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student body presidential

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ND and SMC announce presidential cadidates

candidates for office

By CHRISTINA CEPERO News Writer

Six candidates running for student body president have submitted petitions to the Judicial Council, and one more candidate may still enter the

The presidential candidates include Mike Bott, Charlie Ebersol, Ryan Gagnet, Pat Hallahan, Joe Muto and Drew

Elections will be held Feb. 10 and the two tickets with the greatest number of votes will have a run-off election on Feb. 13.

Ebersol, a sophomore from Keough Hall, and his running mate Lauren Meagher, a junior, have adopted the motto, "Make the choice. See the change." They claim to be fresh faces and proactive individuals who have researched Student Government extensively so they can take into consideration the feasibility and power it has to carry out various issues. They want to make First Year of Studies a

♦ ND anounces six more fulfilling experience and bring back hall dances. host more service-oriented events, such as concerts with "big-name talent raising money for a good cause." Ebersol and Meagher encourage students to get excited about these elections.

Muto, a junior and president of O'Neill Hall, and his running mate Mimi Matkowski, a junior and president of Lyons Hall, feel the roles of the student body president and vice president should be to make Notre Dame a more fun, relaxing and enjoyable place to go to school. They plan to empower students by "fighting to get SYRs and tailgating back at the same time we start new traditions." They will unveil their full platform this weekend.

Hallahan, a junior from Sorin Hall, and his running mate Jeremy Lao, a sophomore from Stanford Hall, believe in "putting students first" since they are the reason the University exists. They feel students should see the results of the teacher/course evaluations so they can make informed academic decisions. They would also work to ensure that the money the school raises goes to student endowments, and they want to

Mike Bott, a junior from Alumni Hall, and his running mate Mike Kirsh, a sophomore from Alumni, aim to make our campus more student-oriented by giving students what they want. They plan to do this by improving the dining hall system, expanding LaFortune, placing printers in all the dorms, and offering services such as shuttles for off-campus students.

Drew Updike and his running mate Eric Tarnowski are both sophomores from Zahm Hall. Their major platform ideas include revamping AnTostal to make it the biggest week on campus by distributing funds to the dorms, changing the current meal plan system and getting cable in the dorms. They also want to change the seating arrangements in the Joyce Center so students sit around and near the court to promote a home-court advantage. Updike and Tarnowski plan to hold a press conference next week, because they want students to become more informed about and connected to Student Government.

Ryan Gagnet, a junior from

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♦ Only one SMC ticket on ballot for third in a row

By SARAH NESTOR Saint Mary's Editor

Tickets running for Saint Mary's student body president and vice presi-

dent officially began campaigning Wednesday, but for the third year in a row there is only one ticket seeking office. The sole ticket seeking office is composed of current student body vice

president Elizabeth Jablonski-Diehl and sophomore class president Sarah Brown.

"We'd like to think that we are running unopposed because they [students] think we're doing a great job," Jablonski-Diehl said.

Jablonski-Diehl attributes the huge time commitment as one of the reasons student shy away from running for student body president.

"I wanted someone else to run, but it doesn't surprise me that there has not been a lot of people running [for student body president and vice president]," Jablonski-Diehl said.

Jablonski-Diehl is running for student body president with running mate Brown as vice president on the platform

> t h e m e "Leadership that works," emphasizing their past experiences and involvement with student govern-

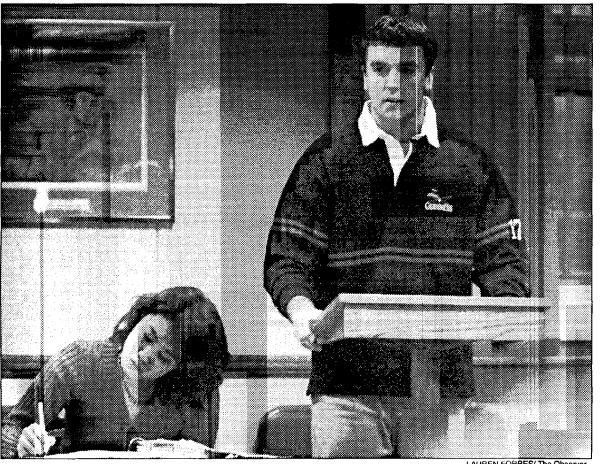
ment. "One of the great things about Saint

Mary's is they bring a leader out of every Saint Mary's student," Brown said.

If elected Jablonski-Diehl and Brown plan to continue a lot of the work this past year's administration began. This includes working on the Reading Day proposal, improvements to the Board of Governance website and

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More Flex Points, less meals says Senate



LAUREN FORBES/ The Observer

Senator Dave Brenner of Dillon speaks on a resolution about a new meal plan, which was approved by the senate in light of the fact that the average Notre Dame student consumes only 9.2 meals a week.

By MEGHANE DOWNES Associate News Editor

Student Senate asked Notre Dame Food Services to expand meal plan options in a resolution that passed unanimously Wednesday.

The resolution called for Food Services to include a meal option with a 10-meal plan and a proportional amount of Flex Points. The resolution cited that 97 percent of students choose the Flex 14 plan and that an average student with this plan eats 9.17 meals per week.

The resolution said, "The current mean plan options neither meet student desires nor the reality of average student

Sarah Bates, Pasquerilla West

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New shirt design to be revealed soon

By JUSTIN KRIVICKAS News Writer

Designs for the 2003-04 version of "The Shirt" are now being finalized by a committee overseen by Student Activities.

This is the 14th year a Tshirt has been designed to raise money for clubs and organizations and to assist students faced with unexpected costs associated with accidents or tragedies. The idea of a shirt that both helped students and unified the community was so popular that it became a tradition to sell a shirt every football season.

Students were given an opportunity to submit designs for the new look of The Shirt in a contest that ended before the Winter Break. Ever since then, the committee has been reviewing all of the submitted designs and will soon announce whose design will be worn by students, alumni and fans next football season.

Dave Brenner is president of the committee that directs the student-run initiative.

'As with many of the past shirts, we are looking to tie past traditions and excellence with the present and the future in a creative manner. Hopefully we can accomplish this," he said.

'The final decision should be reached over the weekend.

We received many quality entries, so there is still some work to be done in selecting a final design," said Brenner.

Because of the success of the 2002 campaign, students were encouraged to submit designs for the 2003 design.

"We had close to 30 entries this year which greatly surpasses previous years. There is a lot of excitement about the project, and [this] is contributing to [the program's] success," said Brenner.

Many students have wondered if kelly green will again be the color of The Shirt due to the tremendous success the 2002 "Return to Glory" Tshirt, but the committee has yet to make a final decision on that aspect of The Shirt.

Brenner said, "The color issue has not been resolved. Currently the focus is on the graphic and an attractive slogan.'

He went on to say that many of the designs incorporated football coach Tyrone Willingham, but in general there were a variety of graphics submitted supporting different aspects of Notre Dame

Last year Carl Elkins' design was chosen and the slogan "Return to Glory' became synonymous with the Irish season, and the success

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Inside Column

Welcome to the jungle

Desiring nothing more than to fend off the inevitable boredom that accompanies the winter months at school, many students decide to take a stab at

sustaining the life of a creature or two. From bearded lizards to sea monkeys, a wide array of creatures is rep-

Justin Krivickas

Assistant News Editor

resented throughout the hallowed Notre Dame Residence halls and surrounding area. For many, the idea of leaving home without a pet can be difficult, and perhaps that's why Fluffy the hamster was whisked away from his shoebox to spend some time in your apartment living on Cheetos and leftover beer.

That said, owning a pet while living on campus can pose many unsightly dilemmas. Students aren't allowed to bring animals into the dormitories, and for good reason I might add. I don't know about you, but I certainly wouldn't be too thrilled with the idea of goats or swine roaming the halls, although from the smell of things, they already do. Perhaps even a moose or two would lay claim to your section's bathroom or a community of sloths would decide to nest in your roommate's desk. So unless you're planning on hiding your ostrich Oswald in your closet, you'd better leave him at home.

To help the dormitories avoid turning into zoos, but at the same time let a little creature cohabitate their rooms, some students have turned to aquatic life, allowing the emotionless stare of a fish substitute for a more emotive pet. These creatures can range from an everyday goldfish to unknown creatures swimming around in the mouths of certain bio-lab students. Not into fish? Caring for a frog can be easy and just as rewarding. Just name him Ed and feed the amphibian daily. Just don't get the notion to kiss him.

But, there is hope for land dwellers as well. Once off-campus, most students have the opportunity to have some sort of creature if they choose to do so. If the landlord permits or perhaps is ignorant of the fact, animals such as dogs or even snakes can enter the picture and be a part of the college experience.

I don't recommend going overboard on the matter and asking Michael Jackson to lend you a pet chimp, but then again that might be a cool pet too. If that doesn't seem like fun, a pet walrus shouldn't be too difficult to care for, and you'll be the life of any party with stories of how that blonde in French class made out with it. If you live in a house and want to flood a few rooms to give some needy crocodiles a second home, I'm all for any endeavor to break a water main.

When owning a pet, it goes without say that there is a lot of responsibility attached to caring for them. It's not like a hardy plant that will just need a gulp of water after being neglected for three weeks during Christmas Break. Most of these animals require attention many times daily. If this is too much for you, it's probably better off to get a little green leafy substitute and name him Ralph.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Justin Krivickas at jkrivick@nd.edu.

CORRECTIONS

Yesterday's photo of several dancers rehearsing was incorrectly labeled. Dancers for the Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration will perform at 7 p.m. tonight in the Keenan/Stanford chapel.

WHAT'S INSIDE

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judge Wednesday threw out a lawsuit that blamed McDonald's for obesity, saying it was common knowledge that fast-food was high in calories and fat.

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Give LaVere the ball

Freshman Courtney LaVere is a bright spot among a struggling Irish squad.

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Cars towed for illegal parking

A student's vehicle was towed in the Bookstore lot for a parking violation on Monday.

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Student feels sick in class

A student was transported by NDSP from DeBartolo Hall to the University Health Center for treatment of an illness on Monday.

Sports injury causes slowdown in game NDSP transported a student to St. Joseph Medical Center for treatment of a sports injury at Rolfs Sports Recreation Center.

Visitor's car towed

A visitor's vehicle was towed for a parking violation at the South Dining Hall on Monday.

Property lost on campus grounds

A student reported losing his wallet at an unknown campus location on Monday.

Compiled from NDSP crime blotter

WHAT'S HAPPENING @ SMC

◆ Religious studies dinner, 5 p.m. in the President's Dining Room.

♦ ILS Presentation: Artist Fernando Salicrup, Room 208 McKenna Hall at 5:30 p.m.

◆ Martin Luther King-Light for the Journey, Mass of Celebration, 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Keenan-

◆ Sign-up Senior Retreat #8, all day in room 114 of the Coleman-Morse Center.

◆ Kaplan Test Prep., 6 p.m. in 315 N Madeleva Hall.

WHAT'S COOKING

North Dining Hall

Today Lunch: Vegetable lasagna, Italian sausage marinara, four-cheese pizza, cherry turnover, southern-fried chicken, au gratin potatoes, brown sauce, chicken gravy, whipped potatoes, mixed vegetables, cherry crisp, baked cajun pollock, Italian rice pilaf and sliced carrots.

Today Dinner: Vegetable lasagna, Italian sausage marinara, cherry turnover, breadsticks, grilled pork chops, broccoli-rice casserole, brown sauce, pork gravy, whipped potatoes, corn, cherry crisp, grilled tilapia, baked noodle casserole, california-blend vegetables and baked potatoes.

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South Dining Hall

Today Lunch: Spaghettini meatless baked ziti, meatball stroganoff, elbow macaroni, supreme pizza, pretzel sticks, noodles romanoff, mixed vegetables, roast beef hash, sauerkraut, turkey broccoli bake, pork loin with apples, hot applesauce, cherry crisp, blaz'n sea nuggets and fries.

Today Dinner: Meatless baked ziti, meatball stroganoff, elbow macaroni cheese pizza, peperoni pizza, supreme pizza, pretzel sticks, noodle Rromanoff, mixed vegetables, roast beef hash, sauerkraut, turkey broccoli bake, pork loin with apples, hot applesauce and cherry crisp.

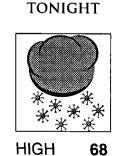
Saint Mary's Dining Hall

Today Lunch: French fries, deli bar, chicken soup, rice, hamburgers, salad, cookies, cake, bananas, pears, cheese pizza, pepperoni pizza, sausage pizza, baked potatos, chicken, chili bar, broccoli, peas, corn and cream of potato.

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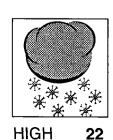
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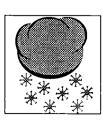
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Notre Dame Federal Credit Union donates big bucks to Kaneb center

By MATT BRAMANTI News Writer

In what is becoming an annu-

al tradition, the Notre Dame Federal Credit Union has donated \$16,000 to the Kaneb Center for Teaching and Learning at Notre Dame. The gift, the third in as many years, will provide resources to expand the center's library and conduct workshops for new faculty members.

The Kaneb Center was established in 1996 by a gift from John Kaneb, a Notre Dame trustee and chairman of Gulf Oil Co. The center's mission is

to help faculty members and teaching assistants improve the quality of their instruction through collaborative workshops, scholarly research and technology training.

The center also presents the Kaneb Teaching Awards, given to faculty from each college in recognition of excellence in undergraduate teaching.

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Hall senator, said Food Services should consider and pursue this option in order to keep with the program's mission of "being responsive to the changing needs of students."

Bates said Food Services has not provided hard information on Flex Point compensation with a Flex 10 program but the resolution would hopefully lead to negotiation.

Dave Brenner, Dillon Hall senator, said the community atmosphere the University prides itself on would not diminish because students could eat together at other campus eateries and the dining halls would not become obsolete.

The Flex 10 meal option originally appeared on Libby Bishop and Trip Foley's campaign platform when they ran for office last year.

In other Senate news:

◆ Senate approved an amendment, which changes the Club Coordination Council's structure and adds a performing arts division. Amy O'Connor, CCC chair, said, "We saw about 20 clubs that we could put into a new division in order to better serve them and allocate funds."

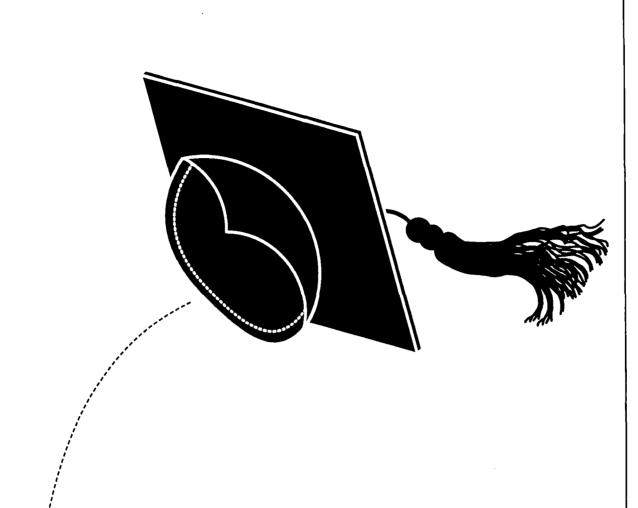
◆ Danielle Ledesma, Judicial Council president, updated Senate on the upcoming election and said, "Online elections will be successful if all goes as planned, but we will have paper ballots on hand."

◆ Senate unanimously confirmed the Election Executive Committee.

◆ Kaitlin Redfield, Pangborn Hall senator, was named as the new Student Senate alternate representative to Campus Life Council and replaced Blake Haan, Keenan Hall senator, who had a class conflict.

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Quality In Everything We Do

Students worry as grads teach

By NATASHA GRANT News Writer

The recent economic downturn has spurred on rumors that the University's values are in trouble. The most pervasive rumor stems from observations that more graduate students are teaching, in place of professors, to much larger classes.

Ava Preacher, assistant dean of Arts and Letters, and Gregory Sterling, associate dean of Arts and Letters, were on hand to discredit the rumors and set the record straight regarding the recent scramble for classes.

If there appears to be a shortage of professors and not enough classes, it's because there are far too many classes being taught between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. Monday through Thursday, said Preacher.

"The problem we are facing is not so much a shortage of classes per se, but rather that students have difficulty scheduling classes because they are all taught at the same times," she said.

It would seem a simple task for administrators to schedule classes throughout the day, but as Sterling explains it, course scheduling is much more complex than that.

"It involves a large number of factors such as curricular needs, curricular conflicts, classroom availability and faculty preference," said Sterling. "Most departments work out schedules through an elaborate process that at varying times includes consultation with the

of the department, the adminis- ty to build the necessary infra-

trative staff of the College and the Registrar's Office." Both deans

agreed that rather than deteriorating, the studentto-professor has ratio improved because of the unprecedented rate of

faculty hire in the past few years. While there may be a slowdown now in hiring, cuts won't be made to the faculty, said Preacher.

"We will all be under budget constraints, but we're not cutting back on professors in the classrooms right now to meet budgetary problems," she said.

Currently, while there are adjustments being made within most departments, Sterling agreed that the 3 percent cut from their already slim budget would not affect current faculty members.

"We will have to eliminate some faculty lines in order to make our budget cuts, but these are open lines, i.e., positions that are currently unoccupied by faculty and for which we are not presently searching," Sterling said.

Although the cuts may be problematic in the next several years, Sterling is confident that the University will be in even better shape in the future.

"I am optimistic that they will

faculty, the administrative staff not impede our long-term abili-

"I am optimistic that they will not impede our longterm ability to build the necessary infrastructure to support our faculty and eventually to expand the faculty beyond its current level.'

> **Gregory Sterling** associate dean **Arts and Letters**

structure to support our faculty and eventually to expand the faculty beyond its current level, he said.

Sterling believes that the opportunities that they offer faculty members, from the time that they start at

the University, will serve to sustain academic values far into the future.

"We provide every new faculty member with a small research fund when they begin," Sterling said, "We try to make it possible for them to have good experiences during their first few years so that they will flourish," he adds.

Without a doubt, more graduate students are teaching classes, many more than Sterling has seen before in his 14 years at Notre Dame, but this is more as a means of attracting them to employees than it is a result of budget cuts.

"There has been an increased emphasis on providing pedagogical training and experience to graduate students in recent years,' said Sterling. "Some departments have elaborate pedagogical training programs that graduate students go

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DeBolt pleads innocent in case

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exist."

Craig Williams

Chad DeBolt's attorney

when asked if DeBoit will

pursue legal action against

the Jacksonville Sheriff's

Department

By ANDREW SOUKUP News Writer

Chad DeBolt might be allowed to pay a fine or perform community service as part of a plan

being discussed with prosecutors in an effort to have DeBolt's trespassing c h a r g e dropped, his attorney told judge

Wednesday. Attorney

Craig Williams also entered an innocent plea Wednesday for DeBolt at a Jacksonville, Fla., hearing for an incident last month involving the former Notre Dame football player.

DeBolt, a graduate-level student, is studying in London this semester and was not at Wednesday's hearing.

DeBolt was arrested Dec. 27 for failing to leave a Jacksonville nightclub when he was in town for the Gator Bowl as a member of Notre Dame's football team. He got into a fight with guards at Duval County Jail, where jail officials had to use pepper spray and forced the 6-foot, 202-pound special teams player into a restraint chair.

DeBolt's booking photo showed cuts, bruises and swelling on his face.

"I had too much to drink and should have acted that way," DeBolt said, according to a police report.

When asked if DeBolt planned legal action against the Jacksonville Sheriff's

Department, Associated Press reportthat edWilliams said, "Certainly that possibility exists." T h e

Florida State

Attorney's office said there was not sufficient evidence to launch an investigation. The sheriff's office said it is still conducting its own internal investigation.

Prosecutors and Williams said they are working on a pretrial intervention program, where defendants typically pay a fine or perform community service in exchange for getting misdemeanor-level charges dropped. The details of how the exchange would work are still being negotiat-

Duval County Judge Tyrie Boyer scheduled another hearing for March 31, but Williams told the AP he hoped to have the case resolved by then.

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Cargill Dow's primary business is the production of polylactide (PLA), which is derived from corn starch. Everything from biodegradable cups and bottles to high-quality shirts and pillows can be produced. Representatives from Cargill Dow will discuss internship & career opportunities within their engineering firm.

MUSEUM OPPORTUNITIES

Careers within the Smithsonian Institute 6:30 - 7:30 P.M. 138 DEBARTOLO

Dorothy's ruby slippers, Abraham Lincoln's hat that he wore when he was assassinated, the original "Kermit the Frog"... Got your attention? Representatives from the Smithsonian will be here to discuss internship & career opportunities within this national treasure.

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Abortion opponents, advocates march in capital

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Opponents and supporters of abortion rights rallied at the nation's symbols of freedom Wednesday, both sides in the debate energized by Republican promises to curb the procedure 30 years after the Supreme Court legalized it.

Dueling protests are a ritual in the nation's capital on the anniversary of the 1973 Roe v. Wade decision. Both sides said there was greater urgency this year with the GOP now controlling Congress and the White House.

Abortion opponents see their best chance in years to erode if not overturn Roe.

"It just seems like it's more optimistic this year after the November elections," said Dennis Voglesong, 50, of Hagerstown, Md., who has attended the anti-abortion March for Life for five years. He and others bundled against the bitter cold said they see a surge against abortion rights among a new generation.

"Every year it seems the youth gets to be a larger part of the movement," he said.

Abortion rights advocates, meanwhile, pledged to hold the line as they gathered for a Wednesday evening rally at the Supreme Court.

"We will not be the generation that both won and lost reproductive rights in our lifetime," said Kim Gandy, president of the National Organization for Women, one of the groups that planned a competing rally later in the day.

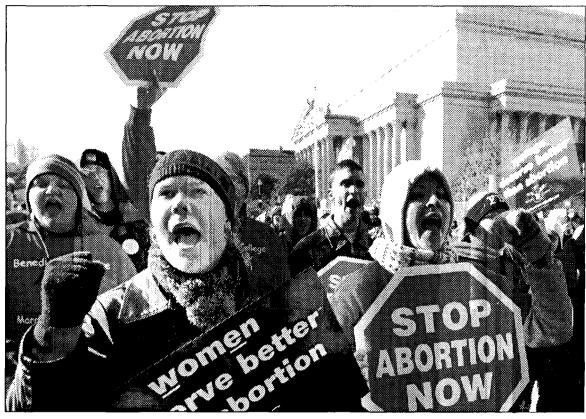
The flashpoint comes as abortions become less common in the U.S. – particularly among teenagers – in part because of better contraception. The overall abortion rate fell from 1994 to 2000 – from 24 abortions for every 1,000 women of child-bearing age to 21, according to the nonprofit Alan Guttmacher Institute.

As is traditional, President Bush broadcast a message to the anti-abortion rights rally, saying Americans "must protect the lives of innocent children waiting to be born."

Bush, who was in St. Louis to give a speech on his tax-cut plan, noted that the gathering on the National Mall was near the memorial to Thomas Jefferson, author of the Declaration of Independence.

"The March for Life upholds the self-evident truth of that declaration – that all are created equal, and given the unalienable rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness," he said.

Bush and the new Republican-controlled Congress have fueled the debate with promises to curb access to some abortions. First on their agenda is a ban on late-term



Reuters Live Photos

Pro-life advocates march toward the Supreme Court in Washington, D.C. Wednesday. This week marks the 30th anniversary of the Roe v. Wade decision legalizing abortion, a practice that is expected to come under scrutiny due to Republican control of both Houses of Congress.

abortions. Congress passed such a ban in 1996 and 1997, but President Clinton vetoed it each time. Bush has said he would sign it into law.

The prospect of a resignation on the Supreme Court also has raised the stakes because it would allow Bush to appoint a justice who opposes abortion rights, thereby turning the court from a 5-4 majority in favor of abortion rights to 5-4 against them.

The debate rages in legislatures across the nation, as states fight over measures that would protect or erode abortion rights. In Utah, for example, a state lawmaker marked the 30th anniversary of the Roe v. Wade decision by introducing a bill to define at what stage of a pregnancy an abortion becomes "infanticide" and to set criminal penalties for such cases.

U.S. official urges U.N. sanctions against North Korea

Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS

A top U.S. official said Wednesday he will push for the U.N. Security Council to consider sanctioning North Korea for its nuclear programs, even as a U.N. envoy said the North would consider sanctions "an act of war."

But Western diplomats on the Security Council said the issue likely will not come before them anytime soon since it still is being debated by the U.N. nuclear watchdog agency in Vienna, Austria.

U.S. Undersecretary of State John Bolton, in South Korea to rally support, said officials there agreed to take the nuclear issue before the Security

Council. He also said Britain, France and most likely Russia would support such a move, and China had not voiced any opposition.

"It's not a question of if it goes before the Security Council, it's only a matter of time," Bolton said. "We hope it will get there by the end of this week."

The International Atomic Energy Agency currently is debating whether to refer the matter to the council, an official said.

"If there isn't movement on the part of North Korea, ultimately this will have to go to the Security Council," IAEA spokesman Mark Gwozdecky told The Associated Press. "I think by the end of the week we will certainly have a better lay of the land."

But a British delegate at the United Security Council.

Nations noted that the IAEA may postpone its Friday session.

Pyongyang insists its nuclear dispute is purely with Washington and does not involve other parties. It made that stance clear during recent talks with U.N. envoy Maurice Strong, a special adviser to Secretary-General Kofi Annan

"They have even used the expression that they would regard action by the Security Council to impose sanctions or any similar punitive action as an act of war," Strong said after returning from Pyongyang and briefing Annan.

Asked if he would be reporting to the Security Council soon, Strong said, "I report to the secretary-general ... and he has not asked me to report to the Security Council"

The issue "is not on the Security Council agenda at this point."

"As you know, there are a lot of efforts going on, a lot of diplomatic efforts now under way, to deal with and seek a solution to the nuclear crisis. And, therefore, I think it would be inappropriate and unhelpful of me to be discussing it," Strong said.

Tensions escalated in October when the United States said North Korea admitted having a secret nuclear program in violation of a 1994 agreement with the United States. The United States and its allies suspended oil shipments to the North, and Pyongyang responded by expelling U.N. inspectors and preparing to restart a 5-megawatt nuclear reactor to generate badly needed electricity.

WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Kuwaiti arrested in murder of American:

Saudi border guards Wednesday arrested a Kuwaiti suspected of killing one American and critically wounding another in an ambush in Kuwait, the official Saudi Press Agency reported. The agency quoted an unidentified Interior Ministry official as saying the Kuwaiti was arrested "sneaking into Saudi Arabia from Kuwait." "The initial investigation revealed that he was the assailant who fired on the American citizens on Tuesday," the report said.

Mexican earthquake kills 25, injures 300:

Emergency crews dug into piles of collapsed cement and brick Wednesday to reach victims trapped by a powerful earthquake that killed at least 25 people, crumpling walls like paper, turning brick into powder and leaving steel reinforcement bars scattered like straws. At least 300 people were injured in the 7.8 magnitude quake that hit western Mexico, civil defense officials said.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Senate votes Ridge department chair:

The Senate confirmed Tom Ridge as homeland security chief Wednesday with a unanimous vote-and a strong message that it would be watching carefully as he molds a makeshift operation into one of government's largest agencies. "With today's historic vote, the Senate has demonstrated our shared commitment to doing everything we can to secure our homeland," President Bush said after the 94-0 vote to make Ridge, former Pennsylvania governor and the president's top adviser on domestic terrorism, the first secretary of the new Homeland Security Department.

Attackers slay girl, stab sister in Utah:

Attackers killed a 3-year-old girl and repeatedly stabbed her 10-year-old sister with a butcher knife early Wednesday outside a Mesquite casino where their mother was gambling, authorities said. Three people were being held in Utah.

Bush issues stern warning to Hussein:

The tens of thousands of U.S. military troops gathering in the Persian Gulf could wait for months without losing their war-fighting edge, the nation's top military officer said Wednesday. On a day in which President Bush warned of "serious consequences" for Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein should the United States attack his country, Gen. Richard Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, told reporters that American forces have the training and flexibility to initiate combat operations at any time.

Grand jury indicts Malvo on homicide:

A grand jury indicted 17-year-old Lee Boyd Malvo on murder charges that could bring the death penalty for his alleged role in the sniper attacks that terrorized the Washington area. The indictment, issued Tuesday and made public Wednesday, stems from the Oct. 14 slaying of FBI analyst Linda Franklin outside a Home Depot.

OIT's Darwin server attacked by Trojan horse, twice

SCOTT BRODFUEHRER Associate News Editor

System administrators at the Office of Information Technologies discovered Tuesday that the Darwin server had again been breached by a hacker, prompting OIT to replace the server with a stand-in while the original server is rebuilt to provide

greater security. The breach was similar to the one that occurred last month and involved a hacker replacing the POP daemon, which is used to retrieve email, with a Trojan horse that might have collected passwords of users who attempted to retrieve their e-mail, according to Gary Dobbins, OIT information security director. The breach did not affect the vast majority of campus users because most users do not use Darwin, a general-purpose server that can be used to access files on or off campus, to retrieve e-mail.

"Anyone fetching mail from Darwin would know it. A user whose e-mail account was set up within the past four or five years would generally not be using Darwin to retrieve e-mail, unless they specifically chose to do so," said Dobbins.

However, as the breach is still under investigation and the full extent of the hacker's activities have not been discovered, OIT urges all users who have used Darwin in any way to change their password.

Dobbins said the fact that the original Darwin server was left in place after the December hack made it more likely to be hacked in the future. Last week, following the second hack, Darwin was replaced with a stand-in server that is more secure, containing current patches for operating systems and other software and a

basic implementation of Tripwire, the security software OIT is implementing on all servers to alert system administrators to security breaches such as this one. The specifications of the stand-in server are comparable to the original server and the switch might not result in any noticeable decrease in performance.

"It will serve as a reasonable replacement while we make sure that the original system is more secure," said Dobbins.

Darwin will be rebuilt with

Darwin will be rebuilt with a full implementation of the Tripwire software, the latest software patches and a number of other security measures using clean room practices, which means it will not be exposed to the Internet until all security measures are in place. OIT has not yet estimated how long it will take to rebuild the server, which will have a higher level of security than the stand-in implemented Wednesday.

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ANNOUNCEMENT

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From 1987 through 1994 Kathleen lived with the visionary Marija in Medjugorje. She was the only non Croatian member of the young people's prayer group that Our Lady formed and lead - with practical advice: how to prevent a war that seems imminent; how to discern your vocation, etc., etc.

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On January 25th Our Lady will give another message to the world. To receive it, email your email address to <dnolan@childrenofmedjugorje.com>

(Medjugorje Rosary for students every Friday night... rides from the main circle leave at 8:00 PM)

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IN BRIEF

Dockworkers approve new contract

The labor dispute that shuttered West Coast ports for 10 days last fall and hamstrung Pacific trade formally ended Wednesday when dockworkers and shipping companies overwhelmingly approved a new six-year contract.

Nearly 90 percent of International Longshore and Warehouse Union members who voted approved the multi-billion dollar deal, which should bring labor peace to 29 major ports that badly need to modernize - and should do so under the pact.

Slightly more than 7,400 members voted for the deal, while nearly 900 voted against it - the largest margin of victory for any longshoremen's contract, according to union officials. Voter turnout was 85 percent.

"They had union meetings to question the negotiators about it and plenty of time to debate it among themselves," said union President Jim Spinosa. "They understood the terms of the contract, the times it was negotiated in and the vic-

Banks report weak earning results

Hard-hit by sour loans and regulatory penalties, J.P. Morgan Chase & Co. on Wednesday reported a wider loss in the fourth quarter than had been expected by Wall Street ana-

The Bank of New York, meanwhile, missed by a penny its reduced earnings target as it wrote off loans and leases to ailing United Airlines and other carriers.

The results underscored the difficulties the money center banks experienced in 2002, as weak markets depressed investment banking earnings while the staggering economy produced more business and consumer loan loss-

The weak earnings reports from J.P. Morgan Chase and the Bank of New York came a day after Citigroup, the nation's largest financial institution, reported a 37 percent drop in fourth-quarter profits, in part because of the costly settlement with federal and state regulators over analyst bias. J.P. Morgan Chase is paying a share of the settlement, too.

Judge tosses McDonald's suit

♦ Judge rules that fat in fastfood is common knowledge

Associated Press

NEW YORK Saying the law is not intended to protect people from their own excesses, a federal judge threw out a lawsuit class-action Wednesday that blamed McDonald's food for obesity, diabetes and other health problems in children.

U.S. District Judge Robert Sweet said the plaintiffs failed to show that the fast-food chain's products "involve a danger that is not within the common knowledge of consumers.'

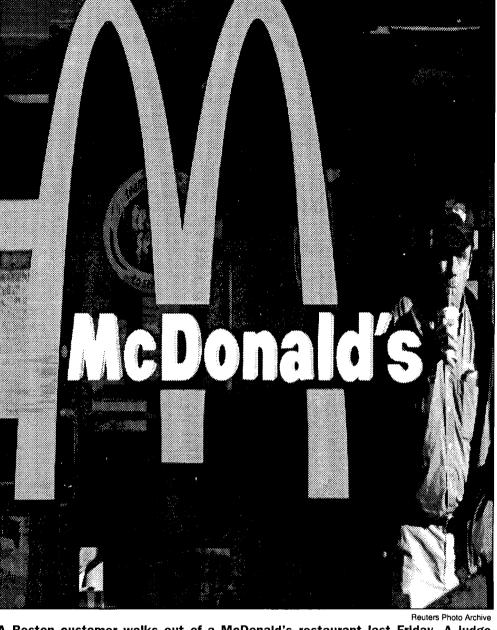
The lawsuit was filed against McDonald's last summer and sought unspecified damages.

"If a person knows or should know that eating copious orders of supersized McDonald's products is unhealthy and may result in weight gain ... it is not the place of the law to protect them from their own excesses," the judge said. "Nobody is forced to eat at McDonald's.

Plaintiffs' attorney Samuel Hirsch filed other, similar lawsuits last year. In one, a 270-pound city maintenance worker that eating alleged McDonald's, Wendy's, Burger King and KFC had caused him health problems. Those suits had been dropped or put on hold while Sweet considered the lawsuit against McDonald's.

The lawsuits became a lightning rod for pundits and editorial writers who jeered that they were the latest example of a litigious society in which people abdicate personal responsibility.

"Common sense has pre-McDonald's spokesman Walt Riker said. "We said from the



A Boston customer walks out of a McDonald's restaurant last Friday. A judge Wednesday threw out a lawsuit that blamed McDonald's for obesity, saying that it was common knowledge that fast-food was high in fat and calories.

beginning that this was a frivolous lawsuit. Today's ruling confirms that fact."

Wall On Street, McDonald's stock rose 2 cents to close Wednesday at \$15.36 on the New York Stock Exchange.

Hirsch said the lawsuit will be amended and refiled within a month.

Hirsch had argued that the high fat, sugar and cholesterol content of McDonald's food is a "toxic kind of thing" when eaten regularly by children.

He said that consumers

may generally understand that fast-food burgers and fries are not health food, but do not realize just how bad such fare can be.

He cited the case of a 13year-old New York City boy who said he ate at McDonald's three or four times a week and is now 5foot-4 and 278 pounds. Other affidavits filed by the parents of obese children claim they never saw posters or pamphlets inside McDonald's restaurants describing the nutritional content of the food.

"They have targeted children," Hirsch contended. According

McDonald's Web site, a Big Mac packs 590 calories and 34 grams of fat, while a large order of french fries has 540 calories and 26 grams of fat.

Riker said McDonald's has been providing nutrition information about its food for 30 years. He said McDonald's food "can fit into a healthy, well-balanced diet, based upon the choice and variety avail-

Majority of Americans own stock

Associated Press

WASHINGTON Slightly more than half of U.S. households owned stock in 2001, compared with about a third only a decade earlier as the Wall Street boom of the 1990s pushed stock ownership to record levels.

The big rise in stock prices plus the longest economic expansion in history helped to boost family balance sheets, the Federal Reserve reported Wednesday in the government's most extensive look at wealth in the coun-

The typical family's net worth - the difference between household assets and liabilities - rose to \$86,100 in 2001, a gain of 10.3 percent from 1998 after removing the effects of

Family incomes were up as well in 2001, with the median family, the midpoint for all families, earning \$39,900, a gain of 9.6 percent from

In both the case of net worth and incomes, the richer did far better than those at the bottom of the income scale, a trend that has been under way for some time.

"We are richer than we used to be, but the gap between the rich and the poor appears to be growing," said David Wyss, chief economist at Standard & Poor's in New York.

By net worth, the typical family in the bottom 20 percent of income distribution saw its net worth rise by 25.4 percent to \$7,900. By contrast, the typical family in the highest 10 percent of income levels saw its net worth increase by 69.3 percent to

The gains in household wealth and incomes were attributed to a variety of factors including the Wall Street boom of the 1990s. Stock prices peaked in the spring of 2000 and since then investors have suffered three straight losing years on Wall Street, something that last happened at the end of the Great Depression in the 1930s.

The Fed survey was taken from May through December of 2001, so it does not capture the high point for stock portfolios. It would reflect fatter balance sheets for many investors than they now have.

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Stanford Hall, and his running mate John McCarthy, a junior from Keough Hall, say their main goal is "to build a 'chunnel' under Saint Mary's Lake" to improve the school's transportation system.

All undergraduate students, including seniors, are encouraged to vote. Matt Corgan, vice president of elections, is aiming for online elections but has dorm representatives ready in

all the dorms in case they have to do paper elections.

After a week of gathering signatures, they turned in their petitions last night, which needed to have at least 300 signatures. When Student Activities verified they are all in good academic standing and that they do not have ResLife violations, Judicial Council President Danielle Ledesma then released the official list of the six candidates running for Student Body President.

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improving dialogue between students and student government representatives.

"Being in office for a second year I will know what has happened in the past, a lot of the work we have done will carry over. It's not going to be us trying to start all over again," Jabonski-Diehl said.

The only way Jablonski-Diehl and Brown won't win is if a majority of students abstain, which would result in a vote of no confidence and force the election process to begin again.

Active campaigning ends on Monday, January 27 at 11:59 p.m. but the candidates will be

allowed to passively campaign during elections. At midnight elections will begin with online voting, which will continue for a 24-hour period. Students will be able to vote from their own personal computers and from any computer on campus. The election should prove to be interesting just because of the recent revisions to the constitution's election process, including the initiation of online voting

Meet the candidates night will be held on Monday, January 27 in Haggar at 7 p.m. At this time students will be able to ask questions and hear the candidates platforms.

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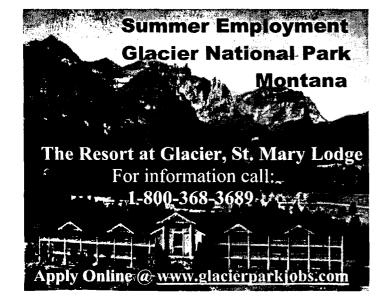
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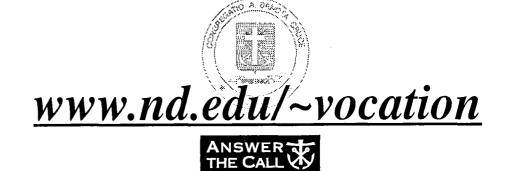
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FRANCE

France and Germany still want peace in Iraq

Associated Press

Countering blunt talk of war by the Bush administration, France and Germany on Wednesday insisted that they are committed to a peaceful

'War is not inevitable," French President Jacques Chirac told a historic joint session of the French and German parliaments. "The only frame-

solution to the Iraq crisis.

work for a legitimate solution is the United Nations.

The state-ment — made during a ceremony marking 40 years of reconciliation between the once-hostile nations

came as the top U.S. military commander declared American forces could stand by in a high state of readiness for months if necessary.

But Gen. Richard Myers, U.S. chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said in Washington that American troops were poised for action.

"We're ready now. The Iraqi regime should have no doubt," he said. After a joint meeting of the French and German Cabinets, Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder said the two countries "are entirely in agreement to harmonize our positions

peaceful solution of the Iraqi crisis.'

Chirac said both nations agreed that any decision to attack Iraq should be made only by the U.N. Security Council, after U.N. weapons inspectors have reported their findings

"For us, war is always the proof of failure and the worst of solutions, so everything must be done to avoid it," Chirac said.

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French President

France, one of the five permanent members of the Security Council, hinted this week that it could use its veto power on the issue, while Schroeder has made plain that Germany

will refuse to back an Iraq war resolution in the council.

Britain — the closest U.S. ally on Iraq — has said it would prefer Security Council support. But Prime Minister Tony Blair said Wednesday his country would back a U.S.-led war without United Nations support if any countries imposed "unreasonable blockage" of a Security Council resolution.

France has the current leadership of the Security Council. Though Germany has no veto power, the country will assume a key role in Iraq war diplomacy when it takes over the coun-

more closely in favor of a cil chairmanship in February just after U.N. arms experts are to submit a progress report on Monday.

> Chirac said France and Germany were working closely in the council "to give peace the utmost chance.

> Both nations are also key members of NATO, which is currently discussing a request from the United States to provide backup should war break out in Iraq.

Meanwhile, U.N. arms inspectors ran into

protests at "We're ready now. The Basra Iraqi regime should have University in Iraq with no doubt." dozens of students

Gen. Richard Myers U.S. Chairman of joint chiefs of staffs

"No war for oil," read one sign in English, reflecting a common Iraqi view that U.S. threats to attack Iraq have more to do with American designs on Iraqi oil than with concern over its weapons.

gathering to

demonstrate

against the

inspections.

The White House, meanwhile, denied an Iraqi claim that its air defenses shot down an unmanned American spy plane. In New York, chief inspector Hans Blix complained that Iraq was balking at allowing the United Nations reconnaissance overflights.

The French-German push for a peaceful disarming of Iraq came as their nations marked

the 1963 signing of a treaty that sealed their friendship after fighting three wars in just 70

and Schroeder Chirac announced a series of initiatives to bring the former enemies even closer and give them a leading role in building the European Union as it expands to take in 10 new members next year.

An enlarged Europe "will need the French-German engine," Chirac said in his

> speech to the lawmakers gathered at the Versailles palace outside Paris.

"This huge ensemble of 450 million people will face risks and challenges,' Chirac said of the European

Union. "It will need to find a center of gravity.

Schroeder echoed the need for closer cooperation: "Few things get done in Europe if France and Germany don't

In a dramatic show of friendship, the two leaders also proposed an idea unthinkable to generations that survived two World Wars: granting French and Germans shared nationality. Schroeder said he and Chirac agreed dual nationality would be offered.

"in the long term" to Germans and French who live in the other country.

Shirt

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of The Shirt campaign catapulted the student-run fund-raiser into the national spotlight.

Elkins said, "The Shirt program is so worthwhile because it not only funds all student

activities, but it adds to and becomes a part of the incredible school spirit we have here. Now adding this year's shirt to the tradition and creating the sea of green that has garnered attention nationwide, I think that there is an even stronger bond, if that's possible, between students during football games and higher spirits among alumni as well. Seeing that kind of unity here definitely feels great.

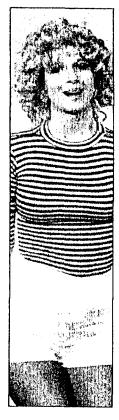
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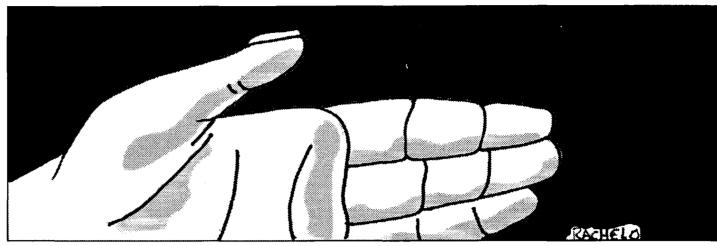
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DeBerry

Saint Mary's GlobalCollege currently has 1,800 students, and Holy Cross College has 600 students. In two decades our three schools together can send out close to 70,000 graduates. If we each used our professional skills to pursue just one social cause, Father Sorin's founding vision would be realized. In pulling our capabilities together, our community's impact "cannot fail to succeed ... It will develop on a

large scale." There is much power in this simple statistic. This is multiplied when coupled with recent momentum on college campuses towards civic engagement and servant leadership. While some view service as abandoning one's current path to pursue an alternative lifestyle, others have a perspective of service that is quite different but just as powerful.

A fall course on Leadership and Social Responsibility led by a professor at the Center for Social Concerns has students interact with local leaders who live this special kind of service, people who embrace their talents and apply them to positively impact society through their work and ideas.

One leader in athletic leadership our class met is a co-director of the Mendelson Center for Sports, Character & Community, an organization that "brings social scientists and sports practitioners together to build character and promote civic responsibility through sports."

Notre Dame is abundant with "service capital" in athletic talent, and the center works with students and talented professionals to tap into the great passion in sports. For example, soon they are having a conference on Sports, Character and Responsible Citizenship, which will "explore the theme of civic engagement and the value and practi-

cality of using sports as vehicles to promote and strengthen commitment to, way of life." What a fantastic idea.

Another area in which some professionals are strengthening their contributions to society is corporate social responsibility and ethics. The Mendoza College of Business has an exemplar in Dean Carolyn Woo. Her education by the Maryknolls in China and perseverance through her studies in America has added to a perspective that breathes life to the idea of business. When done at its best, Woo views the work in her field as stewardship. Maybe it is this values-oriented leadership that has led to the ethics courses that are taught in the college, gaining it the No. 1 rank by Business Week for business ethics

There are few limits to the good a person having practical working skills can do. As Woo says, "In the life of faith, God is always transforming our boundaries outward."

A group of leaders at the South Bend Heritage Foundation (SBHF) also give a unique and superb example of fully using various professional skills for the benefit of the greater community. Our class visited their offices in South Bend, and we discussed their innovative and grassroots methods to bolster support for revitalizing local neighborhoods.

The work the SBHF has done and builds on is remarkable. They have pressed connections they had with the local politicians to gain their attention and support. Notre Dame architecture students needing jobs were hired for projects. Banks collaborated with the group to work on financial issues. The SBHF has made pressing arguments based on solid, researched legal grounds. The media has publicized the group's community efforts. Ministers, schools, churches and community organizations who believe in fair housing have lent their support.

Most importantly, the SBHF has the residents themselves in the leadership, people who have not had much prior experience with such matters but who simply have the passion and sense of citizenship to give to their community.

Because of the integration of diverse professional skills and passions, crime in the improved neighborhoods has significantly decreased. More affordable houses in better condition have been put in place, and schools have benefit-

Those at the SBHF feel their work is a shared calling: "It's a team; we're all in this together." Other cities offering high salaries have asked them to leave South Bend and help with the challenges in other areas. But the group has chosen to remain in at home.

Sometimes having the greatest impact on the world involves simply taking your abilities and focusing on local concerns.

The visit to the South Bend Heritage Foundation was intensely inspiring and made me determined to promote the great impact one can have on society by embracing one's professional skills. This inspiration led me to The Observer.

Meanwhile, a good friend and freshman roommate was discovering a similar passion. While I pursued a column, he gathered a talented team of students to start a non-profit magazine called "Changing Times" which debuted across the nation Tuesday. His magazine and this column share a similar goal to challenge and inspire tomorrow's leaders to connect their passion and talents with ways to contribute to the greater community. After a dinner last Thursday at the dining hall, we decided to work together from different fronts on this key idea.

We who have come to Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross will leave with a special power to embrace our talents and change the times. If we each pursued just one social cause and joined efforts, Father Sorin's vision would be fulfilled, and our community would become "one of the most powerful means for good in this country."

Only time will tell if he is wrong.

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Mother Teresa

VIEWPOINT

Notre Dame should respect America by recognizing national holidays

Notre Dame is often referred to as a bubble. Students often seem to be removed from the world and unaware of what is going on outside of campus. They also have the reputation of often

caring only about themselves and not recognizing the outside world. While in many cases that reputation is inaccurate, sometimes it is true. It is fueled by

A Skewed Perspective

Richard

Friedman

both our actions as students and by the Administration's.

One such example would be Notre Dame's disregard for national holidays. "God, Country, Notre Dame" is inscribed above the side door of the Basilica and is meant to remind the Notre Dame family about all the blessings that they have received. It is also meant to be a symbol of our dedication to those causes. And yet, national holidays do not seem to qualify for official recognition on campus.

This past Monday was Martin Luther King Day, a national holiday. Banks were closed, there was no mail and in Indiana, at least, all public schools close for either Martin Luther King Day or Presidents Day.

Notre Dame, on the other hand, does

not officially recognize either of these days. There are the events that are organized by students and clubs on campus for this week in order to celebrate King's life and its significance, but nothing really official.

Martin Luther King Jr. was not just a symbol for minorities; he stood for equality and respect for all races and all types of people. These are both things that Notre Dame, especially given our Catholic nature, should be proud to celebrate and stand behind.

Even if you disagree with Martin Luther King, you probably identify with someone who is a member of the general work force. Labor Day was set up to recognize the significance of the labor force and the contributions that American workers have made to the advancement our country. It is because of these struggles that we are afforded most of what we have today and why our country is as great as it is.

Yet, Notre Dame also fails to recognize this day. While some people may claim that it is acceptable that we do not get off for Labor Day because we get off the Monday before it for "enrollment day," that is really true. Whatever the reason that Notre Dame gives us a whole day to fill in a bubble-sheet (or now even just go to a web-

page), it is probably not meant to symbolize the same thing.

And, as if ignoring Labor Day is not bad enough, what most people do not realize is that if you take summer classes, you are required to be in class on the Fourth of July. Now, how can you deny that there is something wrong with making students attend class on the day that celebrates our nation's independence? Going to class distracts us from recognizing the significance of the day while at the same time prevents us from participating in the events which are meant to be symbolic of our nation and all that we

While parades, barbeques, parties and fireworks may seem to just be fun things to do with friends and family, they also hold within themselves a distinct feeling of patriotism and national spirit. Somehow, I did not quite get the same feeling and sense of being proud to be an American while I was sitting in my statistics class.

Notre Dame needs to start to recognize the importance and significance of national holidays. While I recognize that there may be scheduling problems and a required number of class days, do these few days really make a difference a difference in the overall academic calendar?

I checked a number of other universities' calendars and I could not find one — public, private, Catholic or otherwise — that was in school on Labor Day or Martin Luther King Day. If every other school can fit them in, I would think that Notre Dame could do so as well.

We are given ample time to celebrate our Catholic holidays, and we certainly have a spirit of Notre Dame throughout campus, so now let's add in the missing piece and start to bring in more of a respect for our country and recognize national holidays. Not canceling classes serves to diminish the importance of the days and sends out a message to everyone that we do not care about or respect national holidays.

I do not think that that is really true at all, so let's start to send out the correct message continue to try to remove another part of the Notre Dame bubble.

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The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

How should Notre Dame treat homosexuals?

Homosexuals deserve respect, tolerance and understanding

Respect. Tolerance. Understanding. These are the ideas we recall when celebrating Martin Luther King Day. Yet Charles Rice did away with these ideas in his Jan. 21 column, "University strays from Church homosexuality stance."

Professor Rice's assertion that homosexual acts are contrary to the natural law is questionable enough in itself, but to say that the Catholic Church's outlaw of such acts is in unity with "millennia of moral teaching" is outrageous. Catholic doctrine on the subject was set up not in unity with but instead to counter the morals of Rome, which allowed for such things as homosexual relations and mass orgies.

And as one friend pointed out to me, Rice needs only to read Plato's Symposium to see how ancient moral teaching shows the decency of homosexual relationships. In fact, perhaps Rice should sit in on a few "Gender Core" classes to gain a better understanding of moral teachings on homosexuality.

Also, to put homosexuality in the same category as eating disorders and smoking is simply ignorant. An eating disorder is a very serious type of disease, one from which many men and women suffer, and not simply an "inclination to overeating." Smoking is both dangerous and a serious addiction, one that requires support to quit.

Like the above two "inclinations," homosexuality is definitely a serious issue and requires an extensive sup-

port system.

But it is not something that needs to be fixed, as Rice seems to think. Notre Dame already deals with homosexuality more harshly than most universities of intellectual learning. Yet as most of America makes

learning. Yet as America makes strides towards acceptance of homosexuals, Rice wants further restrictions here at our

University.
I do not
attempt to
offer a simple
solution to the
current condition of homosexuality on
campus. All I can
offer is this Ben

"My choice is what I choose to do, And if I'm causin' no

Harper lyric:

harm it shouldn't bother you
Your choice is who you choose to

And if you're causin' no harm then you're all right with me."

Chris Planicka sophomore Sorin Hall Jan. 21

Attacking homosexuality harms individuals and community

Charles Rice's Jan. 21 column is an outrage to the Notre Dame community and the family that we are. His judgment of the homosexual community has always been less than loving, but now he begins to directly attack students' hard work and principles of inclusion and acceptance that form the Notre Dame community. The

students and faculty of the Standing Committee for Gay and Lesbian Student Needs are there to promote education and understanding of the homosexual community in respect to gay and lesbian students.

The Church teaches loving of your brothers and sisters in every way. The judgment Rice passes on the University's gay and lesbian students basically calls for their banning from campus like a bad habit. If you sit

in judgment are you not a sinner?

Certainly Rice's column and sentiments like it produce much more harm than good. Every year hundreds of gay teenagers commit suicide due to hate language proliferated by people such as Charles Rice. Also, hate crimes against gay and lesbian individuals occur daily. I have had to talk multiple gay students out of making irrational decisions because they hate themselves from what Rice has said. Promoting hatred of others due to differences is one matter, but promoting self-hatred may be one of the

worst sins yet.

"Men and women [with] homosexual tendencies ...
must be accepted with respect, compassion and sensitivity.
Every sign of unjust discrimination in their regard should be avoided." Yet Rice tries to argue against this statement. How

can this be a logical and loving form of action? How many gay students have to suffer self-hatred, hiding in paranoia and enduring suicidal thoughts for Rice to stop his crusade against gay students?

I am a gay Catholic. My devout Catholic parents love me, my Christian, Jewish and agnostic friends love me and the Notre Dame family is trying to love me. Why can't Charles Rice love everyone in God's family? I hope that you, the reader, can.

Brad T. Manzer senior Fisher Hall Jan. 22

Movie Review

'A Guy Thing': Something to do

By EMILY HOWALD

Assistant Scene Editor

Looking for yet another mindless romantic comedy to occupy your time?

Well, then "A Guy Thing" is for you. It's the typical "should he get married or should he not" story. The story begins with Paul Morse (Jason Lee, "Mallrats") at his bachelor party. He wakes up the next

morning with a strange woman in his bed and is unsure of what happened. She leaves and he writes it off as a

mistake before marriage.

"A Guy Thing"

Director: Chris Kock

Writer: Greg Glienna

Selma Blair

Starring: Jason Lee, Julia Stiles,

The problem arises when his fiancé, Karen, (Selma Blair, "Cruel Intentions"), introduces him to her cousin, Becky (Julia Stiles, "Save the Last Dance"), who shockingly enough,

is the very same woman who woke up in his bed days earlier.

The rest of the movie focuses on the attraction between Stiles and Lee, as well as his struggle to determine if this marriage is fit for him. He also has

to run circles around hiding the truth from his fiancé, as well as avoiding Stiles' neurotic ex-boyfriend. Lee con-

tinues to get himself in and out of trouble while battling with his own complacency.

The chemistry between Stiles and Lee is not only a humorous one, but their sarcastic and cynical personalities match well on screen. Stiles does a good job of playing the risk-taking, lofty girl who moves from one job to another. Blair plays the ideal controlling

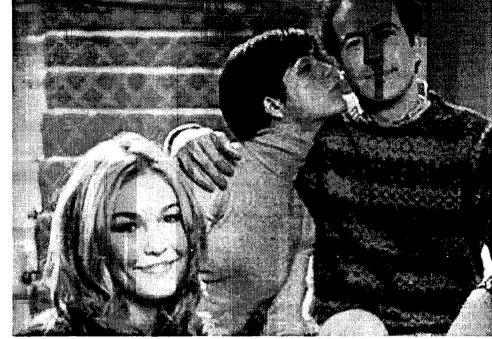


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Karen (Selma Blair) introduces her cousin Becky (Julia Stiles) to her fiancé Paul Morse (Jason Lee).

fiancé, and it matches her put-together and unfaltering demeanor.

Lee is torn between whether he should let go of the safe life and live a bit more like Stiles or continue on with the routine

Although it is a familiar plot, director Chris Koch ("Snow Day," TV's "Malcolm in the Middle"), does a good job of trying to incorporate new ideas and a lot of humor. It is the typical mindless comedy that doesn't leave too much to the imagination for surprise, nor does it make you think — at all.

The plot is a familiar one, and there is nothing about the film that makes it

stick out as Oscar-worthy, but it brings a smile and beats doing nothing. It's good for both guys and girls as well because it seems as though both sexes can relate to the fear of the commitment and appreciate the humor of it all.

Simply, it's been done before, and probably will continue to be done, but at least "A Guy Thing" adds humor and some originality. Bottom line: If you're really bored, knock yourself out; otherwise just wait for the rental.

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"Adaptation"

Director: Spike Jonze

Kaufman, Donald Kaufman

Writer: Susan Orlean, Charlie

Starring: Nicholas Cage, Tilda

Swinton, Meryl Streep, Chris Cooper

Becky (Julia Stiles) and Paul (Jason Lee) discover their own chemistry.

Movie Review

'Adaptation' unlike anything else

By BRIAN BIRCHER
Scene Movie Critic

Writer Charlie Kaufman and director Spike Jonze of "Being John Malkovich" have teamed up again to create their latest film, "Adaptation", a hilarious and complex look at the process of screenwriting. "Adaptation" follows screenwriter Charlie Kaufman's (Nicolas Cage) struggles to adapt the non-fiction book "The Orchid Thief" by

writer Susan Orlean (Meryl Streep) into a screenplay. "The Orchid Thief" follows an orchid poacher, John Laroche (Chris Cooper), who steals rare orchids for a living. Charlie has no concrete ideas of how to turn the book about this eccentric character

into a film but he is certain that he does not want it to become trite Hollywood fare.

Charlie's doubts and inability to work stand in stark contrast to those of his twin brother, Donald (Nicolas Cage). Donald decides on a whim that he is going to become a screenwriter also. After attending a weekend screenwriting workshop, Donald sets

to work writing a cliched thriller script. The ease with which Donald writes, combined with his cute girl-friend, just serve to further demoralize Charlie, in his attempts at both writing and love. In either a desperate or brilliant movie, Charlie finally decides that the only way to write the script is to put himself into it and ultimately seek out Susan Orlean for help.

screenwriter Charlie Kaufman's To tell more of the story would (Nicolas Cage) struggles to adapt the non-fiction book "The Orchid Thief" by unfold on screen. Nicolas Cage does

Nicolas Cage does some of the best acting work he has done in years as Charlie and Donald. Cage is entertaining and believable as the unflappable and consistently upbeat Donald yet also captures Charlie's self-loathing and doubt. The characters are so distinct and interact so well

that you almost feel that Nicolas Cage has a twin who also acts. Strep gives a passable performance as Orlean but Chris Cooper is superb as Laroche, managing to be funny and eccentric yet also capable of sorrow. The performances are part of what makes "Adaptation" stand out from some of other offerings in theaters, such as, oh, "Kangaroo Jack".

The sheer complexity of the storyline, which manages to bring together the three threads Kaufman, Orlean and Laroche, is mind-boggling. The narrative back and forth in time, but without annoying flashbacks. In a movie that features such scenes as a montage of evolution of life on earth and a scene of Charles Darwin writing "The Origin of Species" this movement through time is part of the rules established by the film. "Adaptation" has as many layers, if not more, than "Being John

Malkovich". Consider that Charlie Kaufman actually was hired to write a screenplay based on the book "The Orchid Thief" and produced the screenplay for "Adaptation" instead, in which he writes about Charlie Kaufman trying to adapt "The Orchid Thief" and you get a hint of the surre-



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Orchid thief John Laroche (Chris Cooper) searches for rare species of orchid in "Adaptation."

al nature of this movie. "Adaptation" is a brilliant, entertaining movie that is guaranteed to be unlike anything you have seen before.

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Movie Review

Catch another film if you can

By JOHN DONNELLY Scene Movie Critic

Artists often strive to tie form to content. "Catch Me If You Can" excels in this endeavor by suggesting a breezy, fun film about a con man that cons the audience. Yet plodding morality cheats the promise of the film.

"Catch Me If You Can" is the "based on real adventures" story of Frank Abagnale Jr., played by Leonardo DiCaprio, who lived quite the life before his 21st birthday. Abagnale passes himself off as a substitute teacher, airplane pilot, doctor, and lawyer, all while cashing millions of dollars worth of forged checks. Tom Hanks, playing FBI agent Carl Hanratty, doggedly pursues Abagnale throughout the film. Christopher Walken steals the show as Frank's

The film has a lot going for it, and not many movies can boast of having Oscar-nominated actors in its three lead roles. Of the three, DiCaprio and Hanks turn in serviceable performances, though save one memorable moment in a car with his partners, Hanks is wrong for the part. Walken is wonderful, but his role is one of the major problems of the film.

"Catch Me If You Can" was adapted from Abagnale's book of his exploits the book is a quick read, with Abagnale's ego running rampant. His exceptional self-assurance is what makes him a successful con artist. One cannot imagine an ordinary Joe casually strolling into an airport and hopping on a plane as a pilot. The film errs by expanding the role of Frank's family and Hanratty to pump up the narrative. The book is an unabashed joyride. Abagnale makes no apologies for his behavior — the people he cons should have been more cautious. The moral of the book is that a fool and his money are soon parted; the moral of the film, that Frank is lonely because of a broken-home life and tries to be



Frank Abagnale, Jr. (Leonardo DiCaprio) flees from the law with the aid of seven stewardesses and an airline pilot's uniform. The masquerade is only the latest in the con man's long string of adopted names and lives.

other people because he is not happy with himself.

Melodrama drags "Catch Me If You Can" down. The relationship between Abagnale Sr. and Jr. is touching, particularly in meetings between the two in a fancy restaurant and a rundown bar, but has no place in a movie that celebrates the luxuri-

ous lifestyle of a

relationship between pursuer and pur- childhood greatly slows the pace of a

sued, where perhaps only a fine line separates them.

"Catch Me If You Can"

Writers: Frank Abagnale Jr., Stan Redding, **Jeff Nathanson** Starring: Leonardo DiCaprio, Tom Hanks, Christopher Walken, Martin Sheen, Nathalie

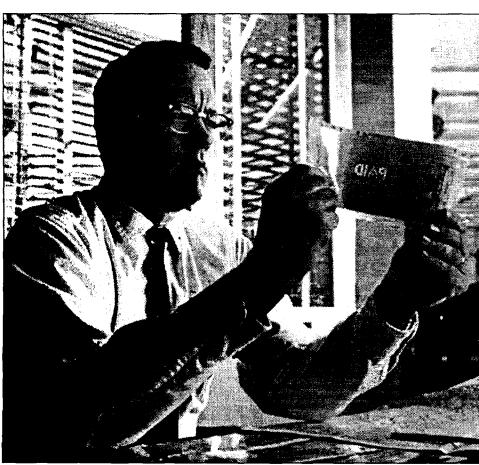
The film is a compromise. Half the

time it gleefully follows Abagnale as he dashes from scheme scheme, the other half tries to justify his behavior. The rationalizations for his life of crime are neither entertaining nor moving. The haphazard mixture of daring

con artist. The same can be said of the crime and lament for a lost happy

film already too long. Movies can be breezy and entertaining. There is nothing wrong with that. This film, at a long two hours, twenty minutes, could have been far more entertaining by chopping out the deadwood melodrama and emphasizing the fun that Abagnale had living his extravagant life. If the film wanted to stress his punishment for a life of crime, then his time spent in a French prison could have been played up. By the end of the film, one is unsure whether Abagnale is to be liked or pitied.

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Carl Hanratty (Tom Hanks) follows the paper trail left by the wily and elusive Frank Abagnale, Jr.



Frank Abagnale, Sr. (Christopher Walken) tries to follow the antics of his son as he deals with his own divorce.

NBA

Jordan takes third place on all-time NBA scoring list

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS

Jamal Mashburn scored 24 points and Jamaal Magloire added 16 points and 14 rebounds to lead the New Orleans Hornets to a 103-94 victory over the Washington Wizards on Wednesday night, spoiling a milestone for Michael

Jordan scored 18 and surpassed Wilt Chamberlain as the NBA's third all-time scorer. He passed Chamberlain's total of 31,419 points with a minute left in the first half when he dribbled laterally with his back to the basket and drilled a fallaway jump shot from the right elbow.

But Jordan would score only four points the rest of the way and his team fell behind by as many as 22 before rallying in the fourth period to keep from getting blown out. Jordan was 1for-7 in the second half.

Jerry Stackhouse, returned after missing four games with groin pull, led Washington with 26 and helped get Washington within striking distance early in the fourth.

Etan Thomas hit a pair of free throws to bring the Wizards within 91-81 with about 8 minutes to go. But Baron Davis responded with a jumper and David Wesley found Magloire for a reverse jam to push the lead to 14. Washington never got closer than nine after that.

Wesley scored 19 for New Orleans, hitting four 3-pointers, while Davis finished with 14.

Larry Hughes added 14 for Washington.

Orlando 94, Chicago 91

The load is getting so heavy for Tracy McGrady in Orlando, that he doesn't even want to talk about it anymore.

McGrady scored 31 points, handed out seven assists and played 42 minutes, all teamhighs, as the Magic held off the Chicago Bulls Wednesday night.

It was the fourth straight game that McGrady scored over 30 points and the third straight victory for the Magic. But the NBA's leading scorer wasn't happy about either of those positives.

He hit only six of 12 free-throw attempts in the fourth quarter, and the Magic were only 15 of 24 from the line in the final period, helping keep Chicago in the game. McGrady was so disgusted that he booted the basketball into the upper deck after the

throws," was all he had to say as he uncharacteristically left the locker room quickly after the

Magic coach Doc Rivers didn't blame his star. With Grant Hill out indefinitely because of recurring ankle problems, the load too often falls squarely on McGrady, with little support from his teammates

Mike Miller scored 17 points for the Magic, and Shawn Kemp and Darrell Armstrong had 12 apiece. But Orlando shot only 38.5 percent.

The Magic scored only two field goals in the fourth quarter and only nine altogether in the second half. Though they held a 73-60 lead with 2:29 to play in the third quarter, they didn't hit another shot from the field until Andrew DeClerq was credited for a layup with 1:47 left in the

Portland 112, Atlanta 110

Bonzi Wells had no trouble putting his game-winning basket in perspective.

"The biggest shot I've hit since I've been this league," he said. 'I'm just happy I went from having the worst game to having a pretty good game. That's how the NBA is.

Wells banked in a running one-hander with 1.4 seconds left in the second overtime to give the Portland Trail Blazers a victory Wednesday night over the Atlanta Hawks.

Wells was dribbling at the top of the key when he drove past Corey Benjamin and hit a 6-footer to give the Blazers their fourth win in five games.

"We had a chance to take this team out early," said Scottie Pippen, who led Portland with seven assists. "We just didn't play the kind of basketball we needed to put this team away.

"When you're on the road, you have to play smarter, and I don't think we played smart basketball

when we had the lead." Atlanta lost its sixth straight.

Derek Anderson had 21 points to lead the Blazers, who led by as many as 18 midway through the second quarter before allowing the Hawks to go on 29-10 run that ended with Shareef Abdur-Rahim's tip-in with 6:50 left in the third quarter.

Less than two minutes later, Glenn Robinson, Atlanta's leading scorer, was ejected for arguing with official Scott Wall, but the Hawks led by as many as five on Abdur-Rahim's 15-footer with 11:54 left in regulation.

The lead changed hands twice "I never missed that many free in the final 35.1 seconds of regu-

lation. Anderson, Portland's best free-throw shooter, missed two foul shots at the 14.9 mark, and Atlanta, after calling timeout, got a thunderous dunk from Benjamin to take a 96-95 lead

Indiana 101, Toronto 98

with 4.9 seconds to go.

Isiah Thomas is going to the All-Star game as the coach of the Eastern Conference team, and Jermaine O'Neal showed Wednesday night why he'll likely be joining him in Atlanta.

O'Neal had a rare triple-double with 18 points, 10 rebounds and 10 blocked shots, and made the winning three-point play with 3.2 seconds left as the Indiana Pacers beat the Toronto Raptors Wednesday night.

The win means Thomas will coach the East in next month's All-Star game in Atlanta. The coaches are determined by which team has the best record in the conference as of this coming Sunday. Detroit's 92-83 loss to Philadelphia allowed Indiana to clinch the best record.

"I was more excited about them losing and putting a little more distance between them,' Thomas said. "It's a great honor. Not many people get a chance to coach an All-Star game. I'm very excited about it."

He can thank O'Neal for this victory.

O'Neal set career and Pacers records for blocked shots. He had four blocks in the first half, and three each in the third and fourth periods.

He tied the franchise record set by Darnell Hillman in the

"That's very rare air," Thomas said. "That's David Robinson, Bill Russell. Guys who have made their mark in this league."

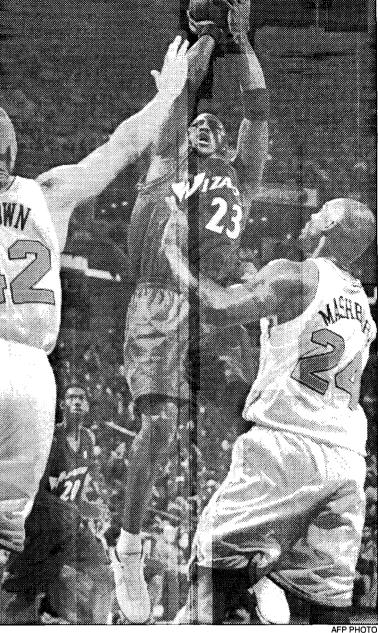
Milwaukee 106, Boston 97

Ray Allen and Sam Cassell dominated for Milwaukee while Antoine Walker watched helplessly from the Boston bench.

Allen scored 34 points, Cassell had the second triple-double of his career and the Bucks capitalized on a rare injury to Walker to defeat the Celtics Wednesday

"Ray had a great roll going," Milwaukee coach George Karl said. "It's great to have a guy like that to go to on the road."

Allen had 14 points in the third quarter when Milwaukee stretched a 56-54 lead to 84-76. After Paul Pierce led a Celtics surge that cut an 11-point deficit to 98-93, Allen hit the Bucks' next two baskets for a 102-95 lead with 1:33 to go.



Michael Jordan shoots his record-setting shot on Wednesday in New Orleans to take third place on the NBA all-time scoring list. Jordan had 18 points in his historic night, but the Washington Wizards lost to the New Orleans Hornets 103-94.

"I didn't do anything" differently, he said. "I tried to be aggressive. We penetrated and got a lot of good looks.'

Cassell had 14 points, 16 assists and 11 rebounds, and Michael Redd added 16 points.

The Bucks shot very well despite aggressive Boston defense. They hit 53 percent of their shots and 12 of 24 from 3point range. Allen was 13-for-23 overall and 5-for-9 on 3-point-

"We just ran into a buzzsaw with their ability to knock down shots," Boston coach Jim O'Brien said. "We did a nice job of moving the basketball, not quite as nice as they did, though.'

Boston, which ended a fourgame winning streak, was led by

Pierce with 30 points, Walter McCarty with 22 and rookie J.R. Bremer with 18.

"I was able to get some of the shots that (Walker) gets,' McCarty said. "Paul and J.R. made great passes. They were all looking for me."

But the Celtics missed Walker, sidelined with a sprained right knee, only the 11th game he's missed in his 6 NBA seasons and the first this season.

"They still penetrate and look for the 3," Milwaukee's Anthony Mason said. "He's a big talent loss, but they still have some good shooters out there.'

The Celtics had won their previous game, 100-99 at Philadelphia on Monday night.

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Coachella Spring Break Seminar Info Meeting

6:30 p.m. Center for Social Concerns classroom

what's happening

thursday 1.23

MLK-Light for the Journey Mass of Celebration

7:00 p.m. Keenan-Stanford Chapel

friday 1.24

Learning to Talk About Race Retreat #24

Friday and Saturday Lindenwood Retreat Center

Freshman Retreat #45

Friday and Saturday Sacred Heart Parish Center

807 Mass

8:00 p.m Coleman-Morse Hammes Student Lounge

sunday 1.26

RCIA Session

10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Coleman-Morse Student Lounge

Sankofa Academy Open **Discussion Group**

2:00-3:30 p.m. 316 Coleman-Morse Center

monday 1.27

JPW Auditions for Lectors

4:00-5:00 p.m. Basilica of the Sacred Heart

monday (cont.)

Coachella Spring Break Seminar Info Meeting

6:30 p.m. Center for Social Concerns classroom

tuesday 1.28

IPW Auditions for Lectors

4:00-5:00 p.m. Basilica of the Sacred Heart

Campus Bible Study

7:00 -8:00 p.m. 114 Coleman-Morse Center

Weekly Spanish Mass

10:30 p.m. St. Edward's Hall

wednesday 1.29

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8:00 p.m. Wilson Commons

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mark your calendar

In the midst of a noisy culture, ever find yourself desiring a chance for quiet contemplation? Bet you never thought the rosary might be a way to find some of that peace? Come join the University community for a night of quiet prayer and song.

The Folk Choir will be singing, Student Government officers will lead the prayers, and we expect a great turnout. Consider yourself invited to the quiet, and to the contemplation....

Tuesday, February 11, 7 p.m. @ the Basilica

considerations....

Dr. King Celebration

The CM Welcome Center in 111 CoMo is open

Sunday - Thursday, 4pm to midnight

Making your Mark Speaking your Mind

by Chandra Johnson Assistant to the President

Instead of flying-in a high-priced peace activist or organizing a multi-ethic talent show, we tried something new this year. We sent out an e-mail to about 50 students and asked if they would be interested in participating in a dinner discussion in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. All but a few said "yes." Your response to our invitation confirmed our suspicions: you've got something to say.

The New York Times and Meet the Press are becoming primary sources for theology essays and Sunday homilies. The convergence of current events with Christian values is both forming and challenging your social perspective, and there is an awakening of sorts in your minds and hearts. Throughout the past few months, The Observer has been peppered with viewpoints prompted by world and national events. Whether in class assignments or impromptu conversations, your passionate discussions on racism, affirmative action, the environment, abortion, the war on terrorism, and other social matters are not crisis-driven as in the past when misunderstandings about race fueled campus-wide unrest. Your opinions are now interest-driven. For some, you're praying more. For others, you're paying close attention to the nightly news and daily web casts. On a Christian Catholic campus, this response to the realities of your daily life is called faith in action. You're responding to your world and talking to each other about solutions.

The Dr. King Celebration Dinner held yesterday was a new way to respond to Dr. King's message. The students we asked to participate were selected by members of the University's MLK Committee, peers who felt confident in

Light for the Journey - Mass of Celebration

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identifying members of the student body who have solid opinions on war, race, economics and other hot topics which touch the heart of the human condition. The setting was the second floor of the Main Building with the Columbus murals as the backdrop. The controversial pictorials of our country's founding prompted discussions which we hoped would yield informed and thoughtful commentary among peers. There were six tables of eight, and each table was assigned a topic: war, affirmative action, gender equity, economics and social class, the hiring of Coach Willingham, and a topic self-selected by graduate students. I wish I could tell you that the event was a success, but I can't. This article was due on Tuesday and the dinner was last night. I'll let you know in this column next month. However, as we planned, what we knew for sure was that as a University committee comprised of students and administrators, we were confident that the opportunity to share a meal while sharing insight would reveal the depth of our beliefs and active response to stabilize an uncertain world. But we didn't stop there.

Tonight the conversation will be moved from the dinner table to the altar. Take your place at the Lord's Supper as we conclude our Dr. King celebration with Mass at 7:00 p.m. in the Keenan-Stanford Chapel. Everyone is welcome! With Fr. J. Steele leading us in prayer, and the Celebration combined choirs leading us in song, we will profess our commitment to leadership through love and rekindle the spirit of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s legacy. His message is timeless-it continues to inform and challenge us. Making your mark is believing you have something worthwhile to say. Leadership is not being afraid to say it.

By the way: the Dr. King Celebration Dinner will be opened to everyone next year. Space will be limited so be sure to sign up early! Better yet, contact me if you'd like to be a member of the committee.

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NHL

Fleury seeks help, regrets 'bad choice'

Associated Press

CHICAGO

Theo Fleury said Wednesday he'd made a "bad choice" and was ready to accept the consequences after Ohio police said he was intoxicated following an altercation at a strip club.

"I made a bad decision," said Fleury, who was suspended for the first 25 games of the season after violating the NHL's substance abuse aftercare program.

"Whatever the consequences are, I'm fully aware. I'll deal with the consequences when they happen."

Blackhawks coach Brian Sutter said the matter was being handled internally.

"Something happened that we regret and it's being handled internally," Sutter said. "Do we like it? No, but it's being handled internally."

Fleury met with Blackhawks general manager Steve Smith on Tuesday. NHL spokesman Frank Brown would not comment on whether the league has been

notified of the incident. Fleury is under the supervision of two doctors as part of the NHL's aftercare program.

Sgt. Brent Mull, spokesman for the Columbus, Ohio police department, said officers received a call from an attendant at a gas station across the street from the Pure Platinum strip club about 4:45 a.m. Sunday. A group of men had used a pay phone at the station to call a cab, and Mull said the attendant was concerned because one of the men looked as if he'd been assaulted.

The cab was gone by the time the police showed up, but another officer, Jason Gunther, saw the cab and stopped it.

"Sure enough, those were the people the attendant had called about," Mull said.

According to Gunther's report, Fleury was "intoxicated" and said he'd been "hit several times by about nine bouncers" at the strip club. He refused medical attention for a cut above his left eye, and refused to give his address or phone number.

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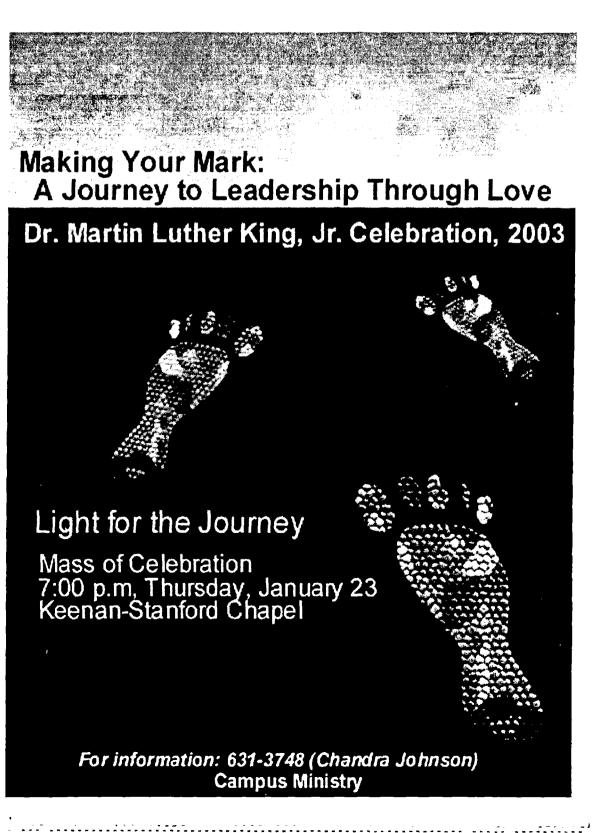
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GOLF

Sorenstam eyes the PGA tour

Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. Annika Sorenstam has dominated her competition on the LPGA Tour the last two seasons. Her next challenge might be

against the men.

Sorenstam said Wednesday she would relish the chance to play a PGA Tour event, provided she received a sponsor's exemption and the tournament was held on a golf course that suits



her game.

"If I got an invite, I would say yes in a heartbeat," she said at Bay Hill Club and Lodge during an appearance for Callaway Golf. "It's a great challenge. It's not something I want to do regularly. But it would be a great learning experience."

Her agent, Mark Steinberg of IMG, said the chances of that happening this year are "very possible," as long as it's the right tournament, the right course, and it fits her LPGA Tour schedule.

"I suspect that after today, there will be more than one tournament that is very interested," he said. "There are going to be several tournaments that will not even consider it. That would be my guess. But there will be quite a few that express someinterest."

Eric Mehl, tournament director of the 84 Lumber Classic of Pennsylvania, said it is too early to determine how the new event will use its sponsor's exemptions in September.

PGA Tour spokesman Bob

Combs said the tour has no regulations against women playing, and that tournaments have the flexibility to use their exemptions to round out the field or to create interest.

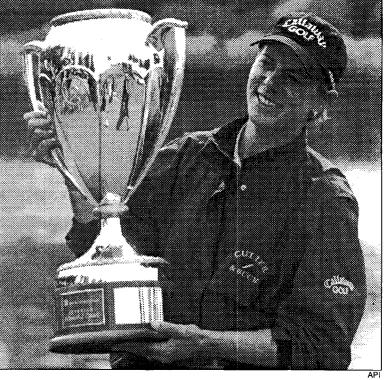
He said it was "conceivable" that a tournament would offer Sorenstam an exemption.

The topic came up when Sorenstam, who won 13 times around the world last year and set or tied nearly two dozen records, was asked about Suzy Whaley.

Whaley, a Connecticut club pro, won a PGA sectional from a shorter set of tees than the men and qualified for the Greater Hartford Open in late July. She will be the first woman to play on the PGA Tour in the modern era.

Whaley will have to play from the championship tees with the

"I think she's very brave," Sorenstam said. "She's doing this to show her daughters that anything is possible. I heard in an interview that she doesn't expect



LPGA member Annika Sorenstam said she would "relish" the chance to compete in a PGA tour event next season if asked.

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The 32-year-old Swede has higher goals if she ever gets that chance.

"If I pick the right course, I

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think I would do well," she said, adding that she could only compete if the course wasn't excessively long, had tight fairways and punishing rough, which she rarely gets into as the LPGA's best driver.

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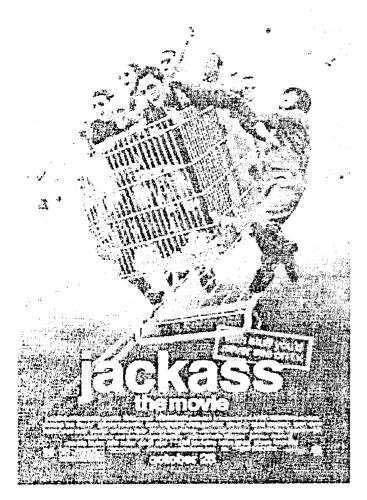
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Former Texas Ranger Ivan Rodgriguez swings at an incoming pitch during the Rangers' Sept. 5, 2002 game against the Orioles at Camden Yards in Baltimore. Rodriguez and the Florida Marlins agreed to a one-year \$10 million dollar deal Wednesday.

MLB

Marlins catch I-Rod for \$10 million

Associated Press

The Florida Marlins and 10time All-Star catcher Ivan Rodriguez agreed Wednesday on a \$10 million, one-year contract.

Rodriguez played 1,479 games with the Texas Rangers, hitting .303 with 215 homers and 829 RBI and developing a reputation as one of the best catchers in base-

The Rangers refused to offer the 31-year-old Rodriguez salary arbitration last December in a payroll-slashing moving. Rodriguez received a \$2 million severance payment from the team as the end of his previous con-

Florida will pay Rodriguez \$3 million this year, with the remainder deferred without interest. The Marlins will pay him \$3 million on June 1, 2004, and \$2 million each on June 1 in the following two

His deal with the Marlins includes a no-trade clause and an agreement that the Marlins will not offer him salary arbitration after the season.

Rodriguez missed nearly two months early last season because of a herniated disk in his back, but hit .314 with 19

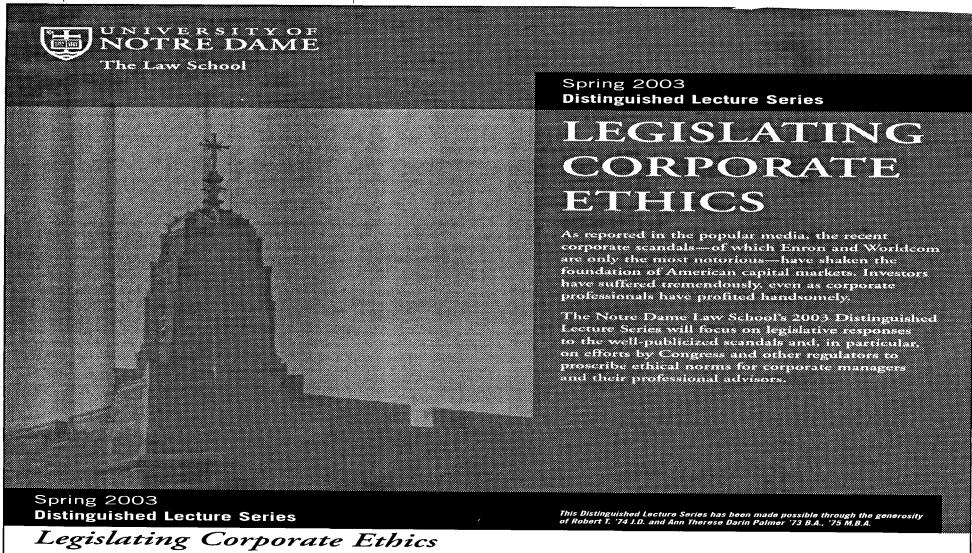
homers and 60 RBIs in 108

He replaces sluggers Cliff Floyd and Preston Wilson in the middle of the lineup and working with a young and talented starting rotation that includes A.J. Burnett, Brad Penny and Josh Beckett.

The Marlins traded catcher Charles Johnson to Colorado in November as part of a sixplayer deal that brought lefthander Mike Hampton and outfielder Juan Pierre to Florida. Hampton was then traded to Atlanta.

Jim Beattie, Baltimore's executive vice president of baseball operations, had been trying to sign Rodriguez.

"I thought Ivan was a very good fit for us, playing in the AL, where he could be a designated hitter when he wasn't catching," Beattie said. "But he lives in Miami, and I'm sure those were among his considerations. We spent most of the day talking about a three-year deal, but I guess he wanted to go with more money and a shorter term. I would have been discouraged if we paid more money than we were comfortable with. The offer we made was what we thought was an appropriate amount of money. I'm satisfied with our effort. The offer we made made sense for us."



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TENNIS

Roddick prevails in marathon Grand Slam match

Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia They bowed to the crowd and walked off the court together well after midnight, exhausted after playing one of the longest and most riveting matches in Grand Slam history.

In a match that lasted a minute shy of five hours, Andy Roddick overcame a cramping Younes El Aynaoui 21-19 in the fifth set Wednesday to reach the Australian Open semifinals.

"Strategy was out the door; it was just pure fighting, Roddick said.

Roddick won 4-6, 7-6 (5), 4-6, 6-4, 21-19 in a match lasting 4 hours, 59 minutes. So weary were the players that at 19-all in the fifth set, they handed their rackets to ballboys for a quick rest.

On El Aynaoui's last service game, his left leg was shaking with fatigue.

"My legs were feeling a little bit heavy at the end," he said. "Andy kept serving really

At 2:23, it was the longest fifth set in the Open era, which began in 1968. It topped Mark Philippoussis' 20-18 win over

Grand Slam that plays a a forehand volley following an tiebreaker in the fifth set.

The 83-game match was the longest at the Australian Open in more that 30 years. The longest Australian Open match in terms of time was 5:11 -Boris Becker's victory over Omar Camporese in 1991.

The longest Grand Slam match was 5:31 when Alex

Corretja beat Hernan Gumy in the third round of the 1998 French Open — but that match was played over two days because of rain.

Things were far less dramat-

ic for Serena Williams, who defeated Meghann Shaughnessy 6-2, 6-2 to reach the Australian semifinals for the first time. She moved within two wins of completing her 'Serena Slam.'

Williams will face Kim Clijsters, who gained her second consecutive Australian Open semifinal with a 6-2, 6-4 win over Anastasia Myskina of

The Roddick-El Aynaoui quarterfinal ended at 12:47 a.m. when the Moroccan netted exchange at the net. The pair embraced over the net. They took a deep bow and left the court together hand in hand.

"My respect level for him just grew and grew through the match," Roddick said. "We could see each other 10 years down the line and know we shared something special."

"Strategy was out the door; it was just pure fighting."

> **Andy Roddick** tennis player

The year-old American becomes the youngest semifinalist

Melbourne Park in 11 years, advancing to the last four

at a major for the first time. "This match is the kind you have to win in a Grand Slam these are the big matches."

He'll meet Rainer Schuettler in the semis after the German ousted Wimbledon runner-up David Nalbandian 6-3, 5-7, 6-1, 6-0 in the other quarterfinal. In the other semifinal, Andre Agassi plays Wayne Ferreira.

Roddick had lost in the quarterfinals twice at the U.S. Open, but had never advanced this far in a Grand Slam outside his home country.

Roddick was the youngest player into quarters this time, rallying from two sets down against Russian Davis Cup star Mikhail Youzhney.



Younes El Aynaoul raises the hand of Andy Roddick after Roddick defeated El Aynaoul in the longest match ever at the Australian Open. The match lasted four hours and 59 minutes.

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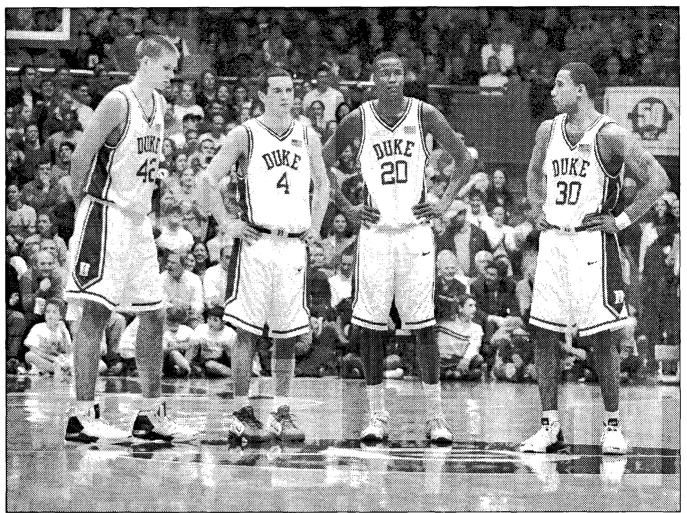
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MENS NCAA BASKETBALL



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Four Duke basketball players stand at midcourt before a game eariler this season. The Blue Devils lost to North Carolina State 80-71 Wednesday night. It was Duke's second straight loss.

Duke suffers second straight loss

Associated Press

RALEIGH, N.C. Clifford Crawford scored 21 points and Julius Hodge added 18 as North Carolina State snapped a 13-game losing streak to No. 3 Duke with an 80-71 victory Wednesday night.

The Blue Devils (12-2, 3-2 Atlantic Coast Conference) were the nation's top-ranked team a week ago, but lost their second straight conference game for the first time since 1997. Duke lost to No. 12 Maryland by 15 points on Saturday.

Wolfpack coach Herb Sendek was 1-15 against Duke in his career _ his only win coming in the 1997 ACC tournament. But the Wolfpack (10-4, 3-1) pulled off the upset with some clutch outside shooting and Crawford's overall play

Crawford came in 3-for-12 from 3-point range this season, but the senior guard was 4-of-5 from long range in this one, and his defense in the second half on Duke 3-point ace J.J. Redick was key.

Redick burned the Wolfpack with 20 first-half points, but was held to four in the second half as Duke faded down the stretch.

N.C. State led 59-58 with 5:56 left when Hodge start-

ed a 9-0 run that would turn the game around. He hit a twisting layup, and Crawford followed with a 3-pointer and a layup as the Wolfpack went up by

The Wolfpack, the second-best free throw shooting team in the ACC, then went 13-of-16 from the foul line over the final 1:42 to

Marcus Melvin was 9-of-10 from the line over the last 2:03 as the Blue Devils dropped two straight for the first time since the opening two games of the 1999-2000 season.

N.C. State used a 14-3 run to start the second half to take its first lead. Hodge

started the spurt with a three-point play, while Scooter Sherrill and Crawford nailed 3-pointers, forcing Mike Krzyzewski to call a timeout to try to quiet the crowd and regroup his club.

The Wolfpack faced adversity seconds later when Melvin picked up his third and fourth fouls in a 10-second span and the Blue Devils went on a 9-0 run to regain the lead, setting up a tense final 10 minutes in the 219th meeting of the rivals.

Duke took a 17-7 lead as the Wolfpack didn't score for the opening 4:34 before making seven of eight shots to get back into it.

IN BRIEF

Sakic out two-to-four weeks with broken foot

Colorado Avalanche captain Joe Sakic will be out two-to-four weeks because of a broken right foot.

Sakic was injured in the second period of Monday night's 1-1 tie against Dallas when he was hit by a shot from Sergei Zubov. Sakic returned to the ice and finished the game, notching an assist for the seventh straight game.

"Usually when you get hit in the foot, you feel it for bit and it goes away. This one didn't go away, it was aching," Sakic said Wednesday. "I never took the skate off. As soon as I took the skate off, it really swelled up."

At the time, coach Tony Granato said he hoped the injury was no worse than a bruise. On Tuesday, Sakic left the Avalanche practice facility carrying crutches, although he wasn't using them.

Colorado is 17-14-10-5 and 12 points behind Vancouver in the

Northwest Division, but Granato said he won't rush Sakic back.

"We're at a critical point of our season, but the most important thing is he gets healed up, gets back to 100 percent and comes back rested and ready for the stretch run," Granato said.

The injury is Sakic's second in a month.

"It's frustrating. You get injured, come back, play eight games and get injured again," said Sakic, who has 19 goals and 22 assists in 37 games. "The stretch run is after February until the end of March, and by then it should be 100 percent."

Edmonton coach lashes out at Calgary mascot

Harvey the Hound is in the doghouse for his incessant yapping that prompted Edmonton coach Craig MacTavish to rip out the Calgary mascot's tongue.

Harvey was reprimanded by the Flames on Tuesday for his behavior

behind the Oilers' bench late in Monday's game.

"Usually he's our seventh man, but this time perhaps he went too far," team spokesman Peter Hanlon said.

Hanlon said the team was not contacted by the league and no grievance was filed.

Harvey has been the team mascot for 19 years. According to a Flames' Web site, he is 6-foot-6 and 200 pounds. He was expected to be at Thursday's home game against Phoenix

The Flames were leading the Oilers 4-0 with seven minutes left in third period when Harvey drew Edmonton's ire by hanging over the bench

MacTavish said the mascot was taunting the team. He ripped out Harvey's red, foot-long tongue, threw it into the crowd and then threatened to hit the hound with a hockey stick before a trainer calmed the coach.

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LaVere

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back injury, set the freshman up for her first start against Marquette. During that game, she proved that starting her had not been the wrong

'We didn't have anyone out there with the exception of Courtney who was saying, 'Hey, give me the ball and I can score," McGraw said after the game.

Marquette was one of four double-doubles that LaVere

"If we're struggling

offensively, I feel like I

can score so I want the

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Courtney LaVere

Irish forward

since the Tennessee game. Her other double-doubles c a m e against top 10 Purdue and against St. John's Tuesday.

'It's crucial for our team that Courtney almost get a double-double," Duffy said. "And she's capable of doing that every night.

And what she did before she earned herself a starting spot was only the beginning. Since her start against Marquette on New Year's Eve, LaVere has been celebrating the new year in style. She is averaging 15.9 points and 8.4 rebounds a game, shooting 56.6 percent from the field and is in the top 20 in the Big East in scoring, rebounding, field goal percentage and blocked shots with 18 blocked shots in 16 games.

LaVere knows that if she can get the ball, she can score. So

when her team is down, she wants to take control.

"If we're struggling offensively, I feel like I can score so I want the ball, I'll call for it," LaVere said.

The style of Notre Dame's offense has also been beneficial. As a post player in the triangle offense that revolves around getting the ball into the post, LaVere has the benefit of being the first look from her teammates. And as far as they're concerned, there's no one else they'd rather look for.

"I love to give her the ball as much as I can," Duffy said. "She's a great post player."

> And teams that Notre Dame, aside from Connecticut, hasn't really been able to respond.

Connecticut coach Geno Auriemma was impressed by

LaVere's play on Monday when the Huskies beat the Irish 72-53.

"LaVere's going to be a great player," Auriemma. "I love the way she plays."

Although her teammates may describe her as being 'goofy" off the court and tease her about the change from Southern California to the snowy South Bend weather, LaVere is has proven that Notre Dame is for her.

Lucky for the Irish, she is for Notre Dame.

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Fencing

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returns, the Irish suffered huge losses at sabre with captains and All-Americans Andre Crompton and Carianne graduating. McCullough Rather than having untested freshmen fill the voids, two former All-Americans have returned to the program.

Natalia Mazur missed the 2002 season due to an illness. As a freshman, Mazur reached All-American status with a 10th-place finish at the NCAA Championships. Junior Destanie Milo needs to overcome past disappointments in the last two national championship meets to become an All-American in her third

On the mens side. Gabor Szelle returns to the Irish as one of the most accomplished fencers in Notre Dame history. Szelle's .940 winning percentage ranks third among all weapons. Szelle was an All-American as a freshman and national champion as a sophomore. Szelle combines with senior and 2002 NCAA Championship participant Matt Fabricant to claim the top two sabre positions.

At foil, the Irish have three All-Americans who will compete for the two spots on the NCAA Championships team. Senior captain Ozren Debic aims to join Jan Viviani as a four-time All American. Debic ranks first in foil and fifth overall with a .942 winning percentage. Sophomore Derek Snyder recovered from an inseason illness to earn AllAmerican honors at the NCAA Championships. Senior Forest Walton returns to the team after spending last season abroad to give the Irish three All-American foilists.

The sophomore duo of Alicja Kryczalo and Andrea Ament can do no better this season after combining for a 45-1 record at the NCAA Champions — the only loss was Ament's to Kryczalo, who won the individual title by defeating Ament for a second

Epee captain Viviani looks to become the first four-time All-American in Notre Dame epee history. Viviani has the best winning percentage (.894) of any mens epeeist in school history. Sophomore Michal Sobieraj compiled a 26-1 regular season record, but finished a disappointing 10th at the NCAA Championships.

National champion Kerry Walton currently stands fourth in the U.S. senior epee rankings and looks to repeat in her second season of collegiate fencing. Captain Anna Carnick can become another four-time All-American for the Irish. The senior from Mishawaka, Ind. is currently fourth in school history with a .795 career winning percentage.

This weekend, the Irish start their season at the Ohio State duals with their toughest competition coming from the fourth-ranked Buckeyes. Next weekend, top-ranked and defending national champion Penn State face the Irish at the Notre Dame duals.

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ND Womens Tennis

Freshmen aid Irish in victory

By JOE LINDSLEY
Sports Writer

In their first true match of the season, the freshman came through for the womens tennis team

The Irish, ranked 22nd nationally, improved to 9-1 in their past 10 home openers as they defeated the Western Michigan Broncos, 5-2 at the Eck Tennis Pavilion.

Three freshmen — Jen Smith, Lauren Connelly, and Kristina Stastny — proved that despite its youth, this Notre Dame squad is a worthy opponent. The trio contributed four of the Irish points through both their doubles and singles play.

Irish coach Jay Louderback, beginning his 14th season with Notre Dame, was pleased with the performance, and was particularly uplifted by the team's rookies.

"I think we overcame inexperience for a first match," he said. "That first match, especially for the freshmen, is tough. They don't know what to expect."

Stastny admitted being a little nervous.

"Of course, nerves kick in the first two, three games, but after that it was nice and comfortable," she said. "It was fun. Every match, I'm hoping to build confidence."

The Irish began the match by winning the doubles point, with the duo of junior Alicia Salas

and Connelly winning 8-1. Sophomore Sarah Jane Connelly, the elder member of one of two sets of siblings on the team, and freshman Smith won their match 8-2.

Statsny, the younger Connelly, Smith, and Salas all won their singles matches in straight sets. Additionally, freshmen Kelly Nelson and Liz Donohue emerged victorious from their exhibition singles matches.

"Especially [being a] first match with three freshmen in the singles line-up, it was good," Louderback said. "It was good for our fresh-

men to get that first match out of the way."

For Smith, winning yesterday was an important mental victory.

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"My fall
was really
tough, and I

was really nervous," Smith said.
"I just put too much pressure on
myself. Coming into today, I just
wanted to focus on having fun
and just playing like I've been
practicing."
Smith went on to defeat the

Broncos' Rattiya Hiranat 6-2, 6-3. The freshman Connelly won with the same score over Shamim Mayanja. Stastny rounded out the youth rebellion against the Broncos with her 6-0, 6-2 triumph over Valeria

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Irish coach

Playing at No. 1, Alicia Salas, ranked 124th nationally, quickly ended Western Michigan's Melanie Peters outing, 6-0, 6-2.

Junior Caylan Leslie lost 6-4, 2-6, 1-0 (10-5) in her return to the courts after 14 months of recovering from a shoulder injury.

The reason for Notre Dame's home opener win-streak, according to Louderback, is "probably easy scheduling early."

Easy scheduling ceases for the most part after the first few

matches. Over the course of the season, the Irish will play at least nine teams currently ranked in the top 16 nationally.

"Our kids are afforded a lot of good opportunities to play some really

good teams," Loudkerback said. "We're starting at 22 and our goal as the year goes is to keep climbing. We want to climb the rankings."

On Sunday, the Irish will face Wisconsin. Last year, the Badgers knocked Notre Dame out of the first round of the NCAA tournament.

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SMC BASKETBALL

Belles fall to last in conference with loss

By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN Sports Writer

Both Calvin and Saint Mary's came into Wednesday night's game at Calvin Fieldhouse in desperate need of a win. However, the hot shooting of the Knights proved to be too much for the Belles as they lost their fourth straight game, 64-50

Calvin (11-5, 2-3), was led by senior forward Emily Beard with 12 points while sophomore guard Kristen McDonald had ten points. Also contributing was senior Tricia Dyk who had six points, four assists, and three steals.

Calvin's success could largely be attributed to a strong performance by their bench, as 12 Knights got on the scoreboard. Calvin's reserves scored 28 of the team's 64 points in the game.

The Knights proved to be too much for the Belles' defense, as they shot 52.3 percent from the field en route to snapping a two-game losing streak. With the victory, Calvin moved to fifth place in the MIAA.

Saint Mary's, on the other hand, struggled from the start. Calvin scored the first seven points of the game, and their scrappy defense limited the Belles to 30 percent first half shooting. Calvin built a strong first half lead, scoring the final five points of the first half to give themselves a 34-20 lead going into the break.

However, Saint Mary's was not about to give up without a fight. After the Belles were down by as many as 22 points, sophomore forward Emily Creachbaum, who led the Belles with 12 points and eight rebounds, ignited a 13-5 run in the second half. However, it was not enough to overcome the poor first half shooting. Saint Mary's finished shooting 39.3 percent for the game. Also contributing for the Belles off the bench was Audrey Gajor, who finished with ten

With the loss, Saint Mary's dropped to a tie for last place in the conference with a 1-4 record. The Belles are tied with Olivet, who they defeated on the road earlier this season, and Adrian, who the Belles play Saturday.

The Bulldogs are 8-8 overall, and 1-4 in the MIAA. They have struggled of late, dropping their last two MIAA games. It looks to be a battle, as both teams are hungry for a win.

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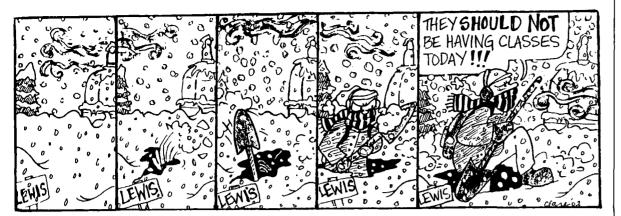
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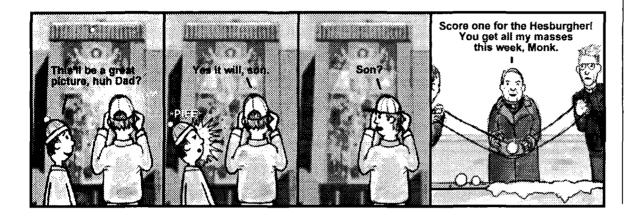
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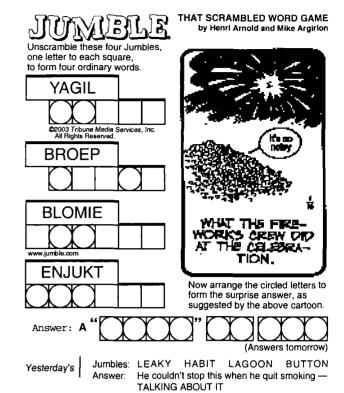
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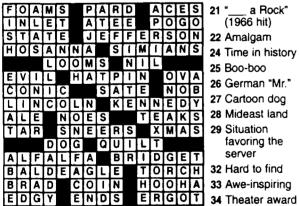
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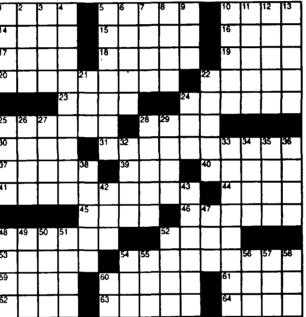
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SPORTS

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ND Womens Basketball

A diamond in the rough

◆ Freshman finds starting role, surprises struggling Irish

By KATIE McVOY Associate Sports Editor

If the last several weeks have been rocky for the Irish, then Courtney LaVere has been a diamond in the rough.

In the last four home games, the Irish have recorded zero

victories and left nearly every game looking frustrated. But among those frustrations, there are a few glimmers of the possibility of success.

LaVere holds one of those lights. "[LaVere]

deserves all the minutes she's playing and all the

glory she's getting because she's a great player," said teammate Megan Duffy.

As one of only two freshman on this year's Notre Dame

team, LaVere was slated to start off slow. Unlike her classmate Duffy, who didn't have many returning players competing at the guard

position, LaVere had a large group of talented, experienced players ahead of her. The idea of LaVere starting seemed

or fan at the beginning of the year. It seemed uncertain even to LaVere herself.

'I really didn't think so.' Lavere said. "I knew I'd come in and help contribute but I didn't know to what extent.'

LaVere began the season coming off the bench, playing behind post players Katy Flecky, Teresa Borton, Jackie Batteast and Kelsey Wicks. LaVere wasn't sure when her chance would come to step on the court first for the Irish. But the freshman from Ventura, Calif. managed to find herself a

"We didn't have anyone

out there with the

exception of [LaVere] who

was saying, 'Hey, give me

the ball and I can score."

Muffet McGraw

Irish head coach

"I was confident enough

to know I could help the

team."

Courtney LaVere

Irish forward

b a c k door into the Irish starting lineup.

"I think she kind of snuck in," Duffy said. "At t h e beginning of the year all

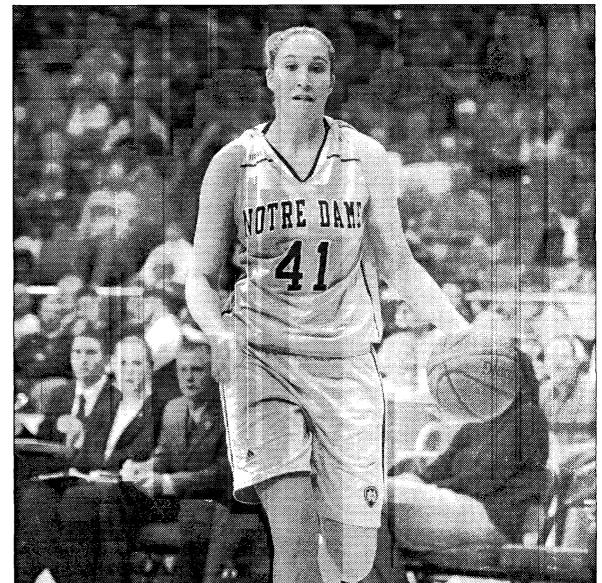
the coaches said to Courtney and I that we're going to take it slow ... but I think we both caught on quick.

Over the holidays, the Irish

began to first struggle and then to lose confidence in their abilities. They were looking for someone who would step up. LaVere made it perfectly clear that if

she could get the ball, she could get some things done for the Irish.

"I think that when we were almost foreign to any analyst struggling someone had to step



Freshman Courtney LaVere moves the ball down the court during Notre Dame's 64-61 loss to Rutgers on Jan. 18. The forward has been a bright spot for the Irish during their recent struggles.

up and I was confident enough to know I could help the team win the games," LaVere said.

Although she had made solid contributions for the Irish before, it was during Notre Dame's Dec. 28 loss to Tennessee that LaVere made her first statement that was loud and clear. That statement was that she would get the job

Against the Vols, LaVere had a game-high 17 points and 11 rebounds. That, coupled with the aggravation of Flecky's

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FENCING

New coach, same elusive goal — a national championship

◆ Bednarski wants to balance teamwork and individuality

By MATT LOZAR Sports Editor

When the national team rankings came out, first-year head coach Janusz Bednarski was a little surprised.

"We have a good image so maybe they gave us a little bit of credit and we are going to try to accomplish what they expect from Notre Dame,' Bednarski said of the team's No. 2 ranking. "We have to be patient. This team is unpredictable, but they can win."

Bednarski replaced retired Yves Auriol in May and looks to accomplish something

Auriol never could — win a a team. Fencers become national title.

Returning 10 of the 12 fencers who participated in 2002 the NCAA Championships, Bednarski looks to use that experience and leadership to capture the team's first national championship since 1994.

One of the main challenges of a fencing coach is getting the team to act like that — as

accustomed to being on their own out on the strip and Bednarski knows creating a team-first attitude is necessary to compete for the nation-

"Fencing is an individual sport even when you bout as a team, you are off on your own against your opponent. There is something when you are bouting for yourself and for a

team," Bednarski said. "When you bout for a team, you show your real personality as a member of the group. Then you can fence better and accomplish better results then fencing on your own.

"It is really interesting to see people change when bouting for a group.'

While most of the team

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ND WOMENS TENNIS

Notre Dame 5 Western Michigan 2

Three freshmen contribute to winning effort in the Irish home opener. Notre Dame has lost only one home opener in the past 10

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SMC BASKETBALL

Calvin 64 Saint Mary's 50

The Belles are now tied for last place in the MIAA standings after their attempt to rally against the Knights fails.

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