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A day for dreaming

In commemoration of Martin Luther King, the Notre Dame community plans a week of activities that stress understanding, unity and reflection.

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SMC/ND honor Martin Luther King

By SARAH RYKOWSKI
News Writer

While students at many public and private universities will take today off from school to honor Martin Luther King, Jr., students at Notre Dame and Saint Mary's will remain in class.

According to Chandra Johnson, assistant to the president, and assistant director for Campus Ministry at Notre Dame, the policy is to save up the days from Monday holidays such as today and allow for a longer semester break and a weeklong fall break.

"Notre Dame never takes the Monday holidays because of fall

break and Christmas break. It's an option that we get as a private school," Johnson said. "We just save up those days."

Even though the students at both schools will remain in class today, events are planned on both campuses to mark the holiday and remember King and his legacy. At Notre Dame, the activities center around the theme "Operation Love: Making a Difference Piece by Piece." A

committee of six students and five staff members chose this theme because of the continuing situation in Afghanistan, and the need for peace around the world.

Jourdan Sorrell, a sophomore at Notre Dame, suggested using a quilt to illustrate the theme.

"I thought a good segueway into [our theme] would be a peace quilt," Sorrell said. "The different squares represented what Dr. King and his legacy meant to different

people."

Johnson, Sorrell and three other students and staff members also decided to include the South Bend community in the project.

"I invited 40 odd South Bend elementary schools, Catholic and private, and all Notre Dame residence halls and dorms to participate," Johnson said. "They have kits for quilts and I got a quilt packet with all the colors of the rainbow. We mailed a patch to all the elementary schools and residence halls with instructions."

After three-and-a-half-weeks, Johnson stated that they had received half of the patches, completed, from the elementary schools and about 15

or 16 from the residence halls at the University.

"Susan Good, a technology specialist in the law school, offered to sew [the patches] together over the Christmas holidays," Johnson said. "Her uncle, a Holy Cross priest, constructed a stand for it."

According to Johnson, the quilt will be unveiled Tuesday, and members of all the participating schools are invited to the unveiling and will receive a certificate of appreciation for their participation.

"I think this quilt is a very strong reminder of how far we've come as people," Sorrell said. "The quilt is a reminder of

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Panel: Symbols illustrate beliefs

♦ Interfaith celebration unites community

By SARAH NESTOR
News Writer

Hoping to bring the community together, the Saint Mary's students and faculty held the second annual interfaith celebration Sunday.

Five different speakers discussed the importance of symbols in Judaism, Christianity, Islam, Buddhism and Baha'i as part of the theme: "Sacred Symbols, Sacred Objects." Symbols such as Sabbath candles, robes and calligraphy were displayed during the talk.

Ethel Bartky spoke first on the relationship of symbols in the Jewish faith.

"Judaism uses lots of objects and lots of symbolism," she said. "The objects themselves are not sacred but the use of the objects are so that we become closer in our mind to God."

Imam Waliyyuddin Beyah spoke about the Muslim faith. He explained that there are not objects used in Muslim, but what is most sacred is the written word or the Qu'ran.

He further explained that as a Muslim there are certain expectations, such as a pilgrimage to Mecca in Saudi Arabia.

Beyah also touched on the subject of the war in Afghanistan and the concept of jihad in Islam. Beyah said

that Osama bin Laden was not conducting a jihad.

"Jihad or ijthad, is not fighting with guns, it is an internal fight within oneself to become closer to God. Ummah is the term for war and fighting with others," Beyah said.

Tom Brown explained Buddhism and what it is to be a Buddhist. As a Buddhist there are three goals, to avoid evil, do only good and purify your mind. Any object can be sacred because Buddhists believe that everything is, and of, God.

"You can be a Buddhist and still attend Catholic Church," Brown said. "In Buddhism you depend on experience and not on what is taught."

Professor Alexis Brooks De Vita shared the Baha'i's beliefs with the panel. There is no

clergy but each person takes it upon himself or herself to study and attend to their own belief in God.

Symbols in the faith are the five-pointed and nine-pointed star and an object called the ring stone. The ring stone consists of three different vertical bars, the top bar represents God, the middle is manifestation and the third represents the human world.

"It reminds us that we cannot understand the mind of God," De Vita said.

Professor Beth Newman finished the discussion with an interpretation of Christianity and the use of icons and the idea of idolatry, which goes against the Commandments.

Those who did not want to use

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REMEMBERING A HISTORY



PHOTOGRAPH COURTESY OF STEPHEN MORIARTY/ SNITE MUSEUM

The Notre Dame community joined to celebrate the Snite museum exhibit "Mask and Figures, Form and Style: The Christensen Family Collects African Art," Sunday. Above, Chandra Johnson, assistant to the president and assistant director of Campus Ministry performs a libation ceremony honoring African culture.

INSIDE COLUMN

Rams prove to amuse

With the start of the new semester, I like most have been more engaged in the NFL playoffs than in academic work. After following the St. Louis Rams, the Green Bay Packers and the Chicago Bears all season, this year's playoffs have been more energetic and entertaining than they have been in awhile.

Everyone knows the Rams are good, have been good and have the potential and talent to remain good, however, who would have thought the Bears would have made it to the playoffs and gotten a first round bye? Who would have thought the Packers would have received home field advantage in the first round and been paired with the unstoppable Rams in the second round back when the season started?

While it was only a matter of time before the Bears were dropped out they proved to have earned their trip to the playoffs and their homefield advantage. But maybe next year will be their year.

For me, after the first round of playoffs the excitement only began to rise. After following the Rams and the Packers throughout the season it was bittersweet to be able to watch these two teams finally have a chance to play each other.

The Packers have talent, even though they did not show much of it on Sunday. The last two weeks were looking a little brighter and less intimidating for Green Bay with Kurt Warner's throat injury and his recent case of the stomach flu last week the Packers had a chance to prevail and prepare their strategy in hopes of Warner not returning for the game. However, it was obvious Sunday that the Packers were not prepared to meet the unpredictable Rams in their house.

Sunday's game was an incredible site to watch. After a slow first quarter by both teams the second while improving a little bit was still a disappointing show, but the third quarter was a time to shine for the Rams.

For those who don't follow the Rams and who haven't seen them play — literally with all their tricks — the third quarter was amusing to say the least. While Warner did not shine to his ability, the defense did and Warner left the showing off to them this week.

Watching this team it is hard to believe just four years ago they were one of the laughing stocks of the NFL.

Five years ago with little to no talent, the Rams were the black sheep of football who really never got to shine or prove themselves. However, since winning the Superbowl in 2000 they have done nothing but control the spotlight in St. Louis and around the country.

For those Titans fans who still have a bitter taste in their mouths wait until this year when the Rams reappear as Superbowl Champions.

If one thing is for sure no one is able to stop Marshall Faulk, Warner and the tricks the Rams have up their sleeves. So you might as well sit back, relax and enjoy the show with the rest of St. Louis.

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Courtney Boyle

Copy Editor

THIS WEEK ON CAMPUS

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
◆ Prayer Service: Stapleton Lounge 4:30 p.m.	◆ Lecture: "Science as God," Auditorium, Hesburgh Center 4 p.m.	◆ Lecture: "President Bush and the War against Terrorism," Richard Neustadt, author of "Presidential Power and the Modern Presidents," Student Lounge, Coleman Morse Center, 4:30 p.m.	◆ Film: Notre Dame Student Film Festival 2002, Carey Auditorium, first floor, Hesburgh Library. 7:30 p.m. and 9:45 p.m.
◆ Event: "From the Inside Out" LaFortune Ballroom, 6:30 p.m.	◆ Film: "Mon Oncle , Antoine," Montgomery Theatre, LaFortune Student Center 7 p.m. and 9 p.m.		
◆ Event: Networking continental breakfast Haggard 303, 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.			

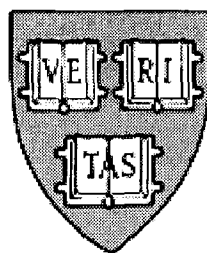
BEYOND CAMPUS

Compiled from U-Wire reports

Harvard's may restore ROTC funding

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. University President Lawrence Summers raised questions about Harvard's "uncomfortable" and "unorthodox" funding support for students in the Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) in a study break at Winthrop House on Wednesday night.

Although Harvard allows students to travel to Massachusetts Institute of Technology, which provides an ROTC unit for Tufts and Wellesley Universities as well, it does not officially fund the costs associated with the program because of a faculty decision regarding the military's "don't ask, don't tell" policy, a policy Summers said many might consider discriminatory. Instead, the University requested that alumni fund the program without going through official channels.



Yet Summers has come out in favor of patriotism and specifically ROTC, writing in a Veterans Day letter to "Harvard Cadets and Midshipmen" that he "and many others deeply admire those of you who choose to serve society in this way."

More recently, Summers asked Harvard's yearbook staff to make ROTC

an exception to their policy of excluding activities that are not official student groups from mention in the book. Summers met with yearbook editors Dec. 13 and made a "personal request" to honor students by recording their participation in ROTC, yearbook president Kyna Fong said.

At the study break Summers attended Wednesday night, he polled students in the audience and asked if they would support Harvard changing its policy to fund ROTC through official channels.

Harvard's current policy stems from a Faculty Council vote in 1994 that Harvard money should not be used to support students who participate in ROTC at MIT, former vice president for alumni affairs and development Fred Glimp said.

Harvard Crimson

STANFORD UNIVERSITY

Online essay services spark concern

The increasingly competitive college admissions process is driving high school students to new lengths, such as high-priced personal counselors and schedules packed with extracurriculars. But one trend, in particular, is sparking worries among admissions officials at Stanford University and nationwide — the use of online essay editing services. According to Dean of Undergraduate Admission and Financial Aid Robin Mamlet, although the admissions office does not "keep count of the number of applications [they] feel have been 'supported' by others, we are becoming increasingly concerned about this." Students at Stanford vary in their opinions about whether or not the use of such services, such as EssayAdvice.com, MyEssay.com, IvyEssays.com and EssayEdge.com, is fair. Some students, like freshman Tiancheng Zhu, said hiring a service to help with an admissions essay is "outrageous; it's morally and ethically wrong." Others, like freshman Cicely Smith, simply said they think using an editing service is "pathetic."

The Stanford Daily

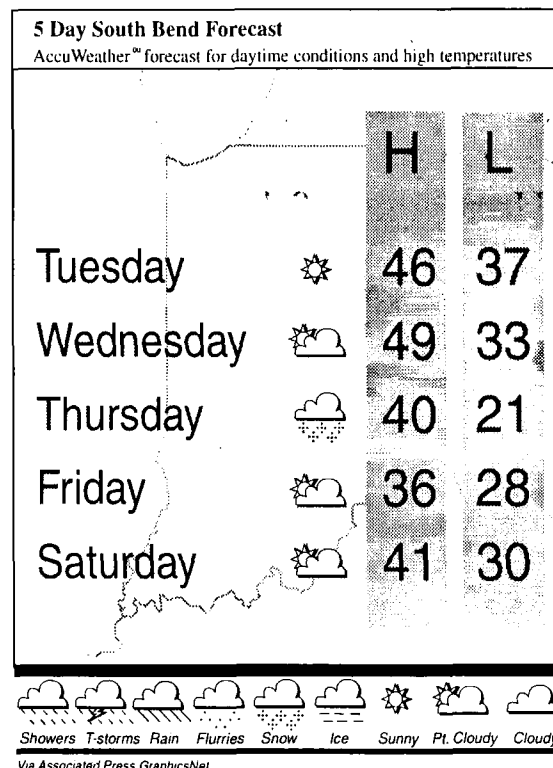
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA BERKELEY

Board requires increase in funding

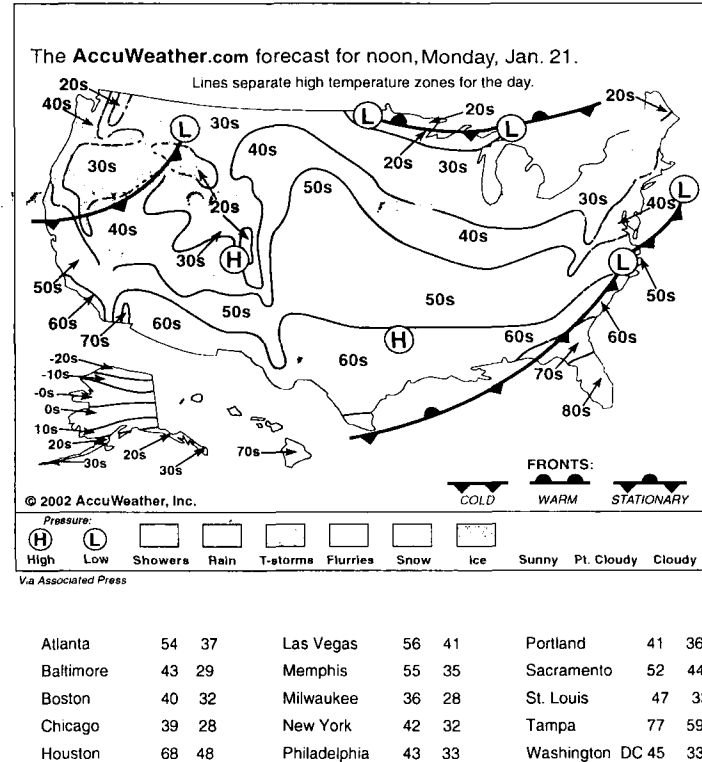
University of California must increase support for graduate students and enroll an additional 11,000 graduate students systemwide by 2010 to stay competitive with other top universities, a university commission reported Wednesday. The initiative presented to the UC Board of Regents at UC-Los Angeles will require a 50 percent increase in funding — \$215 million of additional financial support annually. The money will be used to provide affordable graduate student housing for first-year fellowship students, expand graduate student outreach and make competitive offers of financial support in order to attract the best students. Graduate education has been a long-neglected and increasingly important issue for the University, and it is finally being addressed by the commission's findings, UC President Richard Atkinson said. Although the state's current budget crunch raises questions about where the money will come from, the Commission on the Growth and Support of Graduate Education has recommended an action plan that takes into account these reservations.

Daily Californian

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Treatment of terrorists stirs global concern

Associated Press

LONDON

Photos published Sunday showing al-Qaida and Taliban suspects on their knees and wearing blacked-out goggles, contributed to mounting concerns in Britain about treatment of the prisoners held by the United States in Cuba.



Blair

Meanwhile, 34 more detainees from Afghanistan arrived at the U.S. base on Sunday, bringing the total number to 144. Marines in yellow rubber gloves led the prisoners, who were handcuffed and shackled at the ankles, from a cargo plane to a waiting school bus.

U.S. treatment of al-Qaida and Taliban suspects imprisoned at Guantanamo Bay has posed a serious foreign policy challenge for Prime Minister Tony Blair since he put Britain shoulder-to-shoulder with Washington in the war against terrorism.

The photos, released by the U.S. Defense Department before the arrival of the latest detainees, showed the men with masks over their mouths and noses, hats, and mittens on their hands.

After prominent display in many British newspapers — and one tabloid accusation of torture — Foreign Secretary Jack Straw said he had told British representatives at Guantanamo to ask American officials for an explanation.

Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld said in Washington later that he had "no doubt" that the detainees were being treated humanely.

U.S. military spokesman Robert Nelson, at Guantanamo Bay on Sunday, said the pictures were taken shortly after the prisoners arrived from the 8,000-mile flight from Afghanistan on a C-141 cargo plane.

"It gets pretty cold on a C-141, hence the hat and mittens, for comfort," Nelson said. The taped-over goggles were a security measure to prevent prisoners seeing during the processing procedure and medical screenings after arrival, he added.

The Mail on Sunday had put one of the photos on page one under the headline "Tortured," and wrote "First

pictures show use of sensory deprivation to soften suspects for interrogation."

Human rights groups and some British politicians have criticized treatment of the prisoners. Blair has sought to balance defending U.S. authorities with insisting the prisoners' human rights be guaranteed. He has called the prisoners "very dangerous people," but insisted they be treated in accordance with the Geneva Conventions.

A Blair spokesman said Sunday that the government was awaiting a report from British officials who visited the Guantanamo camp.

"I would suggest that people should await their assessment rather than rushing to judgment, as people have tended to do today," the spokesman said.

Speaking of the controversial photographs, he said people should bear in mind "that these are people who allegedly belong to an organization which has been prepared to ... use planes to commit suicide attacks. That will obviously have colored the way in which they were restrained during transit." "Of course the prisoners have human rights, and those we believe should be respected. We have had assurances from the American authorities on that," he added.

The new prisoners who arrived Sunday wore the same blacked-out goggles, as well as bright orange jumpsuits, blue denim jackets, knit caps and turquoise surgical masks. The

goggles were blacked out for security reasons.

One detainee, who might have been suffering a war injury, was carried off the bus. Officials say nearly one third of the detainees at the camp have sustained battle wounds, mainly in the arm or leg.

The new arrivals were driven to Camp X-Ray, where officials said they would be processed and given a basic physical exam and chest X-ray and have blood drawn for tests. They also are given a sheet of paper to inform a relative or friend of their whereabouts.

The U.S. government calls the prisoners "unlawful combatants" or "detainees" rather than prisoners of war with assigned legal rights under the Geneva Conventions, but insists they are being treated humanely.

A group of British parliamentarians asked on Saturday to meet the U.S. ambassador to express their concerns about the treatment of the prisoners.

Ann Clwyd, chairwoman of Parliament's Human Rights Committee, said members

wanted assurances from Ambassador William Farish that the detainees were considered prisoners of war.

"It's time we had a clear statement," she said. "We fought the war shoulder to shoulder, now it seems that we are being frozen out of the aftermath."

On Sunday, she told British Broadcasting Corp. TV, "there shouldn't be any doubt at all" about the terrorist suspects being prisoners of war. "If there is an argument, that is for the courts to decide, not a matter for one individual like Donald Rumsfeld to say they're not prisoners of war."

In Washington, responding to a question about European criticism of the detainees' treatment, Rumsfeld said, "There's no doubt in my mind that it is humane and appropriate and consistent with the Geneva convention for the most part."

"They are getting excellent medical care, they're receiving culturally appropriate meals three times a day, they're being allowed to practice their religion, which is not something that they encouraged on the part of others. They are clothed cleanly and they are dry and safe," he said.

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Tony Blair
Prime Minister

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Donald Rumsfeld
secretary of defense

Baroness Shirley Williams, the Catholic intellectual who helped to reshape the landscape of British politics, leader and foreign-policy spokesperson for the Liberal Democrats in the House of Lords

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Shirley Williams

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Dr. King's legacy, and illustrates how we can come together to work for a common cause. It reflects what struggles we have endured as human beings."

As to the future of the quilt, Johnson stated that the quilt may travel around the University, and that no concrete decision regarding its final location has been made.

"The Snite has offered to hang it, or it may travel," Johnson said. "We are still in the process to decide."

Other events at Notre Dame will include "From the Inside Out," an artistic showcase of student talent, with poetry readings, singing, and music.

"This event will show how students feel about themselves and Dr. King's legacy," Johnson said. "[It would also] allow them to show from inside themselves what they contribute to the community."

"From the Inside Out" will take place on Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in the LaFortune Ballroom. Junior Kat Walsh has coordinated "Speaking the Truth," a fireside chat between

students and student leaders taking place on Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the Coleman-Mores Center.

Finally, observance of the holiday will end with a prayer service, "The Peace Quilt: Tied Together In the Single Garment of Destiny." Johnson will facilitate the service, which will take place in Keenan-Stanford Chapel at 7 p.m. Thursday.

"Voice of Faith and Celebration will sing, and Pasquerilla East Musical Company will also sing," Johnson said.

At Saint Mary's, students can celebrate Martin Luther King Day at a Networking continental breakfast from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. today in 303 Haggard. Free "We are ALL Special" buttons will be avail-

able to wear in honor of the holiday. Campus Ministry will also hold its annual Interfaith Prayer Service at 4:30 p.m. in Stapleton Lounge. The Sisters of Nefertiti cosponsor the event.

"It is a day of service, a day on, not a day off," said Terri Johnson director of the Office of Multicultural Affairs. "The important part about the celebration of this holiday is all of the events scheduled throughout the community and the [many] opportunities for everybody to make a difference. All of the events that OMA has scheduled are so that the students can attend and schedule them around their classes."

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Symbol

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icons believed that since no one knows what God looks there cannot be prayer to drawn icons.

Others believed that since God allowed himself to become man and can be drawn in the symbol of Jesus that icons can be used.

"God cannot be pictured, cannot be understood but we all as humans reach out," Newman said.

To bring the faith together there was then an interfaith payer service in which all the religions took part. Readings were taken from the Baha'i faith, the Qur'an, in Arabic, the Prophet Isaiah from Judaism in Hebrew and from 1 John from Christianity.

The service included music from the First AME Zion choir. Students from Saint Mary's also participated in leading a number of songs and incorporating dance into the program.

"We are bringing the community together to educate and share our faiths," said Mana Derkashani, a co-planner.

"What we [the Saint Mary's community] have in common is a faith. A belief in God, and so humanly we are the same," Beyah said.

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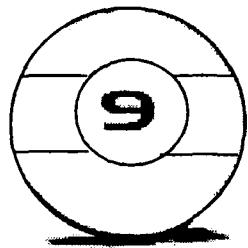
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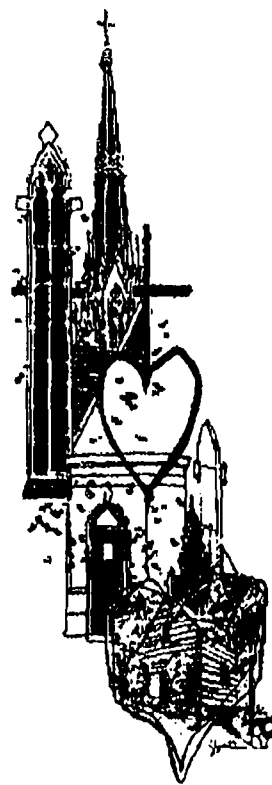
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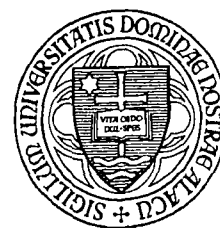
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WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

China releases Tibetan: In a gesture aimed at improving relations with Washington, China on Sunday freed a Tibetan music scholar who had taught in the United States and was serving an 18-year prison term on spying charges, a human rights activist said. The release of Ngawang Choephel, 34, came one month before President Bush is to visit Beijing.

Irish mobs clash with police: Rival mobs of Catholics and Protestants clashed with riot police Sunday night on the divided streets of north Belfast, tossing gasoline-filled bottles and setting hijacked cars on fire. Police reported confronting groups of men and teen-agers in at least three areas where Catholic and Protestant neighborhoods sit uncomfortably beside each other.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Flight arrives after threat: Passengers flying from Britain to Florida aboard a Virgin Atlantic Airways flight said Sunday they were asked to give handwriting samples after a bomb threat scrawled on a bathroom mirror diverted them to Iceland. Police found no explosives on the Boeing 747 and concluded that the threat had been a hoax, said Jonas Jonasson, police section leader in Keflavik, 30 miles southwest of Reykjavik, Iceland's capital.

First lady donates gown: First lady Laura Bush's inaugural gown became a historical artifact Sunday when she donated it to the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History. Exactly one year after her husband took the oath of office, leading her to nine inaugural balls and into the White House, Mrs. Bush turned the sequined red dress over to the museum. She kept up a tradition dating back to Helen Taft in 1909.

INDIANA NEWS BRIEFS

Theives target recycling: Over the past five months, a group of thieves have targeted rural recycling drop-off sites full of aluminum cans owned by the Northeast Indiana Solid Waste Management District. This has resulted in at least \$50,000 in quick cash.

Teacher receives threats: A teacher has received threats from gun rights activists following an editorial written by her students that argued against the right to bear arms. Julie Akers said she received letters that called her un-American and a brainwasher.

AFGHANISTAN



AFP Photo

A CH-53E Super Stallion helicopter, like the one shown here, crashed in Afghanistan on Sunday, killing two marines. The crash has been attributed to mechanical failure. There were no initial indications of enemy fire.

Two Marines die in Afghan crash

Associated Press

AFGHANISTAN

A U.S. helicopter crashed in the rugged mountains of Afghanistan on Sunday, killing two Marines and injuring the other five on board. It was the third fatal crash of a U.S. military aircraft in the campaign.

The CH-53E Super Stallion crashed about 40 miles south of Bagram air base after taking off from the former Soviet base outside the capital, Kabul. It was flying with another helicopter to resupply American forces, military officials said.

Marine spokesman 1st Lt. James Jarvis said there was no initial indication of hostile fire, and Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said the cause of the crash appeared to be a mechanical failure.

In Washington, the Pentagon identified the dead as Staff Sgt. Walter F. Cohee III, 26, from Wicomico, Md., a communications navigations systems technician, and Sgt. Dwight J. Morgan, 24, from Mendocino, Calif., a helicopter mechanic.

The injured were: Cpl. David J. Lynne, 23, from Mecklenburg, N.C.; Cpl. Ivan A. Montanez, 22,

from Hayes, Texas; Cpl. Stephen A. Sullivan, 24, from Pickens, S.C.; Capt. William J. Cody, 30, from Middlesex, N.J., and Capt. Douglas V. Glasgow, 33, from Wayne, Ohio.

Also Sunday, the leader of Afghanistan's interim government arrived in Tokyo for an international aid conference to gather funds for the massive task of rebuilding after more than two decades of war.

"I'm hoping very much that I'll go back to my country, my people with full hands," Prime Minister Hamid Karzai said.

The United Nations says it could cost \$1.7 billion

for the first year and possibly \$15 billion over 10 years to repair the Afghan infrastructure and to get the new government moving.

The U.N.'s top priorities are filling the government's coffers, getting farmers back in the fields for spring planting and establishing an Afghan police force.

Armed men backing regional warlords are the nearest thing to a police force in most towns and there are complaints of abuses. The poor security raises concern that Taliban and al-Qaida figures are not being caught.

Market Watch January 18			
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Associated Press

DENVER

An officer accused by parents of accidentally killing their son during the Columbine High School massacre says he is disappointed a coroner's inquest won't be held because he believes it would exonerate him.

"I want this in the public eye. I'm sick and tired of this conspiracy label," Police Sgt. Dan O'Shea said in an interview published Sunday in The Denver Post.

A sheriff's report said Rohrbough was killed by student gunman Dylan

Klebold. On Thursday, the Jefferson County coroner denied a request to call an inquest, saying the evidence supports the official finding that Klebold killed Rohrbough.

But Rohrbough's parents claim he was accidentally killed by a police officer during the massacre.

Two days after the shooting, O'Shea told former school administrator Celine Marquez about fears he may have shot a student. Marquez's statements were included in a motion filed by the family Dec. 26 seeking to reinstate their wrongful-death and negligence lawsuit against

the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office.

"It wasn't a single shot, it was every single one of them that I fired into that school that concerned me," said O'Shea, a 16-year Denver police veteran and former SWAT member.

He said he fired his 9mm submachine gun into the school's library to provide cover for rescue workers removing injured students from outside the school.

O'Shea said that his fears were eased when he learned that investigators discovered that students killed in the library where shot at close range.

Officer speaks about Columbine suit

U.S. sends financial aid to Afghanistan

Associated Press

TOKYO
The United States will pledge \$290 million in reconstruction assistance for Afghanistan, a Bush administration official said Monday.

The figure was to be announced at an international conference on rebuilding the war-torn nation.

More than 60 countries are gathered in Tokyo for two days of talks on ways to rebuild Afghanistan after 23 years of devastating warfare.

The United Nations, the World Bank and the Asian Development Bank have said \$1.7 billion would be needed for the first year.

The U.S. pledge represents about 17 percent of that total.

Among those attending is Afghanistan's interim leader Hamid Karzai, who along with Secretary of State Colin Powell was to address the gathering.

At a briefing Sunday, U.S. officials, speaking on the condition they not be identified, said the American efforts in Afghanistan would focus on rural development, education and removing land mines.

Afghanistan is one of the most heavily mined countries in the world.

While U.S. officials said the \$290 million figure may not seem generous given Afghanistan's need, they

pointed out that the United States has spent \$4.5 billion on the war effort in the country since early October.

Powell is on the final leg of a five-nation tour that included a five-hour stop in Kabul, Afghanistan, where he promised Karzai that America's commitment to the country is longterm.

Powell's diplomacy also included a major effort at easing tensions between Pakistan and India, nuclear powers on the brink of war.

He also made a stop in Nepal before traveling to Japan.

The United Nation says the cost of rebuilding Afghanistan's infrastructure and getting the government

up and running could reach as much as \$15 billion over the next 10 years.

Top priorities including returning law and order to the largely lawless country and getting farmers back into their fields.

Health care, education, infrastructure and clearing land mines are also expected

to head the agenda at the conference, organized by Japan, the United States, Saudi Arabia and the European Union.

The meeting is seen as a test of the world community's commitment to helping in Afghanistan's recovery.

COLOMBIA

Rebels resolve cease-fire talks

Associated Press

LOS POZOS
Hours before a crucial deadline, rebel and government negotiators on Sunday agreed to a timetable for cease-fire talks, the first significant accomplishment in Colombia's rancorous peace process.

The agreement was signed by the rebels and the government chief negotiator less than four hours before President Andres Pastrana was to decide whether to cancel a safe haven he ceded to the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC, three years ago.

Pastrana, who spent Sunday in his presidential palace in Bogota with his ministers awaiting the results of Sunday's meeting, had no immediate comment.

However, he had been in constant touch with his negotiators, who met the rebels deep in their sanctuary in southern Colombia, and a continuation of the rebel zone was all but assured. Cancellation of the zone would likely have resulted in a bloodier war in this South American country.

Foreign diplomats helped facilitate talks, held under an open-air thatched-roof hut. After the agreement was finally reached, chief government negotiator Camilo Gomez and the envoys toasted the accord with a drink of rum. Cuba's ambassador handed out cigars to government officials, gun-toting rebels and diplomats.

"This is good news for Colombia," declared U.N. special envoy James LeMoine.

The accord signed by Gomez and rebel negotiators calls for immediate opening of cease-fire talks, with the goal of setting cease-fire terms by April 7. It also calls for the participation of an international verification commission, which would also "overcome complications."

The agreement also said talks aimed at ending vio-

lence by a brutal right-wing paramilitary group would be part and parcel of the cease-fire negotiations.

The accord raised hopes that Colombia's peace process, which began three years ago but has produced few results, was finally on track. However, a 1984 cease-fire agreement between the FARC and the administration of then-President Belisario Betancur broke down three years later when the rebels ambushed an army patrol. The government then suspended peace talks.

Pastrana revived the peace process after taking office in 1998, taking the novel step of giving the government's enemies a huge safe haven as a site for the talks and as an incentive to the highly suspicious rebels.

However Pastrana, now in his last year of office, has become impatient with the lack of results. Last week, he sent troops to the borders of the huge rebel zone and threatened to retake it unless the rebels returned to the negotiating table, which they had abandoned in October.

He then said that if negotiators failed to agree by midnight Sunday on a timeline for cease-fire talks, he would revoke the guerrilla safe haven.

If the safe haven had been canceled, the rebels would then have had 48 hours to evacuate the five main towns in the zone, which is twice the size of New Jersey.

While talking peace, the FARC has waged an offensive during the past few days, killing 12 government soldiers on Saturday. The president of Congress, Carlos Garcia, said Saturday night that the rebel attacks appeared aimed at pressuring the government and weakening its negotiating position.

Critics of the peace process say the rebels are participating only to buy time and strengthen their forces, currently estimated at 16,000 combatants.

Gen. Fernando Tapias, the commander of Colombia's

armed forces, said the military was trying to prevent rebel attacks that have downed power lines in 15 places and heavily damaged a bridge outside the safe haven.

Government troops had been poised to retake the zone if peace talks collapsed and Pastrana ordered them to move in. Army troops have been posted near the border of the zone since the country's peace process reached the point of unraveling last week.

Colombia's civil war kills roughly 3,500 people every year, pitting U.S.-backed government forces and the outlawed right-wing paramilitary group against the FARC and a smaller rebel army.

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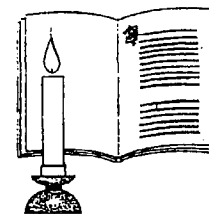
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REPUBLIC OF CONGO

Citizens vote on new constitution

Associated Press

BRAZZAVILLE

Residents of this war-scarred central African country voted Sunday on a new constitution, paving the way for the first elections since fighting ended two years ago.

State-run radio reported a lively turnout at some polling stations in the capital, Brazzaville, but confusion reigned at others. Some voters complained they did not receive their identification cards in time, while others said their names did not appear on official lists.

If the constitution is approved, proponents say it would set the stage for the return of democratic rule after two devastating civil wars. Presidential, legislative and municipal elections are scheduled for March 10, May 12 and June 9 respectively.

Critics, however, argue the proposed document would only bolster an already powerful and autocratic president. Some opposition leaders called for a boycott, but it was not immediately clear how successful it was.

Delays distributing voting materials were also reported, causing some polling stations to open several hours late.

President Denis Sassou-Nguesso, however, expressed satisfaction with the vote's progress when he cast his ballot in Brazzaville.

"Everything is taking place peacefully, without trouble and without disorder," he said on the radio.

The draft constitution would do away with the prime minister and existing Parliament, providing for an elected president and a bicameral assembly with a House of

Representatives and a Senate.

The new legislature would not have the power to remove the president from office as the current Parliament does. The president would serve seven-year terms, but could run only twice.

A constitutional court and a national human rights commission would also be established.

Republic of Congo has had only a provisional constitution since Sassou-Nguesso seized power in 1997, oust-

ing elected President Pascal Lissouba in fighting just weeks before a presidential vote in which both men were to have run.

Sassou-Nguesso in turn faced a rebellion in 1998 launched by militias loyal to Lissouba and Bernard Kolelas, a former prime minister. Cease-fire agreements were signed by all sides at the end of 1999, and the country has been mostly calm since.

A draft of the new constitution was approved by delegates to a national peace conference in April called by Sassou-Nguesso.

Neither Kolelas nor Lissouba — who have both been convicted in absentia for crimes committed during the 1997 war — were present, and both men say they oppose any elections organized by Sassou-Nguesso's regime.

Kolelas called on his supporters to boycott the vote altogether. Other opposition figures called on their backers to vote against the new constitution.

Sassou-Nguesso and his supporters, however, say the referendum heralds a new era of peace and development.

Voting took place at 3,224 polling stations across the oil-rich nation, which borders the much larger Congo. Some 1.6 million of the country's 3 million people were registered to cast ballots.

PHILIPPINES

U.S. troops face Muslim protest

Associated Press

ZAMBOANGA

U.S. military cargo planes brought more troops and equipment to the southern Philippines on Sunday amid growing protests against American involvement in the government's efforts to quash Muslim guerrillas.

Three U.S. Air Force C-130s arrived at an air base in the southern port city of Zamboanga carrying several soldiers, a forklift, a power generator, engineering equipment and a truck and trailer loaded with communications gear.

Capt. Noel Detoyato, spokesman for the Philippine military's Southern Command, said the Americans were part of a contingent that would train Filipino special forces battling Abu Sayyaf guerrillas in the jungles of nearby Basilan island, 540 miles south of Manila.

U.S. and Philippine officials say the Abu Sayyaf have been linked with Osama bin Laden and his al-Qaida terror network.

Journalists were barred from interviewing the Americans, who were dressed in camouflage and carried no visible firearms.

The gradual U.S. military buildup in Zamboanga and Basilan is part of preparations for a six-month training exercise in which small teams of armed U.S. Army Special Forces are expected to enter combat zones to assess their Filipino counterparts and their needs.

Some 660 U.S. soldiers, including 160 Special Forces, are to take part in the training exercise. The U.S. troops cannot engage guerrillas but can defend themselves.

Welcomed by the ill-equipped Philippine military, the U.S. involvement has raised concerns over legal restrictions on foreign troops and rekindled anti-American sentiment in the former U.S. colony.

The growing opposition to the U.S. military presence prompted President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo to call for a meeting this week of the National Security Council, an advisory group that includes opposition politicians and former presidents. Officials said last week it was possible that the number of U.S. soldiers could be reduced.

Hundreds of leftist activists used protests on the first anniversary Sunday of Arroyo's rise to power to demand American troops leave the country.

Outside the presidential palace in Manila, protesters hurled tomatoes at a giant effigy of Arroyo on a mock throne adorned with American flags and a sign that read "Traitor." Another placard read "U.S. terrorist troops, go home!"

Arroyo has come under fire from leftist groups for allowing the U.S. military to get involved in operations against the Abu Sayyaf, who have been holding an American couple since May and killed another American hostage last year.

"It's a slap on our sovereignty," protest leader Teodoro Casino said.

In the predominantly Muslim city of Marawi in the south, about 500 students yelled "Allahu Akbar!" — God is great — while burning a U.S. flag.

"If Americans would end up as casualties, they would retaliate," said Mahoud Gaima, a leader of a Muslim group called the Bangsa Moro Youth Assembly.

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Make resolutions you don't mind breaking

New year, new disappointments.

It's January again. The time when we willingly make New Year's Resolutions that we know we can't keep, setting ourselves up for failure and depression.

Personally, I have a very difficult time accepting failure, so I'm making resolutions that will actually cause me happiness if I break them. I plan to weaken my faith life, drink more, start smoking, eat babies and gain weight (babies have a wicked caloric count).

I would also like to fail out of school and live off my Enron stock.

So, I'm set, but others still might be having trouble deciding on their resolutions. Of course, not everyone is like me, and some actually think that their attempts to improve themselves will not end in abject failure. For those people, I've provided some slightly more realistic resolutions. However, I think they have as much of a chance of keeping these goals as I do of finding my AbSlide underneath my pile of Dorritos and Dorritos Schnapps. Enjoy.

First off, let's talk about airport security personnel. Your resolution is to stop searching me and all my bags at every possible check point at every airport ever. These supposedly "random" security

checks are obviously just completely discriminatory practices against pale, timid girls from Texas who really enjoy Fear Factor. Every time I travel, despite my T-shirt that says "I am not a terrorist. I promise. Please don't search me," I get everything searched, from my CD case to my make-up bag.

On the last such occasion, Rufus, who broke his 1991 resolution to graduate from high school, asked me absurd questions like "Where did you get this toothbrush?" "Has your lipstick been with you at all times?" and "Are you the white ninja?" I finally convinced him that my Clinique bag and I were not in fact threats to freedom and democracy itself, but I was still imprisoned for my apparently terrible taste in music. In short, airport security people must resolve to leave me alone.

Next, there are these girls watching Making the Band in Lafortune as I write this column. They know the names of everyone in O-Town and are singing along. I guess they're freshmen but they look and act like high schoolers. One of them keeps staring at me. Their resolution is to be less terrible.

The film industry. The film industry must in the new year stop parodying "The Matrix" immediately. Cute the first time, not so much the next five times. Now there are cows imitating that scene and — no, just stop.

Ok, after watching this show for a while

I've determined that O-Town must resolve to cease existence. It's all about Justin Timberlake.

I'm almost done with my ranting, but just a few more suggestions: Jay Leno, if he must continue to be on the air, has to at least trim his horrible monologue to under 30 minutes. Pop-up ads must stop being larger than the actual internet page and must stop advertising cameras that allow you to spy on your random attractive nude female neighbor. Finally, progress must be made on whatever it is going on in front of Stonehenge before I graduate.

But at least I'm not judgmental. I seriously doubt any of my suggestions will be taken seriously, once again proving my theory that people should purposely make horrible resolutions like torturing kittens and joining the Republican party. But, you might not all agree with me, so while I'm out buying cigs and babies, you should think about what you need to do to improve yourself this new year. And remember, it doesn't matter what it is, as long as it involves sending large amounts of money to your favorite columnist named Amy Schill.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

SATs do not answer cloning question

Recently, the U.S. Federal government has begun discussing legislation regarding cloning. A bill outlawing human cloning, which has already passed in the House, currently occupies the attention of the Senate. Concurrently, a presidential council has been assembled to discuss the pertinent issues regarding the delicate topic. According to the New York Times, on the first day of debate "the conversation ran the gamut, from debate over whether parents seeking egg donors should take the donors' SAT tests into account, to whether making babies the old-fashioned way — by sexual intercourse between a man and a woman — has any intrinsic worth."

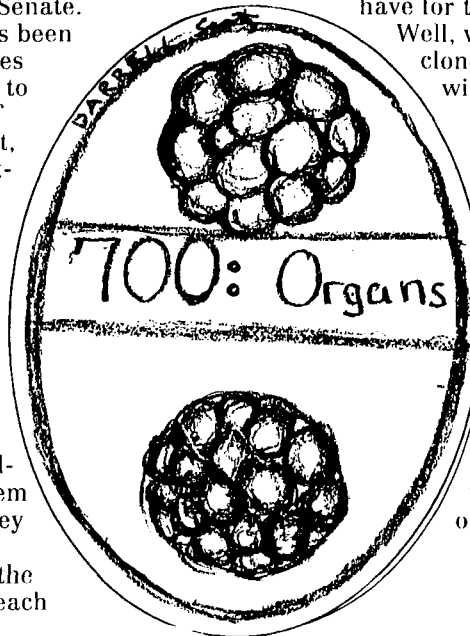
Now, I took the SATs once and apparently did well enough to slip by the Notre Dame admissions department. In fact, the life of a student in this country is inundated with standardized tests. After having experienced them first hand, I can say confidently that they mean nothing. They simply act as an arbitrary way of assigning a number to the millions of people applying for college each year. All until now.

Now, the SATs may determine your ability to live for-

ever. Yes, that's right. If you score a 1600 on the SAT's you too may be able to clone yourself, ensuring your genetic code will exist in perpetuity. And, Vanna, what do we have for those runners up who score below an 800? Well, we will clone them too, using their "stupid" clones for organ and tissue donors. Everybody wins.

This talk is ridiculous and only acts to characterize our complete ignorance about our own human existence. Before we begin discussing the pragmatics of cloning, we have some other issues to solve: like abortion. When does human life begin? Whose rights are more important: the parent's or child's, the original's or the copy's? Does respecting human life mean protecting unborn babies or harvesting T-cells to treat the sick?

I know that life starts at conception. I know that abortion is evil. I also know that clones are human life. I scored a 1450 on the SATs.

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*"Knowledge must come through action; you can have no test which is not fanciful, save by trial."*Sophocles
playwright

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GUEST COLUMN

Senate's delays cheat Americans of judges

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich.

When President George W. Bush took office one year ago, he vowed to remedy a serious crisis in the U.S. justice system: the lack of federal judges. Few deny it is a crisis:

Rob Nederhood

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The 6th circuit court of appeals, which has jurisdiction over the state of Michigan, has five vacancies on what is supposed to be a 16-member panel. The 9th Circuit Court of Appeals, which has jurisdiction over the Western United States and has seen its caseload rise 95 percent in the last 15 years, also has five vacancies.

During the Clinton years the federal courts had, at any one time, between 80 and 100 vacancies, resulting in a massive backlog of cases. Yet despite his good intentions, at the end of Bush's first year in office, the number of vacancies on the federal bench has risen to 110. So what gives? The President has — as we have come to expect from him — held up his end of the bargain, nominating 80 judges during the past year, enough to seriously alleviate the crisis.

The problem is this: only 28 of those nominees have gained the requisite confirmation by the Democrat-controlled Senate. Bush handed down most of the nominations last spring, yet nearly a year later, the Senate has failed to act on them. In fact, of the President's first batch of 11 nominees, only two have even been granted a hearing in the Senate Judiciary Committee, which must approve the nominees before the full Senate can confirm them.

Senate Democrats have effectively stonewalled Bush's slate of nominees, placing political grudges above the welfare of the nation's court system, and by extension, the American people. The main culprits behind this travesty of justice are Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle (D-SD) — responsible for deciding what business gets taken up when — and Sen. Patrick Leahy (D-VT), Chairman of the Judiciary Committee, responsible for holding hearings.

If ideological differences or a lack of qualified nominees were the motivation for the Democrats' dilatory tactics, one could consider giving them a break. Unfortunately, the reason for the "confirmation gap" seems to be

political spite — partisanship for the sake of partisanship.

Case in point: Bush's nomination of Eugene Scalia to serve as the top lawyer at the Labor Department. Scalia is eminently qualified; he graduated from the University of Chicago Law School, where he was editor of the law review, worked under former Education Secretary William Bennett and practiced employment law in D.C. while serving as a consultant to the Labor Department. He has been praised by Sen. Ted Kennedy (D-MA) as "a great lawyer," and by liberal law professor Cass Sunstein of the University of Chicago as "as good a choice as can be imagined."

So why did Daschle and company refuse even to bring his nomination up for a vote? He is the son of conservative Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia, who sided with Bush in the Bush vs. Gore decision, which effectively granted Bush the presidency last fall. Political paybacks are an established part of our system, of course, but they should never be dealt out at the expense of the American people.

Fortunately, Bush used his power of recess appointment to go around Daschle and grant Scalia and a few other nominees temporary, one year appointments, at the end of which they will again require Senate confirmation. Predictably, Daschle called the move

"regrettable," though it seems not half as regrettable as the actions of his own party.

Unfortunately, Bush's troubles getting his nominees confirmed have not been limited to the judicial and law enforcement sectors. Of the 508 government positions requiring Senate confirmation, only about 300 have been filled.

Many of these unfilled positions are crucial to the successful execution of the nation's war on terrorism. Some are foreign policy positions, a situation that White House Spokesman Ari Fleisher calls "particularly disturbing." Some are even more important to the battle against terrorism, such as the voids at the head of the Food and Drug Administration — which is responsible for approving medicines and vaccines necessary as preventive measures against bioterrorism — and the National Institutes of Health, as well as vacancies in important deputy positions at the Federal Aviation Administration and Department of Defense. After criticizing the President for moving too slowly to secure the nation's airports, Senate Democrats

have refused to confirm the nominee to head the newly created Transportation Security Administration, highly qualified former Secret Service director John Magaw. Bush's Cabinet stood incomplete for nearly 10 months until the December confirmation of John Walters as drug czar.

Daschle and other Democratic leaders have offered several excuses for their refusal to consider President Bush's nominees. In the case of Scalia,

for example, Daschle claimed that there were not 60 votes "required" to confirm Scalia. The only reason that 60 votes would be necessary, of course, would be to block a filibuster. If Daschle was so convinced that Scalia was a "very controversial" nominee who didn't have the simple majority needed for confirmation, he could have merely called a vote and defeated the nomination.

However, he chose to continue to stonewall by announcing an extraordinary standard for Scalia's confirmation.

With some truth, Leahy has pointed out that the events of Sept. 11 have also delayed confirmations. However, several of these confirmations have been made even more urgent by the country's war on terrorism. It is instructive to note that since the attacks, Senate Democrats have found time to honor Barry Bonds for his "spectacular record-breaking season," and to pass the pork-filled Railroad Retirement Act, while Leahy himself has found time to secure \$1.5 million for the revitalization of the tiny town of Winooski, Ver. It certainly doesn't seem as if filling the epidemic of vacancies in the judiciary and upper reaches of government was ever on their list of priorities.

Perhaps the most effective argument for Democrats has been to point out that the Republicans did the same thing to President Clinton's nominees throughout his tenure. Though true, that certainly doesn't make the Democrat's inactions good for the country. The hypocrisy of Democratic leaders is evident when one considers that when Clinton was trying to push his nominees through the Senate when there were only 75 vacancies, Daschle claimed that "there is a dire shortage — we have a judicial emergency right now," and Leahy declared that "Any week in which the Senate does not confirm three judges is a week in which the Senate is failing to address the vacancy crisis."

Presumably, Leahy has abandoned the three-judges-per-week standard.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Protect sense of community in University Village

Though the University could do better for its families and probably ought, the people calling for change rarely consider what could be lost in the process.

If the University built a larger place, there's no guarantee that the same sense of community that prevails at the Village would survive. If the Village were demolished and replaced by something like Fisher Graduate Residences, it would be a much different place. And even if they kept the same enlightened format of apartments surrounding an enclosed playground, the rent would almost certainly be higher.

In short, those who are asking for major changes assume that the administra-

tion is smart enough to redo the Village without ruining those things that make it great: the relatively cheap rent and the extraordinary sense of community. That is a big assumption.

Aaron Potter

Notre Dame Law School '01

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A day for

*This week on campus, Notre Dame's MLK committee will present a series*By CHRISTIE BOLSEN
Scene Writer

Almost 40 years before the collapse of the World Trade Center, Martin Luther King, Jr. had already predicted the remedy for America's distress.

"Nonviolence is the answer to the crucial political and moral questions of our time ... Man must evolve for all human conflict a method which rejects revenge, aggression and retaliation. The foundation of such a method is love," King said.

His words, spoken as he accepted his Nobel Prize in 1964, ring as true today during America's time of sorrow as they did decades ago.

In honor of this illustrious activist for peace, acceptance and love, Notre Dame will be celebrating with its annual series of events aimed at promoting King's values, especially in the wake of recent tragedies.

The theme, "Operation Love: Making A Difference Piece By Piece," alludes not only to the current war situation but also to King's outlook on life. More personal and introspective topics will be addressed this year as compared to the past. All three events welcome community attendance, as well as the student body.

The events, which are unique every year, provide an opportunity for students and faculty together to voice

opinions and relate experiences.

The week's activities will commence with "From the Inside Out: An Expression of Self through Dance, Poetry and Music." Martin Luther King committee members sought out performers by going to venues in the community and asking about talent, as well as through word of mouth from students.

The result was a wide variety of responses from creative musicians, poets and dancers. Junior Santiago Gurule, who is a first year member of the committee, will be the emcee.

"We've been going through some pretty hard times as of late, and we really wanted to allow people to reflect in whatever form they wished to. So really it's going to be a mix ... We wanted to do something to commemorate [King's] legacy, to bring in the community and get people thinking," Gurule said.

The goal of this particular event is to allow the participants, both performers and audience members, to convey their personal emotions and reach out. Just as King strove to promote understanding among people, "From the Inside Out" hopes to achieve the same.

"I think when you see somebody express themselves, it really evokes a sort of passion in people ... our main goal is we really want people to come with open hearts and connect with the performers. It's so important that we communicate our thoughts and our feelings with each other," Gurule said.

Continuing with the theme of communication, the next event will be "Speaking the Truth: A Fireside Chat with Student Leaders and Others."

As opposed to panel discussions usually held on campus, the forum will be more casual and open than a formal discussion so everyone can feel comfortable speaking. Instead of having the panel on a stage, this year's will be seated with the listeners so there can be more audience participation. Joyce DeLeon, head of the diversity division of student government and a member of last year's panel, will be the moderator for the discussion.

Junior Kat Walsh, who became involved with the committee her freshman year, is in charge of this

year's discussion. The goal is to have everyone feel relaxed enough to join the conversation, so the panelists will not be singled out until they are introduced at the end.

The emphasis of the fireside chat topics will be on how to apply King's dreams and morals to present-day life. Shamus Rohn, a junior who became involved with the MLK committee this year, will be one of the student panelists.

"I hope that people are going to leave the chat with both a better understanding of different perspectives on



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Students protest a KKK rally held in South Bend on May 5, 2001. Some of the students who attended the protest helped with this year's presentation and shared their experiences with the MLK committee.



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Making dreams reality — the chron

By C. Spencer Beggs
Scene Editor

Jan. 15, 1929

Martin Luther King is born Michael Luther King to parents "Daddy" King and Alberta Christine King. "Daddy" King changed his name in 1935 to Martin Luther King; although the name change was never official, his son followed suit.

1944

King enrolls at Morehouse College in Atlanta, Ga. after he passes the entrance exam. King leaves Booker T. Washington High School without graduating at the age of 15.

1947

King receives his license to preach.

1948

King graduates from Morehouse College with a bachelor degree in Sociology. The same year, he is ordained a Baptist minister and appointed as a pastor at Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta. He begins Divinity school at Crozer Theological Seminary in Chester, Pa. He begins to study the writings of Gandhi.

1951

King graduates from Crozer. Enters Boston University for graduate studies in the- ology.

1953

King marries Coretta Scott.

1954

King is appointed to Dexter Avenue Baptist Church in Montgomery, Ala.

1955

Graduates with a Ph. D. in Systematic Theology from Boston University. King is elected to the president of the Montgomery Improvement Association on Dec. 5 after the Dec. 1st arrest of Rosa Parks for refusing to give her seat to a white man.

1956

The United States Supreme Court declares bus segregation unconstitutional. Busses are integrated on Dec., 20.

1957

The Southern Christen Leadership Conference is founded in February.

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what's going on right now in the world with issues of race, prejudice, etc. and also I hope they can come away with a better understanding of how they personally can affect this situation in a positive way," Rohn said.

Anot-her student panelist, sophomore Joshiekka Outlaw, believes that the celebratory aspect of King's words is valuable to remember in these times. "His message transcends any generation ... [the chat] is welcome to everybody and diversity is appreciated," Outlaw said.

The finale of "Operation Love" is the focal point of the entire celebration.

"The Peace Quilt: Tied Together in the Single Garment of Destiny" began with an idea from a sophomore committee member to make a quilt, an old African-American tradition that symbolized history. Quilts were sacred items in the home because of the stories and sentimental value sewn into the finished product.

The Peace Quilt required the time, effort and coordination of not only the MLK committee, but also the rest of Notre Dame and the surrounding community.

The process began with a kit to make a rainbow quilt. The committee approved of the colorful pattern, which was ideal for a week about harmony and diversity.

The next part of the quilt-making procedure involved the residence halls and more than 40 South Bend elementary schools. All dorms and schools were asked to design their own patch.

Susan Good, a technology consultant at the law school, sewed the decorated patches together. Although there was plenty of money in the budget, Good voluntarily gave her time and skill to the creation of the Peace Quilt without payment. Her uncle, Holy Cross priest Steve Gibson, constructed a stand to display the final quilt. Chandra Johnson, a committee administrative co-chair, watched the development of the quilt from pieces of cloth to a work of art.

"I saw it, and it is the most beautiful thing I've ever seen," Johnson said.

She sees the quilt as a symbol of coming together, of progressing from squares with glitter or doves or a big Zahm Z to a breathtaking representation of an entire community's interpretation of peace.

As one of the leaders of the MLK committee, Johnson admits that she was uncertain about the quilt idea at first because of the amount of organization and work involved. All the components eventually came together, however — especially when the patches began returning to her with vibrant and special pictures of peace.

"I'm going to explain the process of the quilt-making spiritually and theologically at the prayer service on Thursday, so that the community who comes can understand how something that looks very, very difficult to do in the beginning actually becomes a divine work of art — it's the process of putting forth the effort," Johnson said.

The quilt, not easy to make but spectacular to see, is an appropriate way of honoring King and the adversity he overcame to realize his famous dream.

The committee hopes the quilt can be prominently displayed

on campus so that everyone who views it will see the importance of looking at not only each singular patch, with its solitary model of love and peace, but also stepping

back and seeing how each distinct square connects on all sides with the others to become even more impressive. Johnson emphasizes the importance of joining together in the midst of incredible changes in our world.

"We've been trained to see an aesthetic reality of a person and to immediately put them into a category," Johnson said.

The Peace Quilt was crafted in memory of King's ideals of acceptance and tolerance, to discourage that judging of people based on appearance and the pushing away of those who are different.

Just like in African-American tradition, the Peace Quilt is indeed a sacred item — for its meaning, its stories, and its beauty.

Ken Seifert is the chairperson of this year's MLK committee, which is hand selected by the administrative co-chairs. The committee

is comprised of students and faculty from a diverse array of departments and backgrounds.

The result is a group of individuals who bring varied perspectives to the weekly meetings. For example, Notre Dame students Jourdan Sorrell, Darius Stewart and Habibah Bell even witnessed last spring's KKK rally firsthand as they and many others staged an opposing rally. They brought this experience with them to meeting discussions.

Seifert, who is heading the committee for the second year in a row, stresses the importance of self-analysis. Participants will be encouraged to assess their own responsibilities in seeking answers to the problems of society through King's message of tolerance and non-violence. He hopes that the events will help individuals look at their personal behaviors and prejudices, which is the first step to improving race relations.

Most importantly, Seifert wants every single participant to walk away with a positive feeling.

According to administrative co-chair Priscilla Wong, the focus will be on inspiring kindness.

"Our goal is to challenge the Notre Dame community, especially in light of the Sept. 11 incident, to examine our role and response to uplifting humanity," Wong said. Each MLK committee member has been working since fall to achieve this goal, hoping to elevate spirits in South Bend.

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ology of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

1958 King's first book "Stride Toward Freedom: the Montgomery Story" is published in September. Three days after the release, King is stabbed in the chest by a deranged woman; he survives the serious injury.

1960 King relocates to Atlanta where he is a pastor at the Ebenezer Baptist Church. The first lunch counter sit-in held by up and coming student Civil Rights movements. King meets with a campaigning John F. Kennedy.

1962 King helps lead the Birmingham protests.

1963 King meets with the now President Kennedy. During further protest, King is jailed in Birmingham. He writes his famous "Letter From A Birmingham Jail" during his incarceration. King's second book "Strength to Love" is released and King leads the March on Washington; he delivers the famous "I Have a Dream" speech on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial.

1964 King and other SCLC leaders are jailed in Florida. Later in the year, King travels to divided Berlin and has a meeting with Pope Paul VI at the Vatican. King receives the Nobel Peace Prize on Dec. 10.

1965 King addresses marchers from Selma, Ala. in Montgomery. The Voting Rights Act is sign by President Johnson.

1966 Poll taxes are declared unconstitutional. King's book, "Where do We Go from Here: Chaos or Community?" published. King also begins anti-Vietnam War lecture circuit.

1968 King goes to Memphis to aid striking sanitation workers. King delivers his last speech, "I've Been to the Mountain Top." On April 4, King is shot in the neck by James Earl Ray as he stood on the balcony of the second floor of the Lorraine Motel.

1986 President Ronald Reagan signs Public Law 98-144 making the third Monday of January a Federal Holiday in honor of King.

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its 2-3 zone, but once the Irish settled into their defense on Saturday, they dominated.

"They played a 2-3 zone very well," said Providence head coach Jim Jabir. "In the second half we really couldn't put the ball in the hole and it's hard to compete when they're that big, that physical and they're going to limit you to one look."

The Irish held the Friars to 17.9 percent shooting in the second half and allowed only one 3-point shot in the entire 40 minutes. Although Providence managed to hold Notre Dame's leading 3-point shooter, Alicia Ratay, to only six points, none of which came from a 3-point shot, the bench stepped it up from the outside.

Wicks hit three shots from outside the arc in the second half, wrapping up the outside effort Bustamante began in the first half.

"I was really trying to say 'be patient and if you build it they will come,'" Wicks laughed after the game. "Wait for the three and it will come."

Severe also added some help off the bench. After coming in at point guard for starter Jeneka Joyce, who is suffering from an injury, Severe added 13 points for the Irish, scoring just one less than leading scorer Jackie Batteast. She also grabbed four rebounds and three steals.

Joyce was hampered by pain most of the game and asked to come out in the first half.

"She's hurting and she's limited at practice," McGraw said. "She's playing in a lot of pain and she's playing hard, but you can tell."

Borton came off the bench with her first double-double of the season, grabbing 10 rebounds and hitting 11 points.

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tie. The Wildcats then scored on two consecutive plays with a quick fast break and a midcourt steal, increasing their lead to five with less than a minute left. A Tayshaun Prince 3-pointer after a Humphrey lay-up sent the Wildcats to the locker room with a six point 41-35 edge.

"We missed a free throw and then they picked our pockets at half court," Irish head coach Mike Brey said. "It was deflating."

The Irish were unable to come up with a lead in the second half. Humphrey struggled under the stiff defense of Wildcat center Jules Camara and forward Marquis Estill, scoring under his average with 14

points.

"I felt like every time I got the ball, there were two or three guys on me," Humphrey said. "But that's OK. When they do that, it gives my guys some looks and I can keep passing it."

But no one on the Irish squad could come up with any consistent points.

Freshman point guard Chris Thomas continued to struggle, scoring 13 and going 2-11 from 3-point range.

"It's been tough since the Big East started," Thomas said. "But good shooters always go through streaks like this."

The home loss drops the Irish to 12-5 on the season. But despite five notches in the loss column, Brey's squad has only lost by a combined total of 18 points. Three of those have come at the hands of

ranked teams.

The Irish do not have any time to mull over Saturday's loss, as they play host to conference rival Georgetown tonight at 7 p.m. at the Joyce Center.

"We don't have any time to feel sorry," Brey said. "We have Georgetown coming in here on Monday and we need to be ready."

The Hoyas are 11-6 overall and 2-3 in the Big East, but have dropped four games in their last six outings. The squad is coming off a one-point home loss to Pittsburgh, a team that Notre Dame defeated last weekend.

Tonight's game will be the first of two regular-season meetings for the team.

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Irish hope to hold their own against UConn

By NOAH AMSTADTER
Sports Editor

HARTFORD, Conn.

The Connecticut Huskies enter this afternoon's game against Notre Dame with a perfect 20-0 record, a 6-0 mark in the Big East and the No. 1 ranking in both the Associated Press and ESPN/USA Today polls.

The Huskies haven't just beaten all their opponents, they've annihilated them — winning by an average margin of 38.65 points, including a 112-43 drubbing of Pittsburgh on Jan. 2.

The Irish, on the other hand, may be the defending NCAA Champions, but without Ruth Riley, Kelley Siemon and Niele Ivey, have proved to be mortals. Notre Dame comes into its only nationally televised regular-season game unranked, with a 10-6 record (4-1 in the Big East). So when head coach Muffet McGraw looks at today's game, she is realistic.

"It's not about what we do

defensively or what we run on offense," McGraw said Sunday after practice. "It's just about facing up against the best team in the nation and not backing down. That's what we want to do. We could play a great game and lose by 15 and that's the way it is. We just want to leave the game feeling that we did our best."

McGraw makes a good point. Connecticut's list of victims reads like a who's who of the nation's top teams. UConn beat No. 7 Vanderbilt 69-50 on Nov. 18, No. 3 Oklahoma 86-72 on Dec. 22, and No. 2 Tennessee 86-72 on Jan. 5. So if the Irish can stay within 20 points of the Huskies today, they'll be in pretty good company.

"When the No. 1 team beats the No. 2 team by 20 [actually 14] on their home floor, you kind of think this team is the best in the country," McGraw said. "I think people are probably starting to compare scoring margins."

Connecticut has put together its perfect record with an experienced starting five — a

manner not much different than that employed by the Irish last season. Notre Dame's Riley, Siemon and Ivey used the experience of playing together for four years to their advantage. Connecticut seniors Sue Bird, Tamika Williams, Swin Cash and Asjha Jones join sophomore Diana Taurasi in a starting five where every player averages at least 10.9 points per contest.

"I don't think anybody compares to them just because they have five people who are so versatile and do so many things well," McGraw said. "I think their transition game is the best in the country. I think they have the best backcourt in the country and it'll come down to who's the best player in the country — Sue Bird or Diana Taurasi."

What makes the Huskies particularly hard to guard is their balance on offense.

"With every other team you play, there's usually someone that you can sort of lay off and not worry about and matchup with everybody else," McGraw

said. "With this team, we really don't have any good matchups. Even in the zone, it's going to be hard for us to play them."

While the Huskies have been led by the veterans all season long, the Irish have rebounded from a 2-4 start to win eight of their last 10 games behind the efforts of an improving freshman class. Forward Jacqueline Batteast has emerged as a national Freshman of the Year candidate, leading the team in scoring eight times already this season.

While the Irish faltered against ranked Purdue and Michigan in December, Batteast points out that the team taking the Hartford Civic Center floor today is a more mature one.

"The same people are more confident," Batteast said. "We're starting to understand what we should be doing. We're not as confused as we were. It's good that we're learning from our mistakes."

While the freshmen have improved, McGraw hopes that

veteran players such as Hancy, Ratay and Jeneka Joyce — all of whom saw significant court time against Connecticut last season — can step up today.

"I think this is a game for the upperclassmen," McGraw said. "This is a game where we need our upperclassmen to really come out and play well and play their best game. They've got to lead us. This is not a game where we're expecting the freshmen to carry the team."

Hancy agrees, and is quick to point out which team has the rings from 2000-01.

"For a team like this, coming off of a national championship and beating them in the semifinals last year it's important that we don't go out there and show that we're scared and afraid," she said. "I think what's important is that we go out play like we're capable of playing and give them a real game."

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Thomas, Irish will overcome recent struggles

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Associate Sports Editor

The frustration on Chris Thomas' face revealed more about the young point guard than the black-and-white numbers on the stat sheet.

Midway through the second half, Notre Dame's prize freshman stood clutching the basketball behind the 3-point arc without a Kentucky defender in the same zip code. Although he had missed six shots from downtown already, Thomas didn't hesitate to pull the trigger again.

Clang. Miss No. 7.

Tipped around by several players, the ball flew through the air and returned to Thomas' hands. This time, he took a step to the left, hesitated for an instant and launched another 3-pointer.

Airball. Miss No. 8.

And as Thomas ran in the same direction his shots were going — away from the basket — his gaze fell to the floor, his head shook from side to side and he seemed to be looking for a hole to crawl into.

By the time the game was over, Thomas had missed three



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more triples, finishing 2-of-11 from behind the arc and 4-of-15 overall. He had open looks on the perimeter and humiliated defenders as he drove to the basket, but rarely finished what he started.

That pretty much sums up the way January has been going for the talented Notre Dame rookie.

"It's been tough since the Big East started," said Thomas. "My shots are going to fall. I've been through stuff like this before. Good shooters always go through streaks like this."

But it doesn't matter whether Thomas' shooting slumps last the length of a Bun Run or five games. When Thomas struggles, Notre Dame struggles.

In the 12 games before Big East play started, Thomas was nearly unstoppable, making half of his 3-point shots and 45 percent of all his field goals.

During that period, when Thomas made defenses look uglier than Lou Holtz, the Irish went 10-2.

Since the Irish began Big East play on Jan. 6, they have gone 2-3. In those five games, Thomas has shot 27 percent from the field and 26 percent from 3-point range.

From the day Thomas recorded a triple-double, he has spent his college career living up to

expectations placed on him by his coach, his teammates, his fans and himself. Maybe he didn't know that freshmen weren't supposed to handle the ball like a three-year veteran, that freshman weren't supposed to hit clutch shots at key points in the game. Or maybe he knew, and just didn't care.

When he started embarrassing opposing point guards with ankle-breaking crossovers, the freshman seemed to be playing like a junior. Now, with his recent struggles, the freshman is playing, well, like a freshman.

"You do [take him for granted] because he does himself like an older

"You do [take him for granted] because he does himself like an older guy."

Mike Brey
head coach

guy," Brey said. "Our expectations are high for him. His expectations, I think, are higher."

Thomas' greatest asset is his creativity.

When Notre Dame falls behind, Thomas tends to bring the Irish back in the game himself. Usually, he damages opposing teams with his flashy moves and pinpoint shooting. But some-

times, like Saturday, that creativity can hurt the Irish.

He caused problems all afternoon for Kentucky's Cliff Hawkins by driving right past the Wildcat point guard at will.

But when he released the ball, his shots bounced off the rim rather than floating through the net. So he resorted to outside shooting. And as everyone in the Joyce Center saw, that didn't work either.

"I just don't want him down," Brey said. "I'm not down on him. I love him. He's the greatest thing that happened around here in a long time. If he needs a massage, I'll give it to him."

Brey can't afford to take the ball out of Thomas' hands. He can't even afford to take him out of the game. When Thomas headed toward the bench with 2:37 left in the first half, the Irish trailed by one point. When he returned a minute later, the Wildcat lead had stretched to five points. Notre Dame would never get within one point again.

Thomas is the heart and soul of the Irish offense. When he's hitting jumpers, David Graves and Matt Carroll find themselves a lot more open. When he's driving through the lane,

he can dish off to Ryan Humphrey for a rim-rocking dunk or kick it out for a 3-pointer.

Basically, when Thomas clicks, the Irish click.

"We still have to keep him in an attack frame of mind," Brey said. "There'll be times where we'll say, 'Chris, make something happen.' Most of the time it's been good, sometimes he's thrown it away, but we're going to keep doing that."

A month and a half ago, when the Irish lost their first game of the season to Indiana, Thomas scored his 22nd, 23rd and 24th points on a shot taken five feet behind the 3-point line with two defenders hanging over him.

"You knew I was going to shoot that," the freshman smiled after the game. "And you knew it was going in, too."

Thomas needs to get that swagger back, and he will. He'll get it back by staying in the game and playing 40 minutes a night. Something from his game might be missing now, but he can't keep missing shots forever.

And when — not if — his shots stop rolling off the rim, then the Irish will — not might — roll right into the NCAA tournament.

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SMC BASKETBALL

Belles' upset of Adrian falls short

By JOE LINDSLEY
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's was on the verge of an upset until the final minutes of their game Saturday afternoon against Adrian College. The Belles lost to the Bulldogs 81-76.

Coming off a home win over Olivet, the Belles were expecting the short, but physically strong Adrian squad to present a formidable challenge.

And for the most part, the Belles rose to meet that challenge.

The Bulldogs and the Belles were neck and neck for most of the first half, and the Belles led 44-41 at the half. They proceeded to hold the lead for the first 14 minutes of the second half.

It was then that the Bulldogs increased their shooting accuracy, while Saint Mary's got into foul trouble, and was hurt by missed free throws.

"We were just thinking upset. We knew they were a good team from last year. Last year they beat us by a considerable amount," said

Belles senior Elizabeth Linkous. "We just decided if we went in there and played our game we would beat them. And we played our game, but I think if we would have made our foul shots we would have won."

Saint Mary's shot 46.7 percent from the line, a drastic change from its 87.5 percent shooting Wednesday night versus Olivet. Adrian sunk 20 free throws out of 23 attempts, and the Bulldogs' Ra'Sheida Edwards, the MIAA Player of the Week, went 5-5 from the line, adding to her 19

points and seven boards.

The missed free throws, combined with weak rebounding — the Belles had 20 boards to the Bulldog's 44 — gave Adrian the edge.

"In past games, we've been hitting all our free throws and then this game we let it drop off a little," Linkous said.

Despite their weaknesses, the Belles are pleased with their overall performance.

"I'm not upset at all because we played really

well," said Katie Miller. "It would have been better if we had won obviously."

"I'm pretty happy. Last year we won eight games," Linkous said. "This year we've already won six. We're not all the way through the first round of conference play."

The Belles have also overcome another weakness, the loss of four key players.

"I think it affected us at first, but now, we've gotten past that and we know that the team we have now we are going to have to work with," Linkous said. "Coach Smith thought we played excellent. It was a really

big step up from the past games we've played."

Emily Creachbaum had 15 points for the Belles. Miller, with her four assists and 14 points, that included four three pointers, had an impressive afternoon.

The Belles will take on Kalamazoo on Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

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Saint Mary's senior

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TRACK AND FIELD

Women win, men take third

By DAVID COOK
Sports Writer

Just how strong is Liz Grow this year?

Liz Grow, a senior, was suffering from a stress fracture in her right foot right before winter break because of a string of intense workouts.

Then she came back for the first Notre Dame home meet and won both the 500-meter run and the 200-meter dash,

leading the Irish to a victory with a total of 136 points Friday night. Ball State finished second with 109.5 points and Western Michigan was third with 86.5 points.

If that's not impressive enough, consider that before this race Grow had never run in anything above 400 meters. Irish assistant coach John Millar put her in the 500-meter run so that she could take it easy on the foot. But Grow had different expectations from herself.

"I knew I could win," said Grow. "There was one other girl from Western Michigan, I knew if I could cut her off, I knew that I could win if I just maintained [my pace]."

Last year in the NCAA outdoor championships, Grow had taken 13th place overall in the 400-meter dash. This year, she has set her expectations even higher.

"I wasn't happy with last year at all actually," said Grow. "It was just a long season for me. But this year, every year obviously, I expect myself to win."

Grow was not the only one with success for the women's track and field team. The team posted an impressive 11 first place finishes in 16 total events.

In other sprinting events, Ayesha Boyd and Kristen Dodd enjoyed considerable success. Boyd took first in the 60 meter dash with a time of 7.58 seconds and third in the 400 meter dash, while Dodd took third place in the 60-meter and second in the 200-meter dash.

In the women's pole vault, Notre Dame took the top three places. Jill VanWeelden took first with a height 11-6. Jaime Volkmer vaulted the same height, but she had more faults. Natalie Hallett was in third with a height of 10-6.

The men's team was led to a third place by the surprising leadership of two freshmen. Eric Morrisson, who took first place in the 800-meter run even though he was running in the second heat. His time of

1:54.29 proved to be better than any runner in the first heat.

"The 800 has always been my strongest race," said Morrisson. "It's a relief to finally have a good race. I feel like I've had a pretty disappointing cross country season, so this is my first race that I consider to be a good race."

"I knew I could win. There was one other girl from Western Michigan, I knew if I could cut her off, I knew that I could win if I just maintained [my pace]."

Liz Grow
Irish runner

Fellow freshman Selim Nurudeen also claimed his first home collegiate

victory Friday night, taking first place in the 60-meter hurdles. Nurudeen finished in a time of 8.11 seconds. Sophomore Napoleon Suarez, running in the second heat of the race, took second with a time of 8.30 seconds.

Western Michigan won the meet (123.5 points) with Ball State finishing second (111). Notre Dame earned 103.5 points.

Senior Luke Watson also claimed a first place finish in the 3000 meter run with a personal best 8:14.52, less than 4 seconds off the NCAA provisional qualifying time. Unfortunately for Watson, he had to run the final three laps with no competition.

The fourth victory was claimed by the men's 4x440 relay team. The team won the race with a time of 3:18.70, a commanding two-second lead in front of second place Western Michigan.

Unfortunately for the Irish, they were without several top performers in high jumper Quill Redwine and distance runners Mark Striowski and Pat Conway. Junior sprinter and jumper Tom Gilbert was also not in action Friday night.

The men's and women's track and field team will be in action again this Friday night in a dual meet against Michigan State. Events start at 6 p.m. on Meyo Field.

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MEN'S SWIMMING AND DIVING

Butterflies help carry Irish over Oakland

By NOREEN GILLESPIE
Sports Writer

Oakland head coach Pete Hoveland is starting to think that his team should swim Notre Dame in its own pool.

After all, he's lost the last three meets he's had at Rolfs Aquatics Center. And after Notre Dame beat the Golden Grizzlies 162.5-133.5 Saturday in Irish waters, Hoveland thought a change of scenery might do his team some good.

"You love that home pool advantage," Hoveland said. "That cliché — that old adage — that it's tough to win on the road in the NCAA is true."

But the Irish are content in keeping the series where it is — in their home pool. After defeating Oakland for the second time this season, Irish head coach Tim Welsh seemed to think the Oakland squad could compete in his pool anytime.

"We definitely want them to keep coming here every year," said Welsh.

The match-up — Notre Dame's toughest dual meet competition of the season — was a battle for points from the beginning. Oakland captured the 200-yard medley relay, while Notre Dame teamed for a 2-3 finish in the first event of the meet.

In fact, Oakland swimmers captured first place finishes in

three of the first five events of the meet. Oakland victories in the relay, the 200-yard freestyle and 100-yard breaststroke had Notre Dame just a little nervous their depth couldn't overcome Oakland's headliners.

But mid-session, Notre Dame answered with swimmers sweeping the top three places in the 200-yard butterfly. Sophomore J.R. Teddy led the Irish butterfly squad finishing first in 1 minute, 54.97 seconds, followed by sophomore Lucas Wymore in second and sophomore Brian Coughlan in third.

"That was a critical turning point for us," Welsh said. "That wasn't something — looking at it before the meet — you'd have said was going to happen."

Butterfly continued to be a strong event for the Irish, when swimmers swept the top four places in the 100-yard butterfly later in the meet. Freshman Frank Krakowski won the event in 51.24, followed by senior David Horak, Coughlan and Wymore.

Depth proved to be the Irish's strong point, with several Irish swimmers teaming

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Sophomore Matt Obringer competes in freestyle at Rolfs Aquatics Center Saturday. Obringer competed in the 200-yard and 500-yard freestyle events for the Irish.

for top finishes or two-three sweeps. Capturing enough of the runner-up finishes when Oakland swimmers grabbed first helped put the Irish ahead on the point spread.

"We wanted to break up their power, which we did," Welsh said. "And when we were able to win an event, we could back it up."

Junior divers Andy Maggio and Tony Xie combined to sweep the 1-meter diving, and Maggio also grabbed first in the 1-meter event.

Teddy combined with senior

Jonathan Pierce for a claim on the top two spots in the 500-yard freestyle. Horak, junior Jason Colettis and junior John Hudson combined for second, third and fourth places in the 200-yard backstroke.

Junior Jason Fitzpatrick and senior Mike Koss teamed for second and third place finishes in the 100-yard breaststroke, and Horak and freshman Dean Wolf earned the top two positions in the 100-yard backstroke.

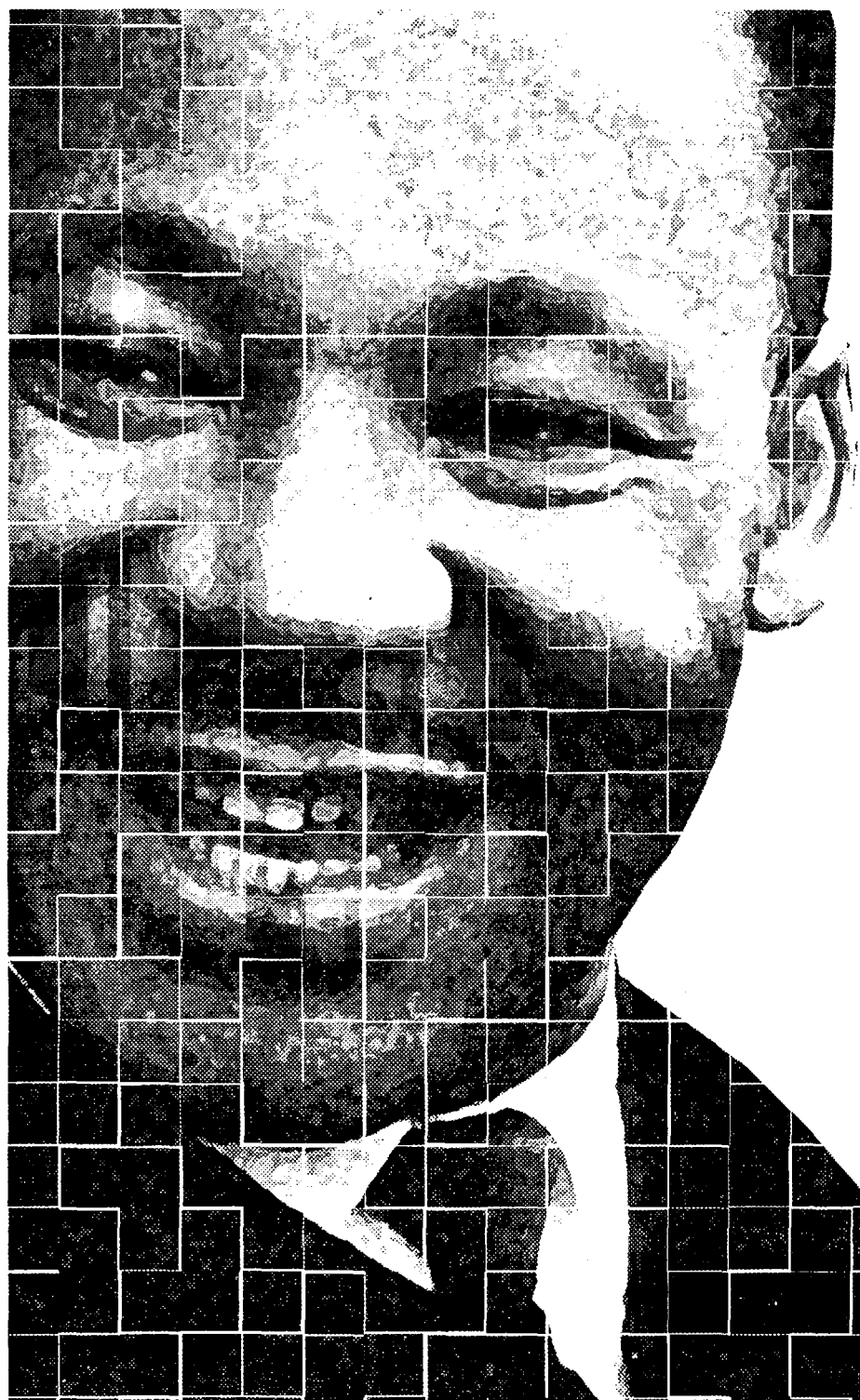
Pierce won the 1,650-yard freestyle, and Moisan won the

400-yard individual medley.

"We capitalized on all the places where they had holes," Pierce said. "This is definitely a big confidence booster."

The Irish, who improve to 9-3 on the season with the win against Oakland, return to the pool on Saturday against Villanova.

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HOCKEY

Irish unable to solve Maverick goaltender

By CHRIS FEDERICO
Assistant Sports Editor

The Irish dropped two home games to conference rival Nebraska-Omaha — 3-2 on Friday and 4-2 on Saturday — and missed an opportunity to pick up points in a very tight CCHA race.

The losses were quite tough for the team, because in both games the Irish played well enough to win, but on both nights Irish shooters were constantly foiled by Maverick goaltender Dan Ellis.

"It was frustrating. We played well over the last two games and outshot them," Irish center Connor Dunlop said. "We got 40-plus shots each night, but we couldn't solve [Ellis]."

The Irish outshot their opponents 90-45 in the two games. However, Ellis managed to turn away 86 of those 90 shots in leading his team to victory. In addition, the Irish failed to take advantage of several key opportunities to score, while their opponents made the most of their opportunities.

"It's interesting because we had our chances to win," head coach Dave Poulin said. "It comes down to them making plays and us not making plays. We had great chances, but it's not good enough because they didn't go in."

The Mavericks came out firing at the beginning of the game Saturday, taking the role of the early aggressor against the Irish. Just 10:48 into the contest, the Mavericks grabbed the lead when right wing Scotty Turner put back a rebound from a shot

by center Andrew Wong. Irish goaltender Morgan Cey made a lunging kick save to stop Wong's shot, but was unable to do anything about the Turner follow.

Nebraska-Omaha added to its lead three minutes later when Maverick captain David Brisson burned most of the Irish defenders down the rink and took a shot on Cey. The freshman goalie stopped the first attack, but Maverick Anthony Adams quickly followed with a rebound that got by Cey.

"Both the first and the second goals were rebound goals, and those were clearing opportunities for us," Poulin said.

The Irish got one goal back just 13 seconds later when center Rob Globke blasted a shot past Ellis. Defensemen Evan Nielsen and Neil Komadoski were credited with assists on the play.

The best scoring opportunity in the second period came about eight minutes into the period during an Irish power play. Irish defenseman Brett Lebda fired a shot from the blue line that got past Ellis, but bounced off the cross bar. The puck then got back to Lebda who blasted another shot that was stopped this time by Ellis. Dunlop, however, had an opportunity to put in the rebound with Ellis flat on the ice, but his shot also struck the bar and bounced away.

"We moved it around pretty well tonight [on the power plays]," Dunlop said. "We ended up getting one power play goal, but we've got to make sure we get those chances and take advantage of them because that's really the difference in this league."

Over the course of the two games, Notre Dame was 2 for 17 in power play opportunities, whereas Nebraska-Omaha was 3 for 8.

In the third period, penalties again hurt the Irish when Wong took a pass from left wing Jeff Hoggan and slapped a one-timer past Cey during the Maverick power play to build a 3-1 advantage.

Late in the third period, the Irish chipped away at the Maverick lead. During an Irish power play, Lebda slipped a pass from behind the net to left wing David Inman, who knocked a one-timer by Ellis.

The nail in the coffin for the Irish came at the 17:37 mark when Shane Glover took a crossing pass from Hoggan and shot it past Cey for the Mavericks' fourth and final goal.

In the contest Friday night, it was the Irish who came out firing, but many of their bullets missed the mark. In that first period, the Irish outshot the Mavericks 17-2, but only managed one goal for their efforts.

With 4:50 left in the first period, center John Wroblewski snuck one past Ellis with assists from Nielsen and left wing Brad Wanchulak to give the Irish the early lead.

Just two minutes into the second period, it appeared that the Irish would add to their lead, but with the Maverick goalie down, right wing Michael Chin misfired on his shot from close range.

Instead, Nebraska-Omaha would tie the game at the 5:31 mark of the second period when Irish defender Tom Galvin lost the puck right in front of the net. Brisson was able to put the puck

past Cey on the easy breakaway.

Midway through the period, Nebraska-Omaha got its first lead of the night on a power play. Defender Greg Zanon took a one-timer from the blue line and fired it into the net.

The Irish defense locked down on the Mavericks after those two early second period goals and prevented the Mavericks from opening up their lead.

At the 13:02 mark of the third period, Dunlop managed to tie the game for Notre Dame by knocking in a rebound after shots from Lebda and Inman, who were both credited with assists.

With just over a minute left in regulation, it appeared the teams were headed for overtime. After a couple of Irish defenders got entangled in front of the net, Maverick wing Shane Glover was able to shoot the puck past Cey for the game-winning goal.

The weekend proved to be the first this year that the Irish were

shutout in earning points towards the conference standings.

"It's frustrating because it's the first CCHA weekend that we failed to take away points," Poulin said. "At this point in the year, every point is going to be absolutely critical."

The two losses drop Notre Dame to 6-8-4 in conference play, but with only seven points separating third place from ninth place, anything can happen over the next five weeks. Next weekend the Irish will travel to Miami (OH) for another pair of conference games.

"Each game the rest of the way is, as far as I'm concerned, there for the taking," Poulin said. "We have to go take them. We've put ourselves in a very difficult position and we have to go take those games."

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MEN'S TENNIS

Irish outman opposition in season opener

By RACHEL BIBER
Sports Writer

Responding positively to the news of its No. 7 preseason ranking, the men's tennis team opened its season on Saturday by blanking both No. 75 UC-Irvine and No. 64 Furman, posting 7-0 victories against each squad.

With support from the entire lineup, Notre Dame starts the season 2-0 for the sixth time in the last seven seasons. Twelve different players notched victories for the Irish in doubles and singles action.

"We had a good week of practice here before everybody got back to school," senior Casey Smith said. "By the way I've seen everybody playing, I was kind of expecting everybody to come out strong like we did."

In their first match-up of the day against UC-Irvine, Notre Dame sped to an early opening lead with wins from 83rd-ranked Luis Haddock-Morales at No. 3 singles and 88th-ranked Smith at No. 2 singles. Aaron Talarico then notched a victory at No. 5 singles, while

95th-ranked Javier Taborga clinched the Irish win by defeating his UC-Irvine opponent at No. 1 singles.

Wins by Matt Scott and Andrew Laffin at the respective Nos. 4 and 6 positions secured the singles sweep for Notre Dame.

Evidenced by wins from each level of the Irish lineup, depth is a key attribute in recognizing Notre Dame as a national contender, leading to its early success and an optimistic outlook on the unfolding season.

"We think we have a very solid team," Taborga said. "We have so many guys that can play at the bottom of the lineup. I think all of the guys are starting to realize that every match is going to be tough, and we have to play really well in every position to win. I just hope that we can hold it up and keep on building as the year goes by, because the goal is the NCAA's."

The Irish had no difficulties keeping the wins coming against UC-Irvine, taking all three doubles matches to win the doubles point and complete the 7-0 win. The pairing of James Malhame and Ashok

Raju won handily at No. 1, upsetting UC-Irvine's 27th-ranked team of Jonathan Endrikat and Brian Morton. The duo of Brent D'Amico and Brian Farrell and the team of Ben Hatten and Paul McNaughton won at the second and third positions respectively.

The easy wins for the Irish came to a dead halt in the opening doubles action against Furman in the second dual-match of the day.

Furman's John Chesworth and James Cameron, ranked 14th, stunned Notre Dame's sixth ranked Taborga and Smith at No. 1 doubles, beating the Irish duo 8-3. However, the Irish came back to clinch the doubles point and secure a 1-0 lead with wins from the team of Haddock-Morales and Talarico at No. 2 and the pairing of D'Amico and Malhame at No. 3.

Despite the early setback, the Irish proved to be an experienced squad — a characteristic

Taborga identifies as a reason for their No. 7 ranking.

"I think the experience is one [reason for the No. 7 ranking]," Taborga said. "So if you take all the six guys that have played last year, we are more experienced than what we were. And if we got to be No. 10 with that team, than I think now we are a top 10 team, because we have built on what we had last year."

"It's a big challenge because if people think we are that high that means they are going to come after us harder than prior years. We just have to be ready to take that challenge," Taborga continued.

Notre Dame accepted such a challenge in the singles play against Furman, as each Irish player came off the court with a win. Farrell increased Notre Dame's lead to 2-0 with a win at No. 6, followed by Scott who downed his opponent at No. 5. Taborga clinched the second dual-match victory for the Irish

of the day, winning at No. 2, while Smith triumphed at No. 1 and Haddock-Morales at No. 3.

Standing at 2-0 at the beginning of the much anticipated spring season, the Irish already know this team stands apart from teams in the past.

"I think there are a couple things that make us special," Smith said. "First, the fact that we have a lot of seniors on the team. We've been playing with each other for a long time, and there's a good chemistry there. Also, everybody is very hungry. We haven't been able to have some of the success that we've envisioned in the past, and because of that we are very hungry to realize our goals."

"And with the talent, the chemistry, and the desire — that makes us pretty strong."

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WOMEN'S TENNIS

Green advances to consolation finals

Special to The Observer

Irish senior Lindsey Green was victorious Saturday in the consolation semifinals of the National Collegiate Tennis Classic.

Green defeated UNLV's Agnieszka Abram 7-5, 6-4. She did not compete in the consolation finals originally scheduled for Sunday due to their cancellation.

On Friday, Green lost her first-round singles match to UNLV's Tracy Chong 6-3, 3-6, 6-2. She then came back for a victory in

the consolation bracket by defeating Ashley Robards of Tennessee 3-6, 6-1, 6-1.

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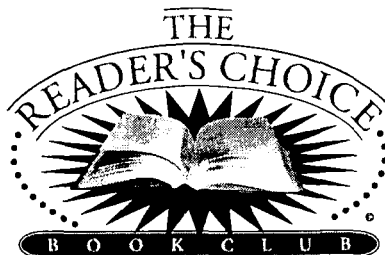


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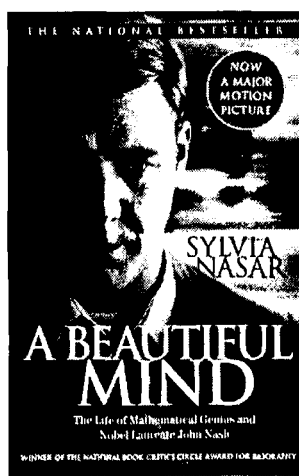
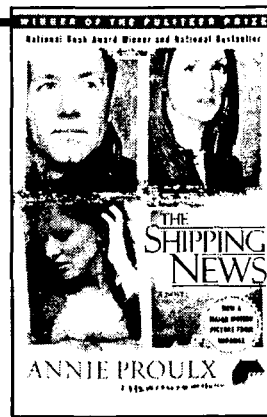
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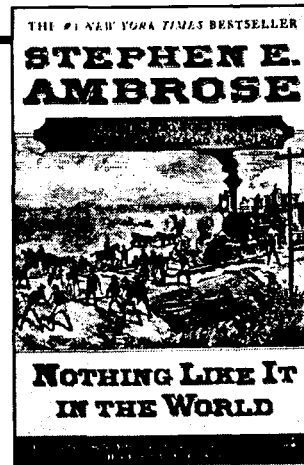
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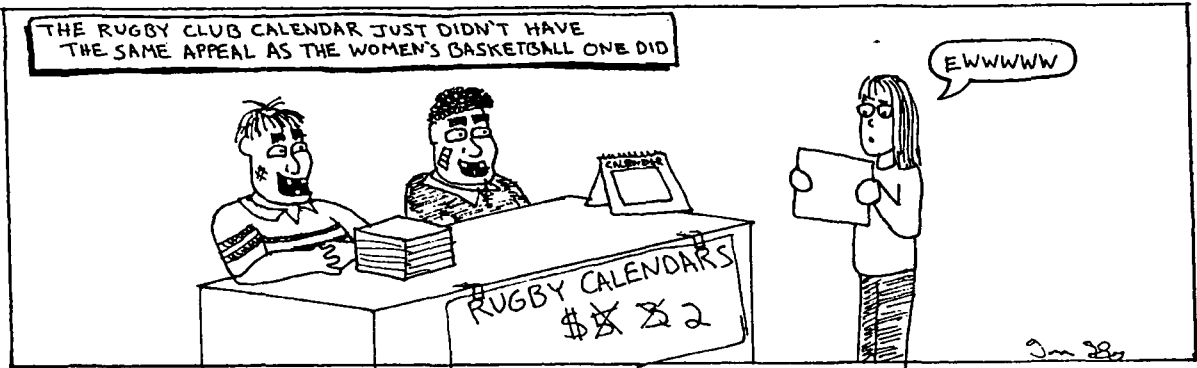
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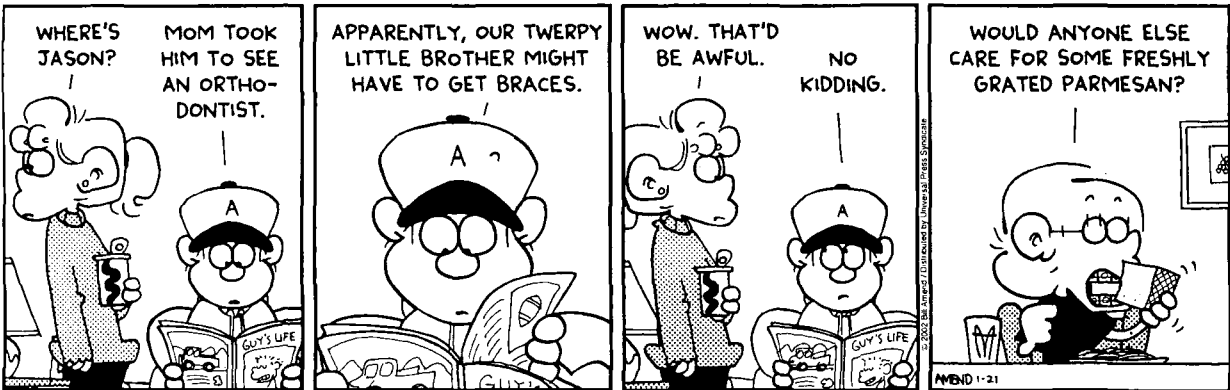
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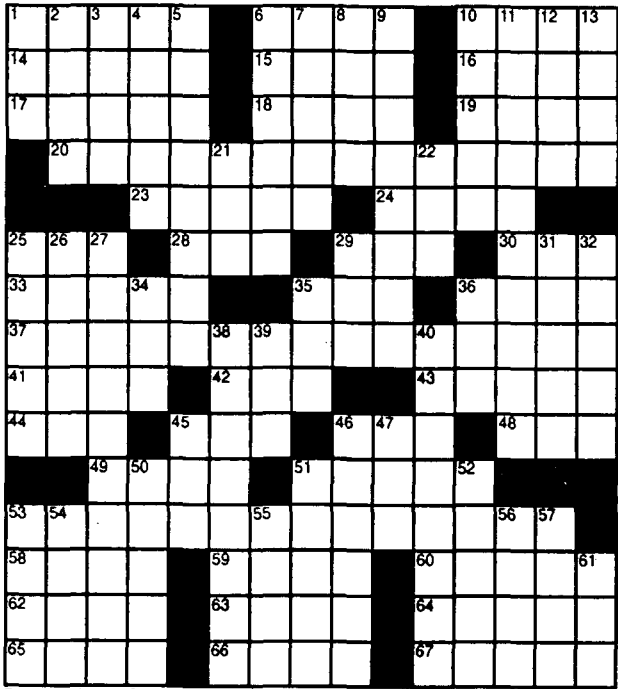
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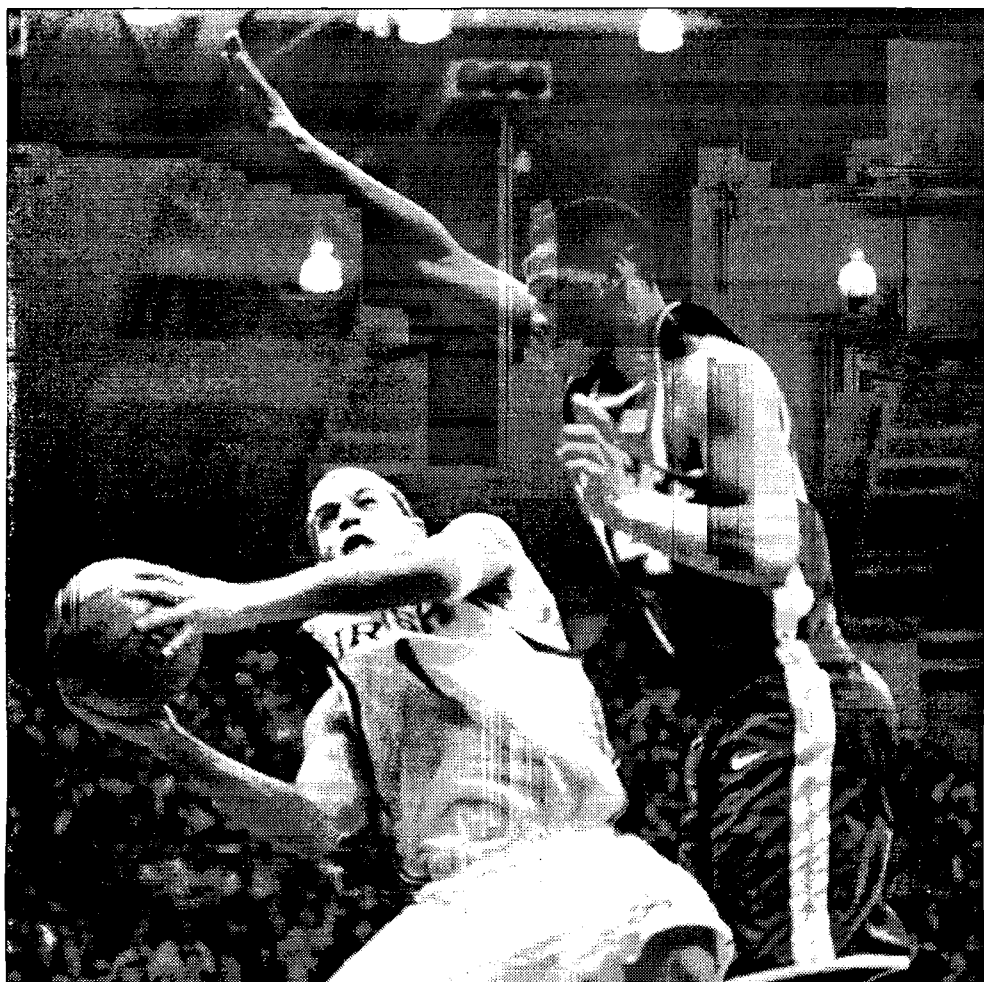
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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Wildcats claw past Irish



Freshman point guard Chris Thomas drives to the basket for an attempted layup against the Wildcats. Notre Dame fell to Kentucky 72-65 Saturday.

◆ Depth of Kentucky roster proves too much for Notre Dame

By KERRY SMITH
Sports Writer

In the end, the Wildcats were just too deep for the Irish. Downing Notre Dame 72-65 at the Joyce Center Saturday afternoon, the No. 12 Wildcats played on rested legs for most of the game, while the unranked Irish struggled to keep up.

"Depth is a plus for them," senior forward David Graves said. "They know their roles. They will rotate in five guys just as good as the five starters."

Nine Kentucky players logged double-digit minutes on the court, as guard Keith Bogans led the squad with a game- and season-high 23 points. No other Kentucky player scored more than nine.

Bogans, who had been hurting all season, showed no sign of struggle, shooting 8-12 overall and 5-8 from behind the arc.

"He's the type of player that can just pull games like this," Irish forward David Graves said. "That's why they're so good. Someone unexpected can just pull up with a 20-point night."

But as usual this season, the Irish did not let their opponent go home

with an easy win. Paced by guard Matt Carroll's deadly first-half shooting behind the arc, the Irish kept the score close.

Midway through the first half, Carroll took control of the offense, scoring 13-straight Irish points. The junior hit a jumper in the lane to give the Irish a one-point 12-11 lead and then followed through with two 3-pointers to give the Irish their largest lead of the game, 18-14.

But the Wildcats soon stiffened their defense on Carroll, as he finished the game with only five more points.

"His arm was probably tired," Kentucky head coach Tubby Smith joked about Carroll's streaky shooting.

But in reality, the Wildcat defense honed in on their biggest threat. Wildcat defenders kept a close eye on Carroll the rest of the night.

"They didn't hop off at all," Carroll said.

With the help of Carroll's first-half performance, the Irish had a chance to head into halftime with some momentum, but failed to capitalize on key opportunities.

Trailing by three with less than two minutes to play, reserve Irish forward Jordan Cornette scored and drew a foul, but failed to convert on the free throw attempt to bring the Notre Dame within one instead of a

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Irish overcome slow start to defeat Friars

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While most of the country was focusing on what the Irish could do against the top-ranked Connecticut Huskies today, the Irish were focused on taking care of business on Saturday. A strong Notre Dame bench came out against Providence and took home a solid 69-41 victory, marking just the second time the team has won a road game this season.

"I think the bench just played a great, great game," said Irish head coach Muffet McGraw. "We had five people off the bench just play a great game. That's obviously what we need."

Six minutes into the first period, things were not looking good for the Irish. The Friars jumped out to an early 12-4 lead as the Irish were

shooting just 2-10 from the field.

But that wouldn't last for long. Following a time out, freshman Allison Bustamante, who arguably had her best game of the season, turned things around with a 3-point shot that began a 19-2 Irish run.

"It's always great to start off with a 3-point shot," said the forward, who totaled a season high 12 points and five rebounds during her 31 minutes of play. "Whenever you hit a big three like that, it pumps up the team."

"I think she's really been getting ready and today was maybe her break-out game," McGraw said.

The 19-2 run gave the Irish a 23-14 lead, a lead that they never relinquished. With help from bench players Le'Tania Severe, Kelsey Wicks, Teresa Borton and Katy Flecky, Notre Dame headed into the locker

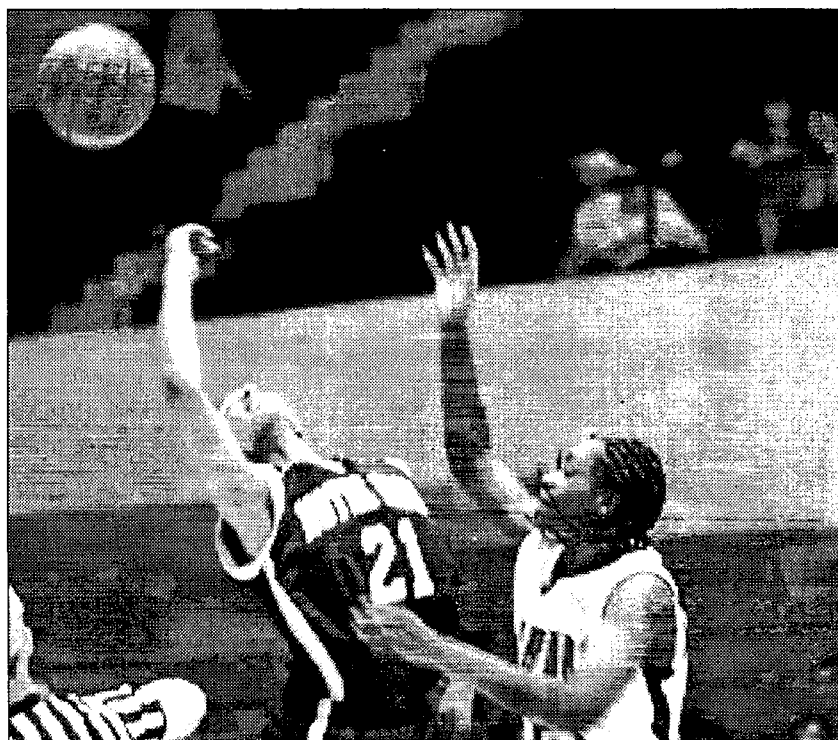
room with a five-point lead at halftime. After trailing early, the Irish found the inspiration they needed to step up play.

"Coach McGraw has been talking about a sense of urgency," Wicks said. "Finally today, maybe it clicked a little bit more. We were down, we were just like, 'Listen, we have to pull out of this.'"

In the second half of play, the Irish did more than just pull out of it. Providence scored only 14 points in the second half as compared to Notre Dame's 37.

Although the Friars, who hit seven of 10 3-pointers the last time they faced the Irish, this time they couldn't seem to hit a shot from the outside. The strong Irish 2-3 zone shut down the Providence offense. The last time these two teams faced off, Providence managed to pull Notre Dame out

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Irish freshman Jacqueline Batteast leaps for the ball during the tip-off at the start of the game against Providence. The Irish won 69-41.

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- ◆ Men's Basketball vs. Georgetown, Today, 7 p.m.
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