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## South Bend raises sewer rates

By LINDA SKALSKI  
News Writer

The South Bend City Council recently passed an 80 percent price raise in the cost of sewer utility, a cost that directly affects the Notre Dame community.

"An increase in rates is necessary for the Wastewater Utility to continue to serve as a community asset for environmental stewardship and economic development," wrote Mayor Stephen Luecke in a statement to the community.

The proposal affected the policy for determining customer rates. Instead of being charged on a flat rate system, customers pay for what they use.

"This system is fairer to our residents," South Bend City Council member John

Aranowski said. "Residents who use less will pay less."

Notre Dame, the largest user of the city's sewer service, and other major industrial users will shoulder most of the economic burden. University administrators have a limited number of choices as to where the money will come from but have as of yet to formulate a plan, said Matthew Cullinan, executive assistant to the president.

However, Cullinan is confident that the added expense will not significantly affect students.

"It's not like we have money lying around, but spreading the costs over all students does not warrant a huge increase," Cullinan said.

Notre Dame administrators have been working hard with the city to moderate the

increase. A surcharge of 50 percent was originally placed on outside users, which Notre Dame is considered, but the added expense was dropped in the final draft of the bill. Council members felt the surcharge was astronomical and unfair, Aranowski said.

"At first the increase was going to be tripled," Cullinan said. "Eighty percent is a ton, but it's not tripled."

While Notre Dame has been cooperating with council members, several large users filed a lawsuit against the city. According to the ordinance submitted "the new rate scheme is fundamentally flawed and results in unjust, unreasonable, and discriminatory rates for users of the city's municipal sewage works."

Holy Cross Associates, provider of Saint Mary's

sewer utility, is among those filing the lawsuit. According to the ordinance submitted the prosecuting companies feel they should be given discounts for volume because as large users they do not impose as much of a cost as they are allotted in the new system.

The city strongly disagrees, and is confident that the new sewer rates are fair, especially for low-income people who struggle to meet monthly bills, said Aladean DeRose, chief assistant city attorney.

"The goal is to maintain rates as equitable as possible for all users," DeRose said. "For the past few years residents have been paying more and subsidizing larger users."

Notre Dame did not partic-

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## Laws can strengthen institutions

By HELENA PAYNE  
News Editor

American institutions have been reduced in recent times, but the law has a useful role in renewing their significance, said the archbishop of Chicago Thursday.

In the courtroom of the Notre Dame Law School, Cardinal Francis George



George

commissioned the room of most-

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## OIT to hold mock online election

By HELENA PAYNE  
News Editor

The Office of Information Technology is inviting students to participate Monday in a mock election to test an application for online voting in the upcoming student government races.

"It's going to look and operate just as the actual election will," said Patricia Sperry, manager of Web developer services.

From 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., students can access the voting Web page from any computer with Internet access and vote for imaginary candidates, logging into the page with their AFS ID and password. The judicial board will e-mail the link to students Sunday at midnight.

"We're hoping very much that people will do the mock election so that we can really have a test on it," Sperry said.

The goal of the mock trial is to make sure the application can handle the traffic of the thousands of students expected to vote in the campus-wide elections.

"If the server cannot handle the load they will make changes," said Danielle Ledesma, president of the judicial board, which runs campus elections. "We don't

want 50 students to vote and have the server crash in the real election because [the mock election] didn't have nearly the amount of students.

Although "unforeseen things do happen," Sperry said OIT anticipates a successful mock election that will flash a green light for regular elections.

The major advantage of the online election for students, Sperry said, is the convenience of voting from any computer with Internet access.

This option specifically caters to students who are studying abroad. Though they have been able to e-mail their votes to the judicial board in previous elections, they have sacrificed their confidentiality. In the proposed online election, they would be as anonymous as any other voter.

Also, the judicial board will have an easier time determining the winner.

"The tallying of who wins is going to be extremely fast," Sperry said. "They will have the totals right there for them."

The first real election is Feb. 10. A runoff is scheduled for Feb. 13.

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## Dining hall T-shirts espouse rivalry



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Mike Quigg, Barbara Quigg, Edna Anspaugh and Jim Anspaugh sport the T-shirts they wear as part of their friendly rivalry between North Dining Hall and South Dining Hall.

By MATT BRAMANTI  
News Writer

One entrée and four sides. That's what students can get at Grab 'n' Go at the North and South Dining Halls. What some students don't know about is the little chunk of loving rivalry that comes with each brown paper bag.

Notre Dame Food Services employs two couples who work at the dining halls, Mike and Barbara Quigg and Jim and Edna Anspaugh. The gentlemen work at NDH, while their wives are employed at SDH.

Mike Quigg, who describes himself as "basically retired," has been at Notre Dame since 1983, and formerly worked for the maintenance department. Believe it or not, he came to North for the food.

"I asked my wife if she was ever going to cook, and she told me to

come to Notre Dame if I wanted something to eat," Mike Quigg laughed. "It's fun, and it lets me play golf all summer."

When their daughter moved from South Bend to Fort Wayne, Ind., the retired Anspaugh found themselves with no grandchildren to dote on, and extra time on their hands. "We needed something to do," Jim Anspaugh said.

"It's a fun job," he added, proudly clad in a T-shirt reading "I Love North." The T-shirts were created last fall as a way to improve morale among dining hall employees, according to NDH general manager John Glon.

But dining hall pride isn't limited to the men. Edna Anspaugh

has worked at Notre Dame for 11 years, six more than her husband, and is not one to back down from a challenge.

The Quiggs' niece runs a T-shirt printing business, and the rivalry blossomed as the ladies teamed up to print shirts, emblazoned with "South is Better."

"It started as a joke among the husbands, and it got out of hand," Barbara Quigg joked. She has worked at SDH for six years. After a career as a legal secretary, she "didn't like staying at home."

"Everybody that sees our shirts says 'South really is better,'" Barbara Quigg said. "Tell Mike I said so."

*"It started as a joke among the husbands, and it got out of hand."*

Barbara Quigg  
South Dining Hall employee

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# White House postpones poetry

Associated Press

NEW YORK

Two former U.S. poet laureates criticized the White House on Thursday for postponing a literary symposium it believed would be politicized. Stanley Kunitz and Rita Dove characterized the decision as an example of the Bush administration's hostility to dissenting or creative voices.

The Feb. 12 symposium on "Poetry and the American Voice" was to have featured the works of Emily Dickinson, Langston Hughes and Walt Whitman. The postponement was announced Wednesday and no future date has been set for the event, to be held by first lady Laura Bush.

"I think there was a general feeling that the current administration is not really a friend of the poetic community and that its program of attacking Iraq is contrary to the humanitarian position that is at the center of the poetic impulse," Kunitz, the 2000-2001 poet laureate, said Thursday.

In a statement, Dove, who served as poet laureate from 1993 to '95, said the postponement confirmed her suspicion that "this White House does not

wish to open its doors to an 'American voice' that does not echo the administration's misguided policies."

In announcing Wednesday that the symposium had been postponed, Noelia Rodriguez, a spokeswoman for the first lady, said: "While Mrs. Bush respects the right of all Americans to express their opinions, she, too, has opinions and believes it would be inappropriate to turn a literary event into a political forum."

Mrs. Bush, a former librarian who has made teaching and early childhood development her signature issues, has held a series of White House events to salute America's authors. The gatherings are usually lively affairs with discussions of literature and its effect on society.

Hughes and Whitman themselves were frequent social commentators. Whitman once complained that the presidency and other offices were "bought, sold, electioneered for, prostituted, and filled with prostitutes." Hughes' political writings and left-wing sympathies led to FBI surveillance and harassment from Sen. Joseph McCarthy.

Kunitz, Dove and others had refused to attend the symposium

and a nationwide protest was soon organized.

Sam Hamill, a poet and editor of the highly regarded Copper Canyon Press, e-mailed friends asking for poems or statements opposing military action against Iraq.

"Make Feb. 12 a day of Poetry Against the War. We will compile an anthology of protest to be presented to the White House on that afternoon," the e-mail reads.

He had expected about 50 responses; he's gotten about 2,000, including contributions from W.S. Merwin, Adrienne Rich and Lawrence Ferlinghetti, whose poem, "Coda," includes the lines "And America turns the attack on the World Trade Center-Into the beginning of the Third World War."

Hamill will post all the submissions on a Web site that began running Thursday.

White House invitations have inspired protests before. In 1965, poet Robert Lowell refused to attend a White House arts festival, citing opposition to the Vietnam War. Marilyn Nelson, Connecticut's poet laureate, said Wednesday she had accepted her invitation to the poetry symposium because she felt her "presence would promote peace."

# 'Antwone Fisher' critically acclaimed

Associated Press

NEW YORK

Prominent critics like Roger Ebert of the Chicago Sun-Times and Stephen Holden of The New York Times are quoted in ads for the movie "Antwone Fisher." But some recent ads show that political and social leaders also give it a "thumbs-up."

NAACP President Kweisi Mfume calls the movie, based on the true story of a sailor who overcame a difficult childhood in foster care, "Gripping, riveting and forceful."

Marian Wright Edelman, president of the Children's Defense Fund, says: "Antwone Fisher" is a compelling testament to the strength of spirit and resilience of a remarkable child."

And Martin Luther King III says: "Antwone Fisher" has the potential to be one of the greatest films of this era."

Fox Searchlight marketing head Nancy Utley acknowledges the ads are an attempt at catching the attention of

Academy Award voters; they're scheduled to stop running as of Friday now that the Wednesday deadline for Oscar ballots has passed.

But Fox Searchlight may start running them again if "Antwone Fisher" earns any Oscar nominations Feb. 11. Utley said the company hopes for nominations for best picture, best actor (Derek Luke) and best director (Denzel Washington).

"Unfortunately, the critic thing has become a blur to people," she said. "Literally every movie is using quotes, including 'Kangaroo Jack.' It becomes difficult when you have the real deal, when you have critical appeal, to get people to understand you're different, and you really do have people loving this movie."

But Peter Rainer, chairman of the National Society of Film Critics, thinks Fox Searchlight used this tactic because "Antwone Fisher" has received mixed reviews since its December release, and has won no major critics' group awards.

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## Rates

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ipate in the lawsuit for a number of reasons, including the simple fact that the city has not adjusted the sewer service rate in 14 years, and administrators feel a rate increase is justified, according to Cullinan.

"We decided after long conversations with the city and looking at broader issues that [legal action] probably was not the right course for us," said Cullinan. "Businesses can close down, pick up and move out, but we cannot. We want to stay where we are and keep a strong relationship with the city."

An advisory committee will evaluate the current sewer rate adjustment in two years,

to study fair ways to handle sewer rates in the future. The advisory committee includes members from Notre Dame, the business community, Chamber of Commerce and South Bend residents. The committee will study a fair way to handle sewer rates in the future.

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# Annual appeal assists gay and lesbian students

By CAITLIN EARLY  
News Writer

Each year, GALA-ND/SMC (Gay and Lesbian Alumni/ae of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's College) sponsors a fundraising campaign to support gay and lesbian student groups on both campuses. OUTReachND and the Feminist Collective are groups that benefit from the fundraiser.

The funds from GALA's Annual Appeal support a variety of different student activities, including the organization of forums and speakers. Each year GALA also presents an undergraduate student with a scholarship to recognize his or her work within one of these groups.

GALA is a strong supporter of OUTReachND's struggle to gain recognition by the Notre Dame administration.

"OUTReachND is not choosing to apply for formal recognition on campus this year because we feel, as a group, that our members need us to focus on our support group rather than dwelling on our club's status," said Jeffrey Thomson, OUTReachND co-chair.

GALA has also been successful in placing a number of gay and lesbian student leaders at Notre Dame and Saint Mary's into summer internships with national gay and lesbian organizations and HIV/AIDS organizations.

In a recent letter to GALA

members, Kevin Heffernan, chair of the group, wrote, "Our ongoing commitment to supporting the current GLBT students both spiritually and financially — one of the principal components of our mission — has proven key in substantially altering the culture in which current students address questions surrounding their sexuality."

GALA began in the fall of 1993 with the intent to "help educate the academic community about sexual orientation issues and promote solidarity among gay, lesbian and bisexual graduates from Notre Dame and Saint Mary's." The Directors of GALA were former board members of OUTReachND. GALA has since expanded into an organization of more than 750 members.

"GALA is our parent organization, which is responsible for 95 percent of OUTReachND's funding," said Jeffrey Thomson. "The funding we receive from GALA enables us to hold events such as our annual end of the year formal."

While the environment at Notre Dame is, at times, con-

sidered "less than supportive" for gay and lesbian students, the University has instituted a number of programs to address the needs of gay and lesbian students in the Notre Dame community.

In the fall of 1996, the University started the Standing Committee for Gay and Lesbian Student Needs to "identify ongoing needs of gay and lesbian

students and to assist in the implementation of a campus-wide educational program on gay and lesbian issues."

The committee currently consists of six students, five of which are seniors, and three faculty members,

including Sister Mary Gude, Sister Susan Dunn and Father Richard Warner.

"The committee was started in response to the concerns of gay and lesbian students on campus who felt that their needs were not being met by the administration," said Gude, assistant to the vice president of Student Affairs.

The committee is responsible for a campus-wide educational program, CommUnity, in which student members of the com-

mittee talk with first year students about issues facing gays and lesbians at Notre Dame. This year the group had the opportunity to present to 10 residence halls.

The Committee was also instrumental in bringing Judy Shephard, the mother of Matthew Shepherd, a 21-year-old University of Wyoming student murdered in an anti-gay hate crime in 1998, to speak on campus in the fall of 2001.

Campus Ministry, under the direction of Father J. Steele, offers a number of support services for gay and lesbian students. In the spring of 1995, Campus Ministry started a pastoral initiative for homosexual students.

Campus Ministry sponsors prayer groups, counseling, retreats and Coffee Houses, which give students a chance to speak openly about their sexuality with other members of the Notre Dame community.

Both Campus Ministry and the Standing Committee for Gay and Lesbian Student Needs worked in cooperation this past October to create the prayer cards with rainbow ribbons to celebrate Solidarity Sunday.

"Our single biggest priority

this spring will be to attract new members," said Gude, in reference to the five senior members that the committee will look to replace in the fall semester of 2003. "The students are bright, good individuals and are at the heart of this committee."

While there is some overlap between the members of OUTReachND and the Standing Committee for Gay and Lesbian Student Needs, the groups have not yet had the opportunity to sponsor a campus-wide activity together.

When asked about the changes Jeff Thomson, co-chair of

OUTReachND, has observed over the past few years at Notre Dame, he said, "It is reassuring that students are becoming more comfortable within their peer groups and dorm friends to share their homosexuality. OUTReachND is no longer the sole support system on campus; it is the bridge between the gay and lesbian students and the rest of the Notre Dame community."

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# Board of Trustees raises \$1 million

By MELANIE BECKER  
News Writer

Saint Mary's Board of Trustees raised over \$1 million for the College, fulfilling their commitment to Lilly's Endowment Challenge. In March of 2002 the Lilly Endowment Inc. announced the "Initiative to Strengthen Board Commitment," stating that they would match funds raised up to \$3.5 million dollars.

The stipulations were that up to \$3 million had to come from alumni, up to \$250,000 from parents and up to \$250,000 from current and former faculty and staff. All of the funds had to be raised by the Board of Trustees from colleges and universities in Indiana.

"The Lilly Endowment believes that there is a strong correlation between the strength of a higher education institution and the level of Trustee giving," Melanie Engler, director of Public Relations and Marketing Communications said.

The Saint Mary's Board of Trustees decided to take the challenge along with the support of Marilou Eldred, president of the College, and Shari Rodriguez, vice president for College relations. The aim was to raise \$1 million over the nine-month period. By the end of the Lilly Challenge, the Board has raised \$1,790,000.

In order to raise funds letters were sent to alumnae, students, parents, faculty, staff and other contributors. Health and Wellness held a bake sale in December which drew in an approximately 200 students, faculty and staff and raised \$1,500.

A Lilly Faculty/Staff Challenge was set forth to Saint Mary's faculty and staff, the goal was to fundraise \$250,000. New contributors from the faculty and staff opted for automatic payroll deduction for this specific fundraiser. Previous contributors from the faculty and staff have increased their donation to the college.

"As of Jan. 8, almost \$750,000 has been received from 27 percent of the College's full and part-time employees. Each gift doubles the difference we can make in student lives and is deeply appreciated. The campaign has inspired generosity from every area of the campus, including a leadership gift of an endowed scholarship, gifts through payroll deduction, and gifts of

cash," Engler said.

Faculty and staff used the opportunity to create scholarships and other specific funding of their choice for the college.

Mary DePauw, director of Counseling and Career Development, established the Janovsky-DePauw Memorial Scholarship in honor of her late mother, a former third grade teacher of Saint Francis in Chicago. The Janovsky-DePauw Scholarship will be awarded to disadvantaged students from the Chicago area.

"Mom's love for the Catholic faith and commitment to Catholic edu-

cation enriched the lives of her family and her students," DePauw said in a previous interview. "She would like helping

to make it possible for a young woman to come to Saint Mary's."

Additional funds will go towards other scholarships, construction of the new academic building, and the new dining hall and student center.

The Board of Trustees plans to continue the fundraising effort now that the Lilly Challenge period is over with a Mardi Gras Pot Luck in February, a tour of the new Noble Family Dining Hall in March, another bake sale in May and a Halloween party next fall.

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director of public relations

# Cardinal

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ly law students to strengthen the three "necessary" institutions of religion, marriage and the family.

"You carry the culture in ways that are normative to the rest of us," George said.

The cardinal, who has doctoral degrees in both philosophy and theology, analyzed the relationship between civic law and U.S. institutions in his lecture titled "Law and Culture." He warned that the emphasis on the individual is destroying those institutions that promote the common good while suggesting that the law "enter into a partnership with these institutions."

Furthermore, he highlighted the subjugation of religion, specifically the Catholic Church, by an individualistic American culture, as well as the recent priest abuse scandals.

"The Church is now weakened institutionally," said George.

Referring to his diocese, which covers Cooke and Lake Counties of Illinois, he pointed out its statistics on sacraments. Unlike baptisms, confirmations and funerals, he said marriages have "plummeted" as people have lost faith in it or decided to participate in civil ceremonies instead. Coinciding with lowered marriage rates in the diocese, he criticized no-fault divorces.

"This is troubling," he said.

George, who has also studied the diversity of human culture, also shared how the American society is unique in its relationship with the

law, calling it a "culture carrier in the United States."

Quoting several academics including cultural anthropologists and philosophers, the cardinal called on the law to use its unique position to revitalize American cultural institutions. "We need civil law more than ever to protect us in our institutions," he said.

In 1997, George became the first native of Chicago to serve as its archbishop. Before his appointment, George was the archbishop of Portland, Ore. and the bishop of Yakima, Wash. He also taught at Tulane University and Creighton University and served in Rome as vicar general of his order from 1974 to 1986.

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## Bush to Saddam: time for diplomacy is short

Associated Press

### WASHINGTON

President Bush, moving toward a decision on war with Iraq, said Thursday he will give diplomacy "weeks not months" and said the United States would welcome Saddam Hussein going into exile.

"For the sake of peace, this issue must be resolved," the president said amid intensified administration efforts to increase pressure on reluctant U.S. allies to disarm Saddam.

From Capitol Hill to public appearances elsewhere in Washington, key administration figures kept up the war of words against the Iraqi leader even as one ally — Canada — objected to any unilateral action by the United States. Pakistan's foreign minister told Bush his country preferred any military action be carried out through the United Nations and that war would trigger a reaction from the Islamic world.

Bush met with Italian Premier Silvio Berlusconi, a firm supporter of the United States' hardline position toward Iraq. In an Oval Office session with the Italian leader, Bush put allies on notice that he will not wait long to act against Saddam, even if the United Nations refuses to back his actions.

"This is a matter of weeks not months," Bush said.

The British and Italians are among Bush's staunchest sup-

porters while a number of other U.S. allies, including France and Germany, want to give U.N. weapons inspectors more time in Iraq.

Bush met later with Saudi Arabia's foreign minister, who is trying to rally nations behind a plan to offer Saddam exile. Bush said he was open to the idea.

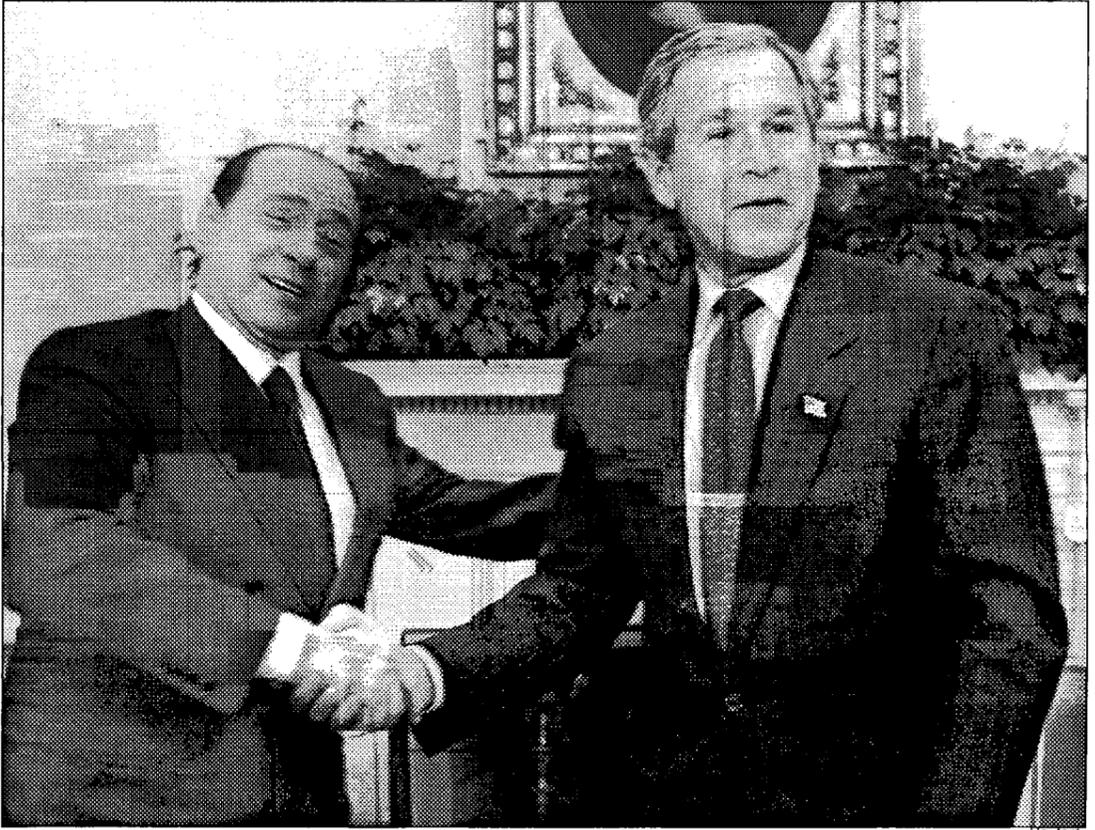
"Should he choose to leave the country, along with other henchmen who have tortured ... Iraqi people, we will welcome that, of course," Bush said. He said, however, that the U.S. would continue to insist that Iraq disarm, regardless of who governs the nation.

Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Saud al-Faisal told reporters outside the White House that he had not spoken to Bush about exile, though other Saudi officials said he was in Washington to discuss amnesty for Saddam.

Saudi Arabia's ambassador to the United States, Prince Bandar, also said exile did not come up. Saudi officials do not believe exile is possible, in part because other Iraqi senior leadership would not allow it, he said.

Pakistani Foreign Minister Khurshid Kasuri also told Bush that his country preferred any military action be through the United Nations.

He warned Bush that "there will be a reaction to the events in Iraq and I want our friends in the United States to be mindful of those."



President Bush shakes hands with Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi in the White House Thursday. Berlusconi pledged his nation's support in the event of a U.S.-led war against Iraq.

"There will be a reaction not only in Pakistan, also all over the Islamic world, there will be a reaction even in Europe," he said.

Bush also talked to Jose Manuel Durao Barroso, the Portuguese prime minister, and to Swedish Prime Minister

Goeran Persson.

Meanwhile, Canada cautioned the United States against acting alone against Iraq.

"If one state acts by itself it risks consequences," said Bill Graham, the foreign minister of Canada.

Graham met with Secretary of

State Colin Powell and said afterward that the United Nations had a responsibility to force Iraq to disarm.

On Capitol Hill, Richard Armitage, deputy secretary of state, faced a hearing before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

### KOREAN PENINSULA

## North Korea slams Bush address as lies, warmongering

Associated Press

### SEOUL

North Korea on Thursday said President Bush's State of the Union address was an "undisguised declaration of aggression."

In its first reaction to the speech, North Korea said it "will never allow the U.S. to wantonly encroach upon the sovereignty and dignity of the (North) and destroy its system."

"This policy speech is, in essence, an undisguised declaration of aggression to topple the DPRK system," an unidentified spokesman of the North's Foreign

Ministry said in a statement carried by the North's official news agency, KCMNA. DPRK is the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

Bush said in his address that North Korea was "an oppressive regime rules a people living in fear and starvation."

Responding to the North's decision to withdraw from the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty, an international pact to prevent the spread of nuclear weapons, Bush said Pyongyang was resorting to blackmail.

"The North Korean regime is using its nuclear program to incite fear and seek concessions. America and the world will

not be blackmailed," Bush said.

Striking back, the North said Bush was a "shameless charlatan."

"Bush has so far earned an ill fame as an emotional backbiter, but his recent address clearly proves that he is a shameless charlatan reversing black and white under the eyes of the world and the incarnation of the misanthropy as he rejects the people out of his favor for no reason," the North Korean spokesman said.

The North Korean official accused Bush of "trying to mislead the public opinion by spreading the rumor that the (North) is chiefly to blame for the nuclear

issue."

"This is the height of shamelessness," he was quoted as saying. "We will do our utmost to defend our system in view of the U.S. declaration of aggression."

In his speech, Bush said the United States is working with South Korea, Japan, China and Russia "to find a peaceful solution" to the nuclear standoff, "and to show the North Korea government that nuclear weapons will bring only isolation, economic stagnation and continued hardship."

North Korea is demanding a nonaggression treaty with the United States before it gives up its nuclear programs.

### WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

#### Iraq proposes talks with UN inspectors:

Iraq invited the chief U.N. inspectors back to Baghdad on Thursday for more talks on ways to verify Iraqi disarmament and deflect charges that Saddam Hussein's government is not cooperating fully with them. Presidential adviser Amer al-Saadi asked Hans Blix and Mohamed ElBaradei to return in advance of their next crucial report to the U.N. Security Council on Feb. 14. The U.N. officials conducted two days of talks with Iraqi officials here on Jan. 19-20.

#### At least 7 dead in Aussie train accident:

A train packed with commuters derailed during rush hour Friday morning outside Sydney, killing at least seven people and trapping others in the wreckage. All four of the train's cars lay crumpled or toppled along the tracks. Rescue workers were trying to extricate passengers from the cars in the rough terrain of a ravine 20 miles south of downtown Sydney.

### NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

#### Shoe bomber gets life imprisonment:

Richard Reid, the al-Qaida follower who tried to blow up a trans-Atlantic jetliner with explosives hidden in his shoes, was sentenced to life in prison Thursday by a judge who warned him: "We are not afraid ... We are Americans. We have been through the fire before."

#### N.C. officials probe deadly plant blast:

Investigators sought the help of eyewitnesses Thursday for clues to the cause of an explosion that raged for fire at a plastics company in Kingston that killed three people and injured 37 others. Ten people remained in critical condition, and officials said Thursday that another was unaccounted for. The explosion in a 40-foot-tall section of the West Pharmaceutical Services plant Wednesday sent flames and debris shooting into the air, touching off fires in the surrounding woods and shaking homes for miles.

#### Top WTC plans propose taller towers:

Two proposals to replace the World Trade Center with skyscrapers even bigger than the ones destroyed on Sept. 11 have emerged as leading contenders in the ground zero design competition. Officials with the Lower Manhattan Development Corp. and other agencies will meet on Monday and are expected to choose two finalists out of the nine designs unveiled Dec. 18. A final choice is expected in February. A source familiar with the rebuilding effort said development corporation staff and board members favored latticework twin towers proposed by the THINK team of architects, and a plan from Berlin-based Daniel Libeskind that would use the foundation walls of the original towers. Each plan features structures that would surpass Malaysia's 1,483-foot Petronas Twin Towers as the tallest in the world. Some people who live and work around ground zero have expressed fear that erecting such giant skyscrapers would invite another terrorist attack.

# Rubber dust may have caused explosion

Associated Press

KINSTON, N.C.

A deadly explosion that tore apart a medical supply factory may have been caused by an ignitable cloud of rubber dust, investigators said Thursday after interviewing bandaged and shaken plant workers.

The thunderous blast, which left three employees dead and injured 37, occurred in a part of the West Pharmaceutical Services factory where rubber was mixed and formed into sheets. Ten people remained in critical condition. One person who had been unaccounted for was located Thursday.

The process of making the rubber produces significant quantities of dust, according to a statement from the U.S. Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board.

"Investigators are pursuing a theory that the massive explosion which led to the destruction of the plant was caused by an ignitable dust cloud," the board said.

Dr. Andrea Taylor, a board member, said investigators would begin testing dust and other plant samples. She estimated damage to the building at \$150 million.

About 130 people were inside the plant when it was rocked by the explosion and a raging fire Wednesday.

On Thursday, agents from the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, the FBI, the State Bureau of Investigation and the Chemical Safety Board interviewed workers but did not enter the building because the ruins were still smoldering.

North Lenoir Fire Chief Deral Raynor said a 900-square-foot hot spot remained at the back of the plant's mixing tower where a fire, probably fueled by rubber, continued to burn under the debris.

Some of injured had severe burns over as much as 70 percent of their bodies. Other victims had fractured bones, and one person's arm was blown off.

"It was like a scene you never want to see in your life," said Dr. Vicky Lanier, an emergency room physician at Lenoir Memorial Hospital. "It's amazing that more of those people weren't killed. Somebody somewhere was looking out for them."

Kevin Morgan, 30, said he escaped with some co-workers. "You see people hollering, screaming," he said. "It just seemed unreal to me."

Tommy Howard, chief of a local volunteer fire department, was among the first to arrive. A woman pinned under steel beams screamed for help, but it took the firefighters 10 long minutes to reach her through a maze of steel and toppled walls, Howard said.

"She died before we could get back in there," he said.

The three dead workers were identified by the funeral homes handling arrangements as Faye Wilkins, 50; William Gray, 51; and James Byrd, 60. No hometowns were provided.

Plant employee Wayne Brown said only a few people worked in the "automatic compounding system" section where the explosion happened. There, mixing machines on an upper level create molten rubber, which is poured down to the ground level and cut into sheets as it cools, he said.

The rubber sheets were cut into pieces to be used for medical supplies such as syringe and IV equipment.

The state Division of Occupational Safety and Health said the plant was inspected in October and cited for 15 safety violations, seven of which were considered serious. The state average for similar facilities is less than six violations.

Don Morel, chief executive of the Lionville, Pa.-based company, said there was no indication the violations — which included problems with the electrical design, wiring and portable fire extinguishers — played a role in the explosion.

North Carolina Deputy Labor Commissioner John Johnson said the violations were unexceptional. "They weren't anything that would make the hair on the back of our neck stand up," he said.

Company executives were cheered when they told employees they would be paid at least through the end of February. Morel said West has no intention of abandoning Kinston.

"We've been in this community 28 years, we've got a skilled employee workbase," he said. "If there's any way of getting up and running quickly, we're going to try to do it."

# New AOL boss looks forward

Associated Press

NEW YORK

Just two weeks after being named to the top job at AOL Time Warner Inc., Richard Parsons is showing shareholders of a conglomerate assembled by a cast of outsized personalities, how he'll play the lead: with cautious realism and a deliberate absence of bold promises.

AOL Time Warner executives conceded what many investors have long felt on an individual level when the company announced a staggering \$45.5 billion charge against earnings late Wednesday to account for its plunging value.

But in taking the enormous writedown — one that was more than double what some observers expected despite the fact that such a calculation is required under accounting rules — the company and Parsons moved to clear AOL's financial decks, analysts said Thursday.

The whopping loss that resulted, largely obscured quarterly results that were relatively strong for many of the company's traditional media businesses. But in looking ahead, Parsons spoke in vaguely upbeat but cautious tones and tried not to fan false hopes.

Parsons is "going to really focus on making the most of what they have and trying to reset expectations to be reasonable and achievable, not trying to overpromise and underdeliver," said analyst James Goss of Barrington Research Associates. "Right now, I think Dick Parsons is really trying to focus on what is realistic."

By doing so, Parsons — who was named president last May

and chairman of the board earlier this month, a title he will formally assume this May — is gaining time, analysts said. In effect, he is letting the air out of any remaining expectations harbored by angry investors, who are being told to expect nothing more than gradual improvement.

"I think people are starting to finally realize it's going to take more time to get this fixed than perhaps they had previously thought," said Tom Wolzien, an analyst with Sanford C. Bernstein & Co.

Shares in AOL fell Thursday, as investors digested the company's results. In afternoon trading, the shares were selling at \$12, down \$1.96, or roughly 14 percent.

Parsons' circumspection is far different than the grand visions once promised by Steve Case, the co-founder of America Online who is giving up the chairman's seat to Parsons, or Gerry Levin, the former head of Time Warner who retired last year. The pair, along with former chief operating officer Robert Pittman, bore the brunt of investor anger over the dysfunctional marriage of the firms.

It also is radically different from the disillusioned grumbling of Ted Turner, who stole some of the spotlight Wednesday when he announced his plans to step down as the company's vice chairman.

Turner, the eccentric cable

television pioneer who remains AOL Time Warner's largest individual shareholder with about 3.5 percent of all stock, remains on the company's board for now. Analysts said Thursday that Parsons and Turner have always appeared to get along well, and that Turner may well have left on his own accord after months of complaining openly of being marginalized.

They said it was difficult to know how Turner's departure affects Parsons' job, especially given Turner's knack for unpredictability.

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Tom Wolzien analyst

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In the short term, at least, Turner's departure could help Parsons, giving

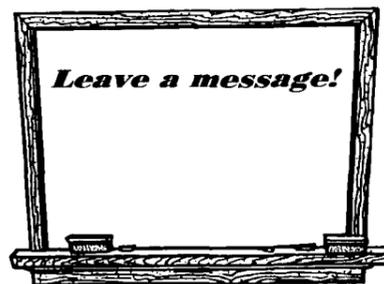
him more leeway to negotiate a combining of the company's CNN news channel with ABC News, said Quaisar Hasan, an analyst with Utendahl Capital Partners.

Turner, who founded CNN, was known to be a sharp critic of such an arrangement.

Turner's departure fueled some speculation Thursday that he might try to buy CNN from AOL. But analysts said it appears unlikely that AOL would be interested in selling an operation that is at the core of its business, and noted that with so much of his fortune tied up in depressed company stock, Turner could be constrained from making large purchases unless he sells his stake.

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# Panel looks at Title IX change

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

A sharply divided Bush administration advisory commission voted Thursday to change a landmark gender-equity law that substantially increased the number of female athletes, but the panel stopped short of the major overhaul some women's advocates feared.

The Commission on Opportunity in Athletics considered two dozen recommendations for Title IX in two days of sometimes contentious meetings. The most sweeping recommendations were defeated, and the panel deadlocked 7-7 on a proposal to make a major change.

That proposal called for altering the requirement that the ratio of male and female athletes at colleges and universities be roughly the same as the overall student body.

Commissioner Lisa Graham Keegan showed up after the plan was considered and left the meeting early without talking to reporters about why she missed the vote.

The commission will forward a report to Education Secretary Rod Paige, who will consider changes to Title IX. It takes an act of Congress to fundamentally change the law, but Paige can alter the way compliance is measured.

University of Maryland Athletic Director Debbie Yow, who proposed the recommendation that produced the tie, said she's satisfied because under commission rules the deadlock means it still goes into the report.

After Yow's proposal failed to pass, several more changes that would have altered or eliminated Title IX's fundamental proportionality standard were defeated.

Instead, the commission voted to tinker with the standard, recommending changes in the ways stu-

dents and-or athletes are counted to measure compliance.

Title IX prohibits gender discrimination in programs that receive federal funding. Its effect has been profound: The number of girls participating in high school sports rose from 294,000 to 2.8 million from 1971 to 2002. The number of women in college sports increased fivefold during the same time frame.

The law was clarified in 1979 with the introduction of the "three-prong" test, which gave schools the option of meeting any single element to be in compliance:

- ◆ A school's male-female athlete ratio must be "substantially proportionate" to its male-female enrollment.

- ◆ The school must show an ongoing history of broadening opportunities for women.

- ◆ A school must show that it is "fully and effectively" accommodating the interests and abilities of women.

The first prong gets the most attention, and it's the only one that can be met using pure statistics with little or no subjective interpretation. Even so, there is still a substantial gap between the percentage of U.S. female college students (56 percent) and the percentage of female college athletes (42 percent).

The commission recommended several changes to the first standard. One would establish a predetermined number of roster spots on each team that count toward Title IX compliance, rather than the actual number of athletes.

Co-chairman Ted Leland, athletic director at Stanford, said this rule would prevent a school from putting "100 women on the rowing team" to comply with the law.

"People just pump their numbers up by having a huge roster on their first day of competition,"

Leland said.

The commission also voted to not count male walk-ons — athletes not on scholarships — and nontraditional students such as those who are part-time or older as part of a school's male total. The change would mostly affect smaller schools, particularly community colleges.

Northern Illinois University athletic director Cary Groth opposed the recommendation.

"Walk-ons do cost money," Groth said. "We get back to what is the center of these discussions, and that is money."

Yow amended her plan to try to get it passed. It called for schools to be allowed a 50-50 split of male and female athletes, regardless of the student body makeup, with a leeway of 2 to 3 percentage points. Her earlier proposal called for a leeway of 5 to 7 percentage points.

"If we had an apple and were hungry and we wanted to be fair, we would split it 50-50," Yow said.

Commissioner Julie Foudy, a member of the U.S. women's national soccer team, was among those who voted against the plan. She said she doesn't believe the commission's mandate was to change proportionality and favors stronger enforcement of the existing law.

The commissioners also voted 8-7 against a proposal that interest surveys on campus be used to set a standard for proportionality. They did, however, vote to recommend that surveys be used as a tool to demonstrate Title IX compliance.

Critics say proportionality has forced schools to cut male sports to meet the ratio requirement. Roughly 400 men's college teams were eliminated in the 1990s, with wrestling taking such a blow that the National Wrestling Coaches Association has filed suit, claiming that the first prong has evolved into a quota system.

# Ridge changing border security

Associated Press

MIAMI

President Bush will ask Congress to devote \$41.3 billion to homeland security in the 2004 federal budget, Tom Ridge, the secretary of the new department, said Thursday.

That figure represents an increase over the \$37.7 billion spent last year on homeland security across the government, including the military. Ridge announced the budget increase in Miami, where he paid his first public visit to department employees since his confirmation last week.

On Thursday alone, Ridge said, workers would deal with more than 1 million people crossing U.S. borders, process 2.4 million pieces of luggage at airports and inspect tons of imported food products — not to mention handle thousands of visa and green card applications.

"The sheer depth and breadth of this nation, the magnitude of what occurs here from sea to shining sea, means simply that one slip, one gap, one vengeful person can threaten the lives of our citizens at any time, in any number of ways," Ridge said. "We will organize to mobilize. It will lead to outcomes that better protect our country."

Under the president's proposal, the Homeland Security Department alone would have a budget of \$36.2 billion in the fiscal year that begins in October. That is just short of a 10 percent increase above the combined budgets of all the agencies being rolled into it. A good deal of the new spending is devoted to upgrading Coast Guard ships and aircraft, agency officials said.

Ridge described plans to combine border security

and inspection agencies to streamline the entry process and increase the chance of catching terrorists and weapons at the border. People entering the United States would ideally meet with a single Homeland Security officer who would oversee all matters of customs, immigration and law enforcement, he said.

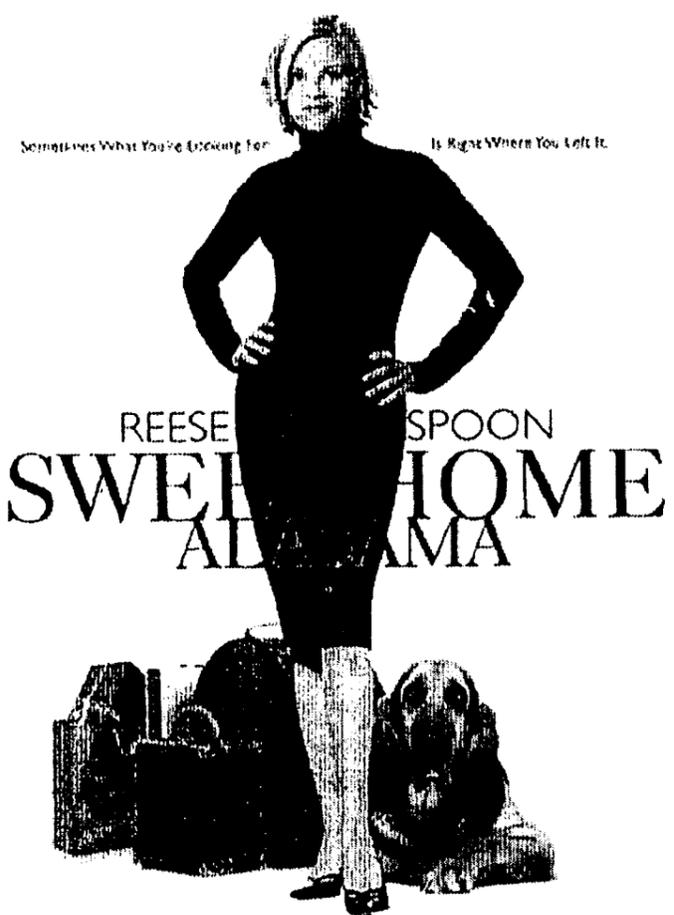
"Instead of four faces at the border, we'll have one," Ridge said at Miami's seaport. "The focus here is to help legitimate goods and people enter our country swiftly, and keep dangerous people and their weapons out."

Ridge later toured the Port of Miami on a U.S. Customs boat, flanked by patrol craft from a half-dozen enforcement agencies. He also met privately with officials at Miami International Airport, where some of the Sept. 11 hijackers entered the United States.

In Washington, the chairman of the Senate Finance Committee called on federal agencies to set stricter policies for screening identification at U.S. borders. He released the findings of a General Accounting Office report that showed undercover investigators made it into the country from Canada, Mexico and Jamaica by land, sea and air, using fake IDs and carrying undeclared cash.

"The agents on the front lines obviously need to be a lot more vigilant," said Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa. "Bouncers at college bars could spot the kind of fake IDs that were used by investigators. The officials in charge of border security need to be at least that good at their jobs."

In response to Grassley's comments, Ridge said, "It obviously raises some legitimate issues."



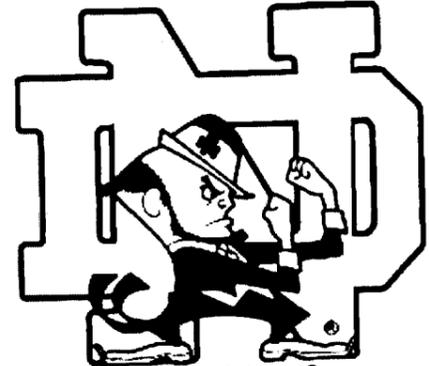
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## Seize the chance to voice opinions

Perhaps it is because the weather is not favorable to sidewalk chalk wars. Perhaps it is because the football season has ended. Whatever the reason, cheers to Air Force ROTC, the College Democrats, the College Republicans, Notre Dame United Muslim Organization, Pax Christi and the Peace Coalition for their collective effort to raise discussion at Monday's panel about the Iraq situation.

At a time when foreign policy is a crucial topic, the University campus is an essential forum for conversation. It is refreshing to see student-led efforts for dialogue and debate come to fruition. What's more, the panel, though organized by the Peace Coalition, was comprised of students reflecting numerous sides of the argument.

The ideologically diverse panel represented varying political, religious and social views on the topic of war and international conflict, reminding all that foreign policy issues cannot be simplified. While it is easy for the average college stu-

dent to obtain a synopsis of the current events, it is far more useful to take it one step further and analyze the complexities of those events in the appropriate setting.

The Observer has said before that the student groups on campus should channel their passions into dialogue. The student panel shows the willingness of some to get involved. The 100 students who trekked through inches of snow Monday evening to Reckers in order to take part in the conversation are an addition to the list. This student-led collaborative effort is yet another positive sign that many are interested in the world beyond 46556.

Upcoming events will give members of the Notre Dame community more opportunities to discuss current events. While the Iraq situation is one pertinent topic, campus discussions can cover many other areas, foreign and domestic. No matter the topic, hopefully students and faculty can make a concerted effort to fill the rooms and foster stimulating discussions.

### The Observer Editorial

### LETTER TO THE EDITOR



## Alcohol laws save lives

I can understand Juan Bernal's frustration, expressed in his Jan. 28 letter, with laws prohibiting alcohol to people under 21. They are hypocritical, but they are hardly sterile, worthless or counterproductive. Last year I might have made the same arguments as he made, but a little research convinced me otherwise.

The alcohol ban from ages 18 to 21 exists for one reason only: in the '80s, Mothers Against Drunk Driving campaigned for federal legislation establishing the drinking age at 21. Previously, the decision of the drinking age was left to the states and many, though not all, set the age at 18. MADD eventually won their fight, and though the federal government cannot constitutionally mandate a drinking age, it can deny highway funds to states that do not change the age to 21. Within a few years, all states had complied.

MADD had a very simple reason for pushing that legislation — they wanted to save lives. The 16-21 demographic, especially males, are statistically the most dangerous drivers, and though other age groups suffer from a high incidence of drunk driving deaths, such deaths were very prevalent in the 16-21 demographic. This especially offended MADD, who was apparently both-

ered more by the deaths of teenagers and young adults than by the deaths of older people.

The laws have worked. Since they took effect, underage drinking has declined, and more importantly, traffic fatalities have declined, especially among people between 16 and 21 years of age. This disproves Bernal's prohibition analogy and his claims that the laws actually motivate young people to drink more. While there is still much illegal drinking, people in this age bracket were more likely to drink before the hike in legal drinking age than they are now. They were also more likely to die in a traffic accident.

This also explains why the police are so intent on seemingly frivolous enforcement. If they do not enforce the drinking age, the laws will not fulfill their intended purpose — saving lives. This requires that they bust bars and ticket minors, even if those minors might not be driving; they must do so to deter those who would drive. When seen in this light, we can see that the enforcement is not hypocritical or without purpose, and that the police are not necessarily wasting resources.

Before I researched the issue, I thought drinking laws were unjust. Now that I am more informed, I see

that they are just. This does not make the laws perfect. We might be able to reduce traffic fatalities without treating legal adults like children. For instance, though drunk driving was a big problem for those aged 16-21, it was also a problem for people, especially men, in their 20s and 30s. There is no reason that we should only focus on saving the lives of young people.

Then again, as Bernal pointed out, prohibition did not work and it would do no good to ban alcohol altogether. Perhaps if we allowed everyone over 18 or maybe even everyone to drink but enforced zero-tolerance driving laws across all ages, we could have the same positive effects from our laws without legal hypocrisy. Maybe this wouldn't work. I don't have the policy expertise to speculate and I wouldn't want to jump to conclusions. But in any event, the laws are there for good reason. It does no good to jump to conclusions and assume that, because we cannot see the reasons, lawmakers don't know what they're doing.

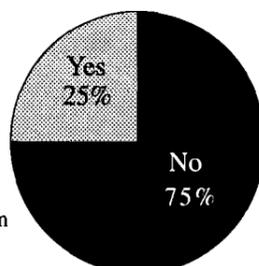
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### QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Suppose you were an idiot, and suppose you were a member of Congress; but I repeat myself."

Mark Twain  
American writer

## VIEWPOINT

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Responding to SMC pro-choice sponsorship

*Trip to Washington supports an immoral cause*

Sometimes you hear that there are terrible problems in Catholic higher education, but then you read about something like the women from across the road who were flown to Washington, D.C. to support the brutal and gruesome destruction of innocent unborn children.

How marvelous that the pro-life girls had to take an unexcused absence from class and pay their own bus fares while the abortion advocates were flown — was it first-class? It is marvelous too that they managed to come up with such clever, original arguments: "A woman has a right to choose what to do with her own body."

I agree that a woman has the right to do what she pleases with her own body. Women can set themselves on fire, go on a cranberries-and-pickles diet or get pentagrams tattooed on their eyeballs for all I care, and it really would not surprise me.

But somehow it seems to me abortion is about more than a woman and her own body. Perhaps it was a design flaw by God to have us spend the first nine months of our lives inside someone else, someone who may be just itching to have us killed in a most barbaric way. Abortions are not performed via carbon monoxide poisoning, in case you were not aware.

That unborn children are truly living beings themselves becomes clearer and clearer every day through science and technology. Thanks to those four ladies for taking an expenses-paid plane out to Washington to stand up heroically for the bloody "termination" of unwanted life, in the face of overwhelming evidence that unborn children are alive, so that women may be as promiscuous as they like without having to worry about consequences. Makes you wonder how so many people at Notre Dame come to think the girls across the street are immoral and ignorant.

Eric Glass  
Class of 2000  
Jan. 30

*Questioning College's Catholic identity*

Saint Mary's claims that it fosters an environment of intellectual, emotional and spiritual growth. One must wonder, however, what sort of spirituality is indeed being fostered at a Catholic institution that has encouraged and financially enabled its students to lobby for pro-choice causes, via the Center for Women's Intercultural Leadership established by Saint Mary's.

One must wonder why an institution, public or private, would so blatantly support, financially and otherwise, one side without giving the other side equal treatment. Of course, it's rather sad and disturbing that we even have to address this point. After all, we are a "Catholic" institution, right?

One of the wonderful and blessed advantages of attending a Catholic institution is the encouragement one is given and the ability one has to express one's theological beliefs and Christian morals. American society, more often than not, is hardly conducive to Christian morality, abortion being just one of the many horrors permitted. At this point, we render the discussion or debate of orthodox Catholic belief concerning abortion superfluous. Abortion is wrong. Yes, that's right, it's that simple.

Furthermore, it's not wrong because the pope says so. It's not wrong because your parish priest says so. It's not even wrong

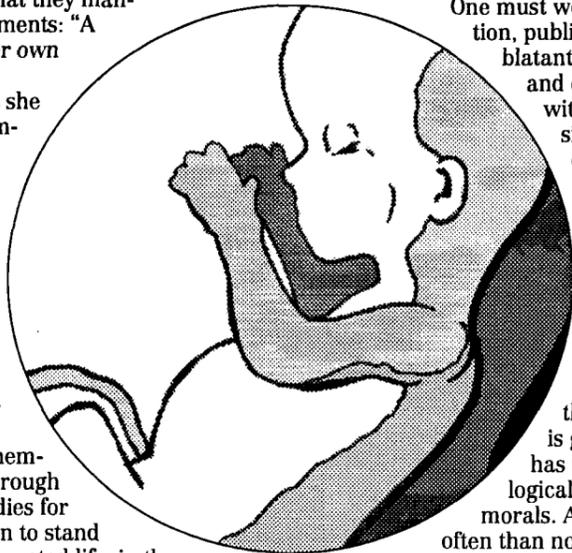
because some ancient personality called Moses is said to have been given tablets from Yahweh with the commandment, "Thou shalt not kill." Speaking as a Catholic, these may very well be good reasons to consider abortion as morally unacceptable. At this point, it seems natural to offer scientific evidence and philosophical arguments to demonstrate why abortion is, at the very least, problematic. However, this is not the point of our letter.

The point is simply this: Saint Mary's is a Catholic institution. It only makes sense that Saint Mary's should be actively committed to upholding Catholic values. Yes, that's right — Catholic values. Just in case any of us are confused as to what the Catholic Church's position on abortion is, let us turn to the timeless Catholic classic fondly referred to as "Humanae Vitae."

One need not read far to ascertain the stance of the Church's position: Life is good, life is blessed, murder is wrong. Let us say that again: Catholics believe that life is sacred. As Catholics, we are called to embrace life at all stages. Truly, as Catholics, we are called to be pro-life.

Saint Mary's support of anti-life and anti-Catholic values is an abomination against both human life and the Catholic Church. Right to Life hopes that Saint Mary's seriously considers its role as a Catholic institution.

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## State of the Union serves up something for everyone

Perched atop a national stage at the State of the Union joint session of Congress this week, President George Bush delivered a dramatic yet somber message that could be characterized as a tale of two nations.

Sounding like a Democrat during the first half of the speech, Bush called for more spending on mentoring for children of prisoners, AIDS medications for Africa, alternative fuel-driven automobile technology and prescription drug health insurance programs for senior citizens. On the turn of a dime, Bush returned to his conservative roots by calling for further tax reductions and continued his justification for an attack Iraq.

Never before, including Franklin Roosevelt's request for a declaration of war in 1941, had a president used silence rather than applause as an effective rhetorical tool. Bush held the Congress, nation and world hanging on his every word as he described past atrocities. He resurrected Sept. 11 by asking the audience to imagine how much more horrific attacks upon the United States might be if the September terrorists had received weapons of mass destruction from Iraq.

Traditionally presidents enjoy an enor-



Gary Caruso

*Capital Comments*

mous advantage simply by occupying the Oval Office. Each day the media report on how the president and his administration handle current events and plan for the future. The president's supporters say that what you see is what you get with Bush. They contend that he is a man of conviction and does not sway from his beliefs.

However, focus groups across the nation reacted with mixed emotions immediately following the State of the Union message. Democrats, Republicans and independents picked portions of the speech with which they could agree, but also doubted other assertions articulated by the president. Bush targeted various voting blocs by advocating programs that transcended the political spectrum, thus providing something for everyone.

Targeting programs across the political spectrum is not new in State of the Union addresses. In 1965, Lyndon Johnson wanted to muster support for so many new Great Society initiatives that he moved the address from mid-afternoon to evening so that he could be seen by most Americans.

Bill Clinton mastered the art of raising his political approval ratings by expanding the laundry list of programs he mentioned. Ronald Reagan began the practice of placing citizens who represented various voting blocs in the gallery so that he could honor them during his addresses.

With the time, effort and care that goes into drafting a State of the Union address, no president will ever walk away with less support than when he entered the House

chamber. Those who oppose a president need to weather the moment and then begin to chip at the edges of the policies they oppose. Clinton actually strengthened his national support after his State of the Union address during his impeachment. Reagan deflected criticism from himself regarding the Iran-Contra scandal following his address.

Bush has delivered two State of the Union addresses. Last year he rallied a united nation and a sympathetic world following the September attacks but squandered much good will with his harsh rhetoric naming Iraq, Iran and North Korea as the "axis of evil." He vowed to catch all of those who were involved with the attacks and to end terrorism. Many contend that Bush's rhetorical excesses led to the current deterioration of relations and defiance of North Korea.

Last year Bush also promised to improve the economy, create more jobs and stand strong with free nations throughout the world. This year his address contained the same messages, but the economy and our relationship with other nations have deteriorated the past twelve months.

His determination to proceed with his agenda has not changed much since last year. While Bush publicly seems consistent, his State of the Union address shows that he is moving toward the political center in preparation for next year's election.

Today Americans are willing to go another mile with Bush as a show of unity, but are uneasy about our unstable econo-

my and poor standing throughout the world. They are like a ten year-old during the Christmas season. They want Santa to really exist, but are at a point where they are unsure. They hope above all hope that the magic of the season really is true. Americans want the support of the world and compelling evidence that the time for war is now.

The Bush administration is embarking on the path to war with Iraq while North Korea rattles its nuclear saber. Bush will make a case that Hussein is playing games with the inspectors, but will not show the urgency of deploying our troops now. In the region, Syria and Iran have more direct links to Bin Laden and his terror regime. They are more likely to pass along weapons than Iraq, but Bush must be Bush and not waiver on his assertions.

The coming year will contain a war, more economic stumbling and a surprise world event. Next year's State of the Union address will contain more promises to address the economy, a further move to the center of the political spectrum and a self congratulatory pat on the back for a successful war effort. After all, Bush is Bush.

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# SCENE *campus*

Friday, January 31, 2003

## The Keenan Revue

*Residents expand their humor in the Revue's 27th year onstage*

By MARIA SMITH  
Scene Editor

When people think college humor, they think of lewd, obnoxious, off-the-wall crotch-thrusting raucous fun. The Keenan Revue offers all of the above, and more besides. The skits, written by Keenan Hall residents, contain comedic insight on national security and religion lodged between parietals jokes and beer bashes.

Over the past 27 years, the Keenan Revue has become an important part of campus tradition. The first show, produced in 1976 by Tom Lenz and Rick Thomas, was meant to be a small, hall talent show but became a hit when the residents actually proved to have both musical and humorous talent. The show has continued to lighten up the winter months ever since.

Although director Rick Herbst and producer Chris Murphy have been working on the show for the past five months, the show as always was barely pulled together in the last week. The skits were chosen and the show assembled over the weekend, with only three days of rehearsal to follow. Herbst made final changes at the Wednesday dress rehearsal.

Over half the residents of Keenan Hall turn out to participate in the show, either writing skits, acting or playing in the show's musical numbers.

"It's a real rallying point for the dorm," said Herbst.

Although the Keenan Revue is the dorm's particular point of pride, the whole campus gets involved in the event. Other hall presidents helped find funding for the show, which relied on ads and donations to raise the \$12,000



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The theme of this year's Keenan Revue is "Our Nation's Pastime." The show opens with a rendition of Weezer's "Buddy Holly" musical numbers and a group striptease.

needed for production. Saint Mary's also got involved in the show's production. In appreciation, the authors toned down the inevitable Saint Mary's jokes in the Revue.

Students come to the Keenan Revue expecting irreverent humor at the expense of students and the administration, and they have never been disappointed. This year is no exception. However, this year's show eliminates

many of the campus stereotypes that characterized last year's performance. The fat Breen-Phillips girls, Farley Hall smokers and McGlinn Hall head lice have been replaced by more off-beat humor. The show has something to appeal to every sense of humor.

The theme of this year's Keenan Revue is "Our Nation's Pastime." Although the title actually refers to baseball, the audience might be excused

for thinking the national pastime is cross-dressing, a theme which pops up far more often throughout the show. The show opens with a rendition of Weezer's "Buddy Holly" musical numbers and a group striptease.

Many of the skits in the first half prey on popular campus topics, such as "Parietals Bite" and "The Elegant Prospect." The campus has struggled with oppressive parietals and drinking laws since the show began, and the inevitable sex humor appears translated into 17th century English and in a parody of Lisa Loeb's "Stay." The authors put in everything they can get past the show's censors.

The tone changes in the second half with some "Dogma"-esque religious parodies and less Notre Dame centered humor. Skits like "In the year 3000" provide general cultural commentary, while "The Keenan Review News" preys on President George W. Bush, campus squirrels and The Shirt. Skits like "Matlock ... yeah," the brainchild of Murphy and Nic Williams, manage to be inexplicably funny despite an apparent lack of jokes.

The Keenan Revue draws on the comedic talents of all the residents. Performers find a sense of humor they never knew they had. So where do the authors get inspiration for their skits?

"Late night caffeine and sugar highs," said Williams.

Tickets for the show were passed out last week. Those lucky enough to have them are in for a good assortment of songs, antics and jokes. And as the cast points out, if you don't like it, don't complain — the tickets were free.



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Senior Justin Wilson and Junior Napoleon Suarez contribute to the Revue with one of the funniest sketches. Many of the skits in the first half prey on popular campus topics, such as "Parietals Bite" and "The Elegant Prospect."

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# SCENE

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## InFocus Conference

*The 2nd Annual Conference aims to promote awareness of Asian Issues*

By CHRISTIE BOLSEN

Scene Writer

Here at Notre Dame, a mere 4 percent of undergraduates are Asian or Pacific Islanders. With that in mind, a conference held to address Asian and Asian American issues might appear to speak to a miniscule fraction of the student body. However, the sponsors of the 2nd Annual InFocus Conference hope to connect with all students who feel that diversity is a concern and priority — a much higher percentage than that 4 percent.

Last year's InFocus Conference was awarded Outstanding Club Program by the Club Coordination Council for 2001-2002, and this year's completely student-run program promises to live up to the high standard set by the inaugural year. With a schedule that includes cultural demonstrations, various workshops, high profile speakers and a comedy show, the activities planned should appeal to a wide range of participants.

This year's theme is "InFocus 2003: Unlocking the Past, Shaping the Future." The events begin today with a fireside chat in Coleman-Morse with Chandra Johnson entitled "Owning our Cultural Heritage." All students are welcome to come speak with Johnson, who is assistant to the president and assistant director of Cross-Cultural Ministry. Following the chat will be karaoke and movies.

The conference begins in earnest on Saturday with registration and breakfast. The opening ceremony speaker is Dr. Evelyn Hu-DeHart, who will also be speaking in one of the morning workshops. Denise de la Rosa, a junior and the executive chair of the conference, has heard Hu-DeHart speak and hopes many will be able to attend her speech.

"She's a very powerful speaker, very spirited — there's something about when she speaks that makes me want to go out and educate and to spread the awareness, not just for Asians or Asian-American ideals but just for [anyone] learning about something other than what you've learned for 18 years," de la Rosa said.

Another notable speaker will be Washington State Senator Paul Shin, who will lead an afternoon workshop called "Asian-American Political Activism" and will be the keynote speaker for the closing ceremony and banquet. Shin, who has also served as a member of the Washington State House of Representatives, is one of a very small number of Asian-American politicians in the American government, at either the local or national level.

"I think it's one [workshop] that's got

everybody really excited again, he's a very spirited person and he likes to see Asian-Americans getting involved, being more outgoing, being more outspoken than what we have been stereotyped to be in the past," de la Rosa said. She hopes that his workshop will encourage not only Asians and minorities but also all people to participate in government.

The conference also highlights other political and cultural issues, such as foreign affairs and interracial dating. Included among such weighty topics are Fun Workshops; these include Asian desserts, dances and Japanese origami.

It is the collaboration of multiple groups that is responsible for the planning of details and variety of activities. The Coalition for Asian Awareness is presenting the conference with other sponsors that include the Asian American Association, Filipino American Student Organization, Korean Student Association, Indian Association, Center for Asian Studies, Student Government-Diversity Committee, the Center for Social Concerns, Campus Ministry and East Asian Languages and Literatures. The Multicultural Student Programs and Services are also sponsoring the Annual Multicultural Comedy Show that will conclude the conference.

The planning process began during spring semester of last year, and started up again in September of fall semester. While Notre Dame is behind the development and execution of the event, many other schools were invited, including Michigan State, University of Michigan, Northwestern, Loyola, Valparaiso, Purdue, Indiana University and Saint Mary's.

Adrienne de la Rosa, a senior and the executive chair for public relations, wants the main focus of the conference to be heightening awareness about diversity. "Obviously, that's not just

applicable to Asian Americans. It's really important, especially on a campus like Notre Dame, to be able to embrace everybody's differences. It's so important not only to share your culture with other people but to be really proud of it," Adrienne de la Rosa said.

The executive committee behind the conference emphasizes that anyone who is passionate about diversity is welcome to attend. "That works on all levels, whether it be sexual orientation, race, ethnicity; there are so many factors of diversity. Conferences like this stir discussion and dialogue and that's the most important part about trying to make a change," Adrienne de la Rosa added.

Denise de la Rosa echoed her sister's sentiments, and said that the conference should get out an awareness that Notre Dame is striving for diversity. "Diversity is meant for everybody, and especially on a predominantly white campus it's important to know reasons

why friends act a certain way, or stereotypes that are seen in the media — those are things that we need to be aware of," Denise de la Rosa said.

"If anything, I would just invite everyone to come with an open mind, to come with a lot of insights, and to come with a curiosity and a respect for learning about something that at least on this campus is not exactly the easiest to get out of a classroom."

Registration forms for InFocus 2003 are available online at the InFocus Web site, [www.nd.edu/~aaa/AAC](http://www.nd.edu/~aaa/AAC), or participants can register at the door. Cost is \$5.00, and the conference runs from Thursday to Saturday. Check the Web site for a schedule of activities.

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The sponsors of the 2nd Annual InFocus Conference hope to connect with all students who feel that diversity is a concern and priority.

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL

# Stanford pulls off upset of No. 1 Arizona

Associated Press

TUCSON, Ariz. Matt Lottich scored 23 points, including a crucial 3-pointer with 58 seconds to play, to lift Stanford to an 82-77 upset of No. 1 Arizona.

The Cardinal (15-5, 6-2 Pac-10) won at McKale Center for the third year in a row and handed the Wildcats' their first Pac-10 loss.

Julius Barnes, who had 14 points and 10 assists but shot just 4-for-21, sank both free throws in a one-and-one situation with 8.5 seconds to play to seal the victory.

Jason Gardner scored 22 and Luke Walton a season-high 20 for the Wildcats (15-2, 7-1), who rallied from a 14-point second-half deficit to take a three-point lead but couldn't hold it.

Salim Stoudamire, who scored 34 in Arizona's victory at Kansas last Saturday, played just 17 minutes because of foul trouble and had three points on 1-for-5 shooting.

Rob Little scored 13 for Stanford, including two big baskets down the stretch. Nick Robinson added 10 points.

Arizona trailed 59-45 with 11:34 to play, but seemed headed for another trademark come-

back after a 20-3 outburst.

Freshman Andre Iguodala's 3-pointer with eight minutes left put the Wildcats up 63-62, then Gardner capped the surge with a driving layup to put the Wildcats ahead 65-62 with 7:15 to go. It was Arizona's first lead since the game's opening 21 minutes.

But Stanford didn't fold despite the deafening noise of the home crowd.

Barnes tied it at 65 with a 3-pointer, then Lottich's 3 put the Cardinal ahead 68-67 with 5:51 to play.

Little scored inside on consecutive Stanford possessions, then

made one of two free throws and Stanford led 75-71 with 3:10 to play. Baskets by Walton and Gardner tied it at 75. Gardner was fouled on his basket, but missed the free throw. Arizona was just 14-for-26 at the line.

Robinson's driving layup put Stanford ahead for good 77-75 with 1:42 to go. Gardner's 3-point try was off the mark, then Lottich sank a 3-pointer to put the Cardinal ahead 80-75 with 58 seconds to play. Rick Anderson's rebound basket cut the lead to 80-77 with 43 seconds to play.

Lottich missed the first of a

one-and-one with 23 seconds to play to give Arizona a chance to tie it, but the Wildcats couldn't convert.

The Wildcats trailed by as many as 11 points in the first half and were down 41-38 at the break.

After Walton's inside basket cut the lead to 41-40, Stanford went on a 12-2 run to go up 53-42 on Barnes' 3-pointer with 14:55 to play. A 6-0 spurt gave the Cardinal their biggest lead, 59-45, with 11:34 to go.

The Wildcats trailed by 20 in the first half at Kansas last Saturday, then rallied to win by 17.

NHL

# Thibault stops 44 shots in 3-1 Bruins victory

Associated Press

BOSTON The Chicago Blackhawks had one goal heading into the All-Star break — snap a six-game winless streak. All-Star goalie Jocelyn Thibault made sure it happened.

Thibault made 44 saves and Theo Fleury scored a pair of goals Thursday night as the Blackhawks beat the Boston Bruins 3-1.

Fleury's power-play goal at 8:15 of the first period gave Chicago a 1-0 lead. It was his eighth goal this season and came on a rebound off the stick of Kyle Calder.

He added his second goal of the game, giving Chicago a 3-1 lead, at 6:57 of the third period on a slap shot through the legs of Boston goalie Jeff Hackett.

The loss was the first in a Boston uniform for Hackett, who stopped 17 of the Blackhawks 20 shots.

Thibault (22-15-7) faced 45 Boston shots.

**Islanders 3, Canadiens 1**

Michael Peca's shorthanded goal gave the New York Islanders a win over the Montreal and moved them past the Canadiens in the standings.

Peca's shorthanded goal 4:44 into the final period helped the Islanders defeat the Canadiens 3-1 Thursday night and move

into a seventh-place tie in the Eastern Conference with Tampa Bay.

Oleg Kvasha and Parrish also scored for New York, which leapt over Montreal in the standings with the win.

Niklas Sundstrom had given the Canadiens an early lead, while goalie Jose Theodore stopped 28 shots. It was the first regulation loss for the Canadiens in seven games (3-1-2-1), and snapped a modest two-game winning streak.

Garth Snow stopped 22 shots for the Islanders, who head into the All-Star break with a 11-4-0-2 record since the Christmas break. They have not lost consecutive regulation games since Nov. 29-30.

**Lightning 3, Hurricanes 1**

Martin St. Louis didn't wait for his first All-Star Game this weekend to put on an offensive show.

St. Louis had three goals for his first hat trick and John Grahame made 24 saves for his fourth straight win as the Tampa Bay Lightning beat the Carolina Hurricanes.

St. Louis completed the hat trick with a rebound goal with 1:40 left. It was his 27th goal of the season.

Tampa Bay is 4-1-1 in its last six games.

Jeff Heerema had the lone Carolina goal. The Hurricanes

are 1-8-0-2 over the past 11 games and have dropped five straight on the road.

**Capitals 2, Penguins 1**

Michael Nylander had only a fraction of a second to decide whether to shoot or pass. When he spied an unmarked Kip Miller behind him, Nylander's decision became a no-brainer.

Miller's 11th goal of the season snapped a third-period tie, giving the Washington Capitals a victory over the Pittsburgh Penguins.

Miller scored with 8:29 remaining in the game, taking advantage of Nylander's quick thinking. When Nylander couldn't get the puck on his forehand 10 feet in front of the Penguins' net, he pushed the puck back to Miller, who connected from between the circles.

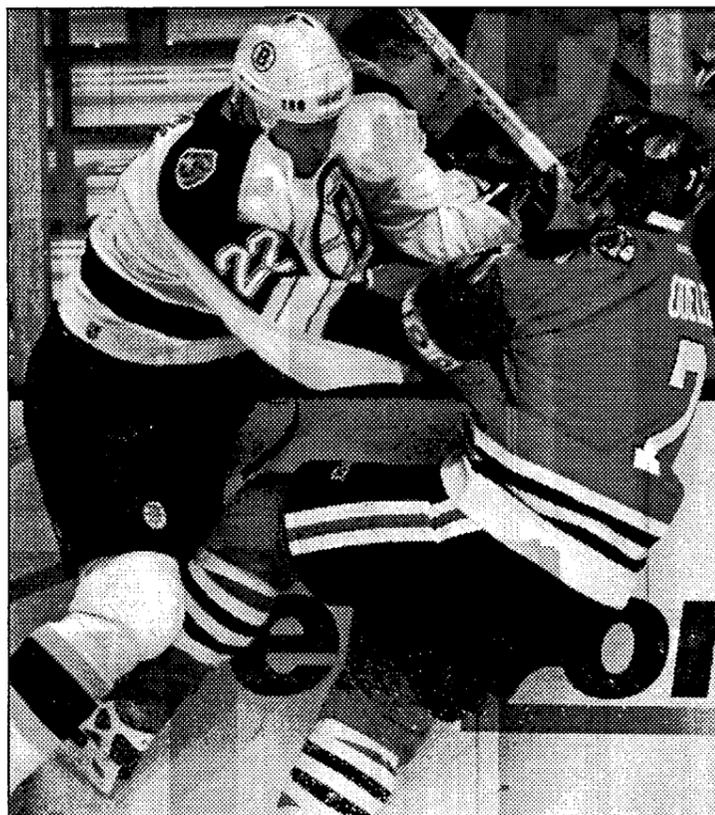
Nylander had two assists and Sergei Gonchar also scored for Washington, 3-1-2 in its last six games.

**Blue Jackets 2, Predators 1**

Espen Knutsen and Marc Denis were the difference in the Columbus Blue Jackets' win over Nashville.

Denis stopped 33 shots but said he was sloppy handling the puck and gave up far too many rebounds.

Knutsen was playing just his second game after missing 39 games due to an abdominal



Bruins wing Michael Grosek checks Chicago Blackhawks defenseman Lyle Odelein in the first period of Boston's 3-1 win.

injury and surgery.

With the score tied at 1 early in the third period, Knutsen beat defenseman Andy Delmore to the puck near mid-ice and turned him around. Knutsen

streaked up the ice, snapping a wristler low past Nashville goaltender Tomas Vokoun from the left circle just as defenseman Karlis Skrastins closed on the play.

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NFL

# Buccaneers hang on to Kiffin with 3-year deal

Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — The Super Bowl champion Tampa Bay Buccaneers demonstrated their commitment to keep Monte Kiffin from moving to the San Francisco 49ers or anywhere else, signing their defensive coordinator to a new three-year contract Thursday night. Terms were not disclosed, but Kiffin already was among the NFL's highest-paid defen-

sive coordinators at close to \$1 million per year. The deal comes two days after the 49ers received permission to talk to Kiffin about their head coaching vacancy, and four days after the Bucs' capped the best season in franchise history by beating the Oakland Raiders 48-21 in the NFL title game. "We are committed to winning another championship, and Monte has been a huge part of our success," Bucs owner Malcolm Glazer said. "Our defense has ranked among the best in the NFL for several years under his direction and we look forward to continuing that tradition." The Bucs ranked first in total defense, allowing 252.8 yards per game, and became the first team since the 1985 Chicago Bears to lead the league in total defense, fewest points allowed and interceptions. Tampa Bay intercepted NFL

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**Malcolm Glazer**  
Tampa Bay owner

MVP Rich Gannon five times, and returned three of them for touchdowns, in the Super Bowl. The 62-year-old Kiffin thanked the 49ers for their interest, but said his situation in Tampa was too good to leave. "The reason I had the opportunity to even be considered for a head coaching position is because of Jon Gruden and the four defensive assistants, along with 25 defensive players that are totally committed to being the best," Kiffin said.

"Defensively, this was our best year and we capped it off with our success against the Raiders. ... We feel like we can continue to get better next year and hope to bring another championship back to the city of Tampa."

Kiffin's defenses have ranked in the top 10 for six consecutive seasons. During that span, the Bucs have allowed a league-low 1,538 points, including just 196 this season, the fifth-fewest in NFL history during a 16-game schedule.

"It is great news to hear that coach Kiffin is staying," NFL defensive player of the year Derrick Brooks said in Honolulu, where he is preparing for the Pro Bowl. "It is important to keep the coaching staff together and have that continuity."

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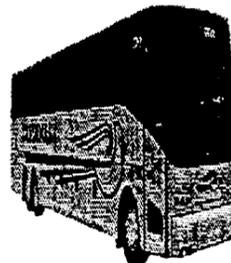
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## NBA

### Eastern Conference, Atlantic Division

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
New Jersey	31-14	.689	5-5	-
Boston	26-19	.578	6-4	5
Philadelphia	24-22	.522	5-5	7.5
Orlando	24-23	.511	5-5	8
Washington	22-25	.468	3-7	10
New York	19-25	.432	6-4	11.5
Miami	16-29	.356	4-6	15

### Eastern Conference, Central Division

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Indiana	33-13	.717	7-3	-
Detroit	29-15	.659	5-5	3
New Orleans	24-22	.522	4-6	9
Milwaukee	23-22	.511	8-2	9.5
Chicago	17-28	.378	4-6	15.5
Atlanta	17-29	.370	3-7	16
Toronto	11-34	.244	3-7	21.5
Cleveland	9-37	.196	2-8	24

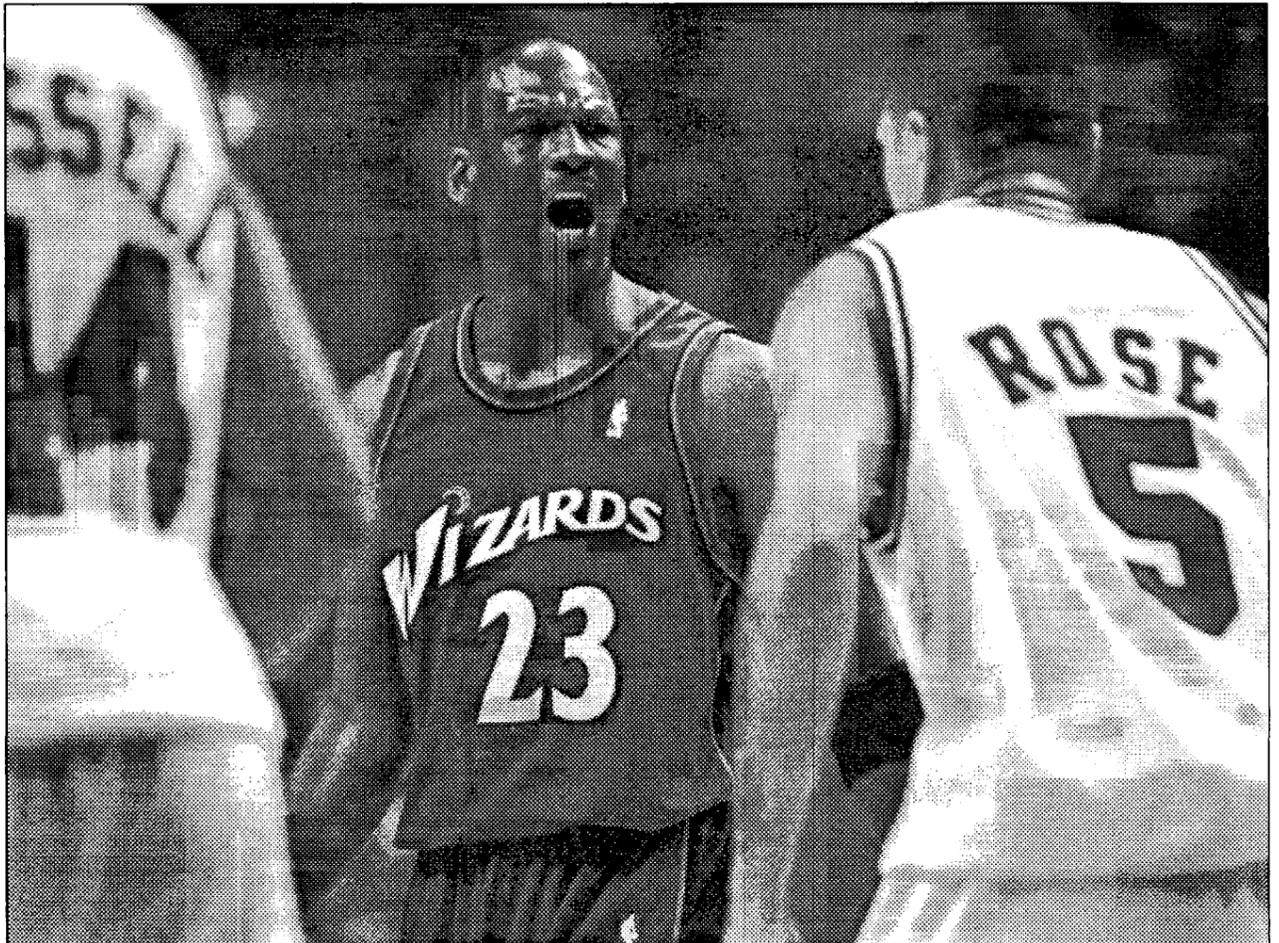
### Western Conference, Midwest Division

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Dallas	36-9	.800	6-4	-
San Antonio	29-16	.644	7-3	7
Utah	27-18	.600	6-4	8
Minnesota	27-19	.587	8-2	9.5
Houston	24-20	.545	5-5	11.5
Memphis	13-31	.295	2-8	22.5
Denver	10-35	.222	1-9	26

### Western Conference, Pacific Division

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Sacramento	32-14	.696	5-5	-
Portland	28-16	.636	7-3	3
Phoenix	26-21	.553	3-7	6.5
LA Lakers	20-23	.465	7-3	10.5
Seattle	20-23	.465	4-6	10.5
Golden State	20-24	.455	6-4	11
LA Clippers	17-28	.378	4-6	14.5

## NBA



Reuters Photo

Eastern Conference All-Star starters Tracy McGrady and Allen Iverson both offered Michael Jordan their spots in the starting lineup for the NBA All-Star game. Jordan chose to respect the fans and to come off the bench.

## Jordan declines All-Star start offers

Associated Press

MELBOURNE

Michael Jordan said thanks, but no thanks.

Jordan turned down offers from Tracy McGrady and Allen Iverson to relinquish their starting spots in the All-Star Game so that Jordan could be in the starting lineup.

McGrady, the Orlando guard who led the Eastern Conference in fan balloting, made his offer Thursday. Iverson made a similar offer in a private phone call a week and a half ago, Jordan revealed before Thursday night's

game between the Bucks and Washington Wizards.

"It shows what type of people they are, about the history of the game, about guys who have paved the way," Jordan said. "I would have done it for Dr. J. and I'm sure Dr. J. would have done it for someone else."

"That, to me, just shows how much they care about the game. I take it as a compliment, but I would rather for them to play and start and let me come off the bench."

Jordan said Iverson called him after the starting lineups were announced.

"He said, 'If you don't mind, I'd like to step aside and let you start,'" Jordan recounted. "No one knew about it. He called me personally and I didn't make it known."

But Jordan said he's not bothered by not starting. In his previous 13 All-Star selections, the fans voted him in.

"I have no ill feelings," Jordan said. "I am very happy for them. If I hadn't done it for 14 years, OK, it's a different scenario. I experienced it for many years and I think it's something they should feel proud about."

The 39-year-old Jordan

almost certainly will retire after this season.

"I've got plenty more chances of being an All-Star starter," said McGrady, making his third All-Star game appearance. "It's about me being there and witnessing his last All-Star Game. It's a blessing, man. It's an honor, too."

The game will be played Feb. 9 in Atlanta.

Jordan has averaged 20.2 points in 12 All-Star appearances, missing the 1986 contest because of injury, and was named the game's Most Valuable Player in 1988, 1996 and 1998.

## Mens College Basketball Big East Conference

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team	W-L	Pct.	Overall
Pittsburgh	5-0	1.000	15-1
NOTRE DAME	5-1	.833	17-3
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Selon Hall	3-4	.429	8-9
West Virginia	2-4	.333	11-7
Georgetown	2-4	.333	10-6
Rutgers	1-5	.167	9-9

## around the dial

### FRIDAY

#### NBA BASKETBALL

Spurs at Magic 8 p.m., ESPN  
Lakers at Kings 10:30 p.m., ESPN

### SATURDAY

#### COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Georgetown at Notre Dame 12 p.m., NBC  
Indiana at Louisville 1 p.m., CBS  
Kansas at Nebraska 2 p.m., ESPN  
Temple at St. Bonaventure 2 p.m., ESPN2  
Marquette at Cincinnati 4 p.m., ESPN

### SUNDAY

NHL All-Star Game 2:30 p.m., ABC  
Pro-Bowl 5:30 p.m., ABC

## IN BRIEF

### Mighty Ducks acquire defenseman Ozolinsh

Attempting to end a three-year postseason drought, the Anaheim Mighty Ducks acquired All-Star defenseman Sandis Ozolinsh and left wing/defenseman Lance Ward from Florida on Thursday for center Matt Cullen, defenseman Pavel Trnka and a fourth-round pick in next year's NHL entry draft.

Entering Thursday night's game at San Jose, the Ducks had 53 points and trailed Colorado by one point for the eighth and final Western Conference playoff berth. Florida entered its game at Detroit with 47 points to rank 12th in the Eastern Conference.

The 30-year-old Ozolinsh has seven goals and 19 assists in 51 games this season. He was voted into the starting lineup for the Eastern Conference in Sunday's All-Star Game, to be played in Florida. It will mark his fourth straight All-Star appearance and seventh overall — six of them starts.

Ozolinsh played in 83 games last

season for Carolina and Florida with 14 goals and 38 assists, ranking him fifth among NHL defensemen.

A 6-foot-3, 215-pounder, Ozolinsh represented Latvia in the 2002 Winter Olympics at Salt Lake City. He has played in 712 regular-season games with 148 goals and 343 assists.

### LeBron reportedly accepts free clothing

First it was LeBron James' Hummer. Now, it's his clothes.

Just a few days after James was cleared of any wrongdoing for accepting a sports utility vehicle as a gift, Ohio high school officials are reviewing a report he received complimentary clothing.

Last Saturday, James, the nation's top high school player, was apparently given two free "throwback" jerseys worth \$845 at a local clothing store.

Ohio High School Athletic Association bylaws state that an athlete forfeits his or her amateur status by "capitalizing on athletic fame by

receiving money or gifts of monetary value."

OHSAA commissioner Clair Muscaro is aware of the report "and is reviewing it," said spokesman Bob Goldring.

Muscaro ruled that James, a senior at St. Vincent-St. Mary, would not lose his eligibility for accepting a custom-made Hummer H2 vehicle.

After attending a local high school game last weekend, James and some friends visited the clothing store "Next" where he picked out two jerseys — one of Chicago Bears Hall of Famer Gale Sayers, the other of Washington Bullets center Wes Unseld.

The Sayers jersey costs \$395; the Unseld jersey, \$450.

Store manager Derrick Craig said the store's owner gave the jerseys to James for free.

"We get celebrities in here all the time," said Craig, who would not identify the owner. "They spend a lot of money and sometimes you just got to give them some love."

# Men

continued

the physical Hoya forward is 6-foot-8, Brey thinks the Irish could match up well against them by throwing Notre Dame's taller big men against Sweetney.

"We're not going to stop him," Brey said. "But I think we're going to try to slow him a little bit and hope other guys don't hurt us. ... He is a heck of a player, and just a difficult guy to defend in our league."

The Notre Dame-Georgetown series is fast shaping up into a terrific Big East rivalry. The last time the two teams met, it was on the floor of the MCI Center, where the Irish eeked out a quadruple-overtime win, a win that many thought defined

Notre Dame as a solid basketball program.

But even if the Hoyas come into the Joyce Center remembering that game, the Irish have revenge on their mind. A year ago, the Hoyas dominated the Irish at home, led by Sweetney's 21 points and 16 rebounds.

Since that game and Saturday's clash, however, the Irish have only lost one game since. Fueled by an energetic student section, the Irish are riding a 13-game home winning streak, one they hope to extend past Saturday.

"We've put a lot of pride in our home games this year," Carroll said. "We think we're capable of doing that, but it's going to be hard with the stretch we have coming up here. I think we have a great home court advantage with our defense."

The Irish are also pleased with how Timmermans, Cornette and Francis responded to a slow start by Notre Dame's perimeter against the Mountaineers, a trend they hope continues throughout the rest of the season.

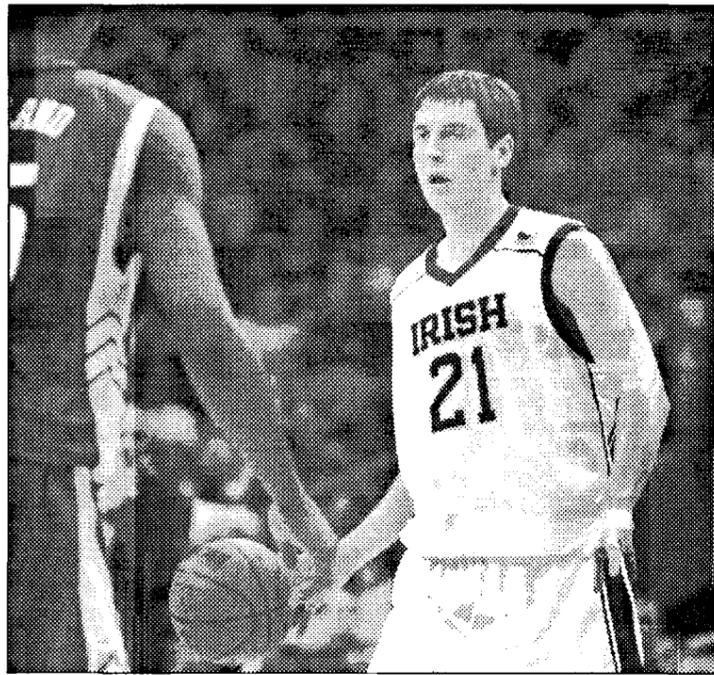
"That's what makes this team so tough, that's what I'm most proud of," Carroll said. "Guys like that come in there and bring so much to the table. When Chris [Thomas] and I are going, they know they role and do their thing. But when we're not going, they step it up."

"Each game is different, and you never know who it's going to be. But that's what makes this team so good."

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## MENS BASKETBALL

# Hoyas have reason to be wary of 6th man



ANDY KENNA/The Observer

Irish forward Dan Miller brings the ball up Wednesday in Notre Dame's 88-69 victory over West Virginia.

By ANDREW SOUKUP  
Sports Writer

Georgetown didn't need any extra motivation to play a top-10 team on the road, but they got it thanks to a blown call at the end of regulation in Wednesday night 93-82 overtime loss to Seton Hall.

With the score tied and 10 seconds showing on the clock, the Pirates took a 74-72 lead on an alley-oop dunk off an inbounds pass.

The catch? The Pirates had six players on the floor during the key inbounds play, something Georgetown coach Craig Esherick didn't notice until after he spoke with the media.

In fact, Seton Hall still had six players on the floor when Hoya guard Gerald Riley drove the length of the floor to score a lay-up and send the game into overtime.

But even though Esherick didn't notice the officials' gaffe, that didn't stop him from lighting up his players for a per-

ceived lack of effort.

"We've got to figure out who we have on our team that wants to win," he said. "Those people that want to win, and work to win, are going to play. Those who want to make excuses and don't want to win aren't going to play."

### Miller time

It took a while for the stats to show it, but Dan Miller is slowly getting accustomed to life in the physical Big East.

"I think I've been fine," he said. "The numbers I put up didn't justify it, but that happens where shots don't fall and you don't feel comfortable."

"But I'm feeling fine with Big East play."

Miller started the Big East season struggling somewhat. In his first three conference games, the fifth-year senior only averaged seven points a game.

But since Notre Dame's loss to Kentucky, Miller has averaged 13 points a game. Though his defense never suffered, Notre Dame coach Mike Brey said it's good to see the senior back in an offensive rhythm.

"Sometimes with a one-year transfer, you want to get it all in one game," Brey said. "He's back kind of in a groove offensively for us, and we need him to be a threat out there."

### Physical play

The wear and tear of playing in such a physical league is starting to show on Notre Dame's seniors.

Against Boston College on Saturday, Matt Carroll crashed hard to the ground, a fall that knocked him out temporarily. Then against West Virginia on Wednesday, Dan Miller dove for a loose ball and came up with a bleeding chin, a wound that required six stitches to close.

But nicks and bumps aren't slowing the Irish duo.

"I don't think I've played a game where I haven't bled at least once," Carroll said. "Pretty soon, I might be wearing six wristbands to stop all the bleeding."

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## SMC BASKETBALL

## Struggling Belles look for 2nd win from Comets

By HEATHER  
VAN HOEGARDEN  
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's has been ready for this game for a long time. But, they are not just ready to play, they are ready to win too, when hosting Olivet Saturday.

The Belles have struggled of late, losing their last six contests. Saint Mary's last win came on Jan. 8, ironically against the Lady Comets of Olivet. Saturday's game is the perfect time for the Belles to turn things around.

Leading the way will be

sophomore forward Emily Creachbaum, who averages 13.8 points and 6.6 rebounds. She has been one of the bright spots for the Belles, and looks to again lead the team to victory on Saturday.

"It would be good to get a win," Creachbaum said. "We need to win to set the tone for the second half of our conference season."

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**Emily Creachbaum**  
Saint Mary's forward

With the first half of the conference race over, the Belles (5-13, 1-6 in the MIAA) find themselves tied with Olivet (6-12, 1-6) for last place in the MIAA. Saint Mary's and Olivet seem to matchup well, as both teams shoot about 38 percent from the field. In their last meeting, Saint Mary's defeated Olivet 64-53 at Olivet.

Other positives for Saint

Mary's have been found in its freshmen. Guard Bridget Boyce (7.6 points per game) and forward Anne Hogan (7.3 points, 4.9 rebounds) have led the way. However, the Belles still search for another consistent force besides Creachbaum.

"Other players need to step up and realize their role," Creachbaum said. "Even though different people step up in different games, we need to be more consistent so that in each game at least one person steps up."

In Wednesday's 68-54 loss to Alma, the Belles hung tough and were put away by a late

second half run by the Scots.

"We played well on Wednesday; it was a positive for us," Creachbaum said. "We didn't win because we had a few letdowns, and were never able to capitalize."

However, in order to come away with a victory against the Lady Comets, the Belles much contain their leading scorer, Louisa Grill (15.5 points, 9.4 rebounds per game).

The Belles and Lady Comets tip off at 3 p.m. on Saturday at the Angela Athletic Facility.

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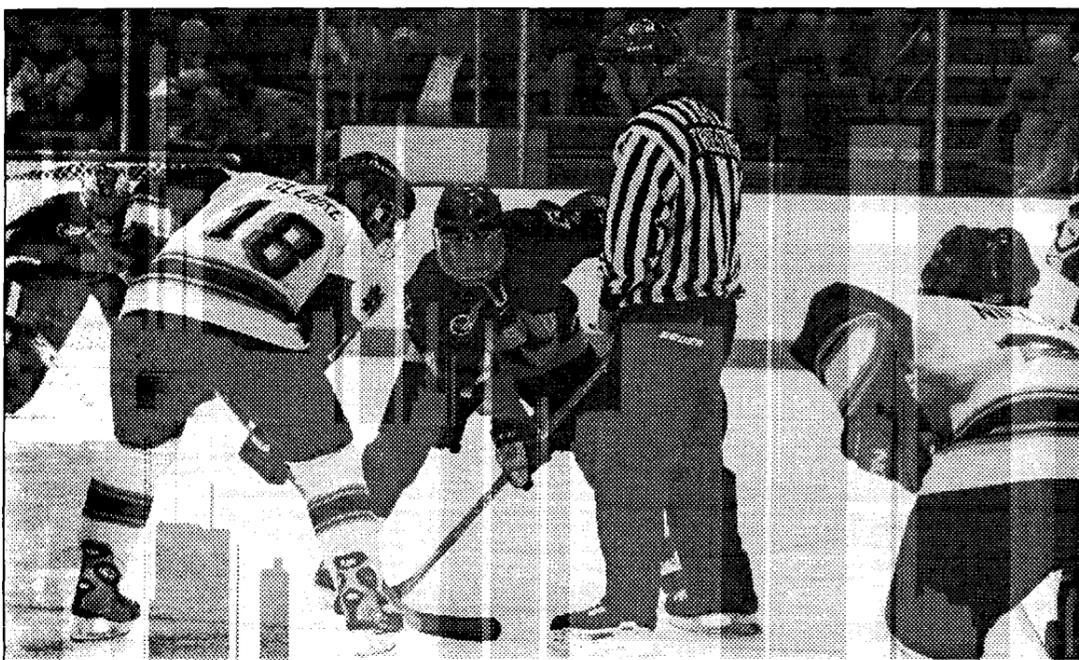
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HOCKEY

# Battle of hot-shot scorers in weekend series



Irish forward Rob Globke prepares for a faceoff in a match earlier this year.

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By JUSTIN SCHUVER  
Sports Writer

Two of the CCHA's leading goal scorers will clash this weekend as Notre Dame tries to get back on the winning track against Ohio State in a two game home series.

The Buckeyes (17-6-2, 11-4-1 in the CCHA) are led by junior center R.J. Umberger, who is tied with Irish right wing Rob Globke for second with 18 goals in the CCHA goal-scoring race.

*"We played very well last weekend. But we have to win."*

**Dave Poulin**  
Irish coach

Scoring goals has been Notre Dame's Achilles' heel during its current seven game winless streak. Even after a 3-3 tie with Michigan State last Saturday, the Irish have averaged fewer than two goals per game in their last four contests.

That's not good news for a team preparing to face the Buckeyes, who have given up a little more than two goals a game on average for the entire season.

Junior goaltender Mike Betz has been outstanding in goal for the Buckeyes, leading the CCHA with a 1.90 goals-against average in 12 conference games, while being helped by a defense that only allows 24.1 shots per game.

"Once again, as is the case with so many good teams, [Ohio State's] strength is their defense," Irish coach Dave Poulin said. "They have a lot of high-profile forwards, but they don't give up many goals."

The Buckeyes are especially deep at the center position. Umberger, who leads the team in scoring, was a first round selection of the Vancouver Canucks in the 2001 NHL entry draft. In that same draft, the Los Angeles Kings selected junior center Dave Steckel.

In addition, freshman center Ryan Kesler is predicted by many publications to be a high draft pick this year.

"That's amazing," Poulin said. "There are NHL teams that don't have three first-round draft picks at center."

The Irish (9-12-5, 7-9-2

CCHA) have been snakebit by the Buckeyes in their last 10 meetings, with Ohio State holding a 7-1-2 series lead in that span. Last year, Notre Dame played the Buckeyes in Columbus, Ohio and came away with a 4-4 tie and 3-2 loss.

"If you look at the individual games [in that 10 game span], all of them have been close,"

Poulin said. "We haven't been able to take advantage of our opportunities, against OSU more so than perhaps any other team."

Despite the discrepancy between the teams' overall records, the Irish have played better in recent games.

Ohio State had its 10-game unbeaten streak snapped last weekend as the Buckeyes dropped 4-0 and 3-1 decisions to Nebraska-Omaha in Omaha, Neb. Coming into this weekend, Ohio State has lost four straight conference games on the road.

The Irish managed to pick up a point in last weekend's games against Michigan State, losing to the Spartans 3-1 on Friday and tying 3-3 on Saturday.

Notre Dame played well in both games, but was stymied by the goaltending of Matt Migliaccio, who made a combined 80 saves in the two contests and was especially large on Friday, making 40 saves off 41 shots.

"We played very well last weekend," Poulin said. "But we have to win. It's not enough to just play well."

With a good performance against the Buckeyes, the Irish will be able to climb from their ninth-place standing in the CCHA and make a run toward gaining home ice advantage for the first round of the playoffs, which is given to the top six conference finishers.

"Home ice is very advantageous," Poulin said. "The thing about this league is that one weekend [can get you home ice]."

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ND WOMENS BASKETBALL

# Irish hope for swift results

By KATIE McVOY  
Associate Sports Editor

After a 76-48 loss to Boston College Wednesday night, Notre Dame coach Muffet McGraw said her team needed to learn from the game and move forward.

Notre Dame gets a chance to do just that when West Virginia visits the Joyce Center Saturday.

"At this point in the season we can't linger too long on a loss," McGraw said. "We have to turn around and get ready for our next opponent."

When the Irish take on the Mountaineers, spectators will see a battle between two teams who don't have much to lose, but have a lot to win. Both teams are coming off difficult losses and are looking to regain some respect and some momentum.

"We just have to go home and do better," sophomore Jacqueline Batteast said.

And the Irish are looking to do just that.

Notre Dame's loss to Boston College hurt them more than just in the loss column. Junior guard Le'Tania Severe suffered a shoulder injury that will keep her out indefinitely.

That's bad news for an Irish team that has been struggling to keep itself together this season. The Irish, who have lost four straight home games for the first time in school history, seemed to find their rhythm again when they won at Villanova on Saturday, but that rhythm fell very short when Severe exited the game Wednesday night. The Irish lost their spark and lost another game.

But Saturday, the Irish want to put that loss behind them and focus on getting a win.

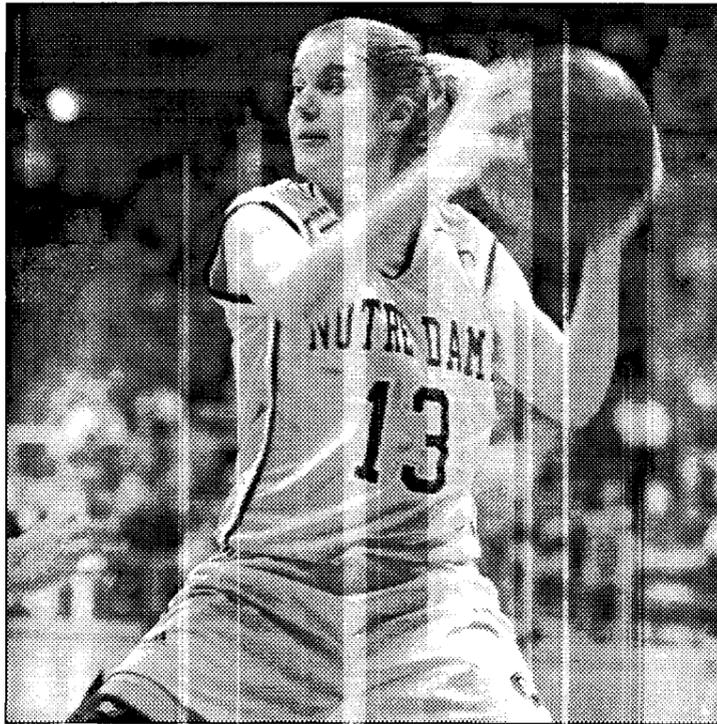
After four consecutive home losses, the Irish have something to prove to their fans. And, despite their recent success on the road and their recent failures at home, Notre Dame would still rather play in front of a friendly crowd.

"It's always good to play at home," freshman Courtney LaVere said. "We haven't been successful, but a home game I'll take any day."

West Virginia has been suffering from similar problems and similar inconsistencies. The Mountaineers are coming off a loss to Pittsburgh and, like the Irish, fell to Boston College in recent Big East action.

But the Irish have an advantage, they already found the Mountaineers weak spot once this year and defeated them 66-59 in early January. Notre Dame used a big second half comeback to take over the Mountaineers and pick up a road victory.

Notre Dame and West Virginia tip off at 5 p.m.



BRIAN PUCEVICH/The Observer

Irish guard Megan Duffy looks to pass the ball in a game earlier this year. The Irish return from a tough 76-48 loss to Boston College Wednesday to host West Virginia Saturday.

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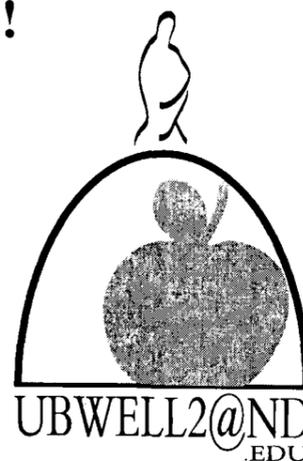
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# Fencing

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are in a transition phase," Bednarski said. "We lost only one match on the womens side at OSU. [Ohio State] has always been strong on the womens side. We were happy to stay close."

With womens sabre captain Destanie Milo not fencing last weekend due to an illness, Bednarski was forced to go deep down the roster and put some inexperienced fencers on the strip.

"The walk-ons made a good impression. They lost only to Ohio State and in the other matches they were dominating," he said. "We cannot put someone who started fencing 6 months ago with

someone who has been fencing for 5 or 6 years."

The combination of Maggie Jordan, Danielle Davis, Tiffany Muller and Natalie Tenner went 40-14 in the six matches last weekend with eight of those losses coming against the Buckeyes. Jordan has fenced at sabre and foil in her first two years while Davis was 7-7 entering the weekend and Muller and Tenner had no prior collegiate experience.

With Milo still questionable this weekend and Natalia Mazur more than likely missing the season while still recovering from a health problem that forced her to miss the 2002 season, Bednarski will be forced to continue to rely on his bench.

In the match against Ohio State, the foil and epee squads carried the mens team to a victory with a

combined 14-4 record. The sabre team won only two against the Buckeyes and the impact of losing two of the top three sabre fencers to graduation was obvious.

"It wasn't our best moment because we had a great pack of kids for six years and they have graduated," Bednarski said. "Gabor Szelle returned and for one year wasn't competing so he is making it up this year, and he is getting better."

"Ohio State mens sabre team is almost like the national team."

Notre Dame will fence Penn State at 11 a.m. Saturday. The Irish will also fence UC-San Diego, Air Force, Detroit, Northwestern, Cal-State Fullerton, Wayne State and Lawrence.

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## ND WOMENS TENNIS

# Irish clawed to pieces by Wildcats

By JOE LINDSLEY  
Sports Writer

Notre Dame expected a battle heading into Thursday's match at Northwestern.

Turned out it was more of a massacre than a battle.

The No. 21 Irish failed to win a single set against the No. 16 Wildcats, and Northwestern won 7-0.

The young Irish team faced a Wildcats squad that featured four players ranked in the top 80 nationally. Notre Dame's highest ranked player is No. 124 Alicia Salas. The junior lost 6-1, 6-2 to No. 16 Cristelle Grier, a freshman.

Northwestern improved to 3-2, while the Irish posted their first loss after beginning the season with two victories.

The victory began with Northwestern's dominance in the doubles portion of the day's play. Ruth Barnes and Andrea Yung won the first match with their 8-4 victory over the Irish duo of freshman Lauren Connelly and Salas. Then Grier and counterpart Jessica Rush clinched the doubles point as they triumphed over Irish senior Katie Cunha

and freshman Kristina Stastny, 8-6.

The dominance continued with each of the Wildcats, playing without No. 18 Marine Piriou, achieving singles victories in straight sets.

Junior Caylan Leslie lost to No. 63 Rush, 6-3, 6-4. No. 76 Jamie Peisel clinched the victory for the Wildcats with her 6-2, 6-3 win over Lauren Connelly.

Lauren Connelly's older sister, Sarah Jane, a sophomore, could not prevail against Barnes, who won 6-4, 6-1. Stastny and Jennifer Smith, playing at the No. 3 and 6 flights respectively also could not achieve victory. Yung dominated Stastny, 6-1, 6-2 and Smith fell to Stacy Kokx, 6-4, 6-4.

Salas's defeat was only the fourth loss of her career in dual-match singles play. Salas has achieved 29 dual-match singles wins throughout her Irish career.

More stiff competition, and hopefully a battle, is looming for Notre Dame. Saturday, No. 5 North Carolina will visit the Eck Tennis Pavilion.

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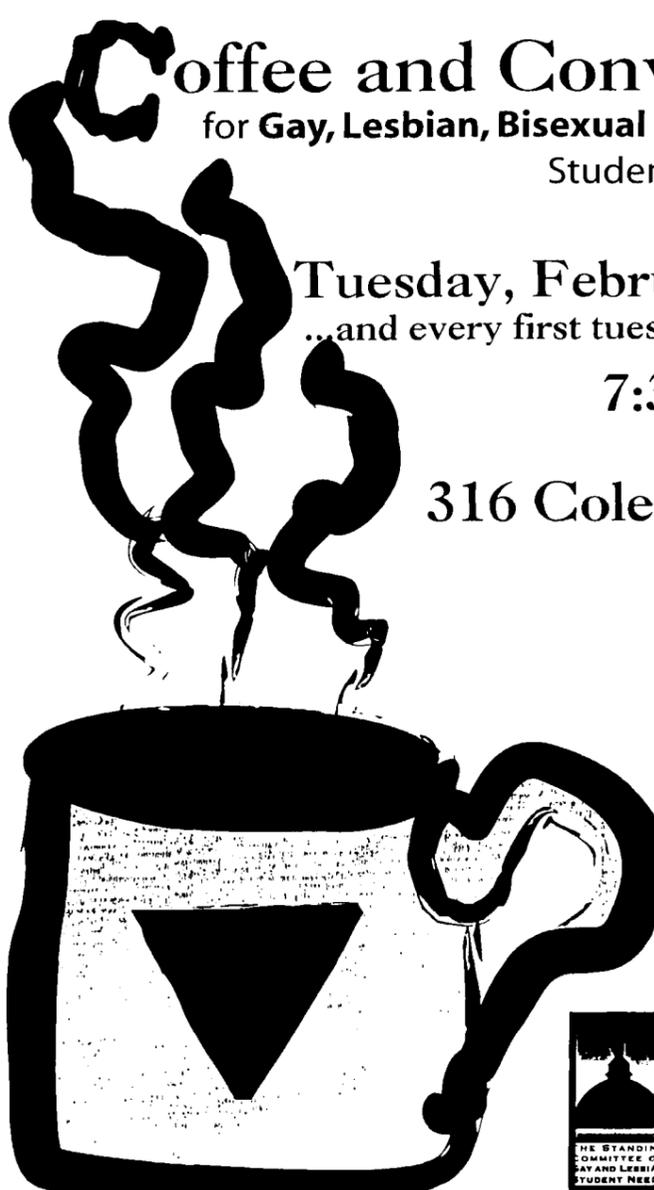
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# SPORTS

Friday, January 31, 2003

## MENS BASKETBALL

# Sugar and Sweetney

*Georgetown and 6-foot-8, 260-pound forward Mike Sweetney storm the Joyce Center Saturday for a matchup with No. 11 Notre Dame*



TIM KACMAR/The Observer

Irish point guard Chris Thomas squares up on defense in a game earlier this year against Rutgers. No. 11 Notre Dame hosts Georgetown Saturday.

By ANDREW SOUKUP  
Sports Writer

Before the season began, Irish coach Mike Brey warned his perimeter players they would have to carry the load while the interior players developed.

Against West Virginia, the Big East's worst rebounding team, Torin Francis, Jordan Cornette and Tom Timmermans played arguably their best collective games of the season, scoring 24 points and grabbing 21 rebounds between the three of them.

But West Virginia lacked a dominant post player, something that has killed the Irish throughout the season. No. 11 Notre Dame (17-3, 5-1 in the Big East) can't say the same about Georgetown, their opponent Saturday.

"It's going to be a battle," Matt Carroll said. "It's going to be a war. It always is."

When Georgetown (10-6, 2-4 in the Big East) waltzes into the Joyce Center Saturday afternoon, the Hoyas will try to

exploit Notre Dame's interior with 260-pound forward Mike Sweetney, who has a history of playing well against the Irish. In a quadruple-overtime loss last season, Sweetney himself scored 30 points and grabbed 20 rebounds.

What makes him so difficult to guard is his unique combination of athleticism and size. Yet he poses a challenge Notre Dame's trio of big men are eager to engage.

"Bringing in great talent like Mike Sweetney, and a great team like Georgetown, it's going to be a fun afternoon," Cornette said. "We're all

looking forward to getting another Big East battle on Saturday afternoon and we're all pretty excited."

The last time Notre Dame lost a Big East game the Irish were destroyed inside by a pair of big Pittsburgh players. The challenge posed by Sweetney, who averages 21.2 points and 9.6 rebounds a game, is difficult but manageable, Brey said.

Yet Sweetney isn't superhuman. Since

*"It's going to be a battle. It's going to be a war. It always is."*

**Matt Carroll**  
Irish captain

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## FENCING

# No. 1 Lions provide test at home for Irish

By MATT LOZAR  
Sports Editor

It's important, but the Irish are keeping things in perspective.

No. 1 Penn State visits No. 2 Notre Dame for a showdown at this weekend's Notre Dame duals. The match will be a preview for when it really counts at the NCAA Championships in less than two months.

"It is always prestigious to have top colleges meet each other but it's a dual meet on the way to the finals," Notre Dame coach Janusz Bednarski said. "We will fence against them in the NCAA finals. The teams are checking each other out."

At last year's NCAA Championships, Notre Dame fenced Penn State for the first time that season. The Nittany Lions were able to overcome the three-point lead the womens team gave the Irish with a

4-8 record against Notre Dame's mens team.

In the womens epee competition, junior Kerry Walton defeated Penn State's Stephanie Eim 15-12 to win the national championships.

From last year's national championship team, Penn State returns nine of its 12 participants.

Last weekend at the Ohio State Duals, the mens team went 6-0 to extend its dual-match winning streak to 65 matches while the womens team went 5-1. Going into the first team event of the season, Bednarski didn't know what to expect but he came away pleased.

"I think we had a good match and I was especially impressed with the walk-ons who are winning bouts. We don't have the strongest team this year as last year due to graduation and we

see FENCING

## ND WOMENS SWIMMING

# Top 25 teams clash at Rolfs

By PAT LEONARD  
Sports Writer

According to the newest national dual meet rankings, this weekend's meet between Notre Dame and Michigan should be a good one.

When the No. 18 Irish square off against the No. 19 Wolverines Saturday at Rolfs Aquatic Center in the final dual meet of the season, it will be a close meet against a formidable opponent from a formidable conference.

"It'll be a real challenge to beat Michigan," Irish head coach Bailey Weathers said. "If we beat them, it will finish our dual meet season well, but they're going to be awfully tough."

The Big Ten boasts four teams in the top 25 of the coaches' womens swimming and diving poll. Wisconsin is the highest at 10th, followed by Indiana (17th), Michigan (18th) and Purdue (21st).

"Traditionally, they [Michigan] are considered one of the best programs in the Big Ten," Weathers said.

Notre Dame has defeated Michigan the past two seasons. Last time the two teams met at Rolfs Aquatic Center in January 2001, the Irish edged the Wolverines, 157-143. Notre Dame also defeated Wisconsin last season in the Minnesota Invitational. So the Irish are aware of what they have to do to beat these teams.

According to Weathers, however, Michigan brings trouble that most teams have not thrown at the powerful Irish squad. While previous opponents Louisville and Bowling Green were strong in certain areas like the freestyle and stroke events, Michigan has talent spread across the roster.

"Their problem for us is they have a good kid everywhere," Weathers said. "We've got to be able to beat the best kid [in

each event] to win the meet. We have to win our share of events to have a chance to win the meet through our depth.

"We're better depth-wise. That's what needs to happen for us to beat them."

The Irish are 100 percent healthy, now. While Weathers would like to see a win this weekend, he is more interested in his girls performing at the level they need to be at come the Big East Championships.

"It's real important we perform well. If we do, we've accomplished what we need to accomplish," Weathers said. "But if we win the meet but don't swim our hardest, it's all for naught."

"We could swim well and still maybe not win the meet but be happy with where we are."

The Irish and the Wolverines meet Saturday at 2 p.m. at

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## SPORTS AT A GLANCE

### ND WOMENS BBALL

West Virginia at Notre Dame

Saturday, 5 p.m.

The Irish look to get back on the winning track against the Mountaineers.

### ND WOMENS TENNIS

Northwestern 7 Notre Dame 0

The Irish lost on the road to a very talented Northwestern squad. The Wildcats did not lose a set.

### SMC BASKETBALL

Olivet at Saint Mary's

Saturday, 3 p.m.

The Belles look to break a six-game losing streak against the Comets.

### HOCKEY

Ohio State at Notre Dame

Friday, 7 p.m.

The Irish look to get back to winning as they host No. 6 Ohio State.

### TRACK

Michigan State at Notre Dame

Friday, 7 p.m.

The mens and womens squads host Michigan State at Loftus.

### MENS TENNIS

Florida State at Notre Dame

Friday, 4 p.m.

After dropping their first three matches, the Irish look to grab a win.