.75
S&P 500	1,330.61	-21.46
NIKKEI (Tokyo)	13,176.04	-353.12
FTSE 100 (London)	5,869.00	-6.80

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S&P DEP RECIEPTS (SPY)	-1.44	-1.95	133.04
POWERSHARES (QQQQ)	-2.05	-0.92	43.99
FINANCIAL SEL SPDR (XLF)	-2.62	-0.73	27.18
MICROSOFT CP (MSFT)	-0.93	-0.31	32.94

Treasuries

10-YEAR NOTE	-1.54	-0.056	3.584
13-WEEK BILL	-3.48	-0.080	2.220
30-YEAR BOND	-1.63	-0.071	4.282
5-YEAR NOTE	-1.34	-0.038	2.789

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IN BRIEF

Trader hacked for no personal benefit

PARIS — Societe Generale said Sunday that a trader who evaded all its controls to bet \$73.5 billion — more than the French bank's market worth — on European markets hacked computers and "combined several fraudulent methods" to cover his tracks, causing billions in losses.

The bank says the trader, Jerome Kerviel, did not appear to have profited personally from the transactions and seemingly worked alone — a version reiterated Sunday by Jean-Pierre Mustier, chief executive of the bank's corporate and investment banking arm.

But, in a conference call with reporters, Mustier added: "I cannot guarantee to you 100 percent that there was no complicity."

Kerviel's lawyer said the accusations of wrongdoing against his client were being used to hide bad investments by the bank related to subprime mortgages in the United States.

"He didn't steal anything, take anything, he didn't take any profit for himself," the lawyer, Christian Charriere-Bournazel, told The Associated Press by telephone. "The suspicion on Kerviel allows the considerable losses that the bank made on subprimes to be hidden."

Officials said Kerviel was cooperating with police, who held him for a second day of questioning Sunday, seeking answers to what, if confirmed, would be the biggest-ever trading fraud by a single person.

White House expects support for aid

WASHINGTON — President Bush's chief negotiator on an economic aid deal said Sunday the Senate should quickly get behind a plan or risk drawing the resentment of a frustrated public.

The president and House leaders have agreed on a proposal to provide tax rebate checks to 117 million families and give businesses \$50 billion in incentives to invest in new plants and equipment. The goal is to help head off a recession and boost consumer confidence.

"I don't think the Senate is going to want to derail that deal," Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson said. "And I don't think the American people are going to have much patience for anything that would slow down the process."

Advertisers prep for Super Bowl

Writers strike makes Sunday's game more critical for major marketing powers

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The story lines are unabashedly goofy. Cavemen invent the wheel to transport a beer cooler made of stone, and a car buyer enlists the help of a tribal warrior in case he needs some extra negotiating leverage at the dealership.

For most of us, Super Bowl ads make fine entertainment. But for the advertisers who make and buy them, Sunday is white-knuckle time.

The blogging boom has created crowds of armchair critics; the price for a 30-second spot is up again, to \$2.7 million; and a writers strike has wiped out many other opportunities to reach mass audiences by putting scripted dramas like "Desperate Housewives" on hold.

Even against odds like these, many major marketing powers and even a few first-timers couldn't resist the opportunity of reaching more than 90 million people in a single shot — something that's increasingly hard to do in any medium.

Advertisers still love the Internet for its ability to deliver measured results from click-throughs and carve audiences into tiny segments. But only the largest of television's "events" — such as the Super Bowl, the Olympics, the Oscars and the Grammys — have the muscle to pull in tens of millions of people in real time.

"There are so few media vehicles out there that reach that size audience that there's still a big value in not only reaching so many people but in such an engaging manner," said Andy Donchin, director of national broadcast at Carat, a major buyer and planner of advertising.

Add the extra buzz created



Yankee Derek Jeter drinks G2 in a screen shot for Gatorade's ad set to air during Super Bowl XLII. Game-time advertisements may reach 90 million people.

by the possibility of the New England Patriots making history with an undefeated season, and advertisers have a lot on the line. The placement is great if they have a winning ad, not so great if the ad tanks. Last year's viewership of 93.2 million was close to the all-time record of 94.1 million set in 1996, and many believe that record could be surpassed this year.

The results from online advertising often confirm the value of hitting big audiences with TV, Donchin said, because advertisers can

measure the upswing in traffic to Web sites after an ad is broadcast.

The Super Bowl continues to draw new advertisers, including Planters packaged nut company, part of Kraft Foods Inc., as well as Cars.com, an online auto classified advertising company co-owned by the newspaper publishers Gannett Co., McClatchy Co., Tribune Co., Washington Post Co. and Belo Corp.

No neophyte in the advertising world, Kraft decided a Super Bowl spot was well worth the money last year as

it began repositioning Planters beyond the \$3 billion packaged nuts business to compete in the \$20 billion market of salted snacks, which includes potato chips, pretzels and popcorn.

Those attract fairly different age and gender groups, says Allan Lindsay, senior director of marketing for salty snacks at Kraft. Nuts tend to be bought by adults 45 and older, while salty snacks tend to be bought by people ages 35-55, and men more than women — just the kind of people who watch the Super Bowl.

IRAN

Fuel rationing sparks oil black market

Associated Press

BANDAR ABBAS — Each day, the boulevard in this port city derisively dubbed "OPEC Street" is lined with dozens of vendors selling plastic jugs of black-market gasoline to desperate drivers who haggle over the price of a tankful.

Iran is the world's fourth-largest producer of oil. But its government imposed gasoline rationing last year in hopes of trimming extensive government subsidies. That has created a booming black market across the country — feeding Iranians' discontent with the economic policies of hardline President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad.

In the capital Tehran and other cities, the black market thrives around gasoline stations and mostly at night as drivers looking to buy fuel

approach others who have high gasoline quotas, such as taxis or vans.

But in this city on the Persian Gulf, the boulevard officially named Pasdaran Avenue after Iran's elite Revolutionary Guards operates as an open-air black market in broad daylight. Its new nickname is meant as a sneer by Iranians, bitter at the irony that their country, a leading member of the world oil cartel OPEC, has resorted to rationing.

"Every taxi driver and anyone who needs gas knows where OPEC Street is," said Jabbar Dehqani, a 27-year-old with a stand of gasoline jugs on the roadside. "I'm happy — the number of my customers is increasing day by day."

Iran produces 4.2 million barrels of crude oil each day and sells 2.5 million barrels of it to other countries, making it OPEC's second-largest producer. But because the country lacks

adequate refineries, it must spend more than \$3 billion a year to import gasoline for domestic consumption.

There are more than 7 million private cars in Iran eligible for the subsidized gasoline, which the government makes available in limited quantities under the fuel rationing system.

The new system began in May with a 25 percent hike in the subsidized price of gas, from roughly 30 cents a gallon to 38 cents a gallon. Then in June came the actual rationing, aimed at reducing demand and thus easing government subsidies that cost billions each year.

The government could have raised prices further to cut subsidies, but that would have been highly unpopular with the public. A slight increase in prices in May sparked attacks on gas stations. So small price rises and rationing was a compromise solution.

Obama calls win a 'turning point'

Associated Press

BIRMINGHAM — Democrat Barack Obama said Sunday that his landslide win in South Carolina's presidential primary marks a turn in political history, showing that a black candidate can appeal to voters of all colors and in all regions.

The Illinois senator told a raucous crowd of more than 9,000 here that his big victory Saturday disproved the old notion "that if you get black votes, you can't get white votes," and vice versa.

"We're going to write a new chapter in the South, we're going to write a new chapter in American history," he said during his 64-minute speech to a capacity crowd at the University of Alabama at Birmingham basketball arena. The crowd was roughly two-thirds black and one-third white.

Earlier Sunday he made a similar argument, responding to comments by former President Clinton that some interpreted as an effort to diminish Obama's win Saturday over Hillary Rodham Clinton. Bill Clinton noted that Jesse Jackson won the South Carolina primary in 1984 and 1988. Jackson never became the party's presidential nominee.

Obama, speaking during a television interview, said "there's no doubt" that Jackson set a precedent for blacks seeking the presidency. But he noted that was two decades ago.

"I think that what we saw in this election was a shift in South Carolina," he said, with implications "all across the country. I think people want change. I think they want to get beyond some of the racial politics that, you know, has been so dominant in the past."

Obama resisted being drawn into a spat with the Clintons, even though he suggested they are part of a political past the country is ready to leave behind.

"I think that Bill Clinton did important work back in the 1990s," he said. "The question is, now we're in 2008, and how do we move it forward to the next phase?"

"I think that in the '90s, we got caught up in a slash-and-burn politics that the American people are weary of," Obama said.

"Now, that is not the Clintons' fault," he said on ABC's "This Week." "It is all of our faults, in the sense that we've gotten into these bad habits and we can't seem to have disagreements without being disagreeable."

Later, speaking with reporters during a flight from Georgia to Alabama, Obama said, "I think the country wants to look forward, and that has always been the central thesis of our campaign."

He said Hillary Clinton will have an advantage in the sprawling race on Feb. 5, when Democrats vote in 22 states, because of her nearly universal name recognition. "It presents more of a challenge for us," he said, because he needs time for voters to get to know him.

Obama declined to directly condemn Clinton for urging that Democratic Party officials recognize delegates awarded to

the winner of Tuesday's largely ignored Democratic primary in Florida. The national party has said it will not sanction Tuesday's results because the state insisted on scheduling its presidential primary too early in the year. Clinton said she will travel to Florida on Tuesday.

"All the candidates made a pledge that we would campaign in the early states and we would not campaign in Florida and Michigan," Obama said. "I will abide by the promises I made."

As Obama campaigned in Georgia and Alabama, party officials confirmed that Massachusetts Sen. Edward Kennedy planned to endorse him Monday in Washington. Obama was endorsed during the weekend by Caroline Kennedy, the senator's niece and daughter of the late President Kennedy.

California pounded by heavy rain

Inclement weather forces roads to close, spurs fears of flooding

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Fast-moving thunderstorms brought new waves of rain on Sunday to Southern California, following days of drenching weather and heavy mountain snowfall and raising fears of mudslides and flooding.

The worst of the storm was over, and Monday promised to bring a spell of clear weather, forecasters said.

"Things will start to die down as the night goes on," said National Weather Service forecaster Ryan Kittell.

Up to 3 inches of rain had fallen by early afternoon in valley and coastal areas since nightfall Saturday, with about 4 inches in the mountains, forecasters said. Wind gusts of 30 to 50 mph were reported in some areas.

Officials said the rain brought a threat of serious slides on hillsides stripped of vegetation by

last year's wildfires. Mud and minor rock slides prompted authorities to shut a highway through a burned area near San Diego. Voluntary evacuations were called off Sunday night in heavily burned Modjeska Canyon in Orange County.

The Los Angeles County and Orange County fire departments were on standby for possible flash floods and slides. Flash flood watches remained in effect through Sunday night for Los Angeles, Ventura and San Bernardino counties.

To avoid overflow, the flood gates at the Big Tujunga Dam in the San Gabriel Mountains were opened Sunday, releasing 500 cubic feet of water a second.

Department of Public Works spokesman Gary Boze said the controlled flooding was routine during heavy storms.

In downtown Los Angeles, Sunday's basketball game between the Cleveland

Cavaliers and the L.A. Lakers was delayed 12 minutes after wet rain gear left by roofing company workers on a catwalk led to a steady flow of water on to the Staples Center court.

The Santa Anita race track in Arcadia, meanwhile, canceled horse races for the sixth day this month because of wet conditions on the synthetic track.

The storm system also soaked parts of Northern California and snow forced the closure of the main artery between Sacramento and Reno, Nev., CalTrans officials said.

Eastbound Interstate 80 was closed Sunday night, about 50 miles northeast of Sacramento. Westbound traffic was being held at the Nevada state line.

Highway 92 was reopened Sunday after being shut down for a few hours between Skyline Boulevard and Half Moon Bay south of San Francisco after the storms knocked down trees and power lines.

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INDONESIA

Former President Suharto dead at 86

Associated Press

JAKARTA — Former Indonesian President Suharto, a Cold War ally of the United States whose brutal military regime killed hundreds of thousands of left-wing political opponents, died Sunday. He was 86.

Although he oversaw some of the worst bloodshed of the 20th century, Suharto is credited with developing the economy and will be buried with the highest state honors Monday at the family mausoleum.

President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono and others from the country's political elite prayed over his body. Yudhoyono declared a week of national mourning and called on Indonesians "to pay their last respects to one of Indonesia's best sons."

Suharto loyalists, who run the courts, called for forgiveness and a clearing of his name. But survivors want those responsible for atrocities to be held accountable.

"I cannot understand why I have to forgive Suharto because he never admitted his mistakes," said Putu Oka Sukanta, who spent a decade in prison because of his left-wing sympathies.

Suharto was finally toppled by mass street protests in 1998 at the peak of the 1997-1998 Asian financial crisis.

His departure from office opened the way for democracy in this predominantly Muslim nation of 235 million people, and he withdrew from public life, rarely venturing from his comfortable Jakarta villa.

Suharto ruled with a totalitarian dominance that saw soldiers stationed in every village, instilling a deep fear of authority across this Southeast Asian archipelago that stretches across more than 3,000 miles.

Since being forced from power, Suharto had been in and out of hospitals after strokes caused brain damage and impaired his speech. He died of multiple-organ failure after more than three weeks on life support at a hospital in the capital, Jakarta.

Poor health — and continuing corruption, critics charge — kept him from court after he was chased from office.

The bulk of killings occurred in 1965-1966 when alleged communists were rounded up and slain during his rise to power. Estimates for the death toll range from a government figure of 78,000 to 1 million cited by U.S. historians Barbara Harff and Ted Robert Gurr, who have published books on Indonesia's history.

During Indonesia's 1975-1999 occupation of East Timor, up to 183,000 people died due to killings, disappearances, hunger and illness, according to an East Timorese commission sanctioned by the U.N. Similar abuses left more than 100,000 dead in West

Papua, according a local human rights group. Another 15,000 died during a 29-year separatist rebellion in Aceh province.

Suharto's five successors as head of state all vowed to end the graft that took root under his regime, yet it remains endemic at all levels of Indonesian society.

With the court system paralyzed by corruption, the country has not confronted its bloody past. Rather than put on trial those accused of mass murder and multibillion-dollar theft, some members of the political elite consistently called for charges against Suharto to be dropped on humanitarian grounds.

Some noted Suharto also oversaw decades of economic expansion that made Indonesia the envy of the developing world. Today, nearly a quarter of Indonesians live in poverty, and many long for the Suharto era's stability, when fuel and rice were affordable.

On Sunday, hundreds of mourners — some weeping — flocked to the family home in downtown Jakarta.

"I felt crushed when I heard he had died. We have lost a great man," said Mamiarti, a 43-year-old housekeeper. "It used to be easy to find jobs. Now it is hard."

But critics say Suharto squandered Indonesia's vast natural resources of oil, timber and gold, siphoning the nation's wealth to benefit his cronies, foreign corporations and family like a mafia don.

Jeffrey Winters, associate professor of political economy at Northwestern University, said the graft effectively robbed "Indonesia of some of the most golden decades, and its best opportunity to move from a poor to a middle class country."

"When Indonesia does finally go back and redo history, [its people] will realize that Suharto is responsible for some of the worst crimes against humanity in the 20th century," Winters said.

Those who profited from Suharto's rule made sure he was never portrayed in a harsh light at home, Winters said, so even though he was an "iron-fisted, brutal, cold-blooded dictator," he was able to stay in his native country.

Like many Indonesians, Suharto used only one name. He was born on June 8, 1921, to a family of rice farmers in the village of Godean in the dominant Indonesian province of Central Java.

When Indonesia gained independence from the Dutch in 1949, Suharto quickly rose through the ranks of the military to become a staff officer.

His career nearly foundered in the late 1950s, when the army's then-commander, Gen. Abdul Haris Nasution, accused him of corruption in awarding army contracts.

KENYA

Fighting escalates over weekend

One month later, nation faces worst ethnic crisis since 1963

Associated Press

NAIVASHA — Gangs of youths armed with machetes and clubs fought running battles with police on Sunday and burned tribal rivals alive in their homes in western Kenya, pushing the death toll from a month of escalating ethnic violence to nearly 800.

Sunday marked exactly one month since the Dec. 27 disputed president election that sparked the violence that has transformed this once-stable African country, pitting long-time neighbors against each other and turning towns where tourists used to gather for luxury holidays into no-go zones.

It also complicated the task of former U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan, the latest international mediator trying to promote talks between President Mwai Kibaki and his chief rival, opposition leader Raila Odinga. The two met Thursday for the first time since the election.

Kibaki and Odinga remain far apart on how to resolve the crisis, the worst the country has seen since its 1963 independence from Britain. Kibaki has said he is open to direct talks with Odinga, but that his position as president is not negotiable. Odinga says Kibaki must step down and new elections are the only alternative.

The clashes have mainly pitted other ethnic groups, which support the opposition because



People flee to safety under police guard during clashes in Naivasha, near Nairobi, Kenya, on Sunday.

they feel marginalized, against Kibaki's Kikuyu people.

Kikuyus were the main victims in the initial eruption of violence, with hundreds killed and more than half of those driven from their homes belonging to Kibaki's tribe. Now, however, it appears the Kikuyus are looking for revenge.

"We have moved out to avenge the deaths of our brothers and sisters who have been killed, and nothing will stop us," said Anthony Mwangi, hefting a club in the western town of Naivasha. "For every one Kikuyu killed, we shall avenge their killing with three."

The fighting spread Sunday to Naivasha, 55 miles northwest of Nairobi, a previously quiet tourist town with a stunning freshwater lake.

At least 22 people were killed in the town over the weekend, said district commissioner Katee Mwanza. At least five of them were burned to death in their homes, said Willy Lugusa, a police official. Others were hacked to death with machetes, a local reporter told The Associated Press.

Kikuyus torched the homes of Luo rivals in the center of Navaisha. Police, apparently overwhelmed, did not intervene. Gunshots rang out into the evening.

U.S. re-focuses on war initiatives

Bush administration seeks to concentrate on Pakistan, Afghanistan

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In a shift with profound implications, the Bush administration is attempting to re-energize its terrorism-fighting war efforts in Afghanistan, the original target of a post-Sept. 11 offensive. The U.S. also is refocusing on Pakistan, where a regenerating al-Qaida is posing fresh threats.

There is growing recognition that the United States risks further setbacks, if not deepening conflict or even defeat, in Afghanistan, and that success in that country hinges on stopping Pakistan from descending into disorder.

Privately, some senior U.S. military commanders say Pakistan's tribal areas are at the center of the fight against Islamic extremism; more so than Iraq, or even Afghanistan. These areas border on eastern Afghanistan and provide haven for al-Qaida and Taliban fighters to regroup, rearm and reorganize.

This view may explain, at least in part, the administration's increasingly public expressions of concern.

At a Pentagon news conference last week, Defense Secretary Robert Gates said that while the U.S. respects the Pakistani government's right to decide what actions are needed to defeat extremists on its soil, there are rea-

sons to worry that al-Qaida poses more than an internal threat to Pakistan.

"I think we are all concerned about the re-establishment of al-Qaida safe havens in the border area," Gates said. "I think it would be unrealistic to assume that all of the planning that they're doing is focused strictly on Pakistan. So I think that that is a continuing threat to Europe as well as to us."

The Pentagon says it has fewer than 100 troops in Pakistan, including personnel who are training Pakistan's paramilitary Frontier Corps in the western tribal region along the Afghanistan border.

The U.S. military has used other means, including aerial surveillance by drones, to hunt Osama bin Laden and other senior al-Qaida lead-

ers believed to be hiding near the Afghan border. Ground troops on the Afghan side sometimes fire artillery across the border at known Taliban or al-Qaida targets, and U.S. officials have said special operations forces are poised to strike across the border under certain circumstances.

In recent days, administra-

tion officials have said they would send more U.S. forces, including small numbers of combat troops, if the Pakistani government decided it wanted to collaborate more closely.

It is far from certain that U.S. combat troops will set foot in Pakistan in any substantial numbers. On Friday, Pakistan's president, Pervez Musharraf, said his country opposes any foreign forces on its soil. "The man in the street will not allow this — he will come out and agitate," he said. Musharraf said the U.S. instead should bolster its

combat forces in Afghanistan.

"I think we are all concerned about the re-establishment of al-Qaida safe havens in the border area."

Robert Gates
U.S. secretary of defense

The top two U.S. intelligence officials made a secret visit to Pakistan in early January to seek Musharraf's permission for greater involvement of American forces in trying

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The city outside the Notre Dame bubble

One of the first things you see when you arrive at the South Bend airport is a sign insisting that the South Bend/Michiana area is "Notre Dame and a Whole Lot More!" It sums up the relationship between Notre Dame and South Bend pretty well — acceptance that Notre Dame is in fact the big draw for the South Bend area, but an underlying insistence that there really is something else worth seeing out here.

The St. Joseph River is not the only thing that separates Notre Dame from South Bend. Most of the University has an ephemeral relationship with the greater Michiana area. Most students still consider themselves residents of their hometown who are just itinerating here for four years or so; many don't bother to change their license plates or register to vote here, and I imagine that there are more than a few whose only knowledge of South Bend, exclusive of Notre Dame, extends to the airport and a handful of fast food or delivery places. Between residence halls, dining halls, football games, Legends, the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center and LaFortune, it's certainly possible to eat, drink, shower, sleep and entertain yourself for all four years and never once set foot off campus. We even have our own police and fire department, zip code and power station. Notre Dame is, for all intents and purposes, a self-sufficient community; there's nothing really anchoring it to South Bend.

South Bend, on the other hand, could not sever ties with Notre Dame without losing a central part of its identity. The sign at the airport, for starters, would have to go; the College Football Hall of Fame would find it difficult to justify its

existence; the 'Backer would lose one of its core constituencies. The University itself is the largest single employer in the county and impacts the local economy to the tune of \$830 million annually. On home football weekends in particular, it seems like South Bend exists solely to be an extension of the stadium parking lot. Many businesses live and die based on their connections to the University, whether they sell Notre Dame merchandise, because they appeared in Rudy, or because they depend on the business of students. In short, without Notre Dame, South Bend might be just another declining Rust Belt city like Gary, with a stagnant economy, rampant crime, drug problems and the emigration of its affluent population into the suburbs.

Because the dependence is not mutual, but one-way, it's no surprise that South Bend's official attitude towards Notre Dame appears ambivalent. On the one hand, the city has recently approved commercial space to build the Eddy Street Commons. On the other, the Common Council introduced, and then hastily withdrew, legislation to clamp down on off-campus parties by requiring permits — a plan police officials questioned because they doubted the enforceability of the proposed ordinance. At the same time, that it took a regulation targeted at students to start a dialog between the Council and student body representatives didn't dispell the idea that we are disinterested in the wider community. Some of the issues that hold the attention of the greater Notre Dame community — football records, coursepacks, pie in the dining halls — seem remote or even frivolous when compared to the issues facing the city: violent crime, property taxes, the revitalization of downtown and the meth epidemic. At the same time, much of the student body takes part in commu-

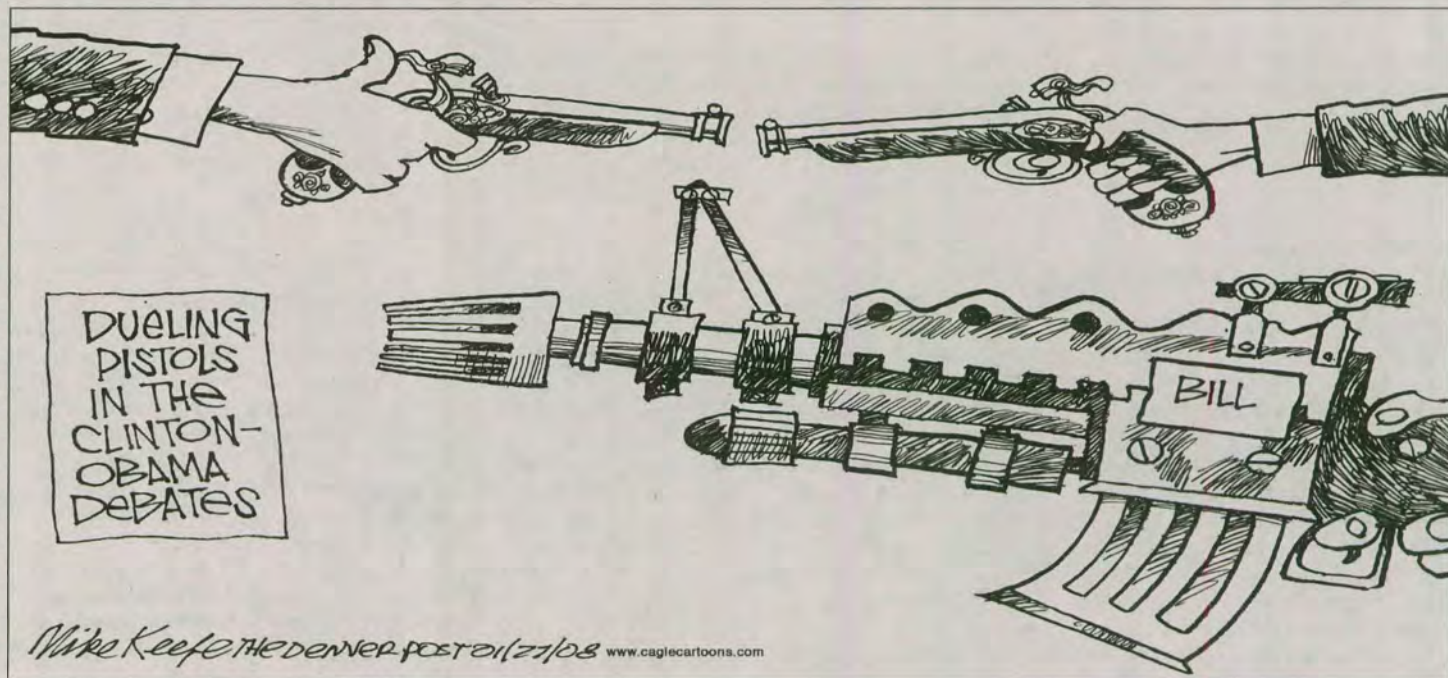
nity outreach and social justice programs in the city — it's not all about football and parties. Whether it's because of our lack of political engagement, ignorance of the vibrant social outreach programs, the curmudgeonry of an aging population (the over-45 age group is the fastest-growing population segment in South Bend) or some combination of those and other factors, the perception of Notre Dame students as a whole is neutral, at best.

Unfortunately, because our self-sufficient community is separate from the city in more respects than location, it doesn't seem likely to change. We have the opportunity to study at one of the finest institutions of higher education in the country, but there is nothing that says we have to limit our experience simply to the campus itself and the opportunities offered through the University. There are things worth doing that don't involve chain restaurants, strip malls and liquor stores — even if they do take us outside of our sheltered lives. (And despite what impression you might have, it's more likely than not that you can go downtown without getting mugged or worse.) But so far, it seems like the majority of us don't make the effort to look beyond Notre Dame, and mutual ambivalence, or ignorance, has been the result. Until we realize that there is a world worth visiting outside the University's grounds, we will continue to barely notice it and because nothing about the Notre Dame experience forces us to, ours is just another chapter in the long and problematic history of town and gown relationships.

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EDITORIAL CARTOON



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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"To make mistakes is human; to stumble is commonplace; to be able to laugh at yourself is maturity."

William Arthur Ward poet

U-WIRE

Float like a butterfly, sting like a pacifist

When I was 11 years old, I participated in the first fist fight of my life — exclusively on the receiving end.

My antagonist was one of the tougher kids from the working-class neighborhood in which I grew up. And tough doesn't begin to describe him; as an adult he went to prison for attempted murder.

Michael Borshuk
Texas Tech's Daily Toreador

The forum for our fisticuffs was the schoolyard at the end of my street. It began like this: The other guy came up and demanded money; when I didn't have any, he said I had to fight him.

Stunned by this imperative, I mostly stood still while he punched me in the face for what seemed, obviously, like a really long time. He left my lip swollen and my eye a bit blackened. To this day, there's a small bump on the back of my head where my skull repeatedly hit the red brick of the schoolyard wall.

The incident, of course, sent my family into hysterics. My parents threatened to move us to a more refined neighborhood. Thankfully, in retrospect, this didn't occur.

They urged me to take karate lessons. When my grandfather arrived, as a representative of the notoriously bruising wing of our family — he was a career cop and his older brother, a boxer, once fought Joe Louis — he asked only this: "You've got a decent build. Why on Earth didn't you fight back?"

Now, my answer — inarticulate in the face of what seemed like such a menacing question — should have been, "Because, for the life of me, I can't imagine closing my fist and striking another person with it." Instead, I sulked away, momentarily anxious about why I couldn't just belt someone in the chops, as he might have.

All these years later, I still can't imagine punching someone in the face. Granted, I entertain the idea rhetorically sometimes, as a touch of hyperbole when I'm especially frustrated by behavior with which I take issue.

Targets of my overstated, completely unserious, "I'd like to punch him/her in the face!" have included Ann Coulter, jerks who cut me off in traffic, Toby Keith, various members of the pitching staff from my beloved Detroit Tigers in the 2006 World Series and a host of others. But this is all ball game really — a bit of hot air when I'm exasperated. In the abstract, when trying to explain my philosophical makeup, I call myself a pacifist. That is, I don't believe there is any kind of conflict that can't be resolved through diplomacy, dialogue and mutual compromise. Less ideally, I just don't think the idea of using my fists — or whatever else — to cause somebody else physical pain ever could seem appealing.

And really, does anybody except for the scary, pathological minority think otherwise? Do you, dear reader, like the thought of punching somebody in the face? Do you wish to punch some-

body in the face?

Speak up now, I say, if so. Let your true colors be known. Though I warn you, get ready for the inevitable detainment to follow. Anybody who finds pleasure in violence needs to be locked up. Isn't that how we preserve a civilized society?

So, given that so few people I encounter, when asked, will openly admit to having any desire for violence, then why don't more people proudly announce themselves as pacifists? Why is it that some people react with such snap dismissal when I characterize myself in this way?

At best, critics of my pacifism seem to type me as a starry-eyed idealist, ill-equipped to confront the brutal reality of this dog-eat-dog world.

At worst, though, they regard me in terms I consider much less flattering — as though my refusal to fight physically under any circumstances confirms me as some cowardly Caspar Milquetoast figure.

In my eyes, though, a commitment to non-violence is undoubtedly the ultimate form of strength. It depends on two great articles of faith, after all: a witnessing of the humanity of all others you encounter and a belief they will witness your humanity in turn.

And in response to the inevitable counter-point I anticipate — "Sure, I don't want to be violent, but somebody else probably does, and I will have to defend myself with violence in response" — I propose all of us simply

agree to a pledge that states we will never use violence against anybody else. We all will act in good faith.

Everybody will act with a personal conviction against bloodshed. We can dismantle military forces in turn. We'll melt down firearms and turn them into gun-metal blue statues celebrating our newfound universal peace.

Is that incredulous snorting I hear in response to this idealistic proposal? Does it depend too much on a magnitude of faith you can't endorse?

But nationalism depends on large leaps of faith. Really, why else should I, as an Ontario-born Canadian, care much for other Canadians I've never met out on Prince Edward Island? Religion — as potent a social force as any — depends on incredible leaps of faith.

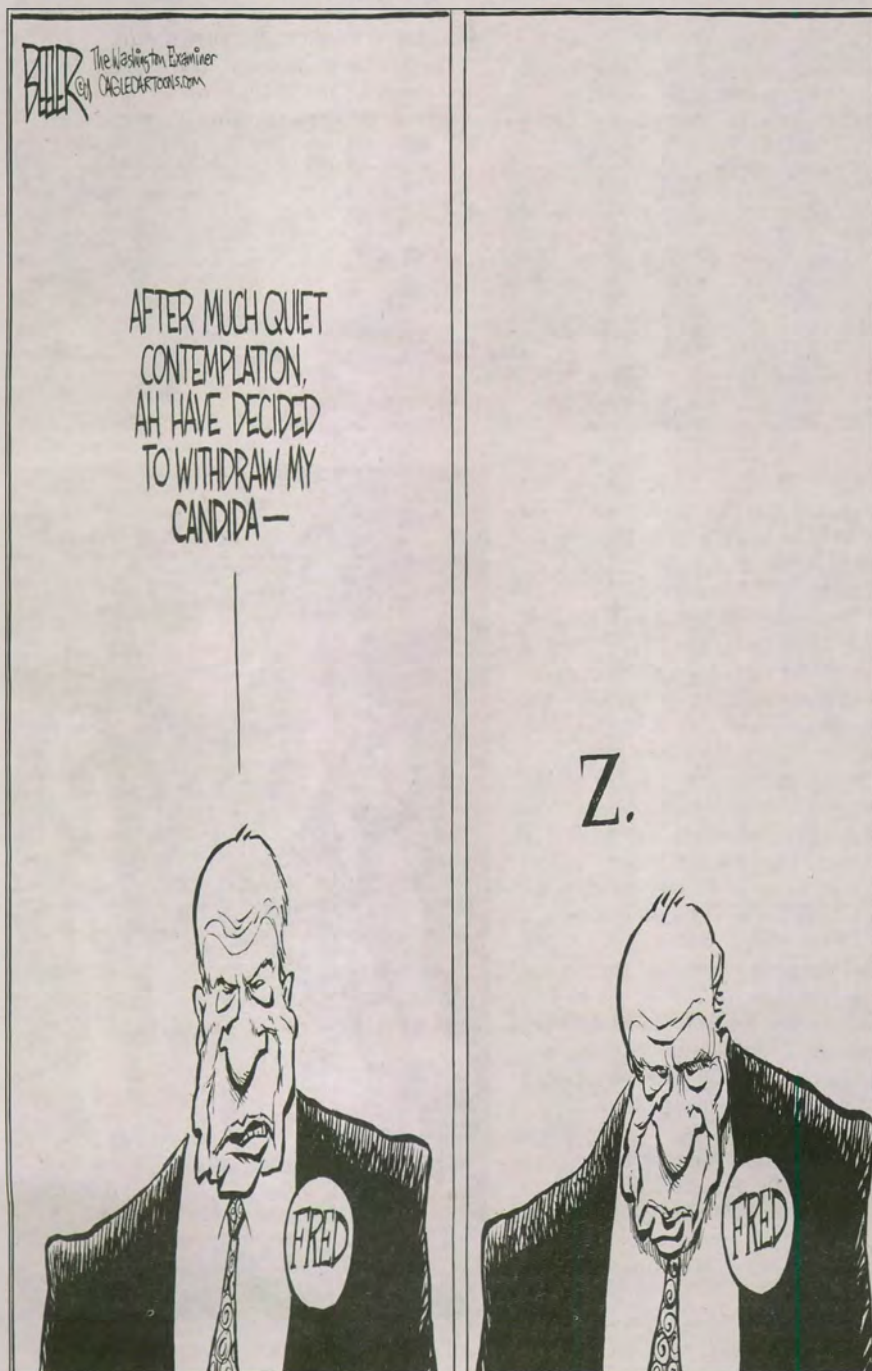
As a one-time Catholic, I spent years accepting the miracle of transubstantiation. Given that all of us are already chin-deep in the improbable mechanics of faith as it is, let's add one more front and all sign my pacifism pledge today.

And after all, as I like to joke with friends, if you don't agree with my faith in nonviolence, doesn't that implicitly give me permission to sock you in the jaw?

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EDITORIAL CARTOON



Well, The Dude abides

Before I begin, I should offer brief disclaimers to those readers who might be quick to judge: First, I am neither easily impressionable nor overly sentimental. Second, I am by all accounts critical of most things. And lastly, this column is about a film. It is not a review, but rather a reflection, so those who haven't seen the movie in discussion will likely be lost.

John Cropper

Ohio State University's Lantern

With that said, I can comfortably go on. I have modeled my life and personality after a single fictional film character.

Now comes the explanation. Most "cult classic" films come and go without much more than a Criterion Collection release, forever immortalized on the DVD racks of self-righteous 20-somethings. But some manage to create a subculture of fans so devout in their viewership that all other films pale in comparison.

"The Big Lebowski" is one such film. Its title character, Jeff "The Dude" Lebowski, is a fictional persona who has spawned a rabid following and maintains a messianic status for me and others almost 10 years after the film's 1998 release.

So when I read that Studio 35 was showing the film Sunday, along with a beer tasting (courtesy of the good folks at Columbus Brewing Company), I could all but hide my giddy reaction.

And it was while lounging in the theater that I realized just why the movie strikes a chord within me each time I watch it.

It's not the winding (and ultimately unimportant) plot outline. It's not the stellar cast of actors, all veterans of other Coen brothers' films. It's not even the endless amount of one-liners or possible bumper-sticker slogans throughout the movie. No, it's The Dude's ability to shrug at any situation, his contentment with doing nothing at all, and his lackadaisical quest, if it can be called that, for simplicity in life that draws me and other fans toward him. He's a pacifist with no political motivation. He's a hippy without a finger to

wag. That is to say, The Dude abides.

Other movies by Joel and Ethan Coen, the Oscar-winning directorial team responsible for a handful of the best movies throughout the decade, manage to marry dark comedy with drama successfully, but none has created a buzz similar to "Lebowski." The biggest indication of this is Lebowski Fest, a memorial festival featuring bowling (the movie's primary focus), live music, movie trivia and look-alike costume competitions. Originally started in 2002 in Louisville, the annual festival has since expanded domestically to Los Angeles and New York and now globally to London and other cities in Europe. Then, of course, there's Dudeism.

Dudeism is the most recent addition to the cult hysteria surrounding the movie, but it is arguably the most productive thing to come from such an unproductive character.

Briefly put, Dudeism is the half-jokingly written philosophy of The Dude. It advocates a simple and happy lifestyle, a go-with-the-flow outlook, and the renunciation of stress and vanity — and a healthy dose of White Russians and Creedence Clearwater Revival. A Dudeist would align most likely with the beliefs of a Taoist, and humorously enough it is the creator of Taoism, Lao Tzu, who is credited with being the first and ultimate Dudeist.

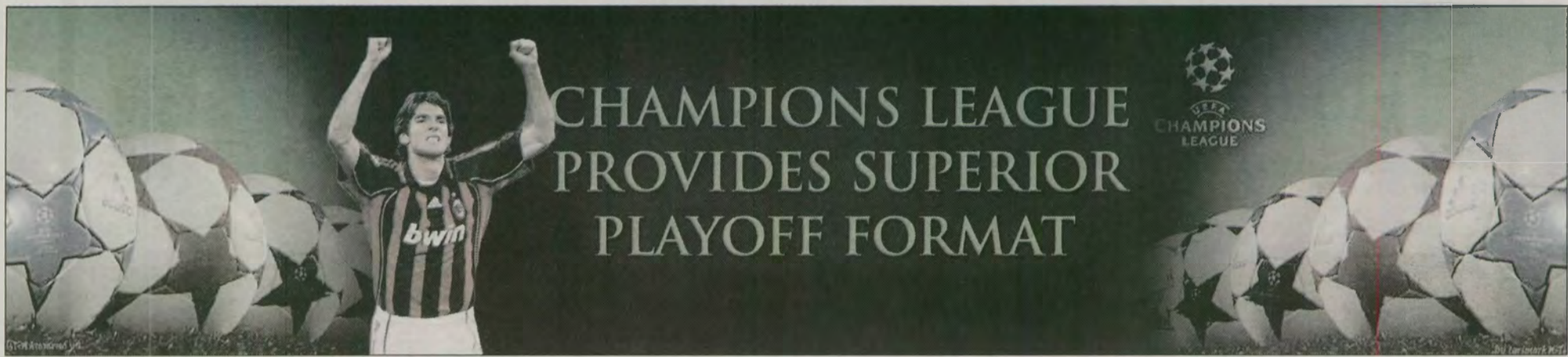
I remember reading the Dudeist creed, titled "The Tao of the Dude," at dudeism.com a few years ago, but it wasn't until Sunday's viewing of the movie that I re-read it, this time intently and with reason.

Like an epiphany, I now I have an explanation for my indifference and what some wrongly label apathy.

I'm a Dudeist, man. And if it says so on Facebook (it does), it must be true.

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JARED WAFER | Observer Graphic



Manchester United's Wayne Rooney battles for the ball.

By this time, it is safe to say that the football season is coming to a close. All of the college bowl games have been played, and the Super Bowl is less than a week away. The Pro Bowl doesn't really matter, so it's time to shift priorities elsewhere. Most students only view the other relevant sports as hockey and basketball, but I'm here to unearth a true "diamond in the rough." Let me talk to you all about the other sport known as football, and this little competition called the UEFA Champions League.

Corbin Hicks

Scene & Heard

The Champions League is a knockout tournament featuring teams throughout Europe in an effort to crown the best team from a bevy of countries. Before I go too far, let me explain who gets entry into such an exclusive competition. Soccer leagues feature teams only from the home country. In other words, teams from England play only teams from England. Through the course of these domestic leagues, standings ("tables") are formed and the strength of the country's competition correlates to the number of entry slots into the Champions League. Well-respected leagues in England, Spain and Italy have more entrants than their counterparts in Ukraine and Belgium. The tournament is divided up into groups of

four, and the teams battle it out twice against each group member. The top two seeds proceed into the Round of 16 in the Champions League, the third-place team gets automatic entry into the UEFA Cup, Europe's consolation prize, and the fourth place team gets to crawl back to their domestic league with their tails between their legs.

Next begins a series of matches that determine who reaches the final, which is played with much fanfare and prestige. The winner of the Champions League not only gets a fancy trophy and medals worthy of an Olympic winner, but it also receives a multi-million Euro purse that can be used to help the club get even better. Therefore, the stakes are raised to a ridiculously high level, and teams always try to put their best foot forward in the Champions League, regardless of their domestic form.

In no other sport does a team truly deserve the title of world champion. I've always found it hilarious that the NFL, NHL, MLB and NBA titleholders are deemed "world champions" even though they only play teams from the United States and Canada. Although one may argue that the level of competition by these other teams would not be even because of the supposedly huge talent disparity, but as Appalachian State has shown us, anything can happen during the heat of battle. The soccer world

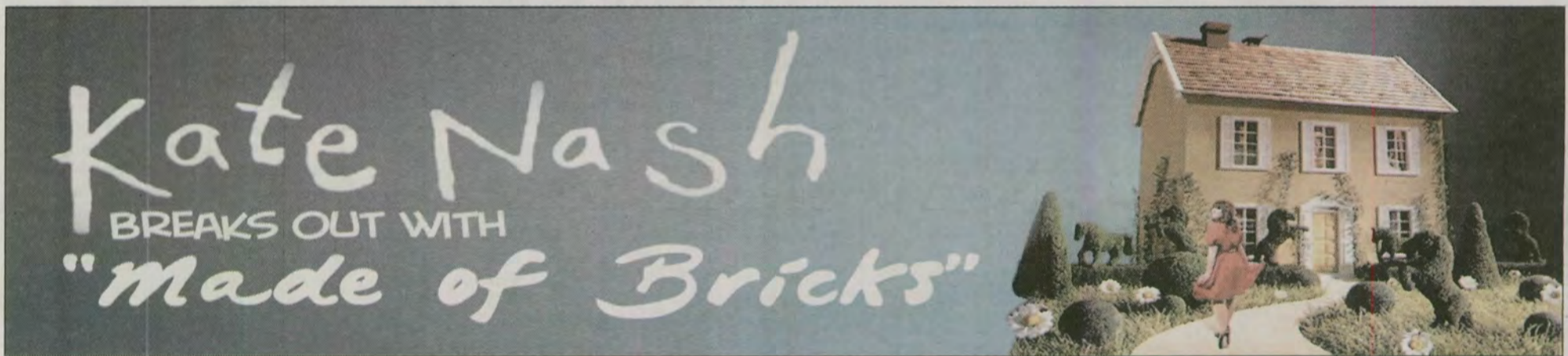
even gives teams from outside of Europe the chance to compete against these so-called heavyweights through the Club World Cup. The Champions League winner plays in a knockout tournament with the best team from Africa, Oceania, Asia, and South America. These regional winners are all determined through tournaments similar to the Champions League in format.

There is no speculation about what would happen if these two teams were to meet. A top team from Germany will know exactly how it matches up with a top team from France — because they will have the opportunity to play each other and determine a winner. And if a team from Scotland manages to win the entire tournament, it will see how it matches up with the finest that Brazil and Australia have to offer.

There are no preseason rankings or advantages placed on perennial winners: the only way to reach the final is through beating the competition. Turkey's Fenerbahce, the equivalent of Hawaii, has as much a chance at the grand prize as Real Madrid. Maybe our friends over at the BCS could take a couple of pointers from the people who have got it right.

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MARY JESSE | Observer Graphic

By STEPHANIE DePREZ
Scene Writer

Kate Nash walks a fine line between Brit pop and indie heart. Most albums coming out of the United Kingdom today are infectious, enjoyable and produce a few straight-to-the-airwaves London hits. This is certainly the case with London suburbanite Kate Nash's "Made of Bricks," but she manages to break free of the industrial pop sound that one has come to expect from Brit pop and tap into something that is far more organic and quite possibly appealing to fans across the pond.

Nash grew up outside of London. After

attending the BRIT School for Performing Arts and Technology, she auditioned for the Bristol Old Vic Theatre School and was rejected. She began writing songs with witty lyrics and a somewhat cynical view of everyday life. Lily Allen, an established Brit pop songstress known for her catchy R&B flare, put Kate Nash in her top-eight on MySpace, and soon Nash was flooded with profile views. She eventually released a single and was picked up by Fiction Records. She flew to the top of the Pops in the United Kingdom and her album "Made of Bricks" was No. 1. It has since been released here in the United States.

There is certainly no harm in a quick spin through "Made of Bricks." The first track is a pointless intro, but every other song has something that makes it stand out, either in the form of a melodic hook or else in the unexpected subject matter. "Foundations" is the single that has made a mark (however distant from its United Kingdom success) in America. It is textbook catchy with its piano riff and synthetic drumbeat, but an honest listen to the lyrics is enough to make you laugh out loud. Nash jumps effortlessly between complaining

about her day-to-day life to providing her own color commentary on it. It's also a bit of a novelty to hear her speak in that oh-so-careless British accent.

Strong caution must go with the track "Mariella," because one listen will leave it stuck in your head for hours. This story of a grade-school girl who breaks all convention is annoyingly addicting. "Birds," the original B-side of Nash's first single, is a true indie gem. This sunny love story provides a nice breath in the middle of the album. "Pumpkin Soup" is an upbeat tune that almost expects whoever is listening to it to sing along. Every song has a distinct sound and a redeeming factor, making the album as a whole not a bad experience.

The route Nash took to success is a testament to the changing ways of the music industry. Her fame came first from her MySpace page, not unlike another self-made songstress, Colbie Caillat. Caillat was brought to fame purely by popular appeal, with hardly a middleman to speak of.

Although Nash may not be making a musical breakthrough, she certainly provides 40 minutes of pleasant distraction. Her reflections on life are not revolutionary, but her work reminds us that anyone with a piano and some heart can make a bit of music that matters.

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Kate Nash breaks through with her latest CD, "Made of Bricks."

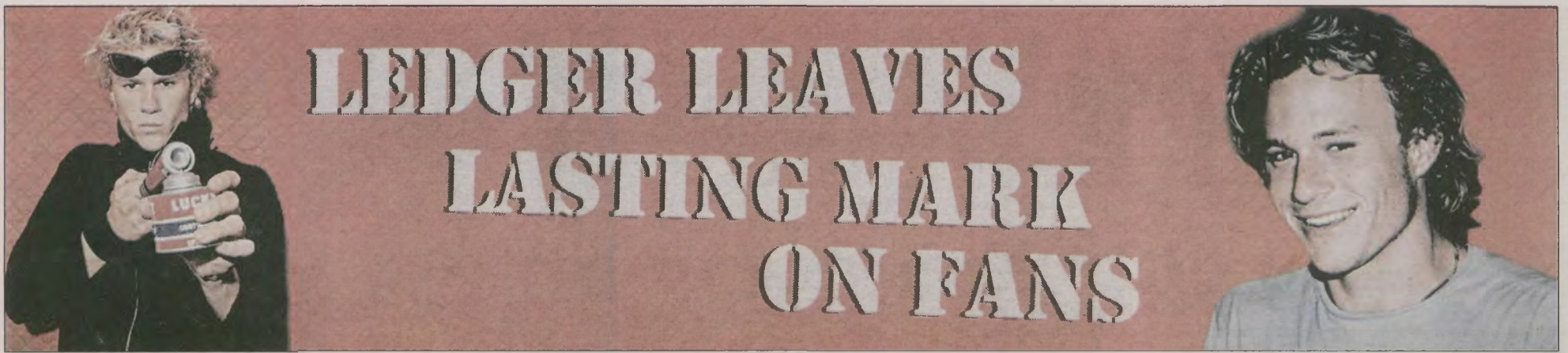
Made of Bricks

Kate Nash

Label: Polydor Records

Recommended Tracks: "Foundations" and "Mariella Birds"





JARRED WAFER | Observer Graphic



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Heath Ledger died in his New York City apartment on Jan. 22.

Most will remember him for his Academy Award-nominated performance as Ennis Del Mar in "Brokeback Mountain," but I will always remember him as Patrick Verona, the misunderstood bad boy of a preppy high school in "10 Things I Hate About You." I always mourn celebrity deaths, but this death is different. Heath Ledger is my first celebrity crush to die.

Cassie Belek

Scene & Heard

Of course, my own feelings are inconsequential compared to those of his family and friends, who are mourning him deeply right now. My heart especially goes out to his daughter, Matilda Rose, who must grow up without her father. But if Ledger's death doesn't concern me, then why is this 21-year-old girl from Kansas so sad?

Maybe it's because I used to have pictures of him on my bedroom door. Maybe it's because my best friend Caitlin and I used to watch "10 Things I Hate About You" on repeat just to see him smile. Maybe it's because I had lengthy discussions with my friends at slumber parties over which hair color suited him best. Maybe it's because I was so angry when his character died in "The Patriot" because I wanted to see him get his happy ending.

After a week, the immediate shock of

Ledger's death has worn off, but it is still difficult to believe. Ledger was a prominent member of Young Hollywood, and his generation of performers has lost someone very special. Ledger was always a movie star, but he showed Hollywood he was an actor with "Brokeback Mountain." And most recently, Ledger had the difficult task of reinventing the Joker in the latest Batman film, "The Dark Knight." I know that he had a lifetime of Oscar nominations in his future.

As sad as it is for family, friends and fans, it's amazing to think of the extent of the consequences of an actor's sudden death. Ledger was six weeks into the filming of "The Imaginarium of Doctor Parnassus" with director Terry Gilliam and co-star Christopher Plummer. The future of that film (with an estimated \$30 million budget) is in jeopardy since the studio-soundstage filming was just about to begin. Meanwhile, rumors are circulating that Ledger hadn't completed any post-production work on "The Dark Knight," an involved process essential to any film, especially to those packed with special effects. Director Chris Nolan and Warner Bros. executives have yet to comment or make a public statement.

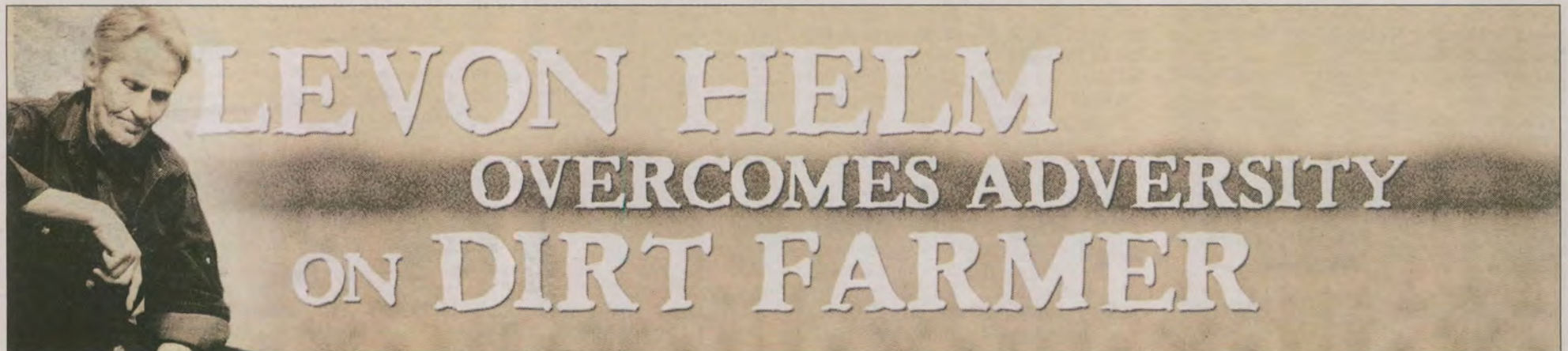
We still do not know Ledger's cause of death, but evidence is now pointing away from a drug overdose and toward natural causes, which is an apparent disappoint-

ment to the media. Entertainment shows and Web sites like TMZ.com had a field day following Ledger's death and never once refrained from speculating that Ledger had died from suicide or an accidental drug overdose. In the meantime, Ledger's family insisted that he would not have committed suicide and they pleaded to be left alone. It may be too much to ask the media to stop sensationalizing a tragic death, but just because Britney Spears and Amy Winehouse are complete messes, that doesn't mean everyone is.

In the end, does it really matter what his cause of death was? The fact remains that a daughter has lost a father, Hollywood and Australia have lost an amazing actor and a fan has lost a teenage crush. My heart will still melt whenever Ledger sings "Can't Take My Eyes Off of You" in "10 Things I Hate About You," but I will probably never be able to watch that movie in the same way ever again. I'll get that same sad feeling I get every time I watch James Dean in "Rebel Without a Cause." I'll be watching, knowing that I'll never get to see his movie star smile again and knowing that a brilliant film career was tragically cut short.

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JARRED WAFER | Observer Graphic

By JIMMY COSTA
Scene Writer

In 1998, Levon Helm lay in a hospital bed. Stricken by throat cancer, he underwent a torturous regimen of treatments, including chemotherapy and surgery, to beat the disease before it could kill him.

He survived, but it was feared that the old lead singer of The Band would never sing again. Yet last year, the Holmes Brothers released a record featuring Levon and daughter Amy singing on one track. This was a welcome surprise to those who thought

the elder Helm's career was dead. While the voice was a bit thin and coarser than it'd ever been, it maintained its integral character and affecting depth that defined Helm throughout his career.

"Dirt Farmer" is Levon's first record since being diagnosed with cancer. Mainly comprised of cover songs, the disc is a powerful demonstration of homage to his parents, who taught him how to use music to grasp beauty and solace in life's most difficult and broken experiences.

The record is also a stirring offer of gratitude and appreciation to the music that he grew up with and is now blessed to play again so many decades later. Indeed, the songs seem to come straight from the back porches and roadhouses of the Arkansas that Helm knew as a child — with his coarse, old, sweet voice now filling the spaces left for him by the lives of his parents and neighbors many years ago.

A poignant and tender mix of traditional southern backcountry songs including the traditional

"Blind Child," the Stanley Brothers standard "False-Hearted Lover Blues" and A.P. Carter's cheeky "Single Girl, Married Girl," the record gives them all new arrangements. These arrangements allow a fresh take on timeworn tunes, giving the listener a lesson on the roots of American music while creating a sound that is entirely contemporary and relevant in today's music scene.

To support the cover songs are a few original songs written by various friends which fit into the overall sound and feel of the disc. If there was ever any doubt about where The Band's Americana roots came from, a listen to this disc will dispel them. The roots of this record run deeper into the soil of rural America than any old oak in the Appalachians.

Helm has always had an incredibly expressive voice, and on "Dirt Farmer" that comes to forefront. While his voice cannot carry the way it did on some of The Band's best songs, Helm uses it more emotively than he ever did in his pre-cancer days.

Maybe it's a compensation for his lack of volume, but he's now trusting in its ability to carry a song. It is simply Helm at his best, singing wonderfully swaggering renditions of emo-

tionally powerful songs by one of the most distinctive voices in popular music.

There is an inherent honesty to his voice that ensures songs a sense of authenticity that would have likely been lost had anyone but Helm been singing.

For instance, the title track, which features Levon singing of the trials and misfortunes of a sharecropper who cannot harvest anything from the ground except stones and dirt, actually sounds like the singer has shared in the life of the farmer.

Helm's drawling howl is heavy with the outrage and sorrow of someone with a deep connection to the land and those who live by it and the heartbreak of being unable to find a life in the ground that is meant to nourish and sustain.

The best part of "Dirt Farmer" is that, after a few listens, it is clear that it is not just a good album for a man recovering from throat cancer. Rather, it is a good album — period. He sings his songs with great care, with honesty and, most importantly, with brave love.

Dirt Farmer
Levon Helm

Label: Vanguard Records

Recommended Tracks: "Dirt Farmer," "Blind Child" and "Single Girl, Married Girl"



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NBA

Barbosa's fourth quarter leads Suns over Bulls

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Shots were flying in all directions.

They hit the rim, they hit the backboard. They seemingly hit everything but the bottom of the net until Leandro Barbosa got going early in the fourth quarter and buried the Bulls again.

Barbosa led the decisive run, Amare Stoudemire scored 24 points and the Phoenix Suns pulled away in the fourth quarter to beat Chicago 88-77 Sunday.

"I always like to be aggressive," said Barbosa, who scored 13. "I saw the space for me to go to the basket and I made the shot, so I was happy."

Last season, he buried a 3-pointer with 1.5 seconds left to lift the Suns to a one-point win at the United Center. This time, he started a 12-0 run in the fourth with a baseline drive and two 3-pointers, sending the Suns to their sixth win in seven games. That allowed Phoenix to exhale after three difficult quarters and a trying week.

The Suns needed a last-second jumper by Shawn Marion to beat Cleveland on Friday

after losing at Minnesota two nights earlier. Back spasms kept Grant Hill on the sideline against Chicago, and atrocious shooting made this game closer than it should have been.

The Suns won despite finishing with their second-lowest point total of the season and going 5-of-25 on 3-pointers — after hitting 17 against Cleveland.

Stoudemire hit 9 of 16 shots, while Marion added 15 points and 11 rebounds. But they got little help for most of the game.

Steve Nash finished with 14 points, even though he did not score until he hit a 3-pointer midway through the second quarter.

"We played hard," Stoudemire said. "It was a scrappy game. There are going to be a lot of loose balls, a lot of long rebounds. You've just got to have the heart to get those type of wins."

Kirk Hinrich did all he could to keep the Bulls in the game, finishing with 31 points — the second time in less than a week he scored more than 30.

"I'm just trying to be aggressive," Hinrich said. "[I'm] trying to make a conscious effort to

take the ball to the basket, trying to make plays."

The Suns made just enough and finished 3-1 on this trip.

"It was a tough trip," Nash said. "We don't match up well with Minnesota. We had a tough win at Cleveland. It was a difficult game for us to play, early on a Sunday. Overall, we'll take it."

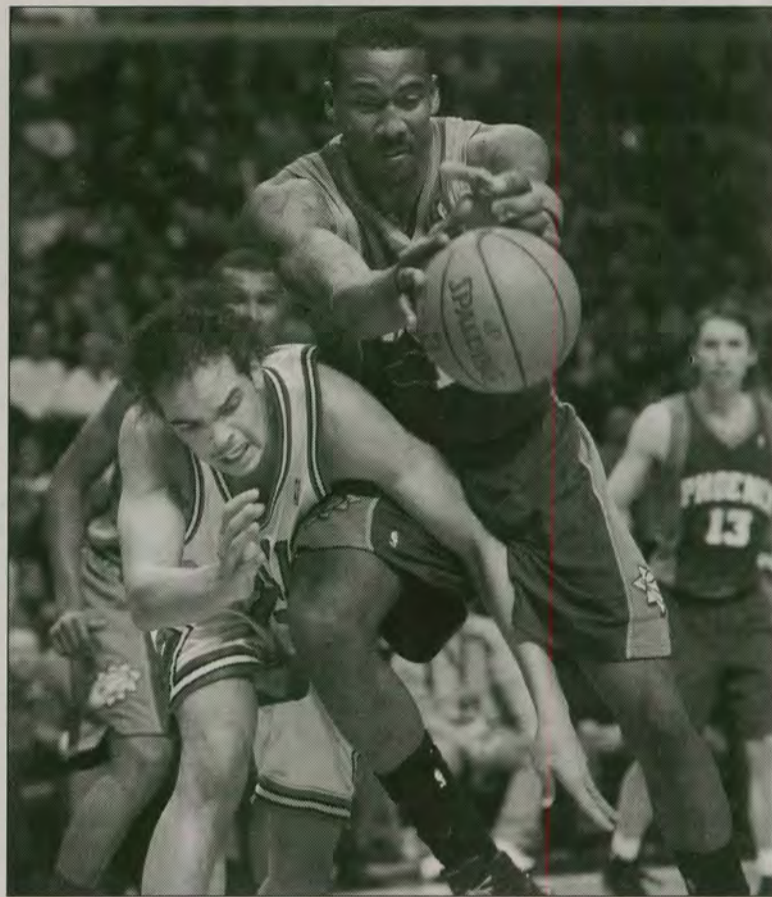
Stoudemire said: "It's definitely a successful trip, even though we lost one. We'll take it. It's definitely a positive for us."

The Suns held the Bulls to 34.7 percent shooting, and coach Mike D'Antoni believes his team deserves more credit for its defense.

"Nobody will give us credit," he said.

It's easy to overlook, considering the Pacific Division leaders came into the game averaging a league-high 110 points. They were facing a team that was 0-17 when allowing 100 or more, and Chicago was also shooting a league-low 42.3 percent.

Yet, the Bulls put up a fight even without Ben Gordon and Luol Deng, who sat out again because of injuries.



Suns center Amare Stoudemire fights for a loose ball against Bulls forward Joakim Noah in Phoenix's 88-77 win Sunday.

SMC SWIMMING

Belles drop third straight

By PETE REISENAUER
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's was unable to stop the bleeding Friday, falling to nationally ranked Calvin and extending its losing streak to three meets.

Calvin posted victories in nine of the first 10 events and recorded a 131-99 win over Saint Mary's. The Belles' record fell to 5-5 in dual meets and 2-3 in MIAA competition, while Calvin improved to 4-1 overall and 3-0 in the MIAA.

Despite the loss, Belles coach Ryan Dombkowski was impressed with some of his swimmers' efforts, and said he feels very good about his team's chances for the rest of the year.

"The team swam great on Friday after a hard week of

practice that was really looking ahead towards our conference meet with very little rest or focus on anything before then," Dombkowski said.

Some of the Belles posted their best times of the year in the loss. The all-freshman 200-yard medley relay of Reggie Williams, Casey Niezer, Caroline Arness and Lauren Hartman finished in a school-record time of 1:55.03. The group bested the previous record of 1:55.73, which was posted in the 2003 season.

The 200 freestyle relay team not only won the race, but it also posted the Belles' best time in the event in the last five years with a mark of 1:43.70.

Mary Kate Daday and Molly Schall posted personal-best swims in the 1,000 freestyle,

and Daday recorded a season-best time in the 500 freestyle.

"People in swimming will understand that doing this during an unrested mid-January dual meet is huge and means some great things when our championship meet comes around in about three weeks," Dombkowski said.

Dombkowski also has high hopes for the Belles' only home meet of the year, which is this weekend.

"We had a great day of practice Saturday morning, and we are looking forward to our home meet on Friday night again at Kalamazoo," Dombkowski said. "Again, it's not really at this point that we can afford to look much away from our training to focus on a single dual meet, but hopefully the motivation of our only home meet of the year will lead to some great performances."

The Belles have already posted a school record for dual meet wins with five.

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"We had a great day of practice Saturday morning, and we are looking forward to our home meet on Friday night again at Kalamazoo."

Ryan Dombkowski
Belles coach

MEN'S TRACK AND FIELD

Benninger continues rapid pace, beats mark

By PAT STYNES
Sports Writer

Senior Kurt Benninger is running like a man possessed. To start the season, he torched the field in the Indoor Opener and ran the second-fastest 3,000-meter time in the nation.

This weekend, Benninger showed his speed once again as the All-American ripped off a 4:02.90 mile, which beat the NCAA provisional mark of 4:04. His strong showing helped the Irish to a 52-point victory over second-place Michigan State in the Notre Dame Invitational at Loftus.

"Kurt has been solid for a long time," Irish coach Joe Piane said. "Along with the other upperclassmen, he has been a strong leader on the team."

In the short distance events, freshman Miklos Szebeny continues to impress. For the second week in a row the Hungarian runner took first place in the 60-

meter dash, while also nabbing the top spot in the 200-meter event.

Thrower Greg Davis also showcased the underclassmen's talent. Davis, a freshman, easily took first place in the weight throw event with a distance of 17.48 meters.

"The underclassmen have really stepped up this year," Piane said. "It is great that the younger guys are getting experience, but to have them contributing the way they are is even better."

Irish junior Billy Buzaid led the squad of the middle distance runners, winning the 500-meter race with a time of 1:03.80. Buzaid had already earned a Big East championship qualification in the Blue and Gold Invitational, but Friday's time was almost a second better than his earlier time of 1:04.50.

An Irish athlete took top honors in nine different events. The team will next compete Friday at the two-day Indiana Invitational.

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NHL

Eastern Conference, Atlantic Division

team	record	pts.	GF	GA
New Jersey	28-18-3	59	125	115
Philadelphia	27-16-5	59	160	138
Pittsburgh	27-18-4	58	143	133
NY Islanders	24-20-6	54	124	141
NY Rangers	24-21-6	54	124	129

Eastern Conference, Northeast Division

team	record	pts.	GF	GA
Ottawa	31-15-4	66	174	145
Montreal	26-15-8	60	154	136
Boston	25-19-5	55	129	133
Buffalo	21-21-6	48	142	139
Toronto	20-23-8	48	142	164

Eastern Conference, Southeast Division

team	record	pts.	GF	GA
Carolina	24-24-4	52	158	170
Washington	23-22-5	51	147	156
Atlanta	23-25-4	50	141	175
Florida	22-24-5	49	130	147
Tampa Bay	20-25-5	45	145	168

Western Conference, Central Division

team	record	pts.	GF	GA
Detroit	37-10-4	78	174	110
Columbus	25-20-6	56	128	126
Nashville	25-20-5	55	146	138
St. Louis	22-19-7	51	123	136
Chicago	23-23-4	50	139	143

Western Conference, Northwest Division

team	record	pts.	GF	GA
Minnesota	28-19-3	59	138	138
Calgary	25-17-8	58	146	143
Vancouver	26-19-5	57	131	121
Colorado	26-20-4	56	138	138
Edmonton	23-24-5	51	140	158

Western Conference, Pacific Division

team	record	pts.	GF	GA
Dallas	28-20-5	61	154	138
San Jose	27-15-7	61	139	119
Anaheim	27-20-6	60	135	137
Phoenix	26-21-2	54	135	134
Los Angeles	20-29-2	42	143	169

NCAA Men's Basketball ESPN/USA Today Poll

	team	record	previous
1	Memphis(21)	17-0	2
2	Kansas(10)	18-0	3
3	Duke	15-1	5
4	North Carolina	18-1	1
5	Tennessee	16-1	7
6	Washington State	16-1	8
7	UCLA	16-2	4
8	Indiana	16-1	10
9	Georgetown	14-2	6
10	Michigan State	16-2	11
11	Wisconsin	15-2	17
12	Texas	14-3	19
13	Vanderbilt	17-2	14
14	Butler	17-2	12
15	Mississippi	15-2	15

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PGA



Tiger Woods celebrates after sinking a birdie putt at the Buick Invitational golf tournament Sunday in San Diego. Sunday's victory gives Woods 62 career PGA Tour wins tying him with Arnold Palmer for fourth all-time.

Woods wins fourth consecutive Buick title

Associated Press

SAN DIEGO, Calif. — Tiger Woods joined the King, and left everyone else at the Buick Invitational feeling like paupers.

In his most dominant start to a season, Woods built an 11-shot lead Sunday until his game and the fickle weather turned cold on the back nine. A birdie on the last hole gave him a 1-under 71 and an eight-shot victory, giving him 62 for his career to tie Arnold Palmer on the PGA Tour list.

"I'm sure that there are many, many more coming in the future," Palmer said. "There isn't any question about that."

Just like there was no

question about the outcome.

Woods opened with a 40-foot birdie putt, threw in a 60-foot birdie just to keep a four-deep gallery from falling asleep, and only looked mortal when he made three straight bogeys toward the end of his round.

All that did was affect the final margin, not the name on the trophy.

Woods finished at 19-under 269 to win the Buick Invitational for the fourth consecutive year, tying a PGA Tour record for consecutive wins in a single tournament. Woods is the only player to own such a streak at two events, having also won four in a row at Bay Hill.

Ryuji Imada matched the best score of the final round with a 67 and was the runner-up.

Woods returns to Torrey Pines in June for the U.S. Open, and if this week was any indication, it could be another long week for his peers. The world's No. 1 player now has won six times as a pro at Torrey Pines, and his comment that the Grand Slam is "easily within reason" looked every bit of that.

"What he's going to do is screw the U.S. Open up for everyone else," Fred Couples said. "If he had shot 10 or 11 under, the USGA would have said, 'Well, maybe we have it in the right spot.' Now, they

may have to regroup a little."

Then again, it might not matter.

Woods has won his last two PGA Tour events by eight shots, and this was the ninth time in his career he has won by at least eight.

"I wanted to go out there and make no bogeys and shoot something under par," Woods said. "I got half of it right."

The 71 ended Woods' streak of 14 consecutive rounds in the 60s, dating to the second round of the Deutsche Bank Championship. He has finished no worse than second since the British Open in July, when he tied for 12th at Carnoustie.

IN BRIEF

Djokovic beats Tsonga to win Australian Open

MELBOURNE, Australia — Novak Djokovic started making peace with the crowd as soon as he lifted the trophy.

After beating Jo-Wilfried Tsonga 4-6, 6-4, 6-3, 7-6 (2) Sunday night to win the Australian Open for his first Grand Slam title, Djokovic knew a little public relations was in order.

True, he had kept the Rod Laver Arena crowd in stitches last week with his Maria Sharapova impersonation. But Djokovic also had upset Roger Federer in the semifinals and now had eliminated Tsonga, who was riding a great wave into the title match.

"I know the crowd wanted him to win more," Djokovic said. "That's OK. It's all right. I still love you guys — don't worry. I'm very, very happy that I won my first Grand Slam here, so hopefully we'll see you here on this stage a lot more often."

Miller takes over top spot with victory

CHAMONIX, France — His hip so sore he questioned if he could ski, Bode Miller won a super-combi Sunday and took over first place in the World Cup overall standings.

Miller won for the fourth time this season and catapulted from third to first in the standings, overtaking previous leader Benjamin Raich of Austria.

"I was wondering this morning if I could ski," Miller said. "I fell Saturday during the slalom practice. I have a bruised left hip."

He has been racing in pain since Thursday when he crashed during downhill training. The New Hampshire star led after the downhill and finished in a combined time of 2 minutes, 34.58 seconds after the slalom.

The aim in slalom for me is simply to finish," he said. "If I take risks, I'm out."

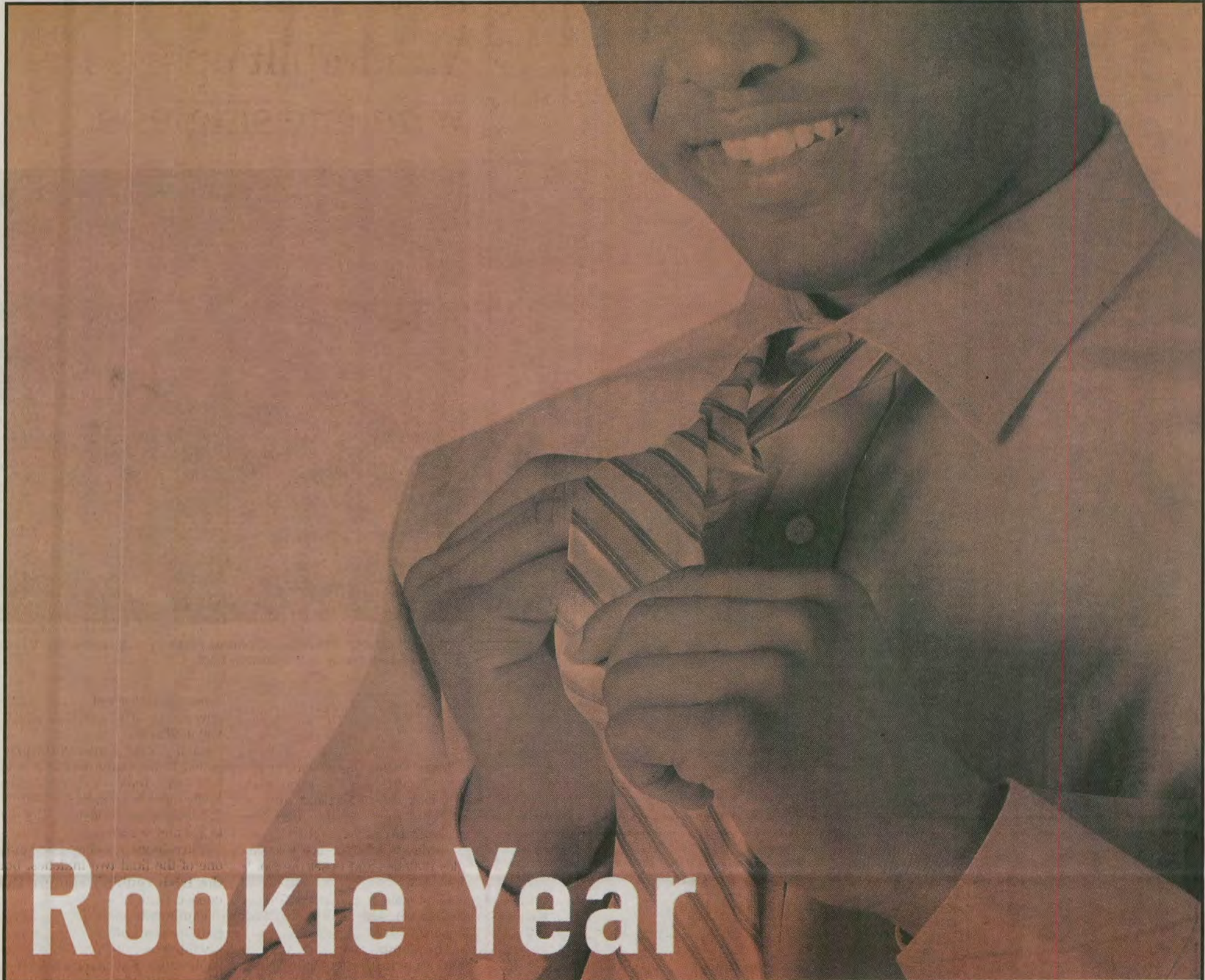
Ovechkin, East edge West in NHL All-Star game

ATLANTA — Marc Savard made Atlanta feel like home all over again.

With hockey luminaries such as Sidney Crosby sitting at home, Savard stepped on up. The Boston Bruins forward scored the winning goal with 20.9 seconds left Sunday night to lift the Eastern Conference to an 8-7 win over the West.

Real early it looked as though it would be a night for the West when Rick Nash scored the first of his three goals a record-quick 12 seconds into the game. But the East took charge with five straight, including two by Alex Ovechkin — Crosby's rival for top player in the NHL.

Yet in the end, after the West erased a 5-1 deficit to go ahead 7-6, Savard — a former star for the host Atlanta Thrashers — brought the local fans out of their seats to cheer for him again.



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- Tuesday, Jan. 29th at 6:00 pm - Performing Arts Clubs
- Wednesday, Jan. 30th at 5:00 pm - Special Interest Clubs
- Wednesday, Jan. 30th at 6:00 pm - Social Service Clubs*
- Thursday, Jan. 31st at 5:30 pm - Cultural Clubs
- Thursday, Jan. 31st at 6:30 pm - Athletic Clubs

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ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

Vanderbilt upsets Irish with late singles surge



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Irish sophomore Cosmina Ciobanu returns a forearm shot last March in a Notre Dame win over UIC.

By LORENZO REYES
Sports Writer

Notre Dame was ahead on the road against No. 16 Vanderbilt and looked as if it would move to 2-0 on the season. But the Commodores fought back Saturday to take the last two singles matches and upset the No. 9 Irish 4-3.

Vanderbilt improved to 5-0 on the season, with each win coming against a ranked opponent.

The Commodores are sure to move up in the rankings, and rightfully so in the eyes of Irish head coach Jay Louderback.

"Vandy's a good team," Louderback said. "They belong in the top 10. It was tough for us to go on the road and play them. We had our chances but they played well."

Despite the loss, Louderback saw some positives — specifically in coming from behind to take the competition-opening doubles point.

Vanderbilt evened the match with a straight-set 6-1, 6-4 victory by junior Courtney Ulrey over Irish sophomore Colleen Rielley. Rielley dropped to 7-4 overall and 1-1 in dual matches.

The rollercoaster feel of the match continued as Irish junior Kelcy Tefft upended Commodores senior Taka Bertrand 6-3, 6-1 to give the Irish a 2-1 lead. Tefft improved to 6-3 overall and 2-0 in dual matches.

The Commodores drew even at 2-2 when Irish sophomore Cosmina Ciobanu dropped her match to Vanderbilt senior

Amanda Taylor 6-4, 6-2. Ciobanu now stands at 12-5 overall and 1-1 in dual action.

Irish junior Katie Potts propelled Notre Dame to a 3-2 lead when she took down freshman Keilly Ulery in straight sets 7-5, 7-5, bringing her dual match record to 2-0 and 9-1 overall.

Notre Dame needed to win only one of the final two matches, but the Irish couldn't capture the needed victory.

Vanderbilt took the final two matches as Commodores senior Caroline Ferrell defeated Irish sophomore Kali Krisik 6-2, 6-4. The result of the match came down to the final singles contest, in which Vanderbilt sophomore Catherine Newman prevailed over Irish senior Brook Buck 4-6, 6-3, 6-2. Buck now stands at 4-6 on the year and 0-2 in dual matches.

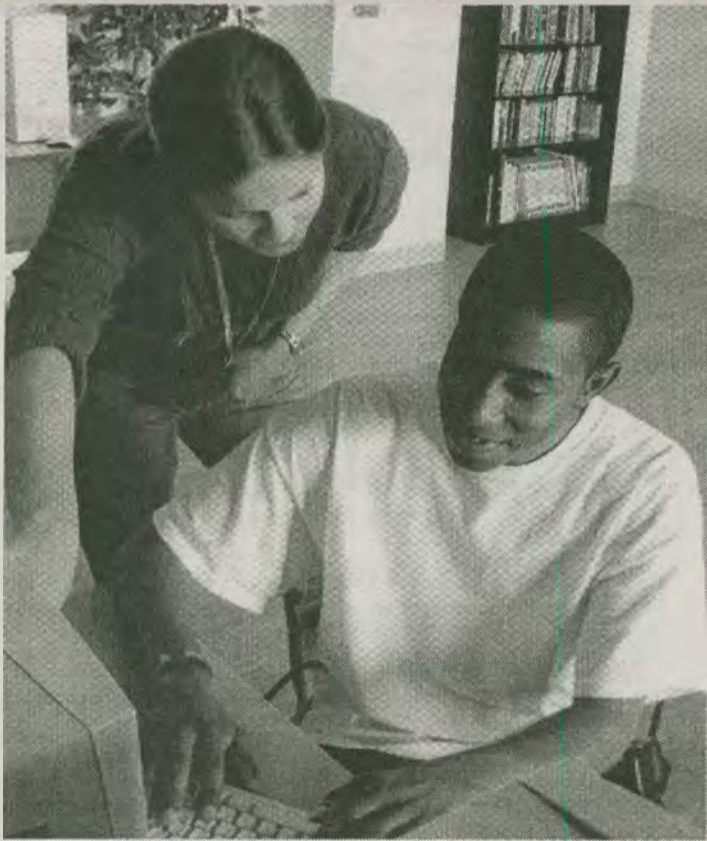
Louderback said his team struggled in singles play partly because of the performance of some of the Irish veterans.

"We won two of the singles matches," Louderback said. "What we need to do is play better at the top of the lineup. Cosmina lost a tough one at No. 1, while Brook's match was a long and close one at No. 2. Colleen lost a winnable match at No. 3."

"If we can play better at the top of the line-up, our chances of winning will be better."

Notre Dame will conclude its three-match season-opening road slate against No. 23 Michigan Thursday in Ann Arbor, Mich.

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stretch," Corrigan said.

Robert Morris, which is in just its fourth season as a varsity squad, put forth a strong effort but failed to find much success against the Irish.

"They're still a growing program," Corrigan said. "I think they tried to force a few things early that didn't help them."

The Irish displayed a bal-

anced offensive attack, and also had many defenders making plays.

"We executed well on a lot of things we had worked on," Corrigan said. "We saw that we did those things pretty good and are ready to take on more."

Notre Dame has a final tune-up Sunday with an exhibition against Bucknell before beginning the regular season Feb. 16 against Loyola.

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ND WOMEN'S SWIMMING

Lopsided win sends seniors out in style

By JARED JEDICK
Sports Writer

Notre Dame shellacked Big East rival West Virginia on a day dedicated to sending the team's seniors out of their last home meet in style.

The 249-116 Irish victory improved the Irish to 4-7 on the season and put them at 2-1 against Big East foes.

Beating West Virginia as badly as they did was a good sign for the Irish.

"West Virginia is very good," Irish coach Carrie Nixon said. "They have a lot of great underclassmen and should be one of the better teams in the conference."

The seniors soaked in the moments of their final regular season meet at Rolfs Aquatic Center, as did Nixon.

"This was the first class I had worked with for four straight years, first as an assistant and then as their head coach," Nixon said. "This is the first group that we all went through the whole journey together."

The Irish earned the top spots in 17 out of 20 events. Thirteen of the victories came in individual events and four in relays.

West Virginia served as a final tune-up for the team, as the Irish needed to get as much work as possible on their techniques and timing before post-

season competition.

Notre Dame clocked in the top three times in both the 200-yard freestyle and the 100 breaststroke.

Surging junior Christa Riggins (1:50.36) won the 200 freestyle and was followed closely by fellow Irish freshman Lauren Sylvester and junior Casey Wagner.

Freshman Sam Maxwell (1:02.61) won the 10 breaststroke for the fourth consecutive meet. Freshmen Amywren Miller and Lizzie Gormley rounded out the top three for the event.

The Irish divers also fared well against the Mountaineers. They earned the first and second spots in both the 1-meter and the 3-meter dives.

Sophomore Natalie Stitt took first place in both the 1-meter (306.89) and the 3-meter (315.00) dives. She was followed in both events by freshman teammate Heidi Grossman, who earned scores of 276.60 in the 1-meter and 295.21 in the 3-meter.

The Irish now have a long break before the Big East Championship in the Nassau County Aquatic Center in East Meadow, N.Y., from Feb. 20-23. They will be pursuing their 12th consecutive Big East title.

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ND WOMEN'S TRACK

Victory in last event seals a tie against MSU

By ALEX BARKER and ANDY ZICCARRELLI
Sports Writers

The Irish women's 4x400-meter relay team won the last event of the Notre Dame Invitational Friday at the Loftus Sports Center to clinch an overall tie with Michigan State in the Invitational.

Down by three points to the Spartans with one event remaining, Notre Dame needed a win and a Michigan State third-place finish to pull even with the Spartans. The Irish relay team triumphed with a season-best time of 3:52.61, and they received help from Marquette, who edged out Michigan State for second place — allowing Notre Dame to slip into a tie with the Michigan State. Both squads finished the meet with 118 points.

Still, Irish coach Tim Connelly said the competition did not reflect his team's capability.

"We still have a very long way to go to be at full strength and close to our full potential," Connelly said.

Junior Anna Weber's domination of the throwing events was crucial to Notre Dame's success. Weber got the meet started for the Irish by coming from behind to win the weight throw competition on her final attempt. Her winning toss of 61 feet, 11 inches was not only a career-long, but it also quali-

fied her for the NCAA championship meet.

Weber also finished strong for the Irish, taking the shot put title in the second-to-last event of the meet with a season-long throw of 45 feet 10 inches. Teammate Jaelyn Espinoza also recorded her season-high mark in the shot put, finishing third and earning points that proved critical in the Irish comeback.

Notre Dame's long-jumpers took the top three spots in their events, led by junior Alyssa Hasan, whose jump of 18 feet 9 inches was good for first place in the event. Sophomore Jaime Minor finished second with a leap of 18 feet 6 inches, and junior Mary Saxer came in third with a jump of 18 feet 3 inches.

Connelly said the Irish will not let up anytime soon.

"The big focus for us will be to continue to improve and continue to compete hard," Connelly said. "If we compete well against better competition, our times will continue to drop and we will start to work our way into a position where scoring well at the conference meet becomes realistic."

The team will return to action Friday at the Indiana Invitational in Bloomington, Ind.

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SMC BASKETBALL

Hope bests Belles in clutch

By GRIFFIN DASSATTI
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's hung tough with the No. 1 team in Division III for all 60 minutes of Saturday's game.

Unfortunately, hanging tough did not end up being enough, as the Belles lost to No. 1 Hope (17-0, 9-0 MIAA) 82-73 at the Angela Athletic Center.

Though the Belles entered the game 0-21 all-time against the Flying Dutch, the first half looked promising for the home squad. Saint Mary's gained a 10-4 lead early in the game, and after sophomore forward Anna Kammrath's layup put them up 16-14 with 9:08 to go, the Belles rode their lead into the locker room at halftime.

Senior guard Alison Kessler, the reigning MIAA player of the week, scored 10 of her team-high 21 points before the break. Coming into Sunday's game, Kessler said, nerves were not a problem for the Belles.

"We were very excited to play Hope and we knew that we could play with them," she said. "At halftime, we had even more confidence because we were up."

The second half began with a barrage of scoring from the Flying Dutch, who turned their three-point halftime deficit into a 49-40 lead in just under five minutes. Senior guard Jordan Boles, who scored 10 of her game-high 27 points in those five minutes, led Hope's surge.

The lead fluctuated a bit before a Boles three-pointer gave Hope a 10-point cushion with 8:34 to go in the game. But just as quickly as they'd lost the



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Belles senior guard Alison Kessler puts up a shot against Tri-State in a 74-71 Saint Mary's victory last week.


lead to begin the half, the Belles came storming back, with two Kessler free throws cutting the deficit to three with 6:37 left.

Though the lead eventually reached 10 again, the Belles regrouped once more. Junior forward Erin Newsom's jumper with 2:14 left in the game brought the score to 74-71. Unfortunately for the Belles, this was their last attempt at a comeback. Hope hit a few clutch free throws as the Belles could not get any of their last-ditch three-pointers to fall.

Despite the loss, which was their second in a row, the Belles got another solid performance from their leaders. Kessler backed up her 21-point outing with seven assists and seven rebounds. Junior guard Katie Rashid netted 13 points, Kammrath finished with 12, and Newsom contributed 11 points and nine rebounds.

Saint Mary's will look to rebound Wednesday night when the Belles head to Olivet.

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MEN'S SWIMMING

Notre Dame beats Mountaineers on senior day

Squad took early lead, dominated afternoon competition; junior Michael Bulfin breaks school record on 3-meter board

By CHRIS DOYEN and ELLYN MICHALAK
Sports Writers

Victory never felt so sweet for Notre Dame's seven seniors. Notre Dame led after the morning session and dominated the afternoon session of the Shamrock Dual Meet Invitational Saturday en route to a 214-150 victory over West Virginia on senior day for the Irish.

The seniors went out on a high note while swimming in front of a home crowd for the last time. "Everybody likes to win," Irish coach Tim Welsh said. "But I think probably the most important thing for us yesterday was to swim well and have fun. We like being at home." The Irish snagged six individual titles along with a record-breaking dive by junior Michael Bulfin in the 3-meter board. Bulfin broke the school-record

with a score of 393.37. The Irish swept the 200-yard freestyle, securing the top six spots. Sophomore John Lytle won, followed by sophomore Patrick Lloyd, senior Rob Seery, freshman Robert Kingery, freshman Steven Brus and freshman Joseph Deters won the 1,650 freestyle in 15:57.12 and took the top spot in the 500 freestyle. Notre Dame also captured all four point-earning positions in the 200 butterfly, and it domi-

nated the day's relay races. Notre Dame earned the top two spots in the 800 freestyle and 400 freestyle, and the Irish won the 200 freestyle relay. In the same diving event in which Bulfin set the school record, senior Sam Stoner came in second, followed by freshman Wesley Villaflor. On the 1-meter diving boards, Bulfin, Stoner and senior Steven Crowe earned the top three spots, respectively.

Welsh said he was happy to defeat the Mountaineers, who won the Shamrock Invitational last year. "[West Virginia] has a smaller roster than they did last year," Welsh said. "Nevertheless, we wanted to see how we match up with them, and it was good to come out on top." The Irish are now 4-1 in the series versus the Mountaineers. The Irish will next head to East Meadow, N.Y., on February 20-23 to compete in the Big East Conference Championship. The Irish have finished in top four of the tournament each of the past 10 years. Notre Dame won the title in the 2005-06 season before a second place finish last year.

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FENCING

Irish fall to rival Ohio State at NYU

By KEN FOWLER
Sports Writer

Round 1 goes to Ohio State.

The Buckeyes, Notre Dame's bitter rivals, went 12-0 and in the process topped the Irish in both the men's and women's competitions Saturday at the NYU Duals, the most important team event of the regular season.

"Ohio State, it looks at this point as the strongest team in the nation," Notre Dame coach Janusz Bednarski said. "By night, by day, they have a lot of seniors."

The Notre Dame women, ranked No. 1 in the first U.S. Fencing Coaches Association poll, lost to the Buckeyes and to Columbia, finishing the competition third with a record of 4-2. The Irish men, ranked No. 3, lost only to Ohio State — and by a single bout.

"This year is still open, but we are not having a separation from the competition," Bednarski said. "We are not the strongest at this point, but we are not the weakest."

The Buckeyes topped the Irish women 15-12, and Columbia beat the Notre Dame women by the same score.

The Irish fenced without sophomore epeeist Kelley Hurley, who competed in Europe as part of her push to make the U.S. Olympic team for the 2008 Beijing Games. Vanessa Rosa, who fenced in Hurley's absence, went 0-3 against the Buckeyes; she would have

needed a 2-1 mark for the Irish to win.

"We should look a little bit stronger on the women's side," Bednarski said of an Irish squad with Hurley's presence. "But who knows? Even a great fencer can lose."

Bednarski said the mixed results were indicative of the strong level of competition among the nation's top schools. Besides Ohio State and Columbia, top-10 teams from St. John's, Yale and Northwestern also competed in New York.

"It's very tough competition," Bednarski said. "It's very tough. We simply were fighting to the end in all the crucial competitions."

The Buckeyes men's and women's squads will probably take over the No. 1 national ranking. Columbia, meanwhile, went 4-1 on the women's side and 2-3 in the men's competition.

History indicates that Saturday's result might not predict how the season-ending NCAA Championships in March will turn out. The Irish had great difficulty with the Buckeyes in 2007 but finished fourth to Ohio State's fifth in the title competition.

"It's not final. We will probably have different results in the NCAA competition," Bednarski said. "But, believe me, it's not easy."

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and did not give up any real scoring chances.

"It was good sign for us to come out and play a strong first period," Thang said. "We hadn't been doing that at the beginning of the year."

And Notre Dame didn't stop after the first period. Senior captain Mark Van Guilder, freshman Calle Ridderwall, and junior Christian Hanson added goals before the final horn sounded.

With the outcome no longer in doubt in the third period, the play took on a more physical tone. Bowling Green forward Todd McIlrath took an apparent cheap shot at Irish goalie Jordan Pearce 8:11 into the period. Notre Dame senior Brock Sheahan stood up for his teammate, sparring with McIlrath. Both players received two-minute roughing penalties.

The violence escalated nine minutes later, when Sheahan was whistled for a slash on McIlrath. Players from both teams exchanged blows in front of Bowling Green's bench. When all was said and done, six players received 10-minute misconduct penalties for their involvement.

"I think that something should have been done [after Pearce was run over]," Jackson said. "Our team will protect our goalie if the referee doesn't."

Though Jackson expected the emotions to spill over to Saturday night, only two

penalties were called in the first period of the second game, neither for excessively violent conduct.

Notre Dame's newfound power-play spark continued as the Irish netted another two goals with the man advantage, both from freshman Ben Ryan.

Ryan put the Irish up 1-0 4:33 into the first period after he slammed home a rebound of a Kyle Lawson slap shot.

After freshman Ian Cole beat Falcon goalie Jimmy Spratt on his glove side to put the Irish up 2-0, Bowling Green mounted a comeback when forward Dan Sexton beat Pearce on a shorthanded breakaway at 11:58 of the second period.

But any Falcon hopes were quickly put to rest by Ryan, who tallied three points total on the night. Ryan received Kissel's pass all alone on Spratt's right side and buried a shot under the crossbar.

An empty net goal from sophomore Kevin Deeth wrapped up the scoring for the Irish, who said they are relieved to have regained their offensive rhythm.

"We're pretty excited," Thang said. "To finally get some goals is a big sigh of relief."

Notre Dame will be in action again Friday when it takes on the U.S. Under-18 National Team in the Joyce Center. The Irish do not have another CCHA game until facing off against Ferris State on Feb. 8.

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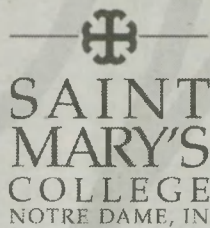
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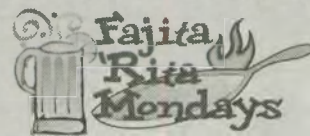
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court press, which had been suffocating throughout the second half. Ayers found an open Luke Harangody under the basket for an easy dunk and a lead the Irish would not relinquish.

"They were pressing hard and they cut it to six when I got that last dunk so that was a big play," Harangody said. "Ryan was able to get the ball up-court and that was a big play for us."

The dunk was one of several second-half slams for the sophomore forward, who had one over Villanova forward Dante Cunningham three minutes earlier. Harangody received a

pass from senior Rob Kurz and put it in despite being fouled by Cunningham. Cunningham fouled out on the play, and Harangody converted the free throw to put the Irish ahead 76-62.

"That was a big part of the game," Harangody said. "Rob gave me a great pass and luckily I was able to finish."

Irish coach Mike Brey said Harangody's presence allowed the Irish to spread out the Wildcats defense.

"We were able to play inside-out off of Harangody," Brey said. "When we can do that, we're really pretty good and can play with just about anybody."

Harangody finished with 25 points and 10 rebounds. But while the big man's play was the key to holding off

Villanova's late charge, the Irish built the lead behind McAlarney's sweet shooting. The junior guard was 10-of-16 from the field and 5-of-9 on 3-point attempts.

"I was aggressive the whole game," McAlarney said. "I didn't want to turn down any shots. I just wanted to go for it."

McAlarney said he enjoyed playing at Philadelphia's Wachovia Center, which has an NBA-length 3-point line as well as a college line. He made several jumpers from behind the professional arc.

"Not too many other people can step out that far," McAlarney said. "It's kind of a challenge for me ... to keep stepping back."

The Irish gave up 80 points but held Reynolds, the reigning Big East player of the week, to 13 points on 5-of-13 shooting.

"He got some buckets at the end of the game but I thought we did a great job on him," Harangody said. "Going into the game, that was probably our main concern."

Kurz scored 12 points and Ayers chipped in 10 points off the bench for the Irish. Sophomore point guard Tory Jackson added nine points and seven assists while committing just two turnovers.

"Everyone did their job and that's what we need to get those big wins," McAlarney said. "Everyone contributed and that's really what we need down the road."

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Kyle McAlarney
Irish guard

Charles

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Charles was also able to work well against Notre Dame's attempts to double-team her because of a lack of execution on Notre Dame's part.

"We knew we had to double-team her to stop her and we weren't able to get the other person down there," McGraw said.

McGraw took the blame for her team's inability to stop Charles down low, saying she should have worked more on preventing the 6-foot-4 sophomore from getting the ball.

Charles said playing down low was just a big part of Huskies coach Geno Auriemma's game plan all season.

"Coach [Auriemma] always tells the post players to be aggressive in the lane and dominate as much as you can and that's what I did," she said.

Connecticut was able to maintain a healthy lead throughout most of the second half because of its defense.

The biggest scare Notre Dame gave Connecticut in the second half came at the 8:28 mark when the Irish were down by 12. Irish guard Ashley Barlow drove hard to the basket and attempted a layup, which was blocked by Huskies forward Charde Houston. The Huskies took the ball down the court on a fast break when Montgomery pulled up from behind the 3-point line and nailed a shot that put Connecticut up by 15 and forced Notre Dame to use a timeout.

McGraw and Auriemma both said the play was a big momentum swing that helped decide the outcome of the game.

McGraw said the play was also big because a foul could have been called on Barlow's layup attempt.

"That play really affected the morale of the team," she said. "We lost it for a few minutes there and that's something that we need to learn — to weather that storm a little bit better."

Barlow said she remembered the play but didn't know for certain if she was fouled or not.

The game seemed to start off as a game of one-on-one between Allen and Huskies

freshman guard Maya Moore. At the first official timeout, with Connecticut leading 15-11, Moore had scored all 15 Huskies points and Allen had nine of Notre Dame's.

While Allen remained a presence in Notre Dame's offense the rest of the night, Moore disappeared, finishing with only those 15 points she scored in the opening minutes of the game.

One reason for Moore's drought was McGraw's switch from a standard 2-3 zone to the triangle-and-two and box-and-one defense to try and stop the guard from getting any more easy looks. Moore said she has to play better when going up against unconventional defenses like the ones she saw Sunday night.

"I think I should find other ways to score when they are throwing those different types of defenses at me," she said. "I have to find other ways to be productive offensively like crashing the boards for offensive rebounds."

Despite giving up 81 points for the second consecutive game, McGraw said she feels her team has improved considerably on defense, especially when compared to its game against Tennessee on Jan. 5.

McGraw also said she no longer feels her team is "the worst defensive team in the Big East" — her sentiment after the Irish lost 81-80 on Jan. 22 against DePaul.

"I think we see that we're more of a zone team," McGraw said. "We had some success with the zone tonight so I think we need to look at that tonight."

Notes

◆ Freshman forward Devereaux Peters had her first collegiate double-double Sunday night, but still thought that she could have played better.

"I still have to work on my fouls," she said. "That's a major problem for me. I feel like that's really hurting the team a lot."

◆ Sunday night's game was a sellout — the second this season for Notre Dame and the fifth in team history. The first this season was against Tennessee on Jan. 5.

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to Cavaliers freshman Sanam Singh, giving the Cavaliers a 3-1 edge. Anderson was serving for the first set at 5-3, but couldn't hang on and lost 7-5, 6-1.

Virginia's No. 1, senior Somdev Devvarman, clinched the win for the Cavaliers when he defeated Irish junior Brett Helgeson 6-4, 6-3.

"Helgeson had a tough match against Toledo [on Jan. 20] that he learned from," Bayliss said. "Their No. 2 ran everything down, and forced Brett to come in."

Irish senior Andrew Roth fell to Cavaliers senior Trent Huey 6-7 (4-7), 6-2, 6-3 in the day's longest match. Roth battled back after being down 5-2 in the first set and won it in a tiebreaker. Huey was able to regain his composure and dominate the last two sets.

"Roth can really make you work," Bayliss said. "Once he sinks his teeth into a match, he doesn't let go."

The Irish held early leads in all three of the doubles matches but

couldn't earn the doubles point.

Parbhu and Helgeson jumped out to an early 3-2 lead over Devvarman and Huey, the nation's best doubles team. The Cavaliers took the match by a score of 8-4.


The Irish duo of Tyler Davis and Santiago Montoya had an early 2-1 lead at the No. 3 doubles position. However, Angelinos and Cavaliers sophomore Lee Singer were up for the challenge and continued Virginia's dominance in rolling to an 8-4 victory.

"I am pleased with the doubles," Bayliss said. "[No. 3] doubles did a great job; they make a lot of balls, and responded well. I am also pleased with our No. 2 team [Roth and Havens]."

Roth and Havens fell into an early hole by suffering two early breaks of serve. They dropped their match to Inglot and sophomore Houston Barrick.

This was only the 11th time the Irish have faced the No. 1 ranked team in the nation. With the loss to the Cavaliers, the Irish fall to 1-10 against No. 1 ranked teams.

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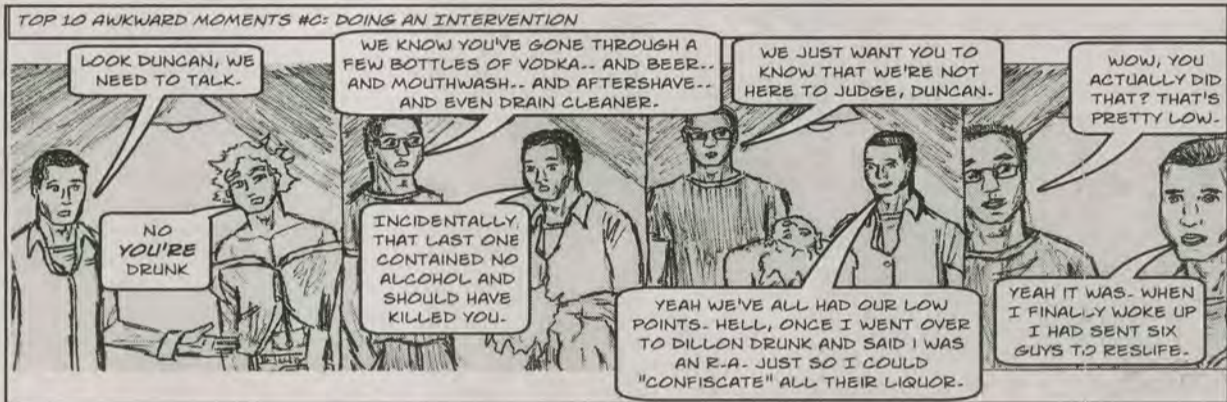
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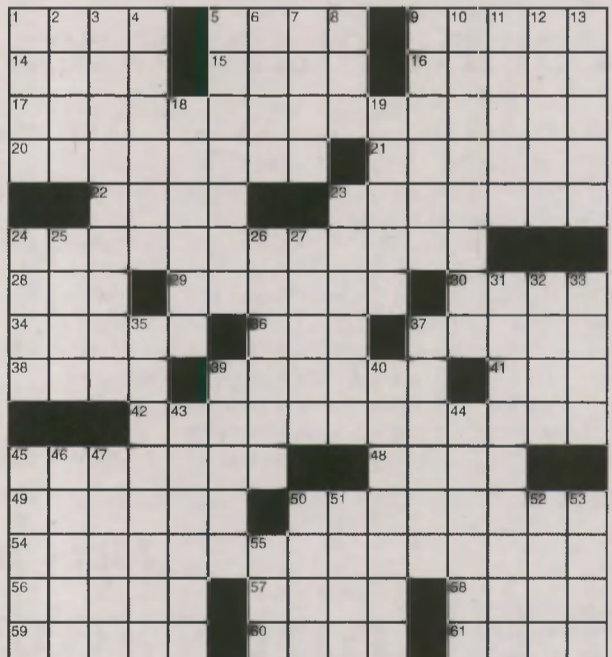
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MEN'S BASKETBALL

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Irish get first league road win at Villanova

By FRAN TOLAN
Sports Writer

Junior guard Kyle McAlarney scored 30 points and Notre Dame held off a late rally by No. 18 Villanova Saturday for a 90-80 victory, its first Big East road win of the season.

The Irish were blown out in their first two conference road games against Marquette and Georgetown but were in control for most of the contest against the Wildcats.

"I think we've learned how to play on the road a little bit the past two games," McAlarney said. "We took those two losses to heart. We didn't want that to happen to us again."

Notre Dame led comfortably for most of the second half, but Villanova guard Scottie Reynolds drove to the basket for an easy layup with 49 seconds left to cut Notre Dame's lead to 84-78.

On the next Irish possession, junior forward Ryan Ayers broke the Wildcats full-



Irish forward Luke Harangody pulls down a rebound during the second half of Notre Dame's 90-80 win over Villanova Saturday at the Wachovia Center. Harangody scored 25 points in the game.

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MEN'S LACROSSE

Laxers feel good about scrimmage

By MICHAEL BRYAN
Sports Writer

Notre Dame began its first competition of the year Sunday by putting on an impressive performance in an exhibition against Robert Morris.

The Irish, ranked fifth in the Lacrosse Magazine preseason poll, controlled the scrimmage from the outset. While score was not kept for the contest, Notre Dame coach Kevin Corrigan said the team "got up early" and never let up.

Corrigan said he was pleased with the team's overall performance against the Colonials.

"We haven't had a chance to break down the film yet, but I thought we did a pretty good job of playing at a good level and playing there consistently," he said.

With several players unable to play in the scrimmage, the Irish showed their depth with many players contributing on both ends.

"It's nice to know we have guys ready to step in and give us that depth down the

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HOCKEY

Squad breaks out of scoring slump, reaches 20-win mark

By SAM WERNER
Sports Writer

Notre Dame broke out of its lengthy offensive slump this weekend, beating Bowling Green 6-1 and 4-1 in the Joyce Center. The 10 goals are two more than the Irish had scored in their previous six games combined.

"We got some lucky

bounces, which we haven't been getting for the last three weeks," Notre Dame coach Jeff Jackson said. "It felt good to get a few goals in the net."

In the process, the Irish (20-9-1, 13-6-1 CCHA) busted out of an 0-for-39 power-play slump that extended back to a 7-0 thrashing of Princeton on Dec. 8.

The two wins give Notre

Dame 20 on the season, marking the first time the Irish have had back-to-back 20-win seasons in the program's 40-year history.

Sophomore Dan Kissel took a shot from the left circle that was saved by Falcon goalie Nick Eno 8:23 into the first period of Friday night's game. Junior Erik Condra attempted to put home the rebound, but his shot was

swatted away by Bowling Green defenseman Tim Maxwell. The third try was the charm for the Irish as sophomore Ryan Thang received Maxwell's attempted clear in the slot and slammed it past Eno to put the Irish up 1-0 and end the power-play drought.

"We were doing the simple things," Thang said. "It's just hard work and they're finally

starting to come in."

Thang added another power-play goal at 18:58 of the first period to give Notre Dame a 3-0 lead. Erik Condra had put the Irish up 2-0 with a laser from the right circle that banged off the crossbar and over Eno's glove.

The Irish outshot Bowling Green 16-2 in the first period

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Irish fall to No. 1 UConn

By JAY FITZPATRICK
Associate Sports Editor

With 11:12 left in the first half, Irish center Melissa D'Amico nailed a baseline fade-away jump shot to bring the Irish level with No. 1 Connecticut at 21-21. Unfortunately for Notre Dame, that was the last field goal it would hit in the next 10:52.

The Irish eventually fell to the Huskies 81-64 Sunday at the Joyce Center.

The top-ranked Huskies took control defensively in the first half and pounded the ball inside to center Tina Charles as part of a 22-6 run heading into the intermission.

Irish guard Charel Allen (5-of-14 shooting for 11 points) said the Connecticut defense clamped down during that run, forcing Notre Dame to take bad shots.

"Their defense was great. A lot of shots I took I was rushing," she said. "A lot of them I just didn't hit, but [Irish coach Muffet McGraw] wanted me to continue to shoot."

The Irish held strong early in the Connecticut run and managed to stay within seven points for two-and-a-half minutes while Huskies guard Renee Montgomery — who averages 12 points and four assists per game — sat on the bench.

But McGraw said her team failed to take advantage of the

opportunity.

"That was when — with Montgomery out of the game — that we really needed to make a run," McGraw said. "And that's where you just got to find somebody to score and unfortunately we couldn't find anyone."

After four Irish free throws brought Notre Dame back to within five points, the Huskies offense found its footing by relying on Charles in the post.

Charles — who finished with a game-high 22 points in addition to eight boards and a block — took advantage of Notre Dame's triangle-and-two and box-and-one defenses and dominated in the low post.

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MEN'S TENNIS

Team drops match to top-ranked Cavaliers

By KATE GRABAREK
Sports Writer

Notre Dame fell 5-2 to No. 1 Virginia at home on Sunday, but senior Sheeva Parbhu was a bright spot for the Irish.

Parbhu defeated Cavaliers junior No. 3 Dominic Inglot 6-1, 6-1, which tied the match at a point apiece after the Irish dropped the doubles point. Parbhu took a 3-0 lead in the first set and continued to roll from there.

"Parbhu was an All-American last year," Irish coach Bobby Bayliss said. "He is one of two players we have that can play [number] one singles."

To compliment Parbhu's victory, freshman Stephen Havens pulled out a close match for the second singles win for the Irish.

Havens fell behind early, but went on to win 3-6, 6-3, 6-4.

Fellow freshman Daniel Stahl did not have as much luck against Virginia senior Teddy Angelinos, falling 6-1, 6-3 at No. 6 singles.

"Stahl needs to work on keeping the ball out of the middle of the court," Bayliss said. "Havens needs to stay in the rallies longer, and use his shots to his advantage."

Irish freshman David Anderson fell

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Winter Career Expo 2008



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career and **fair**
internship
& **diversity reception**

wednesday
january 30



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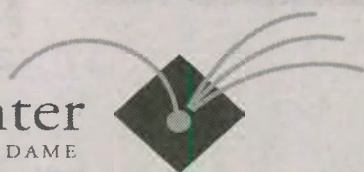
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How to Prepare for the Career Fair

1. Compose a resume that markets your background and skills

- Visit The Career Center in 248 Flanner Hall during walk-in hours from 1 - 4:45 pm daily for a 15 minutes resume review
- Stop by "Resumes on the Run" January 22nd, 24th and 29th from 11:30 am - 1:30 pm in LaFortune

2. Prepare, Prepare, Prepare

- Attend a "Preparing for the Career Fair" workshop
- Determine your objectives for attending
- Review the list of companies attending the fair on Go IRISH and compile your "Top 10" list of companies to visit
- Review the position descriptions on Go IRISH
- Visit company websites and review mission statements, annual reports, and new products or services
- Develop and refine networking, relationship-building skills
- Develop your "Thirty Second Message"
 - Hello, I'm...(introduce yourself, your year and major, and interest in industry/career field)
 - Your company is...(demonstrate knowledge of company)
 - I'm interested because...(explain your interest in company)
 - I can...(match your skills with their needs)

3. What to do the day of the fair

- At the fair:
 - Dress in business attire and bring several copies of your resume in a portfolio/folder to Gate 3 of the Joyce Center
 - Scan your ID when you enter
 - Review the map of employer booths and take a bag for "giveaways"
 - Be proactive by approaching employers
 - Speak with both young alums and experienced representatives
 - Demonstrate confidence and enthusiasm in delivering your "Thirty Second Message"
 - Ask the representative how to sign up for an interview (i.e. "After reviewing your company information and the position, I am interested in speaking with you or one of your colleagues further. How can I obtain a slot on your interview schedule at The Career Center?")
 - Obtain the representative's business card

4. Following the fair

- If you obtain an interview:
 - Prepare by researching the company, it's industry, it's competitors, and the job or internship description on Go IRISH
 - Review The Career Center's Interview Guide and be sure to practice sample interviewing questions available online
 - If you have a web cam, practice interviewing using "Interview Stream" at <http://careercenter.nd.edu/for-undergrads/resumes-cover-letters-interview>
- Within 3 days of the fair, send an email thank-you to the recruiters with companies of interest from which you collected business cards

Tuesday, January 29th Employer Presentations

Rothstein Kass	12:00 pm	Notre Dame Rm LaFortune
Boeing Company	5:00 pm	258 Fitzpatrick
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Museum of Contemporary Art	7:00 pm	116 DeBartolo
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For information on other Information Sessions this week, please log into Go IRISH, click on the 'Event' tab, click on 'Information Session' tab.

Remaining Workshops

Resumes on the Run

Monday, January 28

3:00—5:00 pm

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Monday, January 28

7:30—8:00 pm

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Writing Your First Resume & Cover Letter

Monday, January 28

8:00—8:30 pm

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Tuesday, January 29

11:30—1:30 pm

Dooley Room, LaFortune

Walk-in Hours in The Career Center

Monday & Tuesday

1:00—4:45 pm

248 Flanner Hall

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If you obtain an interview the day following the fair, are you prepared? Follow these steps and you are well on your way to landing that job or internship.

Begin by reviewing your resume

Think about the skills you want to highlight and how you have developed them. Be specific.

Utilize Go IRISH to learn more about the specific job or internship posting

- Login to Go IRISH (top right hand corner of careercenter.nd.edu) with your NetID and Password
- Click on "Jobs/Internships" and hit Go IRISH jobs from the pull down menu
- In the box labeled "Keywords" type Company Name, and click "Search"

Conduct company and industry research

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- Once within Market Insight, select Industry from the top toolbar
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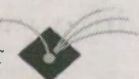
Review potential interview questions and come up with possible answers using examples

1. Why are you interested in our organization?
2. What work experience has been the most valuable to you and why?
3. Give an example of a problem you have solved and the process you used.
4. Describe a situation in which you had a conflict with another individual and how you dealt with it.
5. What idea have you developed and implemented that was particularly creative or innovative?
6. How did you choose to attend Notre Dame and how did you select your major(s) in _____?
7. How do you think you have changed personally in the past (5) years?
8. Tell me about a team project of which you are particularly proud and your contribution.
9. What types of situations put you under pressure and how do you deal with the pressure?
10. Describe a leadership role you have held and tell me why you committed your time to it.
11. What challenges are you looking for in a position?
12. What three trends do you see in the future for our industry?
13. Tell me about yourself.
14. Why do you want to work in (career field)?
15. What is your greatest strength/weakness and how will it affect your performance in this program?
16. Why should I hire you?

(There are many more sample questions in our Interview Guide)

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Use the STAR technique to help you answer interview questions

SITUATION - Class project, student activity, volunteer experience, job

TASK - Goal, problem to be solved, improvement to be made

ACTION - Planning & implementing to reach goal, problem solving used

RESULT - The outcome, influences, changes

Always prepare questions to ask the interviewer

1. To what extent will I determine my work objectives?
2. Describe the rotational training program associated with this position/internship. What career paths have others generally followed after completing the program?
3. As an intern, what kind of projects will I receive?
4. What characteristics best describe individuals who are successful in this position?
5. Where could a person advance who is successful in this position? Within what time frame?
6. How is job performance evaluated?
7. What has been the professional growth track for other students who have been recruited by your company over the past 3-5 years?

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- Wear a suit - Jacket and trousers. Dark, solid colors are best (black, navy, dark gray).
- Wear a pressed white or blue collared shirt.
- Be sure your shoes are polished. Avoid wearing gym shoes.
- Choose a tie that compliments your suit. Be fairly conservative with the pattern.
- It is key to have your clothing pressed.
- Have your hair well-groomed and brushed.

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- Wear a suit with a jacket and skirt or pants. Try to wear conservative colors. It is important to not stand out for the wrong reasons (i.e. a skirt too short or an inappropriate color such as fuchsia).
- Choose a collared shirt or top with a modest neckline. Avoid tank tops or camisoles.
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- Wear a hairstyle that is neat and well-groomed. Avoid fly aways or hair blocking your eyes.

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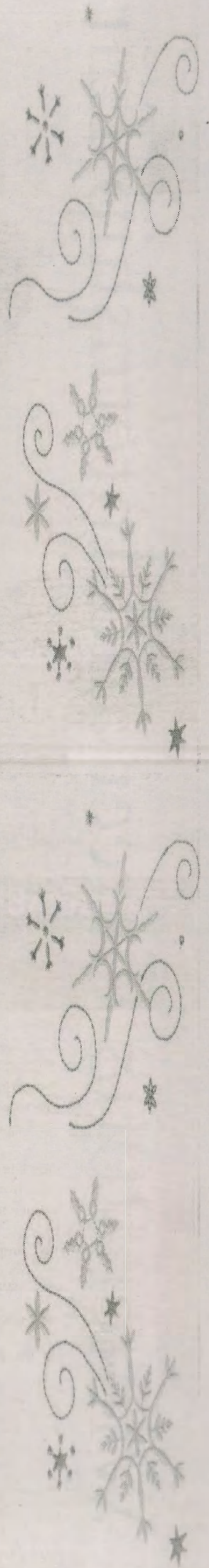
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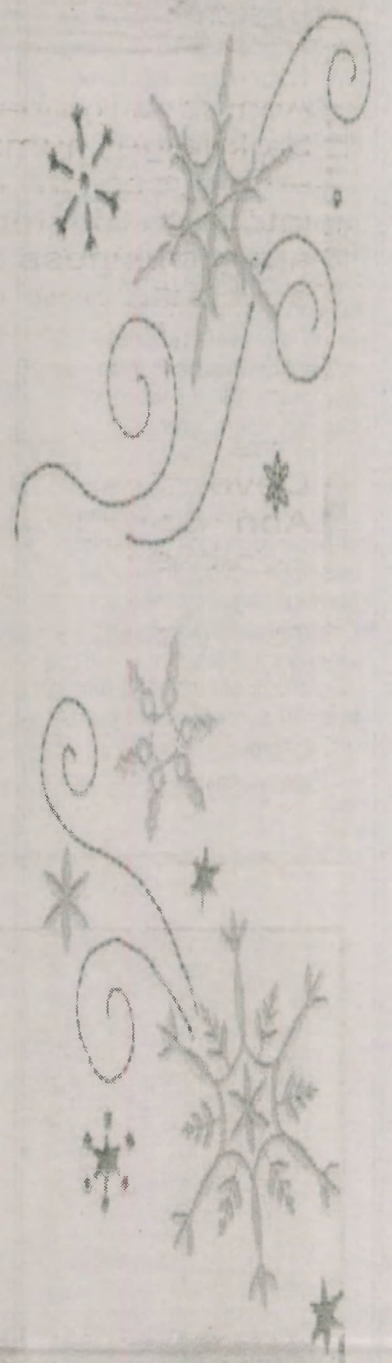


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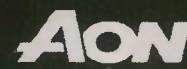
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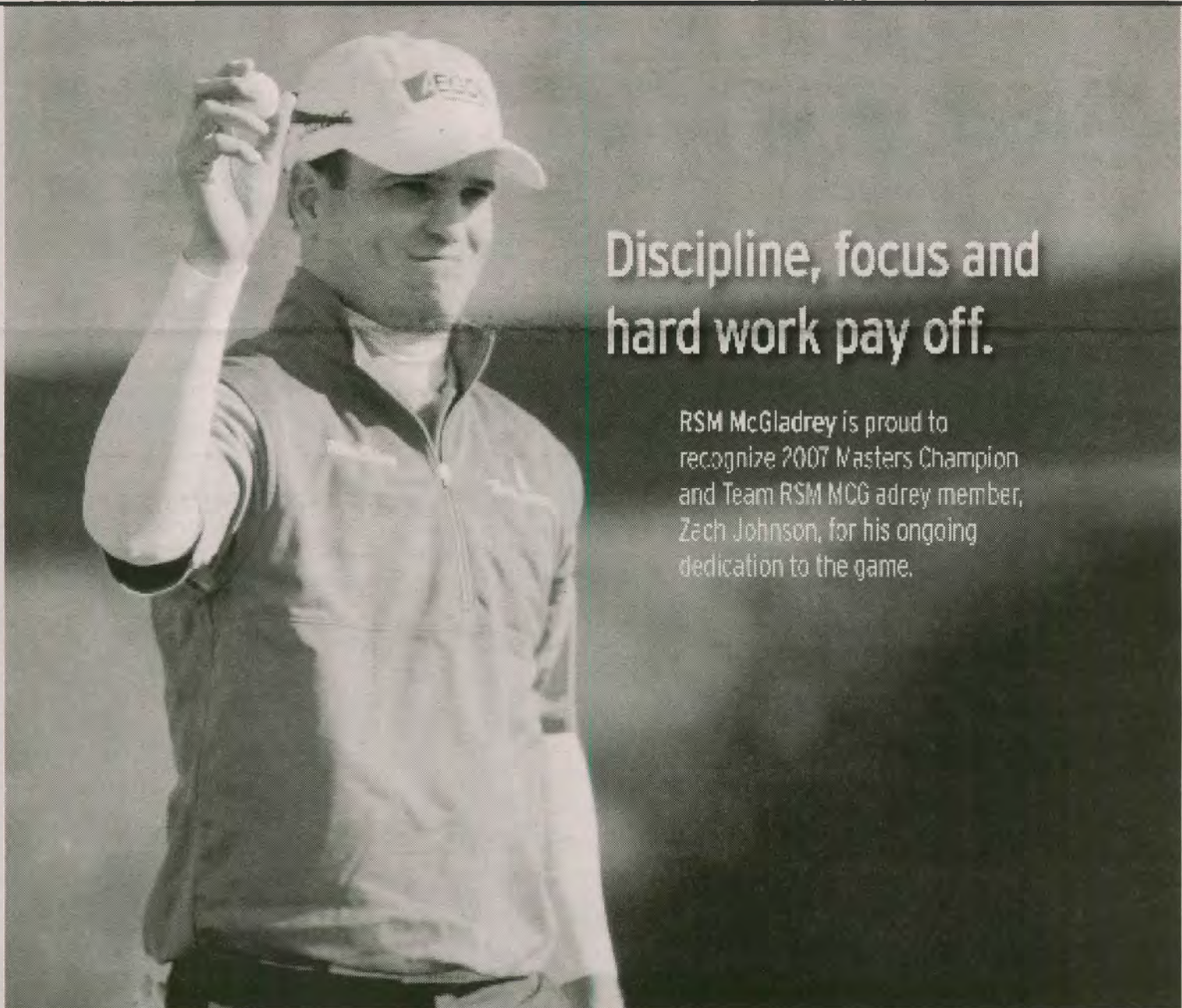
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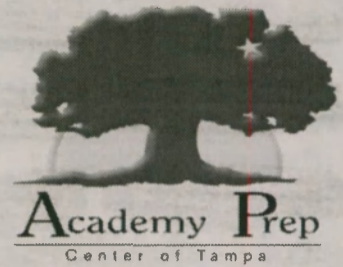
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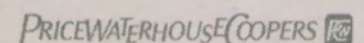
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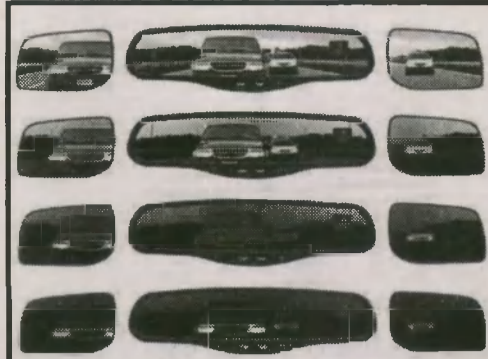
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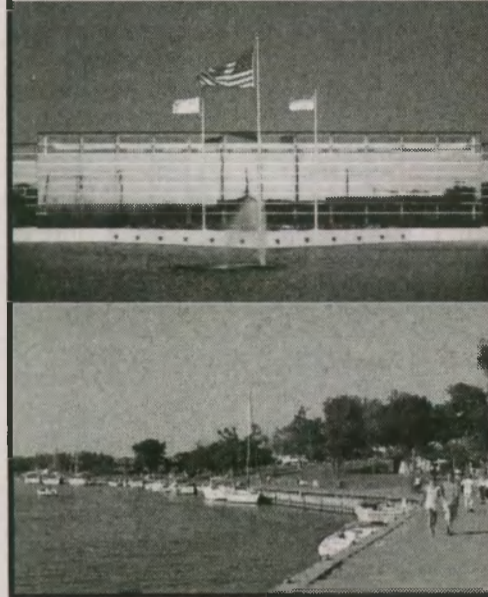
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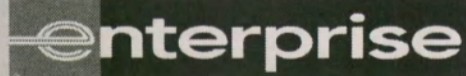
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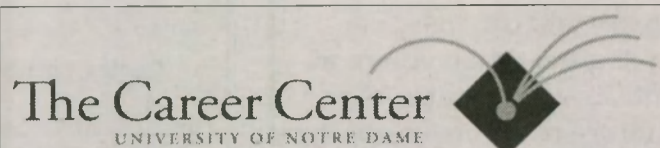
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AAR Corps	X	X	X	X			
Abercrombie & Fitch	X	X	X			X	X
Academy Prep Centers	X	X	X			X	
Accenture		X	X				X
Aerotek	X		X				
AFSCME International	X	X	X	X			
Air Force Flight Test Center	X	X	X	X		X	
ALDI	X	X	X				X
Allstate Insurance Company	X	X	X	X	X		
Amate House	X		X				
American Eagle Outfitters	X	X	X			X	
American Red Cross	X	X	X				
AmeriCorps St. Louis	X		X	X			
Anning Johnson	X	X	X				
Aon		X	X				X
AT&T	X	X	X	X		X	
Bank of America-Global Corporate & Investment Banking	X	X	X				
Baxter Healthcare		X	X				X
Baxter Pharmaceutical Solutions	X		X				
BearingPoint	X	X	X	X			
Becker Professional Review		X	X	X			
Belcan Advanced Engineering & Technology	X		X	X	X		
Boeing	X	X	X	X			
Camp Sweeney		X	X			X	
Camp Tannadoonah		X	X			X	
Camp Tecumseh		X	X	X			
Capital IQ	X		X				X
Central Intelligence Agency	X	X	X	X	X	X	
CHEP		X	X			X	
Chicago Partners	X		X				
Chicago Police Department	X		X				
Church World Service		X	X	X	X		
Citadel Solutions	X	X	X				X
Citi (Markets & Banking)		X	X				X
Citi (Technology)		X	X	X			X
Clarity Consulting	X		X				
College Football Hall of Fame		X	X				
College Pro Painters	X	X	X			X	
Countrywide Financial	X	X	X	X		X	
Covance	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Credit Suisse		X	X			X	
Crowe Chizek	X	X	X	X			
Data Ltd.	X		X				
Deloitte US Firms	X	X	X				X
Department of Veterans Affairs	X		X	X			
Division of Public Administration, Northern Illinois University		X	X				
DoubleClick	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Duke Realty	X		X				
E & J Gallo Winery	X		X			X	
ECHO	X		X				
EchoStar Satellite		X	X	X	X		X
eLoyalty	X		X			X	
Enterprise Rent-A-Car	X	X	X	X			X
Epic Systems	X		X	X		X	X
Ernst & Young	X	X	X	X			X
ExactTarget		X	X				
F.H. Paschen, SN Nielsen	X	X	X				X
Family Justice Center of St. Joseph County		X	X	X	X		
Fifth Third Bank	X		X				
Follett Higher Education Group	X	X	X	X		X	
Fund for Public Interest Research	X		X				
Gallina	X		X			X	
General Electric	X	X	X	X			X
General Mills		X	X				X
Gentex	X		X			X	
Goldman Sachs		X	X				X
Grand Prairie Services Behavioral Healthcare	X		X	X			
Grant Thornton		X	X	X			X
Grassroots Campaigns	X		X				
Hewitt Associates	X	X		X			
Hewlett Packard	X	X	X	X			
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Innoprise Software	X	X	X	X		X	
INROADS		X	X			X	
Intel	X	X	X	X	X		
Jesuit Volunteer Corp./Jesuit Volunteers International	X		X	X	X		
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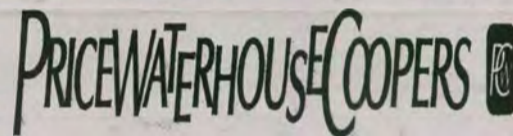
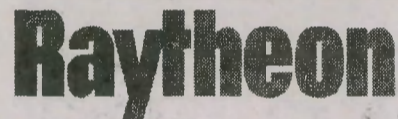
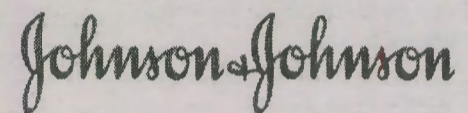
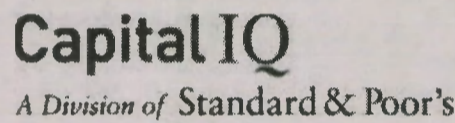
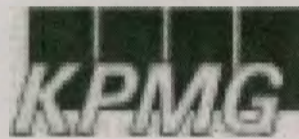
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KeyBank	X	X	X			X	
Kitson & Partners	X	X	X	X		X	
KPMG		X	X	X			X
Land O'Lakes	X	X	X				
Lawndale Christian Health Center	X	X	X	X			
Liberty Mutual	X		X			X	X
Little Brothers Friends of the Elderly	X	X	X				
Liz Claiborne		X	X	X			
Lockheed Martin	X		X	X		X	
M&T Bank	X		X				
Marathon	X	X	X			X	
Marine Corps Officer Programs	X	X	X				
Maxim Healthcare Services	X		X			X	
McGladrey & Pullen	X		X	X			
Mercy Home for Boys & Girls	X		X				
Midwest ISO	X	X	X	X	X		
Motorola	X	X	X	X	X		
Museum of Contemporary Art		X	X	X			
National Space Biomedical Research Institute		X	X				
Navigant Consulting		X	X				X
Nestle Retail Operations Company and Nestle Purina PetCare Company		X	X			X	
Nestlé USA	X		X			X	
NIBCO	X		X			X	
Northwestern Mutual Financial Network - The Hoopis Group	X	X	X				
Office Depot	X		X				
Office of Naval Intelligence	X	X	X	X	X		
OfficeMax	X	X	X	X		X	
OMD	X	X	X			X	
P&M Corporate Finance		X	X				X
Pace Global Energy Services	X	X	X	X	X		
Peace Corps	X		X	X		X	X
PPG Industries	X	X	X			X	
Press Ganey	X		X	X	X		
PricewaterhouseCoopers	X		X	X			X
Procter & Gamble		X	X	X			X
Progressive Insurance	X	X	X				
Protiviti	X	X	X	X			X
Quantitative Risk Management	X		X			X	
Raytheon	X	X	X	X		X	
Relay Worldwide	X	X	X	X			
Rothstein Kass	X	X	X	X		X	
Schneider Corporation	X	X	X				
SCORE	X			X			
Scott A. Jones	X	X	X	X	X		
Sears Holding	X	X	X				X
Shaw Industries	X		X			X	
SMART Business Advisory and Consulting	X	X	X	X			
SPX	X		X	X			
Starcom Worldwide	X		X				
State PIRGS	X	X	X			X	
Stryker (Corporate)		X	X	X			X
Stryker Medical	X		X	X		X	
Target		X	X				X
Teach For America	X		X				
Tech Data	X	X	X			X	
The adidas Group	X		X				
The Bradford Group	X	X	X	X		X	
The Children's Museum of Indianapolis		X	X	X			
The Coca-Cola Company		X	X			X	
The HON Company	X	X	X	X		X	
The MATCH School	X		X				
The Walsh Group	X	X	X			X	
Travelers	X	X	X			X	
True Partners Consulting	X	X	X	X		X	
UNITE HERE	X	X	X	X		X	
University Directories		X	X			X	
University of Notre Dame - Alliance for Catholic Education	X		X				
University of Notre Dame - Center for Social Concerns		X	X				
University of Notre Dame - Human Resources	X	X	X	X	X		
University of Notre Dame - Master of Nonprofit Admin. Program		X		X			
US Army Health Care	X		X				
US Department of Justice - Antitrust Division	X		X			X	
US Department of State	X	X	X	X	X		
US Patent and Trademark Office	X		X	X	X	X	
US Probation & Pretrial Services	X			X			
Valassis	X	X	X			X	
Vanguard	X	X	X				
Virchow Krause	X	X	X	X		X	
Walgreens	X	X	X				
Weber Shandwick Worldwide		X	X				
WESCO International	X		X				
Western & Southern Financial Group	X	X	X	X		X	
Whirlpool	X	X	X	X		X	X
WTAS		X	X	X			X
Zimmer		X	X	X			
Zurich North America	X	X	X			X	

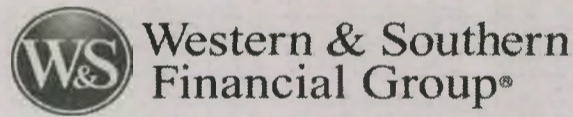
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