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Observer picks winners and losers

Inside

## STUDENT BODY ELECTION 2003

# Debate shows loss of faith in govt.

### ◆ Candidates promise to revamp student life

By HELENA PAYNE  
News Editor

Apathy and cynicism set the tone Wednesday as more than half of the seven tickets in the 2003 student body presidential elections pointed out the flaws of student government and vowed to fix them.

Students filled the LaFortune Ballroom and watched as the candidates, ranging from humorous to humorless, vowed to reinvigorate student government and responded to questions from students and The Observer.

The candidates' platforms promised change, results for "real students" and a better campus life for undergraduates. But in the midst of the promises, some candidates added performances.

Juniors Ryan Gagnet, running for student body president, and John McCarthy, a vice presidential candidate, called the "Triumvirate," brought three body guards to the debates. The two candidates, dressed in yellow and blue Hawaiian shirts, proceeded to explain their plans to improve campus with a "chunnel" and "Israeli-style checkpoints."

Sophomore presidential candidate Matt Padberg and his



Student body vice presidential candidate John McCarthy (left) and his running mate Ryan Gagnet (right), announce their platform as their bodyguards stand by. The duo refers to themselves as the "Triumvirate." Candidates Pat Hallahan and Jeremy Lao listen during Wednesday's debate.

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running mate freshman David Rail decided to focus on the sole goal of increasing Flex Points but later endorsed presidential candidate Joe Muto and his running mate junior Mimi

Matkowski.

However, Muto eventually walked out after Padberg failed to take issues seriously and mocked his campaign goal to end parietais within six years.

"For those of you who expected a serious debate, I apologize," Muto said before leaving. Matkowski remained.

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# ND tickets unleash campaign

### ◆ Candidates balance programming, policy issues on platforms

By JASON McFARLEY  
News Writer

There's the serious. Pat Hallahan and running mate Jeremy Lao want to start a "Theology on Tap" program that promotes religious discussion between students and professors at the revamped Alumni-Senior Club.



And there's the flippant.

Ryan Gagnet and John McCarthy propose a "ginormous" underground chunnel (that's channel plus tunnel) connecting Notre Dame and Saint Mary's, and the pair supports a tuition spike that would fund note-taking, beer-swilling helper monkeys for every student.

But amid the extremes, almost all of the tickets for Notre Dame student body president and vice president this year have designed platforms that reach the middle ground between the consequential and the comical.

Undergraduate students next week will elect one of seven tickets: Mike

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## BOARD OF TRUSTEES Bishop to deliver report

### ◆ Report is slated to express student opinion on hall dances

By MEGHANNE DOWNES  
Associate News Editor

Libby Bishop, student body president, delivers her Board of Trustees report at the board's winter meeting today in Naples, Fla.

Bishop said the report, an update on hall dances and an overview of social life at Notre Dame, would review the status of hall dances and the trend of the direction in which these dances are headed.

"I made it clear that students

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# ND ranks 12th in sending grads to Peace Corps

By HELENA PAYNE  
News Editor

The Peace Corps recently ranked Notre Dame No. 12 in a list of medium-size colleges and universities that produced the most volunteers in 2002.

The University of Virginia, which sent 58 alumni volunteers to countries in 2002, topped the list. Cornell University with 50 alumni volunteers and Georgetown University with 47 were second and third.

Notre Dame, which sent 31 alumni volunteers in 2002 to various countries, has a culture of service that is compatible with the Peace Corps, according to Scot Roskelley, public affairs specialist for the Chicago Regional Office of the Peace Corps.

"Notre Dame just has a very strong service ethic that the Peace Corps appreciates," Roskelley said. "It permeates many of the different programs both academic and student organizations."

Strong international programs also draw students to the Peace Corps, Roskelley said, pointing out the success of the University of Michigan — Ann Arbor, which ranked second on the list of large colleges and universities.

"They promote Peace Corps a lot and that really makes such a big difference on large campuses," Roskelley said. The list considers schools with more than 15,000 undergraduates, like Michigan, to be large. Notre Dame is medium-size, falling between 5,001 and 15,000 undergraduates. Small schools have less than 5,000

undergraduates. The University of Wisconsin — Madison, tops the large school list and Tufts University leads the small colleges and universities.

Considering Notre Dame's size, with roughly 8,000 undergraduate students, Notre Dame spokesman Matt Storin said the ranking is impressive.

"We're proud to have such a good association with the Peace Corps," he said.

Storin said Notre Dame became the site where the first Peace Corps were trained in 1961, after President John F. Kennedy signed an executive order for its establishment. Since then, the University has sent 645 volunteers to nations hosting the Peace Corps. Each year, roughly 10 percent of students work in paid or unpaid community service following graduation. About 75 percent of undergraduates participate in service projects while at Notre Dame. Storin attributes this to the University's Catholic tradition.

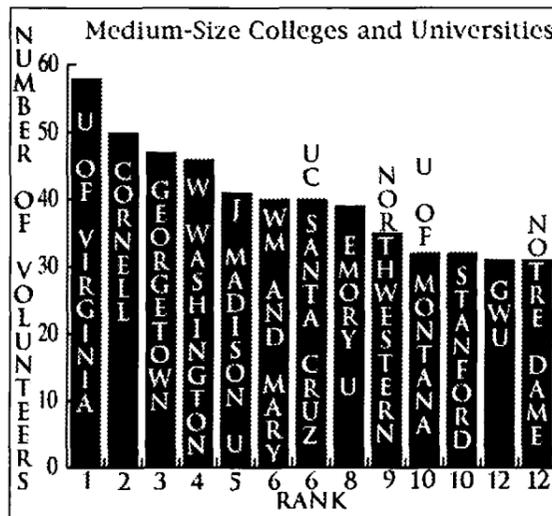
The Peace Corps is still a governmental organization that currently has 6,678 volunteers in 70 countries. Volunteers work in the areas of education, agriculture, environmental science, community development, business and health.

According to Roskelley, the Corps is seeking students who have degrees in the above areas and those who have had at least one semester of French. However, all volunteers do not have to work in the area in which they obtained their degree.

Although a degree is not required for the Peace Corps, 86 percent of its volunteers have an undergraduate degree.

More information is available at [www.peacecorps.gov](http://www.peacecorps.gov).

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**INSIDE COLUMN**

# Going to Chicago

Winter in South Bend can be as fun as an 8:30 a.m. seminar. No one ever has a good time, and most students wait impatiently for deliverance by staring at the clock. But, there is an escape from South Bend in the form of a bigger brighter star to the west that goes by the name of Chicago, offering a plethora of entertainment, cuisine and the occasional oddities South Bend does not support.

**Justin Krivickas**  
*Assistant News Editor*

For a little enlightenment, the museums spread out on the lakeshore can provide a vast amount of knowledge and interesting facts. The Field Museum holds collections such as Egyptian mummies and the art Lacquer of Japan. Also, in the main corridor, visitors can breeze by a lady named Sue, the largest and most complete T. Rex ever recovered. Plus, only a short walk away is the Museum of Science and Industry. Main attractions include a coal mine and a "fairy castle" doll house and visitors can even tour a U-505 German submarine from World War II.

Also, on Lake Shore Drive is the Shedd Aquarium, which boasts of having the largest indoor aquarium in the world. It is definitely a must-see for everyone interested in the gill. Sea creatures such as sharks, turtles, anaconda, piranhas and beluga whales all call the Shedd their home.

A good laugh can be easily procured from the city's many comedy clubs. The infamous Second City offers comedy that is both topical and universal. This establishment has been a spring board for talented comedians such as Bill Murray, Dan Aykroyd and Chris Farley, and you can be sure rising stars are in the cast now.

For dinner, it may seem like a daunting task to choose a place to eat at. But, if it's variety you're after, I recommend China Town. It offers a wide assortment of Asian cuisine, and each restaurant has its own specialty from fruit drinks to beef tripe. Most establishments are reasonably priced, and the authentic character of the neighborhood makes China Town a great place to visit.

If you're all about the bands, live music can be easily procured in one of the many venues located in the metropolis. Some of the better places to visit include the Metro, Double Door and the city's crowning achievement, the House of Blues. Tickets are usually around \$10, which means you can save most of your money for something more important, such as drinks. So, when the winter chill hits the Bend and it seems like there's no where to turn to, get a group of friends together and strike out to the west. Just hop in a friend's car, hire a rickshaw or shell out \$10 to ride the South Shore Line and you'll be there in no time. As long as you make it back in one piece, the trip will be a success and will allow you to struggle through the rest of the semester. There are a thousand adventures waiting for you in the big city and all you have to do make an appearance.

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

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The Student Senate meeting Wednesday denied a presidential candidate appeal to avoid a reprimand for violating campaign rules.	U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell provided evidence of Iraq's possession of weapons of mass destruction to the U.N.	The SEC will fully investigate and prosecute corporate lawbreakers without regard to politics.	Richard Friedman writes on about a need for student support in the creation of a Catholic identity that accepts homosexuality.	Scene reviews the newly released movies "Rabbit Proof Fence" and "The Recruit."	The Irish sign three major recruits to complete the class of 2007 signing day.
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**WHAT'S HAPPENING @ ND**

- ◆ Lecture: "Public Health Effects of Cold-War-Era Production and Testing of Nuclear Weapons," 4 p.m. in the Hesburgh Auditorium.
- ◆ Lecture: "War, Illegal Economies and the Chimera of Security," 4 p.m. in the Hesburgh Center.

**WHAT'S HAPPENING @ SMC**

- ◆ Religious Studies Dinner, 5 p.m. in the President's Dining room.
- ◆ A Vocal Recital Rehearsal, 6 p.m. in the Little Theatre.
- ◆ Residence Hall Association Meeting, 6:30 p.m. in room 304 of the Hagggar College Center.

**WHAT'S GOING DOWN**

- Student requires treatment after fall**  
NDSP transported a student to the University Health Center for treatment of injuries sustained during a fall in O'Shaughnessy Hall on Tuesday.
- Vandalism reported at Village**  
A visitor discovered vandalism to her vehicle on Jan. 31 in University Village. There are no suspects.
- Items stolen in Bond Hall**  
A student reported the theft of several items from his desk in Bond Hall on Tuesday. There are no suspects.
- Car collision reported on Dorr**  
There was a report of a vehicle hitting a parked vehicle on Dorr Road on Tuesday. There were no injuries reported.
- Sick employee given care**  
A University employee was transported by ambulance to St. Joseph Medical Center for treatment of an illness in the Joyce Center Fieldhouse on Tuesday.

*Information compiled from NDSP blotter.*

**WHAT'S COOKING**

North Dining Hall	South Dining Hall	Saint Mary's Dining Hall
<b>Today Lunch:</b> Cajun pasta sauce, baked manicotti, pepperoni pizza, cheese pizza, chicken in the pot soup, breadsticks, tomato soup, New England clam chowder, whipped potatoes, baked potato, sausage patties, Texas French toast, hamburger, grilled hotdog, natures burger, Italian beef sandwich, plain rice and chicken taco.	<b>Today's Lunch:</b> Tortellini with basil cheese sauce, fettuccine, bianco pizza, Greek pork loin, white beans with ham, cornbread vegetable rice pilaf, sauteed julienne vegetables, turkey pot pie, long grain and wild rice, hot chunky apple-sauce, chicken nuggets, seasoned fries, onion rings, soft pretzel, chicken macadamia and enchiladas.	<b>Today's Lunch:</b> Miami ham and cheese, grilled hamburger, grilled portobello sub, red potato salad, chicken nuggets, macaroni and cheese, steamed broccoli, Chicago stuffed pizza, pepperoni pizza, bread sticks, Sicilian panini, forno loafer, olive hummus, sliced turkey, sliced ham, chicken salad and cowboy cookies.
<b>Today Dinner:</b> Boiled fettuccine, baked manicotti, pepperoni pizza, cheese pizza, breadsticks, chicken in the pot soup, tomato soup, New England clam chowder, beef tips and mushrooms, krinkle kut fries, chicken taco, rice, chicken patty and grilled salmon.	<b>Today's Dinner:</b> Tortellini with basil cheese sauce, fettuccine, bianco pizza, peppered flank steak, barley risotto, black beans with tomato and cilantro, buffalo chicken wings, grilled cod and lentil and barley stew.	<b>Today's Dinner:</b> Broccoli tofu stir fry, brown rice, spring rolls, pasta, light tomato sauce, pancake and waffle bar, bagel french toast, Belgium waffles, pancakes, sausage, hash browns, soup and bread bar, barbequed chicken, scalloped potatoes and yellow cake with fudge.

LOCAL WEATHER	TODAY	TONIGHT	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
	HIGH 27 LOW 22	HIGH 23 LOW 16	HIGH 20 LOW 10	HIGH 25 LOW 18	HIGH 20 LOW 3	HIGH 18 LOW 8

SENATE

# Senate denies candidates' appeal

By MICHAEL CHAMBLISS  
News Writer

Student Body Vice President Trip Foley presided over Wednesday's Student Senate meeting where candidate for student body vice president Mike Kirsch put forth a controversial appeal on behalf of his both himself and his running mate, presidential candidate, Mike Bott.

"Several complaints were received after the Cavanaugh and Knott dances last weekend about Bott and Kirsch campaigning in violation of election bylaws," said Danielle Ledesma, Judicial Council president.

The main allegation was that Bott and Kirsch had hung an unapproved campaign sign in the LaFortune Ballroom, an area managed by Student Activities.

The election council met Monday and identified the laws in question. Subsequently, five members of the executive council met, found Kirsch and Bott in violation of three laws, and imposed a sanction.

The five council members ruled that no new campaign material would be approved for Kirsch and

Bott until the general election ends at 8 p.m. Monday night.

Article 6 of the election bylaws explicitly states that campaigning in a space affiliated with the Student Union Board is forbidden.

In addition, Article 10 states that the election committee must receive receipts from the purchase of any new campaign materials, and Article 12 states that all new campaign materials must be approved before use.

At the Senate meeting, Kirsch admitted that neither the receipts nor the sign were presented or approved.

Kirsch and Bott did, however, have a problem with the guilty ruling they received with respect to article six.

Kirsch claims he received permission from Judicial Council Vice-President of Elections Matt Corgan to campaign at the dance.

At the time, both Corgan and Kirsch were unaware that the dance was to be held in the LaFortune Ballroom.

Although hanging campaign posters is prohibited on the second and third floors of LaFortune, Kirsch claims that he was unaware that campaigning in the ballroom is also a violation of the by-laws,

and hung the sign thinking he had permission to do so.

"He gave us permission to do something, and then reprimanded us for it," said Kirsch.

Kirsch came to the Student Senate to appeal the ruling on Article 6. After some debate, the Senate voted but the motion to exonerate Bott and Kirsch failed to net the necessary 2/3 vote.

Had the motion passed it probably would have done little to mitigate the pair's punishment.

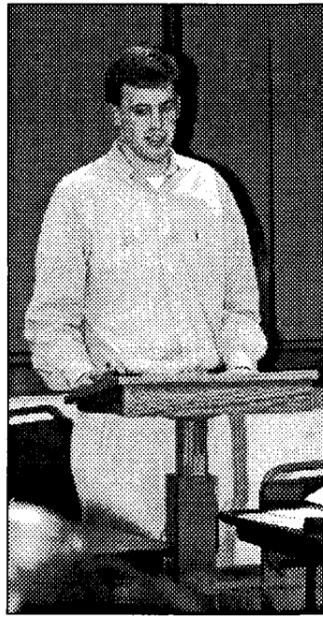
"For the most, the sanction was based on the violation of article 12," said Corgan.

**In other Senate news:**

♦ Amy O'Connor, chairman of the Club Coordination Council, and Andrew Oxenreiter, Student Union treasurer, presented their plan to institute a mechanism that would automatically adjust the student activities fee in order to cut down on year-to-year debate.

The proposal would have the fee increase each year by the same percentage increase as tuition.

"We are still far behind compared to other universities. At our sister school Saint Mary's it's \$150," said O'Connor of the current activities fee.



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**Vice President Trip Foley presides over the meeting.**

♦ Sorin Hall Senator Jeremy Staley reported that the Committee on Academic Affairs would look into the practice of some professors of submitting the work of an entire class to Turnitin.com. "They are doing a guilty until proven innocent thing. I believe it's unacceptable," said Staley.

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# Former Agriculture Secretary alum dies

Special to The Observer

Former U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Richard Lyng, a 1940 graduate of the University, died Saturday in Modesto, Calif., at age 84.

Credited with influencing global farm policies and helping to develop the nation's food stamp program, Lyng also served as chief deputy director of the California State Department of Agriculture, deputy secretary of agriculture and assistant secretary for marketing and consumer services for the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), and president of the American Meat Institute.

"Dick will always be remembered as a man with vision," said current U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Ann Veneman, for whom Lyng was a mentor. "He was always looking ahead to see where we were going and was one of the most loved secretaries this department has ever had."

A World War II veteran, Lyng earned his bachelor of commerce degree from Notre Dame. He then served as president of the Ed J. Lyng Co., a family-owned seed and bean business in Modesto.

Lyng is survived by two daughters and five grandchildren. His wife of 56 years, Bethyl Ball, died in 2000.

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All applications must be submitted to Andrew Soukup in The Observer's office, located in the basement of South Dining Hall, by Friday, February 7, 2003. Questions about the application process can be directed to Andrew at 1-4541.

# Campaign

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Bott and Mike Kirsh, Charlie Ebersol and Lauren Meagher, Gagnet and McCarthy, Hallahan and Lao, Joe Muto and Mimi Matkowski, Matt Padberg and David Rail or Drew Updike and Eric Tarnowski.

For the presidential candidates in particular, their campaign goals provide insight into the precarious question of what student government is for — policy or programming?

Over the past several years, the Office of the Student Body President has fallen on different sides of the debate. In 2001-02, Brooke Norton was a programming president. Her office planned campus fairs and other social and cultural events, but Norton, the school's first female student body president, effected little official change and rarely took a public stand on issues that riled her constituents.

By design, Norton's successor, Libby Bishop, has been a policy president. Bishop last year ran on a platform that promised little programming and lots of tough talk with administrators. And two years ago, 2000-01 President Brian O'Donoghue fell somewhere in between, striking a balance between shaping policy and sponsoring campus activities.

The president's office, by its very nature, lends itself to influencing policy over creating programming. The student body president chairs the prominent Campus Life Council, serves as the only student member on powerful University committees and gets regular face-time with school officials.

But at the same time, few presidents can stay away from event planning. Even Bishop organized a week-long series of campus activities last fall to celebrate the 30th anniversary of coeducation at Notre Dame.

This year's candidates, for the most part, are linked by one policy initiative: reinstating in-dorm dances. Six campaigns say they will lobby administrators and the Board of Trustees to return dances to the school's 27 residence halls. Only the Matt Padberg-David Rail ticket, whose singular focus is "more Flex Points," lacks a stance on the issue.

Five of the campaigns promise more convenient meal plans, although they differ on how to achieve the goal. And most of the candidates support public disclosure of results from Teacher Course Evaluations that students complete each semester. The Hallahan-Lao ticket is running on clearly the most policy-oriented platform. Among other goals, Hallahan, who is Bishop's chief of staff, and Lao, the sophomore class president, propose opening student government financial records to the public, increasing funding to service and spirituality projects and creating discussion-based courses on diversity.

At the other end of the spectrum, the Muto-Matkowski ticket recommends various programming to improve campus life — an academic decathlon between Notre Dame and Saint Mary's women, a Halloween costume contest and a "summer send-off" party on the last day of classes.

Along the same programming lines, Ebersol and running mate Meagher call for improved pep rallies, dinner theater in South Dining Hall and even say they can bring Top 40 bands and big-name speakers and comedians to campus.

The admitted "basically lacking all hope" ticket of Gagnet and McCarthy proposes a different

sort of activity for students: escaping stringent security checkpoints across campus and, as part of ResLife punishment, helping build an Egyptian-style pyramid to replace Stepan Center. Gagnet and McCarthy join Padberg and Rail as the so-called joke tickets in this year's

election.

The apparent front-runners — the tickets of Ebersol-Meagher and Hallahan-Lao — come closest to balancing the policy and programming demands inherent in the Office of the Student Body President. Dark horses Bott-Kirsh, Muto-Matkowski and

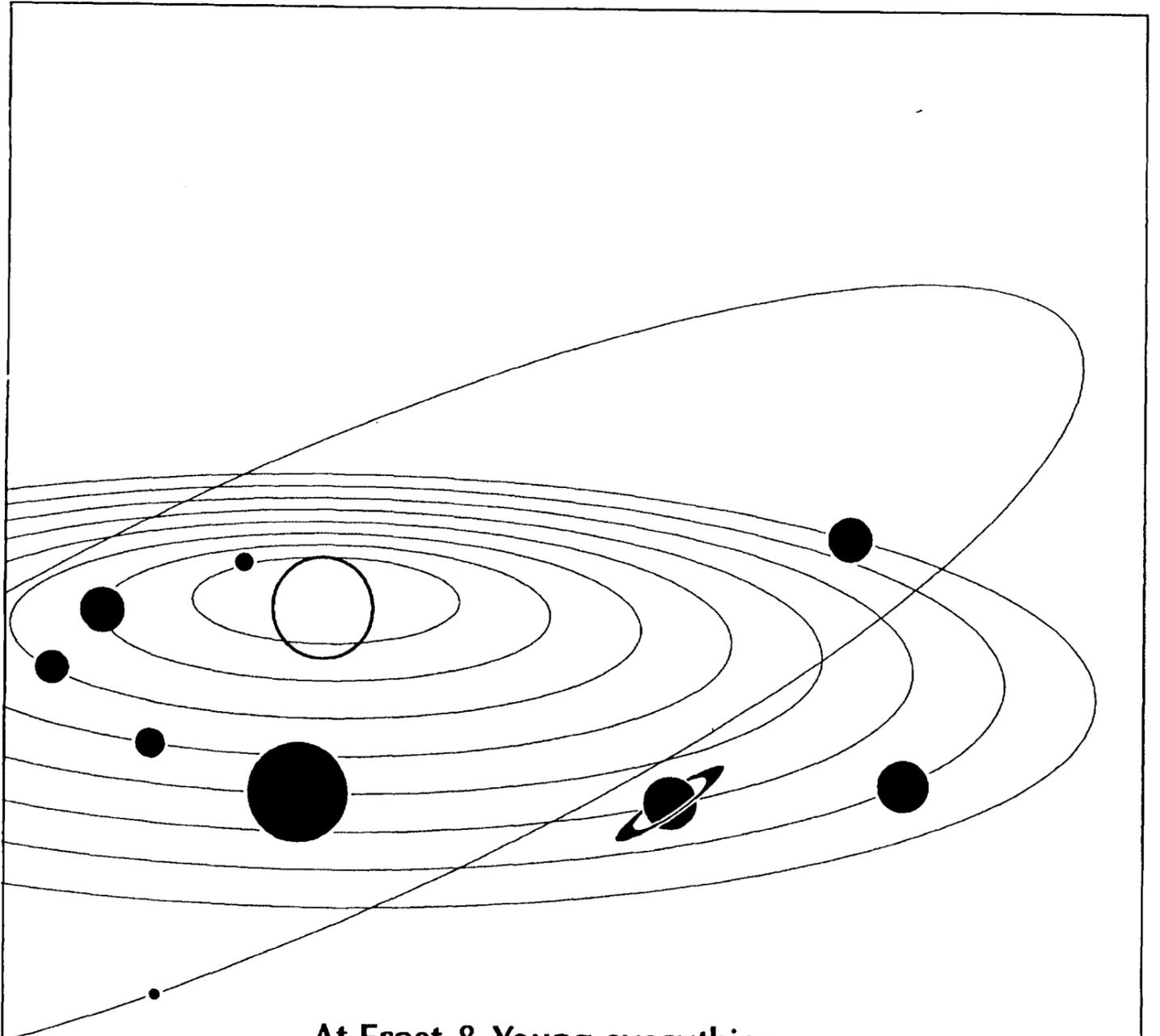
Updike-Tarnowski offer platforms that lean primarily toward programming interests.

If the policy versus programming debate proves significant in this year's race, then that leaves voters with an important question: Will elected leaders best improve student life at the bar-

gaining table with administrators or through planning attractive new activities? Or both?

Students can vote Monday in the online election from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

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## Powell calls for United Nations to watch Iraq

Associated Press

### UNITED NATIONS

Secretary of State Colin Powell, relying on a stream of U.S. intelligence, urged the U.N. Security Council on Wednesday to move

against Saddam Hussein because Iraq has failed to disarm, harbors terrorists and hides behind a "web of lies."



Powell

His extraordinary presentation in the packed council chamber included satellite photographs, intercepted conversations between senior Iraqi officers and statements from informants that could make or break support for going to war to disarm Iraq.

Russia, France, China and other council members skeptical of the need for a military confrontation now said they would review the evidence and demand answers from Baghdad. But they endorsed continued weapons inspections and diplomatic efforts to avert war.

France and Germany went further, calling for strengthening the inspections regime that was already toughened up in

November under a Security Council resolution crafted by Washington and adopted by an unanimous council.

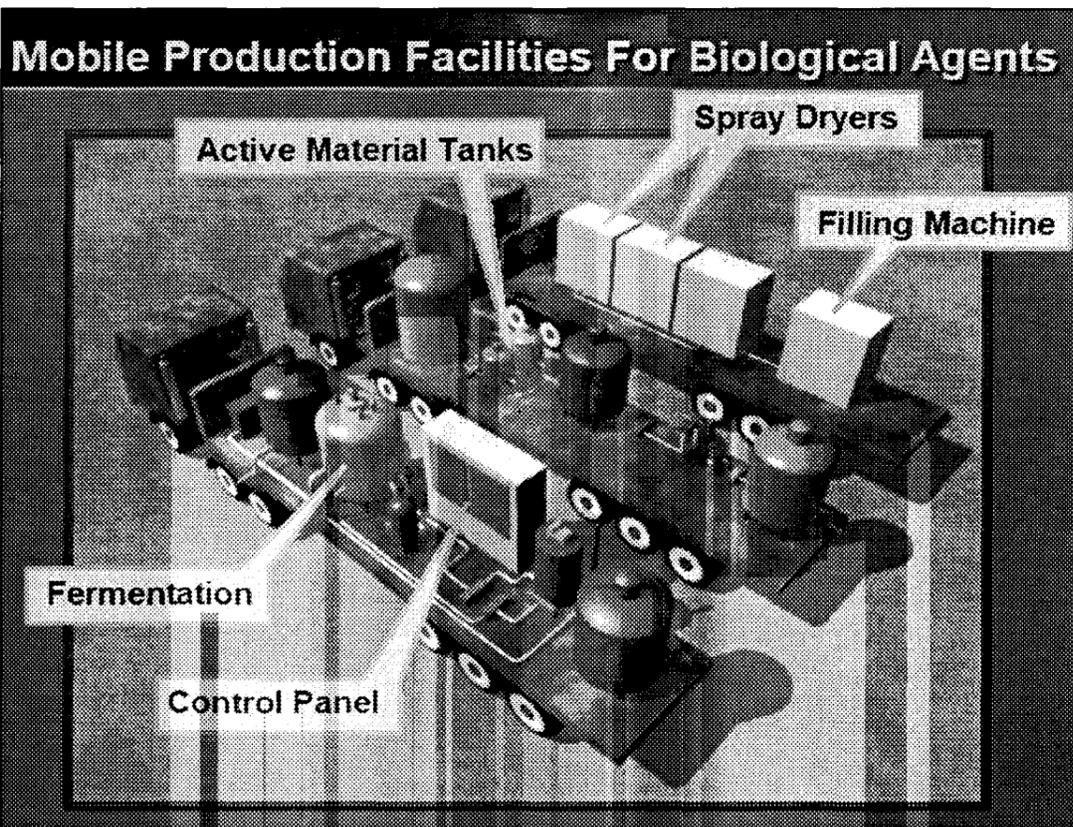
Three months after Iraq pledged that it would disarm, Powell presented his evidence to a high-level audience of foreign ministers and ambassadors in an appearance that was televised live to an anxious world. While he spoke, Iraqi TV carried a day-old interview with Saddam.

Iraqi officials dismissed Powell's case as a collection of "stunts" and "special effects" that relied on "unknown sources" and were aimed at undermining the work of the inspectors.

"What we heard today was for the general public and mainly the uninformed, in order to influence their opinion and to commit aggression on Iraq," Lt. Gen. Amir al-Saadi, an adviser to Saddam, said in Baghdad.

The overwhelming majority of the Security Council believe Iraq must do more to cooperate with inspectors and disarm. But of the 15 council members, only the United States and Britain have voiced support for forcibly disarming Saddam — though Spain and Bulgaria are also expected to take part in any coalition against Iraq.

The Bush administration's next step is to decide whether council members are willing to support a new U.N. resolution



UPI Photo Service

U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell tried to provide evidence of Iraq's possession of weapons of mass destruction Monday to the United Nations Security Council members.

specifically authorizing force against Iraq.

President Bush has said that the United States - with or without its allies - will forcibly disarm Iraq if it does not immedi-

ately comply with U.N. resolutions. But winning U.N. approval would mean the United States could share the costs of war and rebuilding in Iraq and would be operating with the support of

the international community.

A senior White House official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the next 24 to 36 hours will be critical as Powell gauges reaction.

### IRAQ

## Officials dispute Powell's speech to Security Council

Associated Press

### BAGHDAD

Baghdad officials on Wednesday dismissed Secretary of State Colin Powell's anti-Iraq case before the U.N. Security Council as a collection of "stunts," "special effects" and "unknown sources" aimed at undermining the work of U.N. arms inspectors in Iraq.

"What we heard today was for the general public and mainly the uninformed, in order to influence their opinion and to commit the aggression on Iraq," Lt. Gen. Amer al-Saadi, a presidential adviser, told reporters.

Al-Saadi suggested that tapes Powell presented as monitored Iraqi conversations were fabricated, that defector informants were unreliable, and that satellite photographs Powell displayed "proved nothing."

He noted that similar photos were checked previously by U.N. teams, which found allegations of suspicious activities to be unfounded.

Al-Saadi, who reiterated Baghdad's flat denial that it possesses banned weapons, spoke in a government conference room teeming with hundreds of journalists, Iraqi officials and visiting European Parliament members, who

closely followed Powell's 75-minute address on live satellite television. Powell's New York appearance was not broadcast on Iraqi TV.

Powell's presentation cited several examples of Iraqi activity he said was suspicious. However, he did not mention that such locations are under regular monitoring by U.N. inspectors.

One example was a missile-engine test installation where, U.S. analysts say, a new structure might test engines that break a U.N. limit on missile range. "A roof has been put over it so it will be harder for satellites to see what's going on underneath," Powell

said. U.N. inspectors visit the facility regularly.

Other installations cited as suspicious by Powell but which have been under U.N. scrutiny include the al-Taji munitions storage facility, the Mussayib pharmaceutical complex and the Tariq pesticide plant.

Of the Tariq plant, Powell said, "Iraq has rebuilt key portions of the Tariq state establishment. Tariq includes facilities designed specifically for Iraq's chemical weapons program." U.N. teams have inspected that complex several times, without reporting finding any such violations.

### WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

#### At least 44 die in Nigerian bombings:

Bombs caused the weekend blast that killed at least 44 people and flattened buildings in Nigeria's commercial capital of Lagos, police said Wednesday. Police bomb experts said they drew the conclusion after finding fragments of bombs and live explosives at the site of the blast, which hit a crowded residential and business district Sunday.

#### Chavez imposes new currency rules:

After suspending the sale of dollars for two weeks because of a crippling general strike, President Hugo Chavez announced a new fixed currency exchange rate to help bolster the country's flagging foreign reserves. The new policy goes into effect Thursday and fixes the currency rate at 1,596 bolivars to the U.S. dollar, Chavez said during a televised address late Wednesday. Chavez said the freeze on foreign currency trading would end with the establishment of the new system.

### NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

#### FBI: Al-Qaida remains terrorist threat:

Al-Qaida is weakened and scattered but remains the top threat to commit terrorist attacks in the United States, the FBI says in a first-of-its-kind national assessment for Congress. The study also says there are other Muslim extremist groups engaged in a "jihad," or holy war, against the United States and other Western countries. Some of them provide "varying degrees of support" to al-Qaida, the report said, which a government official described Wednesday on condition of anonymity.

#### Media requests information on sniper:

A federal judge said Wednesday he needed more information before ruling on a request by news organizations to open the sealed juvenile records of 17-year-old sniper suspect Lee Boyd Malvo. Lawyers representing The Associated Press, The (Baltimore) Sun, The Washington Post and The New York Times have filed motions with U.S. Magistrate Judge James Bredar seeking the federal records.

#### Troop mobilization grows in Persian Gulf:

The buildup of American land, sea and air forces in the Persian Gulf is accelerating, officials said Wednesday as the Bush administration made its case at the U.N. that Iraq must be disarmed. The number of U.S. troops in the region now stands at about 113,000 - nearly half of them in Kuwait, the likely main launch point for a U.S.-led ground invasion - and is expected to reach 150,000 by Feb. 15, a senior official said.

#### Report: Women more prone to addiction:

Girls and young women get hooked on cigarettes, alcohol and drugs more quickly and for different reasons than boys, and should receive specialized treatment that reflects that, according to a study released Wednesday. Teenage girls often begin smoking and drinking to relieve stress or alleviate depression, while boys do it for thrills or heightened social status, according to the National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University.

## Author promotes 'The Golden Ratio'

◆ **Physicist describes the role the proportion plays in the world**

By **MATT BRAMANTI**  
News Writer

It may not seem like an exciting number, but 1.61803 is moving up in the world, according to astrophysicist Mario Livio, who spoke in the Hesburgh Library Wednesday. The number, known as the "Golden Ratio," measures a certain geometrical proportion with applications in physics, mathematics, music, even art.

Livio, an Israeli veteran of three wars, heads the science division at the Space Telescope Science Institute at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Md. Livio was at Notre Dame to promote his new book, "The Golden Ratio," which is aimed at a popular audience.

The book discusses the development of the ratio, first described by the Pythagoreans in the fifth century B.C. Livio credited the ancient Greek mathematician Euclid with unveiling the true significance of the number. "It suddenly played a crucial role in the elements that made the uni-

verse," Livio said.

The number is said to represent the ideal aesthetic proportion. Livio displayed a reproduction of the Mona Lisa, with the famous lady's face inscribed within a rectangle.

The length and width of the figure were exactly related by the golden ratio. Spanish surrealist painter Salvador Dalí likewise used the proportion in his works. The number can also be found in the musical works of Hungarian composer Bela Bartok and French composer Claude Debussy.

Livio stressed the relationship between mathematical rules and the world as people perceive it.

"Mathematics is a human invention ... but nature dictated to human beings what mathematics to invent," Livio said. This theme was discussed in his last book, "The Accelerating Universe," which dealt with the aesthetic value of scientific theories.

Livio said he aims to follow in the words of English dramatist Christopher Marlowe: "Still climbing after knowledge infinite and always moving as the restless spheres."

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## Speaker addresses ecological issues

By **MELANIE BECKER**  
News Writer

The Saint Mary's biology department, with a grant from the Center for Intercultural Women's Leadership, sponsored Professor Donald Huisingh of the University of Tennessee to speak Wednesday. During the fall of 2001, Susan Duff, visiting professor to the Biology Department, along with several Saint Mary's seniors attended a conference of Huisingh's in Mexico. Duff and the students felt that bringing Huisingh to campus would be relevant to specific campus issues, particularly to create a better recycling program on campus and in response to Karen Ristau, dean of faculty, signing the Earth Charter on behalf of the College last year.

"I hope that his visit starts a dialogue on sustainable development across the curriculum among the faculty and students, and that also the administration at Saint Mary's will begin to think about building sustainable buildings as it moves forward in its building plans," Duff said.

Huisingh holds a bachelor of science, with specialization in genetics, biology and chemistry from the University in Minnesota. Also, he received a doctorate in biochemistry and plant pathology from the University of Wisconsin. Over the last 44 years of his study Huisingh has been commis-

sioned by 96 countries to act as a scientific advisor. Huisingh's latest work, "The Environmental Pressure Indices: Factors to Consider in Designing and Utilizing them so that EU societies Make Progress Toward Sustainability" (2001), was commissioned by the Environmental Department of the European Union.

Huisingh's presentation, "Sustainable Development, Poverty and the World Environment," focused on the connections between poverty, terrorism, overpopulation, globalization, the greenhouse effect, water scarcity and ozone thinning.

His main concern is to try to save the environment through a global mission, which entails finding social equality and taking on responsibility.

"The president of Monterrey University has set a goal to be carbon dioxide neutral by 2020. What has your president done?" Huisingh asked.

According to Huisingh, the number of people, the unit per consumption of a person, the unit of degradation for production and the environmental impact of production contribute to an individual nation's effect on the environment.

The amount of resources and the level of exploitation of other nations have created a large inequality between nations, which Huisingh attributes to the hostility to the United States.

Huisingh said, "If all six bil-

lion people on the earth used the consumption of an average U.S. citizen we would need the resources of three earths."

According to Huisingh, 20 percent of the world's population is surviving on less than \$1 per day. One hundred-eighty countries with 800 million people have insecure and unreliable sources of food.

He said that there are 166 million children malnourished, if we invest 5 percent of current public investments made by developing countries we could reduce the number of malnourished children to 90 million by 2015.

What is needed corresponds to the amount of money spent in one week of global military expenditures.

Huisingh's proposal to reach sustainable development is to find a balance between social equity, economic prosperity and ecological integrity. His suggestions to go about this solution is to consider the connection between society and nature, find ways to do more with fewer resources, understand what is sufficient and work on developing a hydrogen energy system in the United States.

"A lot of changes need to be made. We need people that are educationally curious and want to make [lifestyle] changes. We must accelerate the transition to hydrogen energy," Huisingh said.

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## Debate

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"We didn't come here with prepared speeches. We didn't come here with 39 platform ideas. We're just real students like everybody," vice presidential candidate sophomore Eric Tarnowski said, criticizing two tickets with more lengthy platforms — the Charlie Ebersol-Lauren Meagher ticket and the Pat Hallahan-Jeremy Lao ticket. Tarnowski is running with presidential candidate John Updike, a sophomore. The prepared speech comment referred to Hallahan, current chief of staff

in the Office of the Student Body President, and Sophomore Class President Lao, the candidates who could be called student government "insiders." The two defended their insider status, promising to "put students first."

"We will be able to revamp student life," Hallahan said.

Lao added, "Our experience in student government has shown us the process through which change can be made." Although inexperienced with student government positions, sophomore Charlie Ebersol, running for student body president and junior Lauren Meagher, his vice presidential running mate, stuck to their 39-proposal platform also.

"Everything we propose can

happen," Meagher said.

Ebersol repeatedly referred to his major priority to bring big-name acts to campus so that students can have the student life of other top 20 colleges.

"You'll be able to tell your friends you went to two top-40 concerts like U2," he said.

While not promising headliner concerts, student body presidential candidate junior Mike Bott and vice presidential candidate sophomore Mike Kirsh, a former member of the varsity track and field team, promised to bring a "real student approach" to student government.

"We feel like we bring a lot to the table," Kirsh said. Alumni Hall president Bott added, "We haven't been holed up in the student government office."

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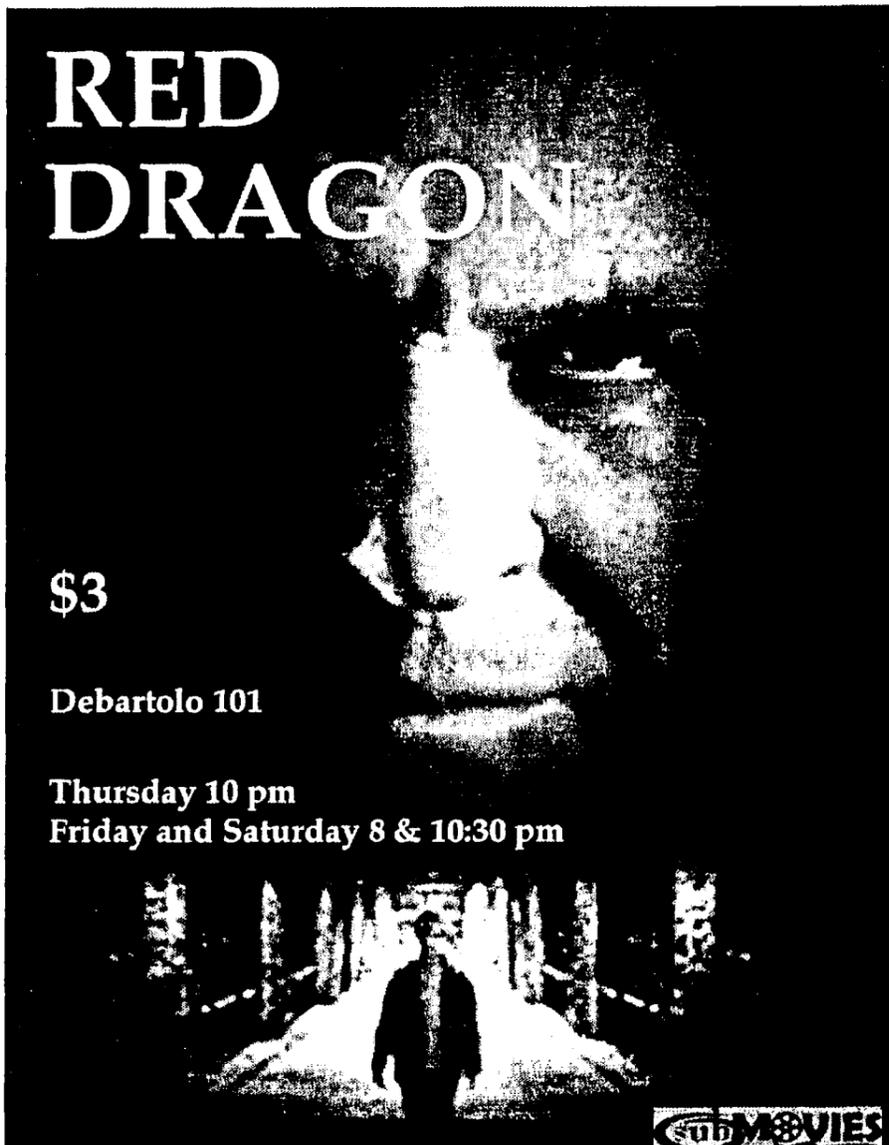
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AMER TRUST			
INTEL CORP (INTC)	-0.38	-0.06	15.58

## IN BRIEF

## Gasoline prices jump 8 percent

The retail price of gasoline is up 8 percent since the start of the year, fueled by high oil costs and traders' self-fulfilling fears of an upward trend as the U.S. considers military action in Iraq. "Traders are afraid that the next barrel they buy will be more expensive than the one they bought today," said Tom Kloza, director of the Oil Price Information Service, a Lakewood, N.J., publisher of industry data. That fear is contributing to the aggressive buying, he said. The wholesale price of gasoline on the New York Mercantile Exchange rose 3.09 cents to \$1.032 per gallon Wednesday afternoon, its highest level since May 2001.

## National debt to hit \$6.4 trillion

The government is expected to hit the \$6.4 trillion ceiling on the national debt around Feb. 20, the Treasury Department said Wednesday, renewing its call for Congress to boost the government's borrowing authority. Treasury asked Congress late last year to increase the government's ability to borrow, setting the stage for a political fight in Congress. Treasury, however, hasn't said exactly how much of an increase in the current statutory debt ceiling it wants. Late last year Treasury warned Congress the government would hit the debt ceiling in late February, but didn't specify a date.

## United plans to launch new carrier

United Airlines said Wednesday it plans to return to profitability through a combination of reducing costs, launching a low-cost carrier and using more regional jets. In the most extensive comments yet on its new strategy in bankruptcy, United told its employees it needs its own discount carrier to become more competitive in the leisure travel market. It defended the plan to create a separate, low-cost airline — which has been assailed by unions and questioned by industry experts since it was first disclosed in December — saying it will entail a new business model that "has learned from the industry's past mistakes."

## SEC to watch U.S. accounting

## ◆ New head to hire chairman as highest priority

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

President Bush's nominee to head the Securities and Exchange Commission promised Wednesday if confirmed to aggressively enforce corporate anti-fraud rules and said his highest priority is selecting a new chairman of the board overseeing the accounting industry.

At his Senate confirmation hearing, Wall Street investment banker William H. Donaldson also defended his record as a former chairman of the New York Stock Exchange but softened his opposition to a rule prohibiting companies from revealing information to financial insiders ahead of the public.

Donaldson, a Bush family friend, pledged to work to rebuild investor confidence shaken by last year's business scandals and to allow the SEC to fully investigate and prosecute corporate lawbreakers without regard to politics. Amid the cascade of accounting failures, Bush's own transactions as a one-time director of Harken Energy Corp. drew renewed scrutiny and the SEC has been investigating Vice President Dick Cheney's tenure as chief executive of oil-service firm Halliburton Co.

Donaldson, who also was a chairman of insurer Aetna Inc., expressed only qualified approval of a recent crackdown on abuses by Wall Street investment firms led by New York Attorney General Eliot Spitzer. He termed it "constructive up to a point" as a supplement to SEC enforcement efforts, but said state law-enforcement officials should take care



Security and Exchange Commission nominee William H. Donaldson testifies before the Senate Banking Committee Wednesday on Capitol Hill in Washington.

not to intrude on the federal agency's turf.

Nearly a dozen big investment firms recently agreed to pay a total \$1.4 billion to settle Spitzer's allegations that they misled customers with stock research biased in favor of companies that gave the firms investment banking business.

His highest priority is selecting a new chairman of the board overseeing the accounting industry, Donaldson told the Senate Banking Committee. The current SEC chairman, Harvey Pitt, resigned under fire in early November in a flap over his selection of former FBI Director William Webster

to head the accounting board. Webster also resigned.

The SEC chairman and four fellow commissioners nominate the accounting board boss, and Donaldson said naming that person "is the No. 1 priority that I have ... We're behind the eight ball."

The 71-year-old Wall Street veteran received a friendly reception from senators of both parties on the panel and is expected to be confirmed soon by the full Senate. He answered their questions with animation and an easy smile and relished the analogy they drew between his challenge as SEC chairman and his service in the

Marine Corps in the early 1950s.

Panel chairman Sen. Richard Shelby, R-Ala., told Donaldson: "You will be undertaking a tremendous public trust. ... Your leadership will be key to rebuilding the faith of investors in our markets."

He didn't promise instant results. "Just as the war on terrorism cannot be won overnight, neither can investor confidence be completely restored so quickly," Donaldson said. "Corporate America, Wall Street and their professional stewards — lawyers, accountants, corporate and financial managers and financial regulators — still have much work to do."

## Wall Street slumps after bad news

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Worried about a possible war, Wall Street has been in a funk this year and the news on Main Street hasn't been any better. Business executives are freezing new spending and hiring, fearful of big commitments in the face of so much uncertainty.

Some analysts think the national anxiety, heightened by the loss of the space shuttle Columbia, could be enough to derail the feeble recovery and throw the country back into recession.

"The probability of a double-dip recession has certainly risen," said

Sung Won Sohn, chief economist at Wells Fargo in Minneapolis. "The economy is still mired in a pretty soft patch and we have not made it to firmer ground."

"Soft patch" was the phrase Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan began using last fall to describe a significant slowdown in economic growth. The economy, which had been growing at a solid 4 percent rate in the summer, screeched to a near halt during the final three months of the year, managing to eke out a tiny 0.7 percent growth rate.

To buy some insurance against a possible double-dip recession, the Federal Reserve in November cut

interest rates by a bigger-than-expected half point, pushing the overnight borrowing cost for banks down to a 41-year low of 1.25 percent.

But so far, the extra boost from lower interest rates has not been enough to jump-start the economy. Unemployment has been stuck at an eight-year high of 6 percent as businesses have laid off nearly 200,000 workers over the past two months.

Many analysts believe when the government reports the January unemployment figure on Friday it will show that businesses did add a small number of workers last month but not enough to show an improvement in the 6 percent jobless rate.

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had a negative view on the loss of in hall dances because it led to a loss of traditions," said Bishop. "I said how the costs were high and what the challenges for dance commissioners were."

A portion of the report is devoted to Notre Dame's social climate, said Bishop. Bishop said she listened to the views of the freshman class council regarding social life and these views confirmed her belief that throughout her time at Notre Dame an increasing number of freshmen leave campus for social activities. Bishop said freshmen were disillusioned about hall dances because upperclassmen harbored negative sentiments towards the new policy.

"When students have a negative attitude about social life on campus, the attitude becomes reflected in their actions, their comments to peers, and results in increasing the trend of students going off campus," said Libby Bishop, in her Board of Trustee's report.

Bishop, in her report, states her purpose for the report is to offer ideas to "improve hall dances," improve the "social atmosphere in residence halls" and to address moving away from the "alcohol-centered activity often being at the core of Notre Dame social life."

In her conclusion Bishop said, "The majority of students would like the dances to be able to be held in their residence halls again."

Bishop said students want in-hall dances in order to renew the importance and traditions in residence halls and not to see the return of hard alcohol or wild parties.

Bishop said in her report the other rules from the changed alcohol policy would still be effective if dances were returned and provided alternative suggestions.

"If the Office of Student Affairs does not view returning the dances back to the residence halls as a viable solution at this point, then students must be willing to work with the administration on making the hall dances as successful as possible within the framework of the new policy," said Bishop's report.

Bishop said that a student's commitment to be flexible must be met by the administrations promise to provide additional funding and resources.

Senate passed a resolution at Monday's emergency meeting directing Bishop to ask for dances to be brought back for a one-year probationary period. Bishop must sign the resolution within one week for it to be adopted and if not Senate may adopt the resolution by passing it again. Bishop did not include Senate's proposal in the report.

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## SOUTH KOREA

# Rogue nation reactivates nuclear facilities

Associated Press

SEOUL North Korea said Wednesday it has reactivated its nuclear facilities, a surprise announcement that raised questions whether it was trying to take advantage of Washington's preoccupation with Iraq to ratchet up pressure in its own standoff with the United States.

In Washington, the State Department said that if the announcement was true, "this would be a very serious development." It demanded the North "reverse this action ... North Korea must visibly, verifiably and irreversibly dismantle its nuclear weapons program."

A North Korean spokesman announced the reactivation, deepening the crisis over

Pyongyang's nuclear ambitions, just before Secretary of State Colin Powell spoke at the U.N. Security Council, presenting the U.S. case against Iraq.

The North said the reactivated facilities would "for the present stage" be used only to produce electricity - but the United States says the facilities can produce nuclear weapons within months.

Even as it presses toward war with Iraq over alleged hidden weapons of mass destruction, the United States has insisted it wants a peaceful solution in its standoff with North Korea.

President Bush "keeps all of his options open" but still believes the standoff can be resolved diplomatically, National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice said in an appearance on ABC's "Nightline."

White House spokesman Ari Fleischer discounted that

Pyongyang was timing the issue with Iraq developments.

"North Korea has a history of doing things like they did in the 90s, outside of the context of Iraq," he said.

The North's announcement came hours after South Korea opened a road across the heavily fortified border for the first time in more than half a century, trying to ease tensions with the isolated communist regime.

Pyongyang wants direct talks with Washington. Analysts say North Korea, which often accuses the United States of plotting to invade it, fears Washington will turn up pressure on it if a war against Iraq is successful.

The North may hope that heightening the standoff at a time when Washington is trying to concentrate on Iraq could prompt the United States to make concessions.

The Pentagon is considering bolstering U.S. forces in the region to deter the North from any provocations during an Iraq war. Washington says it has no plans to invade North Korea.

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld called North Korea "a terrorist regime" and said restarting the nuclear program would give the North a troubling option — making nuclear weapons for itself or selling them to any other country.

The United States is pressing for the U.N. nuclear watchdog agency to refer the issue to the Security Council - which would likely impose punitive sanctions on the North. Pyongyang vehemently opposes such a move.

At the International Atomic Energy Agency, spokeswoman Melissa Fleming had no immediate comment on the report from the North.

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# NASA backs away from foam damage theory

Associated Press

SPACE CENTER, Houston  
After days of analysis, NASA backed away Wednesday from the theory that a piece of foam that struck Columbia during liftoff was the root cause of the space shuttle's disintegration over Texas.

Shuttle program manager Ron Dittmore said investigators now are focusing more closely on the desperate effort of Columbia's automatic control system to hold the speed of the spacecraft stable despite an increasing level of wind resistance, or drag, on the left wing.

Dittmore said that after a careful study of the damage possible from the fall of a chunk of foam insulation that was believed to be 20 inches and 2 1/2 pounds, investigators are "looking somewhere else."

"Right now, it just does not make sense to us that a piece of debris would be the root

cause for the loss of Columbia and its crew," he said. "There's got to be another reason."

Dittmore said investigators are now asking if there was "another event that escaped our attention" that might have caused Columbia to break up just minutes before the end of its 16-day mission, killing all seven astronauts.

Practically from the start, investigators have been looking at the possibility that the piece of foam that fell off the shuttle's big external fuel tank 81 seconds after liftoff Jan. 16 caused damage to the thermal tiles under the left wing that doomed the flight.

The thermal tiles keep the ship from burning up during re-entry into Earth's atmosphere.

While Columbia was still aloft, NASA engineers analyzed the potential damage to the thermal tiles and concluded that based on such factors as the estimated size, weight

and trajectory of the chunk of foam, any damage to the tiles was minor and the crew was in no danger.

Dittmore said the engineers in their study doubled the relative velocity of the foam and shuttle, from the actual 513 mph to 1,026 mph, and were conservative in estimating the weight of the debris.

"We're looking somewhere else," he said. "Was there another event that escaped detection?"

In recent days, some space experts have speculated that the chunk of foam was coated or infused with ice, which could have increased the weight — and destructive potential — of the piece that hit the shuttle.

"I don't think it's ice. I don't

think there's an embedded ice question here," Dittmore said, adding that the foam is water-resistant and that an inspection team found no ice conditions that day. "So it is something else."

Dittmore said that during Columbia's final minutes, the autopilot was causing the craft to rapidly move the control surfaces and to eventually even fire small rockets in a losing effort to gain control of the wing motion of Columbia.

Final bits of data from the spacecraft showed that "we were beginning to lose the battle," he said.

For this reason, Dittmore said his team is intensifying efforts to recover a final 32

seconds of data from the spacecraft.

This data, the very last signals from the dying Columbia, was not processed at Mission Control because the quality of the electronic signals was too poor to be considered reliable.

But Dittmore said the signals are being extracted from computers and will be examined to find clues to why Columbia's left wing was encountering so much drag.

"Perhaps the 32 seconds will help us understand," he said.

So far, no significant pieces of shuttle wreckage — "red-tag items" — have been found, Dittmore said.

Searchers have discovered, however, a large portion of the nose cone as well as at least two possible wing sections.

Any pieces of Columbia found in California would be "very, very significant," Dittmore said, because it would indicate that the shuttle was falling apart long before its final breakup over Texas.

*"Right now, it does not make sense to us that a piece of debris would be the root cause for the loss of Columbia and its crew."*

**Ron Dittmore**  
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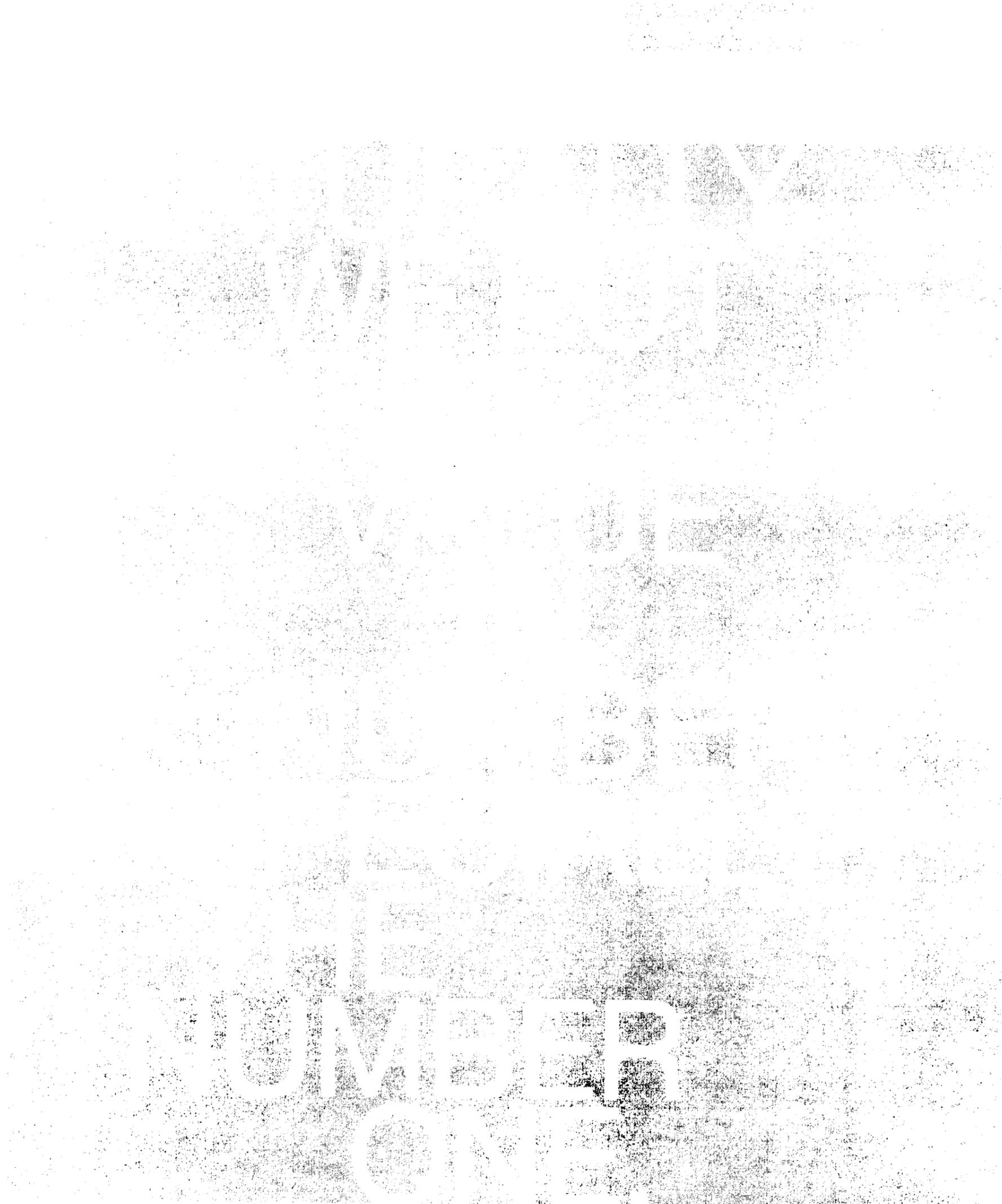
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# Stars begin blues celebration

Associated Press

NEW YORK Blues singer Shemekia Copeland thinks it's time the genre got an image makeover.

"Blues gets a bad rap because of what it's called," said the 23-year-old, one of the blues' brightest new stars. "People associate blues with all the sad things that can possibly go wrong with their life. ... [but] the blues is what's happening."

Lovers of the genre are trying to spread that word in 2003, which has been declared "The Year of the Blues" by Congress. Director Martin Scorsese is producing a seven-part series for PBS to air this fall, and the Experience Music Project, a museum in Seattle, is sponsoring an education program and traveling exhibit.

The official kickoff of the yearlong celebration occurs Friday with the "Salute to the Blues" concert at Radio City Music Hall. Blues legends such as B.B. King and Ruth Brown

will be feted by pop, rock and R&B stars including Aerosmith, Natalie Cole and India.Arie with collaborations designed to attract the non-blues listener.

"I think when people rediscover this music, they're going to say, 'Wow this is pretty contemporary,' so we're hopeful," said Alex Gibney, the event's producer. "People think of it as this downbeat music where people are singing these slow, sad songs, and it's really not that." The 77-year-old King, known as the "King of the Blues," also said he hopes the benefit will open minds.

"A lot of the kids, they think it's all pain, it's all hurt, it's all droopy drawers," he said. "It wasn't all like that in slavery."

Blues' roots lie in the work songs of slavery, as well as in early black gospel music and, later, other influences including folk music. Blues accounted for less than 3.4 percent of music sales in the United States in 2001; it's sales are so small it is lumped into the jazz category by the Recording Industry

Association of America.

"I think that blues for the last two years has been going through kind of a quiet period, because there is not a pop artist who has championed the blues as other artists of the past [have]," said Bruce Iglauer, owner of the Chicago-based blues label Alligator Records.

He cited earlier musicians such as Stevie Ray Vaughan as having promoted the genre. Yet King said interest is there.

"It's hardly any night that we play that the band and I don't sell out," he said. "Somebody must like what we do."

Blues supporters say one problem is that the music isn't played on mainstream radio. "People have to have things in front of them for them to pay attention, to go out and buy the album," said Copeland.

Negotiations are underway to broadcast the concert, directed by filmmaker Antoine Fuqua and executive-produced by Scorsese, on television or even make it into a theatrical movie release.

# U.S. poet laureate opposes war

Associated Press

NEW YORK The threatened war with Iraq has politicized the nation's poets, starting at the very top.

In comments rarely heard from a sitting U.S. poet laureate, Billy Collins has publicly declared his opposition to war and says he finds it increasingly difficult to keep politics out of his official job as literary advocate.

While at least three of Collins' predecessors also have stated their opposition to war, an incumbent laureate usually sticks to art for art's sake.

Poets laureate are not political appointees; the selection is made by the Librarian of Congress, a post currently held by James H. Billington. Collins, who receives an annual stipend of \$35,000, is serving his second one-year term.

A spokeswoman for the Library of Congress said Tuesday that "Mr. Collins is free to express his own opinions on any subject."

Collins, whose books include "Questions About Angels" and "Nine Horses," is a mostly introspective poet who doesn't have a history of political activism.

But he defended anti-war poets who last week caused the White House to postpone a symposium sponsored by first lady

Laura Bush.

"If political protest is urgent, I don't think it needs to wait for an appropriate scene and setting and should be as disruptive as it wants to be," Collins said in a recent e-mail to The Associated Press.

"I have tried to keep the West Wing and the East Wing of the White House as separate as possible because I support what Mrs. Bush has done for the causes of literacy and reading. But as this country is being pushed into a violent confrontation, I find it increasingly difficult to maintain that separation."

Collins, Nobel laureate Derek Walcott, former U.S. poet laureate Richard Wilbur and about 40 other writers and artists signed an anti-war petition last month.

In England, meanwhile, poet laureate Andrew Motion has written an anti-war poem that cites "elections, money, empire, oil" as the motivation for war.

Concern about a possible war has also changed what had been a relatively positive relationship between Mrs. Bush and the literary community.

A former librarian who has made teaching and early childhood development her signature issues, she has held a series of symposiums to salute America's authors.

# Doors' drummer sues bandmates

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES Doors drummer John Densmore is suing fellow bandmates Ray Manzarek and Robby Krieger for going on tour as The Doors without him.

The lawsuit, filed Tuesday in Superior Court, seeks a court order prohibiting keyboardist Manzarek and guitarist Krieger from calling themselves The Doors when they perform without Densmore. It also requests that Densmore, 58, be paid a

share of profits from any shows that have taken place without him.

The lawsuit states that after lead singer Jim Morrison died in 1971, Densmore, Manzarek and Krieger agreed they'd split any future profits from The Doors music three ways and that the band's name wouldn't be used if all three original surviving members weren't involved.

Manzarek, 63, Krieger, 57, and their representatives could not be found for comment.

There were no Los Angeles telephone listings for the musicians, The Doors Music Company, or their record label, Bright Midnight Records.

Manzarek and Krieger, along with singer Ian Astbury of The Cult and former Police drummer Stewart Copeland, were to perform Friday at the Universal Amphitheater.

According to the band's Web site, a new Densmore group called Tribal Jazz plans to release its first album this spring.

# ABC's 'Bachelor' ends engagement

Associated Press

NEW YORK The second "Bachelor" is still a bachelor.

Aaron Buerge, a 28-year-old banker from Springfield, Mo., proposed to Helene Eksterowicz at the end of the second season of "The Bachelor," ABC's romance-reality series in which an eligible guy chooses a bride from among 25 hopefuls.

An estimated 29 million viewers watched the Nov. 20 finale, as Buerge got down on one knee and placed a diamond ring on Eksterowicz' left hand.

(He refused to let the show

spring for the rock, and insisted on buying it himself.) Now, he says in the Feb. 17 issue of People magazine that the engagement was over by New Year's.

"There has not been any dagger throwing," Buerge said, adding that neither had been unfaithful.

He said he and Eksterowicz, a 27-year-old school psychologist from Gloucester City, N.J., stay in touch by e-mail, and will explain why the romance died on a Feb. 20 ABC special.

So did Eksterowicz keep the ring? "That will be revealed," a network spokeswoman said Wednesday.

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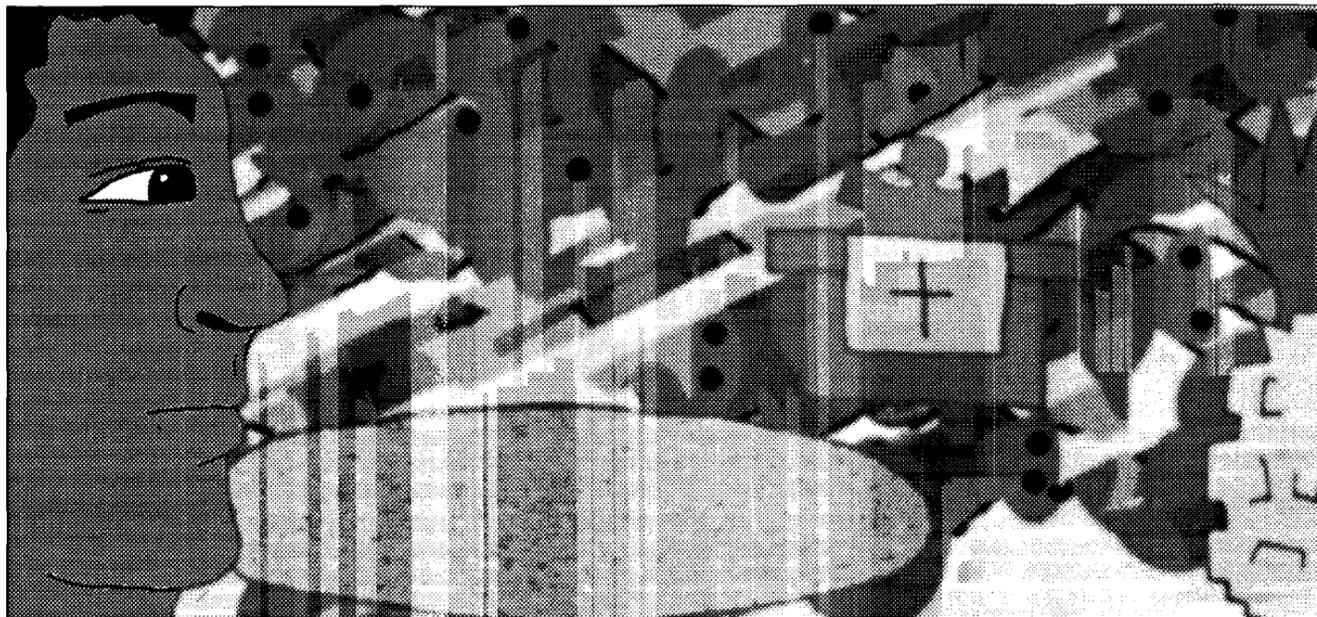
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## Celebrating Catholic faith in Uganda

"Thirty-two Catholics and Protestants were led 37 miles away to a place called Namugongo to be burned to death in a literal holocaust. Three were killed on the way.

"One of these, a district judge named Matthias Kalemba, declared, 'God will rescue me. But you will not see how he does it, because he will take my soul and leave you only my body.' He was cut into pieces and left to die slowly by the roadside."

How have stories such as these inspired a passionate faith in Uganda?

Every year on June 3, thousands in Uganda gather for "Ugandan Martyrs Day," which celebrates the martyrdom of 32 Christians in 1886. The East Africans pack white vans, fill the beds of trucks and take day-long walks for an annual pilgrimage to Namugongo. The pilgrimage itself is special as a time of suffering that gives value to the journey.

My trip was quicker, and it took the priests I was living with only two hours to reach the shrine. A dynamic group of leaders from Notre Dame, Kings College and the University of Portland traveling through East Africa to engage its social issues also journeyed to Namugongo. Along the way we passed several large groups of standing men packed in the backs of trucks bumping along the red dirt roads.

The events leading to the 1886 massacre began in the 19th century when Catholic and Protestant missionaries introduced the Christian faith in Uganda. Threatened by this new faith, chiefs and witch doctors incited the nation's young ruler against the Christians. Charles Lwanga was leader of the royal pages, many of whom he baptized into Christianity. In heroic fashion, Lwanga and his

friends were adamant in their faith. Their deaths were a precursor to a rapid spread of the Christian faith in the years shortly thereafter.

The site at Namugongo was remarkable as over 25,000 people filled the valley around the lake there for the Mass celebration. The scene could remind one of the Gospel event when so many flocked to Jesus that he got in a boat and preached from the sea.

Over 30 saints come from Uganda, which is smaller than Oregon. Thirty-three percent of the country is Roman Catholic, 33 percent is Protestant, 16 percent is Muslim and 18 percent have indigenous beliefs. The Christians in Uganda rejoice in their country's testament to faith.

The Mass reflected the spirit of Ugandan people. For the presentation of the gifts, the congregation brought a live goat, pineapples and large bunches of bananas to the altar before leading them back across the bridge because there was no place for them in the sanctuary surrounded by the lake. The musicians beat out a reverberating rhythm on the drums as the choir sang songs in Luganda.

While Ugandans speak different native languages, the official language is English. The bishop's homily in English was direct as he spoke out against violent rebels in the country. He also reached to people at their level by asking about their sins before concluding on God's infinite love for them. Many in the congregation listened wholeheartedly with their heads bowed, their hands covering their faces.

During the reenactment of the Last Supper, the crowd clapped when the bishop held up Christ's body and blood. For the sign of peace, men in button-up shirts and slacks and women dressed in colorful dresses shook our hands. Priests were sent throughout the crowd during Communion, and the masses crowded around them, stretching their hands out before them to touch and receive

Christ's body.

When the three-hour celebration was over, our group meandered through the congregation. We stood out against the rich, dark color of the Ugandans who watched these mzungus wade through the crowd.

Despite being on the equator, Uganda is called the Pearl of Africa for being a lush country. While many are dissatisfied with the stagnancy of their position in society, others are happy in their simple joys. Children are very well-mannered, and I seldom heard any children crying during the stay there.

The masses completely filled the streets after the ceremony. Street vendors cut fresh pineapples, sold stalks of sugar cane and cooked meat on grills. The food is plentiful and cheap. It was ironic to hear a radio strapped to the back of an "ice cream bicycle" playing, "It's a Small World After All."

I knew I would stand out and be a source of entertainment before going to Uganda. But at Namugongo I wished I could know what it was like to be the woman holding a baby or the man with a wooden leg who both asked me for money through our van window on the slow ride home. I wished I could just fade in to be one among the crowd.

Despite my differences, I was able to find a link among them through shared convictions in faith. During the next two months I would connect at heart with them to gain the same inspiration they do from the Ugandan martyrs and their leader, whose last words were, "I am happy to die for the true faith. My friends, goodbye. We will meet again in heaven."

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## QUOTE OF THE DAY

"If mankind minus one were of one opinion, then mankind is no more justified in silencing the one than the one — if he had the power — would be justified in silencing mankind."

John Stuart Mill  
philosopher

## VIEWPOINT

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## Boston College has provided an example to follow

Having been a Domer for the past 3 1/2 years and having grown up only an hour away from Notre Dame, I've been taught to be anti-Boston College on many levels. All of our sports teams are better than theirs, our campus is nicer, the people here are better; I mean we are the nation's best Catholic University, are we not?

Setting those sentiments aside, however, I would like to take this opportunity to praise Boston College for doing what Notre Dame just cannot seem to do. Just this past week, the president of Boston College sent a letter to their student body president notifying him that the College would be officially recognizing a newly proposed gay-straight student alliance.

Over the past few years, Boston College has consistently ranked with Notre Dame near the top of the Princeton Review's least accepting schools in terms of alternative lifestyles. While in the past few years Boston College has ranked as slightly less accepting than Notre Dame, this recent decision shows a profound effort on their part to try and correct their problems and to let students take an active part in accomplishing that goal.

Surprisingly, even before this action, Boston College was more "officially" open to homosexual students' needs than Notre Dame has been. Their original student group, known as LGBC (Lesbian Gay Bisexual Community), has been denied recognition three times over the past few years in a very similar way to Notre Dame's denial of OutreachND, but it has been allowed College office space for the past few years. Notre Dame has yet to even allow Outreach or IFLAG something as simple as that.

The praise for this action by Boston College should not only go to the administration, however, as the students were instrumental in helping to change the College's stance. Last Spring, student leaders at the College responded to student requests to start to pressure the College to be more supportive of their gay and lesbian students. Student government made it one of their priorities, and with the support of LGBC and many students, they continually met with Boston College officials in order to work out a compromise and to set up the kind of group that would offer the student support that gay and lesbian students wanted.

While Notre Dame has made many efforts and much progress in the past few years, it still seems far from reaching a point at which it will take such action. While the Standing Committee on Gay and Lesbian Student Needs has been a wonderful advancement, and the social settings provided by its monthly coffee hours certainly do their part in fostering a sense of community among gay and lesbian students, there needs to be a further effort by the University to respond to the students, needs by providing more student initiated support activities.

We have made many advances on the social side of things, but now we need to respond more to the personal and individual side. With Notre Dame's last year denial of recognition to IFLAG, a group made up of straight students and allies, it is obvious that our University has far to go before it will allow students any sort of control over an official student support-type group.

What Notre Dame needs now is more student support. While as students we do offer Outreach and individual students a lot of support and personal respect, we need to be more vocal in our continued support for them. It should not just be gay and lesbian students that are bothered by and publicly express criticism for homophobic Viewpoint articles, but rather all students. The rest of the student body needs to stand up in support for gay and lesbian students and to voice their opinion to the University.

As this University strives to improve its image, we as students need to continue to show our discontent with our high homophobic rating, just as the students of Boston College did.

In recognizing the new gay-straight student alliance, Boston College officials took a huge step forward in showing everyone that they are willing to work with their gay and lesbian students and willing to try and provide them with the type of student-based support that they need. They deserve to be commended for this effort as well as does the Boston College student leadership who helped to make it possible.

At Notre Dame we now need to follow in their footsteps. We as students need to be more direct and more vocal. Boston College has helped by showing us a way that both a Catholic identity and a homosexual group can be combined; and now it is up to us to continue to push for a way to also accomplish that here at Notre Dame.

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**Richard Friedman**

*A Skewed Perspective*

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Title IX solution is to exempt football

After reading the comments of on both sides of the Title IX debate the past few days, I felt compelled for the first time in my five years at Notre Dame to write a letter to the editor. Everyone knows of the good things this law has done for women's sports since its inception in 1972. Unfortunately, it has had a negative impact on men, which was never the original intent of the law. I do not believe it needs to be done away with, but rather just amended.

The exact wording of Title IX is as follows: "No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of or be subject to discrimination under any educational program or activity receiving federal financial assistance." All schools, private and public, are generally required to comply with Title IX because private schools like Notre Dame receive federal funds in the form of direct financial aid to its students.

Notre Dame has done a good job creating sports for women to comply with the law; specifically with the women's lacrosse and crew programs. We are, however, in the fortunate position of having an athletic program that makes money and can thus afford to create women's sports rather than cut men's sports.

In Dec. 2000, Kevin White announced that Notre Dame would fully fund all of our 26 varsity programs, creating 64 new scholarships (36 for women and 28 for men). During 2000-2001, Notre Dame awarded 256 scholarships

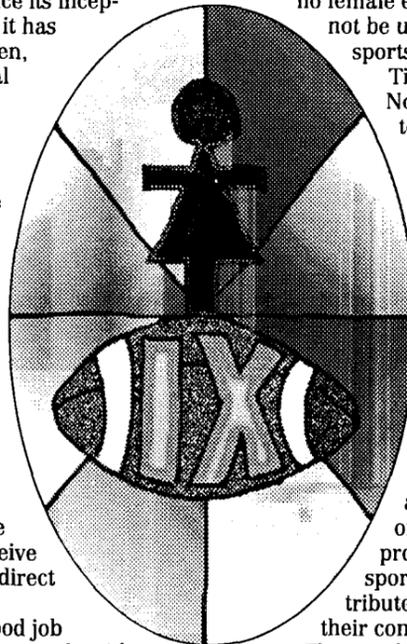
(98 for women and 158 for men). Including the new ones, men would now receive 186 and women 134. Seems unfair right? Well, take out the 85 scholarships going to football and you get a 101 to 134 margin. The fact that there is no female equivalent to football should not be used to penalize men in other sports.

Title IX is not a problem at Notre Dame as we have money to fund and create women's sports. It does, however, hurt schools with less revenue, such as St. John's which recently cut three men's teams.

Scaling down the size of the football program is not the answer either. In the NCAA's 2002 audit report, men's Division I-A sports in 2001 reported profits of \$4.9 million and women's a deficit of \$3.2 million. Football, on average, generated \$4.7 million of profit. Funds from football programs clearly fund other sports, and they often get redistributed among schools through their conference.

The simple solution, therefore, is to take football out of the equation when considering participation and the number of scholarships across genders. Had George Washington University and Saint John's University done that, maybe they would still have men's cross country and track teams.

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## Timing matters in Iraq

Over the two weeks, our university has sponsored a forum entitled, "Peace and War 2003: Debating the Issues," for the purpose of an academic and moral discussion of a seemingly imminent U.S.-led war against Iraq, or more specifically, against Saddam Hussein. These faculty members presented the pros and cons about the war and tried to convince the audience of their viewpoints and stances.

Despite their eloquent argument and persuasive evidence, one important question is absent in their address, that is, why the U.S. chooses such timing to disarm the Saddam regime rather than in the wake of Iraq's initial defiance of the relevant U.N. resolutions. Put another way, what has spurred the U.S. to pursue such a hard-line course of action on Iraq instead of the previously endorsed U.N.-led inspection, containment or deterrence?

In a special issue of Time magazine, Romesh Ratnesar referred to Paul Wolfowitz's role in initiating and pressing the case against Iraq in the aftermath of Sept. 11. He wrote, "An Afghan war in his [Wolfowitz's] view had the makings of a quagmire. The larger threat to American security was sitting not in a cave in Afghanistan but in a Baghdad bunker." The unconventional attacks of Sept. 11 alarmed the Bush administration of potential dangers from better equipped and organized "rogue states."

The so-called rogue states cannot pose a conventional threat to the U.S. homeland and overseas military bases, but they can resort to some unconventional means of this kind to inflict considerable damage on U.S. material wealth

and morality. The coinage of "evil axis" reflects the shift in focus of U.S. anti-terror war from terrorist networks to state actor with the likelihood to become enemies of the U.S. The Sept. 11 event provides the U.S. with optimal opportunity and excuses to reassess its strategic configuration and maximize its security interests.

There is a strong possibility that disarming Iraq is merely the first step on Bush's agenda of safeguarding the United States' global primacy. Fundamentally, the legitimacy of U.S. predominance runs parallel to U.S. superior power in almost all areas.

Such unconventional attacks may erode the U.S. power and shake the building block of U.S. primacy. As a result, the U.S. will do what it can to tame and even eradicate the sources of trouble. In Iraq's case, the resort to war will serve as the most efficient and decisive method because of Saddam's notorious records and the United States' uncontroversial hegemonic status in the Middle East. By contrast, the United States' prudent North Korean policy is indicative of the entangled great power interests in Northeast Asia.

Those who think that oil or justice is the ulterior motive behind the United States' warlike behavior have to answer why the U.S. failed to wage war to disarm Saddam after his defiance of the U.N. resolutions.

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## MOVIE REVIEW

## 'The Recruit': Tension, action and talent

By RAMA GOTTUMUKKALA  
Scene Movie Critic

Spy thrillers have always been a hot ticket in Hollywood and every year a new handful of these films are released. This year has been no exception, with recent thrillers such as "Die Another Day," "Confessions of a Dangerous Mind," and most recently "The Recruit" hitting the silver screen. While "The Recruit" features solid acting from one of Hollywood's all-time greats and one of its brightest new stars, the film offers nothing new in terms of pushing the envelope for spy thrillers. Consequently, it emerges as an above-average thriller that is enjoyable but will probably get lost in the shuffle of other films from its genre.

In "The Recruit," James Clayton (played by Colin Farrell) is one of the top prospects in the new crop of CIA recruits. His intelligence and unconventional attitude attract the attention of CIA recruiter, Walter Burke (played by Al Pacino), who runs him through the Agency's difficult training courses and helps him to quickly rise through the ranks. Clayton is then

given a special assignment to root out a suspected mole that has infiltrated the Agency.

"The Recruit" contains all the average aspects of a spy thriller, from the spiraling plot twists to a purported sense of mystery until the very end of the film, but

it lacks something meatier for the audience to chew on. For much of the film the audience is kept guessing while Clayton tries to uncover the mole but the ending seems a little too contrived to swallow. "The Recruit"

has a script with enough action to satisfy the audience while avoiding the worst of modern action stigmas: over-the-top special effects. Instead of gigantic explosions and flashy computer graphics, there are enough twists, turns, and double-crosses in the script to make your head spin.

While no one expects an Academy Award from this film, the performances are strong for an action thriller. The perennially great Pacino, fresh off of his gritty role in "Insomnia," steals the show with a powerful performance as a CIA recruiter who is more than he seems. Farrell does his job well, being convincing without overdoing it, while injecting his character with a sense of innocence

## "The Recruit"



**Director:** Roger Donaldson  
**Writer:** Roger Tonwe, Kurt Wimmer, Mitch Glazer  
**Starring:** Al Pacino, Colin Farrell, Bridget Moynahan, Gabriel Macht



Photo courtesy of www.imdb.com

James Clayton (Colin Farrell) rises quickly through the ranks as a top prospect in a new crop of CIA recruits.

needed to sell the role. These actors have excellent chemistry together and believably heighten the tension between them as the movie progresses.

Don't approach "The Recruit" with too many expectations. Watch for a reasonably compelling and entertaining spy flick that is better than the average. Employing the right balance of action,

plot twists, and character development, it's a movie that will grab the audience's attention and hold on. Fans of the extravagant James Bond series as well as "Spy Game" should both enjoy this movie.

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## MOVIE REVIEW

## 'Evelyn' shows a new face of Brosnan

By ERIN ENGLISH  
Scene Movie Critic

Pierce Brosnan is associated almost entirely with James Bond to the average American. However, those who go to see "Evelyn" might be pleasantly surprised that Brosnan, can, in fact, play something other than a secret agent.

Based on the true story of Desmond Doyle (Pierce Brosnan), "Evelyn" tells the

story of a working class Irishman fights to get his three children out of the Catholic orphanages they were placed in by the government after his wife abandons their family. Told that his children, including daughter Evelyn (Sophie Vavasseur), cannot be released without permission of both parents, Desmond has to fight the state in court in order to free them.

This leads into a courthouse drama involving the first time that Irish law was challenged under the Constitution.

"Evelyn" bears a resemblance in format to such classic movies as "Inherit the Wind," which dealt with groundbreaking cases in the United States: start with a heartfelt tale, have real people fighting the state, set up a few setbacks and tack on a historically accurate, but still happy ending. Though not the most original format of all time, the trial scenes are neither heavy-handed nor nor overly sentimental.

Bruce Beresford ("Driving Miss Daisy") is a skilled director and never goes too far overboard during the course of the movie. In fact, he seems to be channeling the best of Frank Capra. "Evelyn" doesn't try to be something that it isn't, and retains the character of a small, charming picture throughout. The ending of the movie is never much in doubt, and you are never deceived into thinking that it should be. Viewers are not supposed to get the feeling that there is no hope for this family.

The politics in the movie are minor, despite the legal significance of the actual case on which "Evelyn" is based. Desmond is forced to battle both the Church and the state to retrieve his children. Criticisms of this movie calling it anti-Catholic are misinterpreting it greatly. Instead, the movie itself is imbued with traditional Catholic values while demonstrating that the law

was incorrect and not in harmony with the Church's actual position on the importance of family. It is the state that is criticized for not seeing this, not the Church.

As Desmond, Pierce Brosnan is decidedly unlike Bond. Desmond is a flawed man, and Brosnan does his best to bring those flaws to light in a convincing manner, though not without hamming it up. Vavasseur's performance is well done in a role that could easily irritate. Solid supporting performances from Aidan Quinn

as a Yankee barrister, Stephen Rea as a stoic solicitor and Stephen Bates as a former rugby player turned lawyer round out the movie.

The movie does have its flaws. It rather foolishly tries to tack on a love

story between barkeeper Bernadette (Julianna Margulies) and Desmond, which rings hollow. Beresford stretches the schmaltz too far in ways that are cliché and derivative, particularly during Evelyn's turn on the witness stand.

While not an excellent picture, it strives and achieves simplicity over empty sophistication in a manner that is classic.

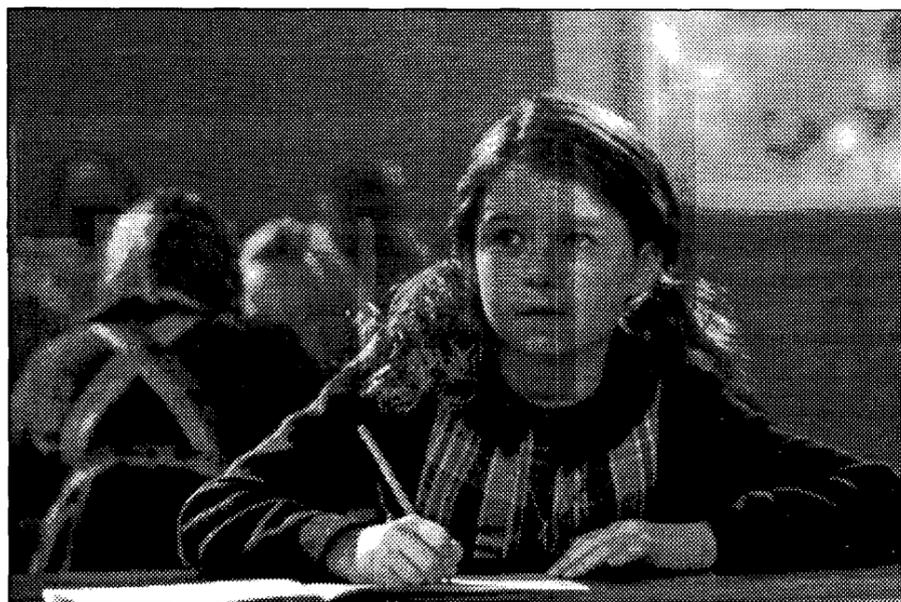


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Evelyn Doyle (Sophie Vavasseur) is placed in a Catholic orphanage after her mother abandons the family.

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# ELECTION 2003



## The Observer endorses Ebersol-Meagher

It's no surprise that one of the biggest complaints students have with Notre Dame is its stagnant campus life. Last year's alcohol policy changes, coupled with the elimination of in-hall dances, sent students scurrying off campus to find a social life many feel has disappeared from campus. That's why, when students vote for student body president Monday, they must choose the candidate who can inject vibrancy into the dormant Notre Dame on-campus life.

Two tickets distinguished themselves to The Observer's editorial board. Pat Hallahan and Jeremy Lao – the only ticket with significant student government experience – presented a platform that covers a broad range of academic, social and spiritual interests. Charlie Ebersol and Lauren Meagher – who extensively researched their proposals – introduced a plan that isn't afraid to think

# MIKE BOTT *president*

## *vice president* MIKE KIRSH

### Who They Are

Bott is a junior marketing major; Kirsh is a sophomore finance and history major. Both live in Alumni Hall, where Bott is currently hall president.

### In Their Words

◆ **Top Priority:** Bott and Kirsh plan to represent student interests in the University's plans for the renovation of LaFortune. Their platform calls for more dining options and entertainment venues such as a dance club and bowling alley, which they say will help to keep students on-campus on weekends.

◆ **First Priority:** Students should expect them to focus on meal plan improvements and the creation of a mentoring program that links underclassmen with older students to provide advice on everything from DARTing to career planning.

### In Our Words

◆ **Best Idea:** Providing students with equal representation on the Campus Life Council would fundamentally change student government - for the better. Equal representation would give students a stronger voice with which to affect change on policies and issues that affect them.

◆ **Worst Idea:** While a campus-wide dance with fireworks sounds like a great idea, this idea has failed in the past due to the lack of student enthusiasm.

◆ **Most Feasible Idea:** Their Career Mentoring/Networking Program pairs underclassmen with upperclassmen who share similar majors and career goals. These relationships would help with advising, internship and job opportunities.

◆ **Least Feasible Idea:** The chances of opening a dance club or bar in LaFortune are low, especially given the University's substantial investment in Legends, the revamped



Alumni-Senior Club.

◆ **Fun Fact:** If Bott and Kirsh look familiar, think back to your last SYR. They spend many of their weekends deejaying.

◆ **Notable Quote:** "I don't think anyone understands as well as us how the SYRs aren't working," Bott said. "That was something that was working and they took it away."

### Bottom Line

Bott and Kirsh present a solid platform that encompasses most aspects of student life. They hope to improve the social environment on campus by bringing Signature Events back to the dorms; their call for TCE publication and a mentoring program shows concern for academics; and their plans for hot Grab N'Go, printers in every dorm and an off-campus shuttle service touch on issues that directly impact students' everyday lives. However, their lack of experience in student government would give them a steep learning curve and may hamper their ability to achieve these goals.

# RYAN GAGNET

## *president*

### Who They Are

Gagnet and McCarthy are both juniors. Gagnet is a mathematics major and classical civilizations minor from Stanford Hall, and McCarthy is an accounting major from Keough Hall.

### In Their Words

◆ **Top Priority:** Building a chunnel beneath Saint Mary's lake connecting the two campuses. Gagnet and McCarthy feel since England and France have one, Notre Dame should have one as well.

◆ **First Priority:** Getting the chunnel started since each student will have a handcar and the storage area needs to be "ginormous." Money will be raised by winning prizes on home video contests by filming the unavoidable crashes caused by the blind turns and a singular rail.

### In Our Words

◆ **Best Idea:** Every student would enjoy a helper monkey to be his or her personal assistant. The \$400 to \$500 fee for your new note-taker is quite modest considering no one would have to attend class. Seniors get their monkeys this spring and everyone keeps their monkeys upon graduation.

◆ **Worst Idea:** Having "Israeli-style checkpoints"

all over campus would define students attempting to get past South Dining Hall and DeBartolo checkpoints would be staying in the hall to survive a live fire drill.

◆ **Most Feasible Idea:** Hiring in-hall dance energy, Gagnet and McCarthy get the dances back to the center. Tactics of having dances every week, taking the dances out of the center, the best damn rule ever" may not be the administration.

◆ **Least Feasible Idea:** While the Stepan Center isn't the best on this campus, replacing it with one built by slave labor won't please anyone. Gagnet and McCarthy hope to use the center for another work study option and a punishment.

◆ **Fun Fact:** Gagnet and McCarthy call themselves as The Triumverate. "Blah."

◆ **Notable Quote:** "I see [myself as] monkey] as long as they are not," said Gagnet.

### Bottom Line

Gagnet and McCarthy want

# PAT HALLAHAN

## *president*



### Who They Are

Hallahan is a junior, political science and history major from Sorin Hall. Lao is a sophomore, finance and Chinese major from Stanford Hall.

### In Their Words

◆ **Top Priority:** Hallahan and Lao want a better

relationship with the administration. If the University stops overreacting, the Student Government gains the ability to implement their platform.

◆ **First Priority:** This ticket would ensure that student government should be more active and encourages more student input. Releasing its financial records and opening up their administration to criticism from the student body.

### In Our Words

◆ **Best Idea:** After welcoming Sbarro to LaFortune this fall, we want to continue improvement of the center by replacing the basement with a Blockbuster and a Ben & Jerry's.

◆ **Worst Idea:** Hallahan and Lao are at universities ranked by party. Notre Dame was No. 6. They have service and experiential learning. The plentiful Center for Social Justice is an effort to make Notre Dame a better school, service wasn't really checked.

◆ **Most Feasible Idea:** A ticket. Svete, director of the Career Center. Lao plan to offer seniors a Li

# CHARLIE EBERSOL *president*

## *vice president* LAUREN MEAGHER

### Who They Are

Ebersol is a sophomore, film television and theater major living in Keough Hall. Meagher is a junior, finance and business economics major who lives off campus in Turtle Creek Apartments.

### In Their Words

◆ **Top Priority:** Ebersol and Meagher said their primary goal is not a single platform issue, but to change the attitude of student government from a reactive to a proactive environment.

◆ **First Priority:** The first project for the Ebersol/Meagher ticket would be an advertisement to provide students with a checklist of campaign promises and deadlines for completion. They hope students would cut out the list and watch for their administration to stay on track.

### In Our Words

◆ **Best Idea:** After a year of student outcry accusing the administration of taking the fun from campus, Ebersol and Meagher promise more popular bands, comedians and national events to reinvigorate campus life.

◆ **Worst Idea:** Something about dinner theater in South Dining Hall is just a little frightening. Even "Hamlet" won't make sea nuggets appetizing.

◆ **Most Feasible Idea:** Ebersol and Meagher's Total Dance Resources committee is essentially a planning committee for SYRs to alleviate the post-alcohol policy stress on hall councils. Ebersol and Meagher propose using TDR to coordinate dance funding and logistics until SYRs are once again in-hall.

◆ **Least Feasible Idea:** Ebersol and Meagher said they are talking to MTV about televising Bookstore Basketball and attracting celebrities to participate in opening and clos-



ing ceremonies at the tournament. The tournament has drawn national attention from Sports Illustrated in the past, but getting MTV interested might be farfetched.

◆ **Fun Fact:** Ebersol's father, Dick Ebersol, is the president of NBC sports.

◆ **Notable Quote:** "I've been blessed with amazing opportunities throughout my life ... and had chances to meet amazing people," Ebersol said. "The things I've been given ... are things this University can benefit from."

### Bottom Line

This ticket is slick. Their platform is a well-researched version of the laid back fun promised by other candidates. If Ebersol and Meagher can learn to work the ropes of student government the way they have run two businesses and the Student International Business Council, respectively, then this pair might have the will and the means to make even their least feasible promises into reality.

# JOE MUTO

## *president*

### Who They Are

Juniors Muto of O'Neill Hall and Matkowski of Lyons Hall are both members of the Hall Presidents Council. Muto is an film, television and theatre major and English major and Matkowski is a marketing major.

### In Their Words

◆ **Top Priority:** They want to offer new traditions through a series of events. Their intention is to "change mentality" on the Notre Dame campus.

◆ **First Priority:** To kick off their administration with a bang, Muto and Matkowski propose a Summer Send-Off complete with campus bands, lawn chairs and hot grills on the day after classes end.

### In Our Words

◆ **Best Idea:** Backing the current Student Senate's one-year probationary period for in-hall dances would be a great way to transition into a new student government administration. Muto and Matkowski are arguably one of the most devoted tickets when it comes to fighting to keep the SYR tradition.

◆ **Worst Idea:** The last thing DeBartolo needs

is more traffic in the hallway. The question the need for a roll-up mat, aka the DeBart Bagel Cart, is the Engineering Munchi-Munchi.

◆ **Most Feasible Idea:** The ticket is very reasonable and cost-effective. Plus, it's a great way to spend the long semester and take advantage before everyone starts exams.

◆ **Least Feasible Idea:** They want to end parietyals in the hall.

◆ **Fun fact:** Muto, known for his activism toward the administration, "toned down the rhetoric" earlier this semester for student affairs. Fa Muto referred to him as "ing."

◆ **Notable Quote:** "I'd like to see and get the little things picked up. His less ambitious, but relevant."

### Bottom Line

Their platform is interesting. Who would

## JOHN MCCARTHY

vice president



with their campaign. With Gagnet on the junior class council and McCarthy being the vice president of the judicial council last year, they have experience with student government and think students take their positions too seriously. They feel nothing gets accomplished and campaign promises go unfulfilled. Although it would be really cool to have a personal helper monkey.

## JEREMY LAO

vice president

workshops on staying out of bankruptcy, surviving the first year on the job and buying a house.

◆ **Least Feasible Idea:** Though it would be nice, Hallahan and Lao's plan to work with University fundraisers to endow the Student Union Board and various student clubs, allowing for higher spending on concerts, speakers and activities, seems unlikely during a down economy on a campus with pending construction projects.

◆ **Fun Fact:** Hallahan currently serves as chief of staff for the Bishop/Foley administration. Lao is sophomore class president.

◆ **Notable Quote:** "I don't think we were as successful as we could have been [in fighting the alcohol policy]," Hallahan admitted. "We had the opportunity back in April and we dropped the ball. Going the safer way with the administration hasn't produced the results we thought it would."

### Bottom Line

Hallahan and Lao each have significant experience in student government; and Hallahan is willing to admit the mistakes of the current administration. Their platform is well-researched, achievable, and most importantly, relevant to students' social and academic lives.

## MIMI MATKOWSKI

vice president



campus entertainment and a push for the administration to re-evaluate longstanding policy? But the Muto-Matkowski ticket is lacking evidence of thorough research and planning. They also fail to address many other areas of student life, academic, spiritual and the like, which are an integral parts of student government work.

## MATT PADBERG

president

## DAVID RAIL

vice president

### Who They Are

Matt Padberg is a junior, environmental geosciences major. David Rail is freshman in First Year Studies who intends to major in physics. They both live in Zahm Hall.

### In Their Words

- ◆ **Top Priority:** More Flex points.
- ◆ **First Priority:** More Flex points.

### In Our Words

◆ **Best Idea:** More Flex points. Sure, it'd be nice.

◆ **Worst Idea:** Running for student body president and vice president on an uninformed, single-issue ticket. We'd rather talk about a chunnel and monkeys.

◆ **Most Feasible Idea:** More Flex points. But they're called Domer Dollars, and you have to pay for them.

◆ **Least Feasible Idea:** Getting more Flex points without requiring students to pay more for their meal plans.

◆ **Fun Fact:** We get the impression that they enjoy eating at on-campus restaurants more than the dining halls.

◆ **Notable Quote:** "Most tickets make lots of promises. Maybe they'll get done, maybe not. But if you don't get your promises done, you're lying," said Padberg. "It's more realistic to get one thing accomplished."

### Bottom Line

Padberg and Rail are focused. A little too focused.



## DREW UPDIKE

president

## ERIC TARNOWSKI

vice president

### Who They Are

Drew Updike and Eric Tarnowski are both sophomores living in Zahm Hall. Tarnowski is a marketing major and Updike is an ALPP and anthropology major.

### In Their Words

◆ **Top Priority:** Updike and Tarnowski's top priority is to institute a program in which students can cash in unused meals for a portion of the meal's cost in Flex points. They estimate the amount of Flex points reimbursed would be around \$2 to \$3.

◆ **First Priority:** If elected, Updike and Tarnowski's first goal will be to get everybody within both their office and student government on the same page. They want to remain true to their slogan, "real people, real ideas."

### In Our Words

◆ **Best Idea:** Their meal plan would give students a chance to receive compensation for all the meals they pay for and do not use.

◆ **Worst Idea:** An Tostal died when kegs were banned, and Updike and Tarnowski are unlikely to revitalize it. Even if they do, one week out of the year with mud volleyball and dorm events will not make a big difference to students.

◆ **Most Feasible Idea:** Updike and Tarnowski have a good chance of getting student government records released.

◆ **Least Feasible Idea:** The chances of convincing the administration to let students cash meals in are minimal. If the administration won't provide funding to alter the meal plan, they are unlikely to provide it gratuitously in additional Flex points.

◆ **Fun Fact:** Not only are they roommates at Zahm Hall, but Updike and Tarnowski hold leadership positions in the Leprechaun Legion.



◆ **Notable Quote:** "A lot of times people are way too serious about students government, and they won't joke around. We shouldn't forget student government isn't why we came to college," said Updike.

### Bottom Line

Updike and Tarnowski want to take a light-hearted approach to student government. While light heartedness may be appealing to students, it does not work with administrators who have high expectations of the students' representatives. Limiting their platform in order to avoid making false promises is a great idea, but using the sway of the student body president's title to accomplish a goal of the Leprechaun Legion presents a conflict of interest and is a dubious goal at best. They have no previous experience in student government and do not seem to grasp the importance of operating multiple offices and working with administrators.

# Ebersol

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big. But Hallahan-Lao fell short by failing to propose high-profile, feasible programs that would immediately attract students. Ebersol and Meagher made more than their share of lofty promises, but they have done the research to make their promises seem tangible. The candidates' firm belief in their ability to revolutionize the role of student government narrowly earned Ebersol and Meagher the support of The Observer in the 2003-04 student body presidential election.

One of the Ebersol-Meagher ticket's most attractive ideas is the creation of Total Dance Resources, which would help advise dorms and find funds to support out-of-hall dances while their administration negotiates for the dances' return to the residence halls. Ebersol also candidly said he could use personal connections - connections he developed as the son of NBC Sports

Chairman Dick Ebersol - to draw high-profile entertainers to campus.

The platform also stands out because it has substance beneath the flash. Ebersol-Meagher wants to establish a five-year plan in order to build consistency in what student government accomplishes. They believe they can add flexibility to First Year Studies, and implement a professional advising system in the College of Arts & Letters similar to one currently in place in the College of Business to help students pick courses that will best suit their career track.

Admittedly, Ebersol and Meagher's platform does have holes. They want to place the Student Union Board under the control of the Club Coordination Council, thus empowering SUB to raise funds to bring high-quality entertainment to campus. Such a dramatic restructuring, however, means significant changes to the Student Union Constitution and current student government officials say the changes might not be implemented in time to give Ebersol the money he had hoped

to spend during his term. But the probability of a successful restructuring is high because the changes to the constitution do not have to be verified by any administrator. Moreover placing SUB under the CCC would have the lasting impact students desperately need if campus life is to be revitalized.

Several of the other tickets also propose changes that could revitalize campus life. Mike Bott and Mike Kirsh, for example, shined at Wednesday's debate and proposed practical, popular ideas such as a weekday off-campus shuttle system, student involvement in LaFortune renovations and using upperclassmen as mentors to underclassmen. But they lack the necessary leadership experience - experience that Hallahan developed as chief of staff in Libby Bishop's administration and Ebersol gained running his own business. Joe Muto and Mimi Matkowski proposed a plan to end parietais by 2006, just one example of many on a platform centered on wildly popular and totally impractical ideas. Drew

Updike and Eric Tarnowski and Matt Padberg and David Rail are each running on issues unquestionably important to students, but lack the broad platforms needed to provide their campaigns legitimacy.

Hallahan and Lao distinguished their ticket with a platform chock-full of ideas that they can reasonably accomplish, but the ideas themselves fail to stand out. Suggestions like adding Blockbuster Video and Ben & Jerry's to LaFortune, funding monthly bus trips to Chicago, adding one-credit courses to promote discussion of hot campus topics and implementing a Life Skills program to help seniors enter the real world are noble goals, but they lack the glamour students want to believe student government is capable of achieving.

Maybe student government can't achieve anything. Maybe Ryan Gagnet and John McCarthy, running a joke campaign because they think students in student government take their jobs too seriously, have a point.

That's why Ebersol and Meagher's pledge to hold their administration accountable to students - by publishing a checklist at the beginning of the year listing his administration's goals - is impressive. If the administration does not achieve every goal, Ebersol himself said his administration should be considered a failure. Ebersol's promise could come back to haunt the sophomore if he tries again to run for student body president in 2004.

But give Ebersol and Meagher credit. They believe their platform can awaken student support by making both an immediate impact on current students' lives and establishing a framework to ensure a long-term vision for the role of student government. By not being afraid to think big, while demonstrating that they have the ability to effectively implement their lofty proposals, Ebersol and Meagher earned The Observer's support.

The Observer endorses Charlie Ebersol and Lauren Meagher for student body president and vice president.

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 <p><b>Bott &amp; Kirsh</b></p>	<p>They've made efforts to talk to some authorities but their limited experience with administration leaves us questioning.</p>	<p>They back down too easily when it comes to bringing back the SYR and settle merely for signature events in the dorm.</p>	<p>They focus on short-term and long-term projects. The off-campus shuttle is a plus.</p>	<p>Who couldn't resist hot Grab 'n' Go? Also, their block meal plan offers another attractive option while keeping Food Services from losing money.</p>	<p>They've spoken with administrators on preliminary levels and they are realistic.</p>
 <p><b>Ebersol &amp; Meagher</b></p>	<p>Ebersol's slick and charismatic personality could make up for the pair's lack of experience in front of administrators on behalf of the entire student body.</p>	<p>TDR will improve the planning and organization of campus dances.</p>	<p>They're promising to use "personal connections" to attract big name performers.</p>	<p>They want to propose to the Board of Trustees a more flexible meal plan where meals and Flex points could be easily interchanged.</p>	<p>They've done their homework and we like the publicized checklist to promote a proactive student government, but changes to the constitution may not come easily.</p>
 <p><b>Gagnet &amp; McCarthy</b></p>	<p>As soon as Fr. Poorman's hears about the pet monkeys and a Girormous Chunnel, all hope will be lost.</p>	<p>They want them reinstated and they want them weekly.</p>	<p>Can you send your monkey through the Israeli-style checkpoint?</p>	<p>They think changing the meal plan options is not feasible, but they do want to see flexibility when meals can be used.</p>	<p>We doubt Notre Dame will allow slave labor or pet monkeys or chunnels.</p>
 <p><b>Hallahan &amp; Lao</b></p>	<p>Hallahan has worked closely with top campus officials and the two know the ins and outs of student government and the administration.</p>	<p>They acknowledged the faults of the previous administration and are willing to bypass campus avenues and press the Board of Trustees despite the limited timeframe they have in office.</p>	<p>Some ideas sound dry as the two attempt to cater to the wide array of students, but we would like a Ben and Jerry's and a Blockbuster in LaFortune.</p>	<p>They support Senate's current proposal of Flex 10.</p>	<p>He's already made the necessary contacts for accomplishing his platforms.</p>
 <p><b>Muto &amp; Matkowski</b></p>	<p>Despite alleged lunches with Fr. Poorman, Muto's sudden change of heart toward the administration is hard to believe considering his leadership in the anti-alcohol policy movement.</p>	<p>They support a one-year probationary period that Student Senate is, already working on.</p>	<p>They provide a good mix of activity with a summer send-off, Our Lady's Cup, the continuation of Margaritaville and a Halloween costume contest.</p>	<p>Their biggest gripe is the location of drinks in South Dining Hall.</p>	<p>Muto hasn't worked well with the administration in the past and the two have not made major attempts to research their plans.</p>
 <p><b>Padberg &amp; Rail</b></p>	<p>With a one-issue platform, how can they take a stance on other issues with the University?</p>	<p>They had no comment.</p>	<p>They had no comment.</p>	<p>They have no strategy for fulfilling the only goal of their platform.</p>	<p>No plans. No comment.</p>
 <p><b>Updike &amp; Tarnowski</b></p>	<p>They have limited experience and a platform that fails to look into some issues that are necessary for student-administrator dialogue.</p>	<p>They want them back, but arranging seats in the JACC is a higher priority.</p>	<p>If you attend Notre Dame basketball games and nothing else, your campus life is thoroughly covered under this platform.</p>	<p>They did their homework on this one with their Flex 14 plan and meal cash-in offer.</p>	<p>They have no government experience and they have failed to accomplish goals in the Leprechaun Legion. How will they do it in student government?</p>

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## CINEMA MANIFESTOS

## 'Rabbit-Proof Fence' neglects vital issues

"Rabbit-Proof Fence" has received glowing reviews from a wide variety of critics and was recently named one of the 10 best films of the year by the National Board of Review. It has also been hailed as the

"feel-good film of the year." While the distinction is apt as the film chronicles the inspiring struggle of three Aborigine girls to return to their homes across Australia, it is precisely the fact that the film allows the audience to leave the theater feeling so good that makes it hard to see the film as anything more than a rehashing of the same "inspiring true story" format that has been a standby of movie studios for years.

The film follows the trials of Molly (Everlyn Sampi) to lead her younger sister and cousin home after they have run away from a government camp set up as part of the Australian government's official program from 1910 until 1970 that took mixed-race Aboriginal children away from their homes to train and integrate them into "civilized" white society as factory workers and domestic servants. The program amounted to 60 years of government-sponsored kidnapping and enslavement, and the 100,000 victims are referred to in Australia as the "Stolen Generations." The current Australian government still refuses to apologize to the Aboriginal people for its actions.

Molly and her companions' story occurs in 1931, after the three girls are snatched and taken 1,500 miles away from their home. Molly defiantly decides to leave the camp and walk the distance back home using the rabbit-proof fence as their guide. The titular fence was built to divide the Australian continent and keep rabbits out of the farmlands of Western Australia.

The girls' story is heart-wrenching as they endure the brutal conditions of the



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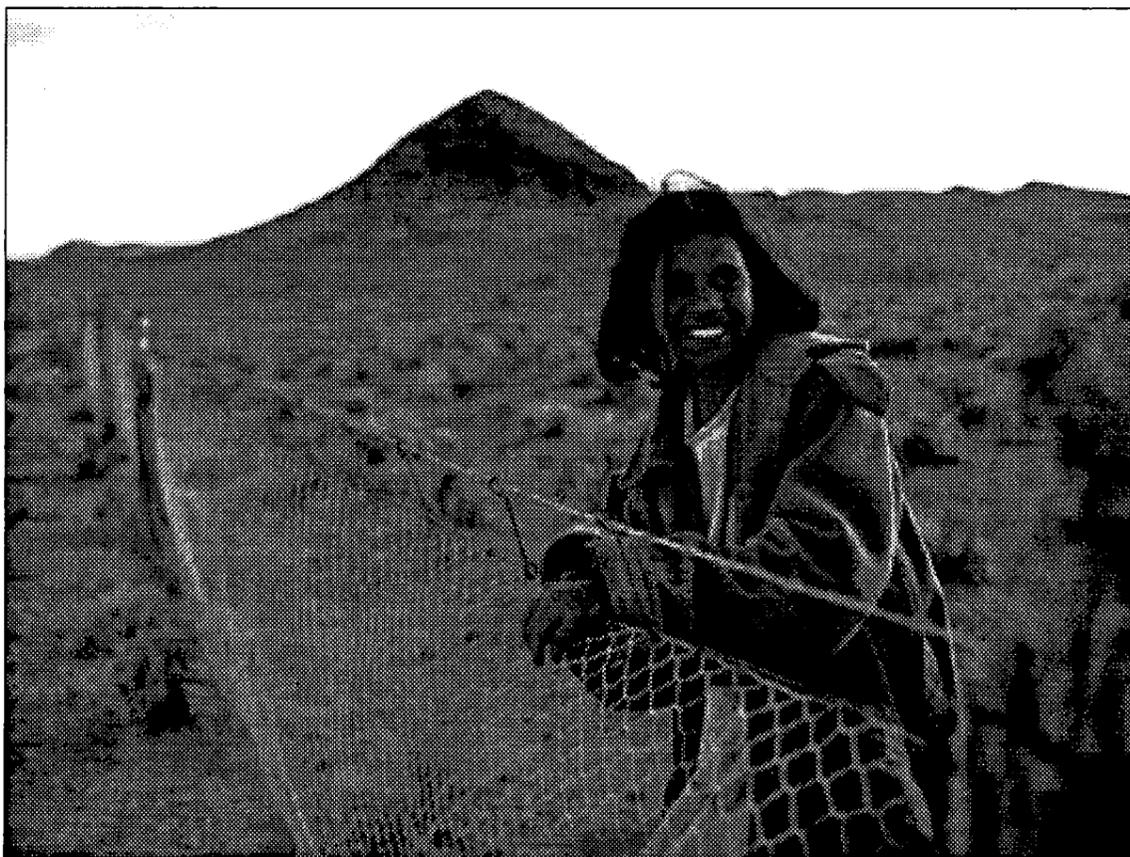
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Molly Craig (Everlyn Sampi), a member of Australia's "stolen generation" of Aborigine children, follows a rabbit-proof fence home after escaping a government camp.

outback and the ever-present danger of their pursuers. Sampi and the other child actors who play her partners are all first-time actors, and all put on performances that seem to defy the traditional logic that putting the weight of a film on child actors is a kiss of death.

These girls capture the imagination of audience better than most professional adult actors.

The journey across the outback is captured in notable cinematography. The shots capture the stark beauty of the outback and allow the landscape to become almost an extra character in the film's struggle. The camerawork also makes some interesting stabs at expressionistic altering of images to reflect the distorted reality that the

girls encounter at their camp.

These praises for the film have been part of what have made it such a critical darling. Looking beyond these aspects, however, most critics go on to praise director Phillip Noyce for a sublime handling of the story and his hands-off approach that supposedly lets the story tell itself. It seems that sublime and hands-off are

terms critics use to praise Noyce for having little critical vision about the reality of the situation that he is handling.

The fact is that the story is not simply one of a singular triumph. There is a larger reality of a country's institutionalized racism. It is not a system that can be treated so lightly in a simple "it was bad, this person triumphed, eventually it ended, and now we all know it is bad" format. The film's portrayal of the whole system of racism is very far off.

Only in a few end title cards does the film deal with the much more damaging realities that Molly was abducted again and lost her daughter to the system and that the mistreatment of Aboriginal people, which officially ended 39 years after the film takes place yet still continues until this day. Noyce makes little effort at probing further into reasons why the system existed or why racist tendencies persist to this day in regards to the Aboriginal people.

Kenneth Branagh's portrayal

of A.O. Neville, the head of the agency that organized the system and coordinator of the pursuit of the girls in the film, is also flaccid. Other critics have showered praise on the actor for the supposed subtlety of the performance, admiring the fact that Branagh avoids playing Neville as a caricature of a villain. However, in lieu of a caricature, he resorts to a canned performance that is two steps shy of human. Neville is generally reduced to shadow of an actual character that deadpans extraordinarily racist logic and phrases to let the audience know just how bad the system was.

What is really needed is a more human character to bring home the racism that creates such systems.

The work fails to shake the audience into any self-reflexive probing for answers about the sources of racism. It replaces elevated social consciousness with our soaring hearts as we leave the theater. Somewhere, it is solidifying some college stu-

dent into his self-assured feeling that he "isn't a racist, he just likes to hang out with only people who are like him." As long as we make racism into something that is just about the 1960's South or dull bureaucrats in 1931 Australia, we only perpetuate sublimated forms of racism today.

Noyce took on a two-part story that is one part inspiration, but also needs unveil real problems of racism instead of soft and simple answers. In "Rabbit-Proof Fence," he executes the first part brilliantly, but balks at his second task. This failure, at best, greatly undermines the work; at worst, it makes the film simply dangerous.

One critic, in his praise of "Rabbit-Proof Fence," suggested that only the leftists pretending to be critics could fault the film for its portrayal of racism. Call me whatever you do. I think this film can do better. If we do not probe the real arguments or lack thereof in every film, even heartwarming ones, we might as well just tell every story at the level of a cheap MTV documentary.

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Daisy (Tianna Sansbury) and Gracie (Laura Monaghan) follow their older sister Molly home, though they are too young to remember their mother.

## NBA

## Cavs hold on against Rockets to get 10th win of season

Associated Press

## CLEVELAND

Ricky Davis scored 21 points and Zydrunas Ilgauskas added 20 in a matchup with Houston center Yao Ming, leading the Cleveland Cavaliers past the Rockets 105-102.

Maurice Taylor scored a season-high 30 points to lead Houston, which nearly overcame a 14-point deficit in the fourth quarter, but lost for the seventh time in 10 games.

Taylor and Cuttino Mobley, who scored 24 points, rallied the Rockets from an 88-74 deficit. Houston got within 100-99 when Taylor scored on an uncontested backdoor dunk with 1:35 to play.

Ilgauskas hit two free throws 12 seconds later and Darius Miles added another foul shot for a 103-99 advantage with 1:01 remaining.

Taylor responded with a 10-foot jumper and James Posey hit the second of two free throws for Houston to make it 103-102 with 37.8 seconds left.

After Ilgauskas forced a shot over Yao that missed badly, the Rockets' Steve Francis tried to find his 7-foot-5 center running the other way. Francis threw a low pass that was picked off by Milt Palacio.

Palacio made two free throws to secure the win for Cleveland, which had lost nine of its previous 10.

Mobley missed a wild 3-point attempt with :02 left.

Yao scored 14 points, but did not match Ilgauskas' outside shooting. Cleveland's 7-foot-3 center, who will face Yao again Sunday in the All-Star game, shot 8-for-17 on a variety of midrange jumpers.

Ilgauskas challenged his taller foe in the first minute of the game, but had a dunk attempt swatted away.

Cleveland took early command with a 12-4 run for a 24-18 lead. The Cavs held a 10-0 rebounding edge during the spurt.

Taylor scored 15 points in the second quarter to help Houston stay close. The Rockets shot 11-for-17 in the quarter and trailed at halftime 54-45.

Yao did not score until hitting a hook shot with 42 seconds left in the first half.

**Celtics 114, SuperSonics 74**

Paul Pierce scored 26 points and Boston beat the Seattle SuperSonics, just five days after the most lopsided loss in Celtics history.

The 40-point margin was the

Celtics' biggest of the season. Last Friday night, they lost to Detroit 118-66.

Celtics coach Jim O'Brien got the 100th victory of his NBA career as they ended a four-game losing streak and got plenty of backcourt bench help. Tony Delk scored 22 points and Shammond Williams added 15.

The Sonics were led by Rashard Lewis with 15 and Gary Payton with 14.

The Celtics go into the All-Star break with a 27-22 record, fourth best in the Eastern Conference. Their next game is at Seattle next Tuesday, completing the teams' two-game season series.

Seattle's last game before the break is Thursday night at Milwaukee.

Leading 79-61, Boston opened the fourth quarter with a 21-2 run that made it 100-63 with 6:27 left. Delk started it with two 3-pointers and J.R. Bremer ended it with another. That was the Celtics' seventh basket of the period, four of them 3-pointers.

It was the first meeting between the teams since an off-season trade sent Williams and Vin Baker to Boston for Kenny Anderson, Vitaly Potapenko and Joseph Forte. Baker missed the game with lightheadedness, while Anderson, Potapenko and Forte combined for nine points.

Boston took control in the second period when it outscored Seattle 34-15 in the last 11 minutes for a 61-44 halftime lead. The Sonics scored the first four points of the second quarter for a 29-27 lead, then faltered as the Celtics consistently passed underneath for easy baskets.

Antoine Walker started the run with a 3-pointer and a driving layup and Pierce ended it with a dunk on which he left the floor just after crossing the foul line.

**Pistons 89, Clippers 80**

Rookie Mehmet Okur had the first double-double of his career with 19 points and 11 rebounds to lead the Detroit Pistons to a victory over the Los Angeles Clippers.

Detroit enters the All-Star break with a four-game winning streak, while Los Angeles has lost four in a row and seven of eight.

Detroit was missing All-Star Ben Wallace, who is in Alabama after the death of his mother. Wallace will go straight to Atlanta for Sunday's All-Star game after the funeral Saturday.

Cliff Robinson had 17 points for the Pistons and Corliss

Williamson added 12. Elton Brand led the Clippers with 18 points and Melvin Ely had 14.

The Clippers kept the game close for 14 minutes, trailing 26-23 early in the second quarter.

The Pistons, though, went on a 19-4 run to go up by 18. Detroit got six points from Williamson and five from rookie Tayshaun Prince during the surge.

Detroit led 56-32 at halftime and were up by as many as 27 in the third quarter before taking a 77-55 edge into the final period.

The Pistons let up in the fourth, but the Clippers never got the margin to single digits until Quentin Richardson's 3-pointer with 1 second left.

**Trail Blazers 101, Heat 87**

Scottie Pippen scored a season-high 26 points, one more than his previous best set the night before, as the Portland Trail Blazers beat the Miami Heat.

Upset at the at lack of foul calls for his team, Heat coach Pat Riley was shouting at referee Derrick Stafford as the game wound down.

"It's not about you," Stafford shouted back. "Go on TV crying."

Earlier this season, Riley publicly derided NBA officiating and was fined \$50,000. On Wednesday, the Heat made all of their free throws; the only problem was they had only seven opportunities. The Trail Blazers, meanwhile, were 27-for-32 from the free throw line.

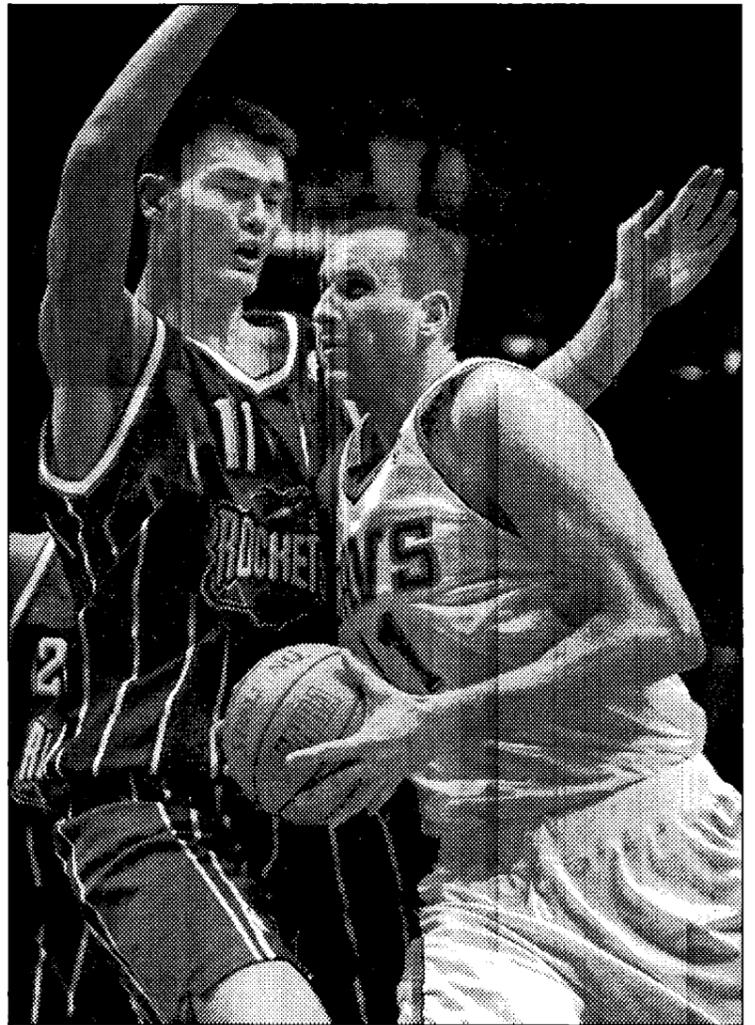
The Trail Blazers eliminated a 12-point Heat lead late in the first half, going on 14-2 run to tie the game at 41 with two minutes left. The Heat stayed close for three quarters, but the Trail Blazers pulled away with 28 points in the fourth quarter, while the Heat scored 16.

Rasheed Wallace added 22 points, 18 in the second half. Wallace also was called for a technical foul early in the third quarter.

With Wallace in a shouting match with some courtside fans in the fourth quarter, Portland coach Maurice Cheeks called him over for a chat. When Wallace went back into the game, Cheeks told fans to leave his volatile star alone.

"Let me talk to him, y'all don't say nothing," Cheeks pleaded.

But after Wallace hit the next shot, Cheeks laughingly said: "Go ahead, keep talking to him!"



AFP PHOTO

Cleveland Cavalier center Zydrunas Ilgauskas drives against Houston Rocket center Yao Ming in the third quarter of the 105-102 Cavalier victory Wednesday in Cleveland.

Eddie Jones scored 20 points for the Heat, and reserve Eddie House added a season-high 18.

The Trail Blazers headed into the All-Star break with a 22-5 record over their last 27 games, the best in the league.

**Nets 111, 76ers 85**

Kerry Kittles scored a season-high 35 points, leading the New Jersey Nets to a victory over the Philadelphia 76ers.

The Atlantic Division-leading Nets have won six of seven after losing their first three games on a West Coast trip. New Jersey heads into the All-Star break tied with Indiana for the best record in the Eastern Conference at 34-15.

Allen Iverson had 28 points and Keith Van Horn added 16 for the Sixers, who have lost three of four and enter the break at 25-24.

Jason Collins had 13, and Brian Scalabrine and Aaron Williams each had 12 for the

Nets. Jason Kidd, who played despite a stomach flu, had eight points, seven rebounds and six assists in 27 minutes.

The Nets broke open a close game early in the second quarter with a 12-0 run. They outscored Philadelphia 24-3 over a stretch of 6:42 in the second to take a 51-31 lead.

After Van Horn's hook shot gave the Sixers a 28-27 lead, New Jersey scored the next 12. Former Sixer Lucious Harris began the run with a jumper and Richard Jefferson had a driving dunk.

The Sixers cut the deficit to 14 at halftime, and got to 57-45 on a layup by Van Horn to start the third. But the Nets scored 14 straight to put the game out of reach.

Kittles opened the run with a 3-pointer, a layup and a driving layup. He capped the spurt with another 3 that made it 71-45 just 3:44 into the third.

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**NCAA BASKETBALL**

# Knight becomes fourth to achieve landmark 800th win

Associated Press

LUBBOCK, Texas  
With fans chanting his name and the magic number, Bob Knight entered the 800 club. Knight became only the fourth Division I men's coach to

win 800 games, reaching the mark by guiding Texas Tech over Nebraska 75-49.

After the victory, Knight took to the microphone and spoke to his supporters.

"I've had some milestones, but I've never had a milestone in front of a crowd that I appre-

ciated so much," he said.

When he was finished speaking, his team circled around him, hugging him and jumping up and down.

Fans got into the excitement throughout the game.

The crowd chanted "Bobby!" and "800" during the final couple of minutes of the game. A group of 11 Tech students stood frequently throughout the game, holding up white placards with red lettering that spelled out 1-800-Bob-Nite with the word 'WON' written verti-

cally on the number one.

The Red Raiders (13-5, 3-4 Big 12) went on an early 26-0 run, making it easy for Knight to get the milestone win on his second try.

Texas A&M spoiled his first shot Saturday, beating Texas Tech 64-59 in College Station.

Only Dean Smith of North Carolina (879), Adolph Rupp of Kentucky (876) and Mount St. Mary's Jim Phelan (827) have won more than 800 games in Division I. With Phelan set to retire after this season, Knight

(800-303) would become the active leader.

In his first game as a head coach 38 years ago, Knight's team at Army lost to Princeton 70-49. The next game he turned it around with a 71-62 win over Worcester Tech, and he's not stopped winning since.

Knight has been a head coach for 37 years at three Division I schools. He got his first victory and his 100th at Army, then moved to Indiana, where his Hoosiers went 662-239 and won three national championships from 1971-2000.

After a year away from coaching, Knight made a startling comeback in West Texas. In his first season, he took over a Tech team that hadn't had a winning season in four years and went 23-9 and reached the NCAA tournament.

Overall, Knight is 36-14 with Texas Tech.

Andre Emmett scored 24 points and Kasib Powell added 16 to lead the Red Raiders.

Nebraska (9-12, 1-7) led only once in the early going before Tech took command. The Cornhuskers were held scoreless for more than eight minutes in the first half and without a field goal in the first six minutes of the second half.

The Red Raiders fell behind 5-0 early, but scored on 10 of their next 13 possessions to lead 26-5 while holding the Cornhuskers scoreless for more than an eight-minute stretch.

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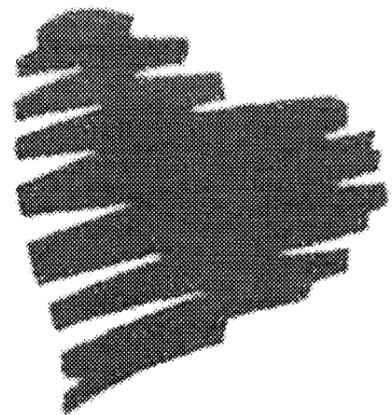
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## NBA

# Jayson Williams settles with family of deceased driver

Associated Press

TRENTON, N.J.

Former NBA star Jayson Williams settled a civil lawsuit filed by the family of a limousine driver who was shot to death at his mansion.

Williams' attorneys did not release terms of the settlement, which was filed in state Superior Court in Hackensack.

Williams is accused of recklessly handling the shotgun that killed Costas "Gus" Christofi. He faces charges, including

aggravated manslaughter, in the Feb. 14, 2002, shooting death and faces up to 45 years in prison if convicted on all counts.

The civil settlement does not affect Williams' criminal trial, which has been delayed so an appeals court can hear defense arguments for dismissing the indictment.

Williams' attorneys did release letters exchanged by Williams and the family of Christofi.

"While I know the pain I feel

cannot compare to yours, I will live my whole life with the thought that Mr. Gus Christofi is no longer with you," Williams said in his letter to the family.

Christofi's brother, Anthony, and sister, Andrea Adams, filed the lawsuit against Williams on Oct. 30.

"We are sure that he did not intend to hurt Gus and that he sincerely regrets what occurred," they said in their letter. "He has offered us his deepest sympathies and he has taken responsibility for this

tragic accident, which we genuinely appreciate."

Their lawyer, Ken Berkowitz, did not immediately return a telephone call seeking comment.

In his letter, Williams said he never goes to bed or wakes up without thinking about Christofi's death and the family's loss.

"I am truly sorry," he said. "While I know that sorrow can never bring your brother back, I wanted you to know how I feel. It is my hope and prayer

that over time you will find it in your heart to forgive me. My wife, Tanya, and I pray for your forgiveness every day of our lives."

Williams' attorneys said the settlement would allow them to turn their attention to the criminal case.

"Now that Jayson Williams and the family have resolved this matter, we can move forward, focusing solely on the court of appeals hearing on March 12," Williams spokeswoman Judy Smith said.

# League wants new owners to keep Bucks in Milwaukee

Associated Press

MILWAUKEE

Local and national investors are interested in buying a majority stake in the Milwaukee Bucks but the league wants to keep the team in the city, NBA commissioner David Stern said.

Stern said in the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel he is confident this can be done. He did not identify any of the interested parties.

"We're telling prospective purchasers that there is good

opportunity in Milwaukee," he said.

Sen. Herb Kohl is willing to sell the team he has owned since 1985, but he wants the Bucks to remain in Milwaukee and would like the new ownership to have Wisconsin roots.

"It takes some time, but in light of the senator's desire to keep the team in Milwaukee and to find a way to assure continuity, I think we'll have some success here for the team and for Milwaukee," Stern told the Journal Sentinel.

"I have been in communication directly and indirectly with different people both within the Milwaukee market, nearby markets and nationwide who are curious to see whether Milwaukee is a good investment," he added.

The league's preference is to keep franchises where they are, Stern said. The Vancouver Grizzlies recently moved to Memphis and the Charlotte Hornets moved to New Orleans.

Stern said the league was not in favor of allowing com-

munity ownership of a basketball franchise, similar to the Green Bay Packers in the NFL.

"There are different ways for a community to step up financially," Stern told the newspaper. "Our working model has been and will remain private corporate ownership."

Stern conceded that Kohl's desire to keep the team in Milwaukee makes the franchise less valuable because investors elsewhere might be willing to pay more.

Kohl has not discussed the

ownership matter since telling the Journal Sentinel last month of his desire to seek new investors. He was unavailable for comment Tuesday, the team said.

Forbes magazine recently valued the Bucks at \$168 million, the lowest-valued team in the league's smallest market.

Kohl has said the team is losing money, attendance has declined this year and the team's deal with the Bradley Center is not as lucrative as those enjoyed by most other NBA teams.



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Info & apps are available in CoMo room 114, Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and the Campus Ministry Welcome Center (room 111) Sunday through Thursday 4:00 p.m. to Midnight.

### friday 2.07

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**Mass for  
 Peace and Justice**  
 5:15 p.m.  
 Basilica of the Sacred Heart

**807 Mass**  
 8:00 p.m.  
 Co-Mo Student Lounge

### sunday 2.09

**RCIA Session**  
 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.  
 Co-Mo Student Lounge

### tuesday 2.11

**Campus Bible Study**  
 7:00 -8:00 p.m.  
 114 Coleman-Morse Center

**Weekly Spanish Mass**  
 10:30 p.m.  
 St. Edward's Hall

### wednesday 2.12

**Graduate Student  
 Christian Fellowship**  
 8:00 p.m.  
 Wilson Commons

**Interfaith Christian  
 Night Prayer**  
 10:00  
 Morrissey Hall Chapel

## considerations....

### War with Iraq

# Peace is God's Gift Work of Human Hands

by Fr. Richard Warner, C.S.C.

Director of Campus Ministry & Counselor to the President

From Christmastime on, I have received a number of letters and e-mail messages from recent Notre Dame graduates who were commissioned upon graduation and are serving in the Armed Forces of our country. They accept the responsibilities they assumed at the time of their commissioning, and they trod it with courage and confidence. These messages have placed the faces of young people I know and respect on the dilemma we face.

For the past ten years or so, Campus Ministry has provided chaplains to the students who participate in the ROTC units at Notre Dame. I have been one of several priests and lay persons from our staff who have served in this capacity. We have celebrated Masses with the students and cadre, assisted with retreats for freshmen and seniors and prepared seniors for service as lay leaders of prayer.

Personally, I have always been impressed with the intelligence, commitment and dedication of our ROTC students. In addition to the normal responsibilities each Notre Dame undergraduate student assumes, they participate in the many other activities that characterize the lives of our students: hours of service, retreats, breaks with friends, clubs, student and hall governments and overseas study opportunities, just to name a few.

Our country seems determined to enter into a war against Iraq. While the reason for us doing so was to enforce U.N. Security Council resolutions to restore peace in the region and destroy weapons of mass destruction, we now consistently declare that with or without the support of the United Nations, we will carry out our will. When our allies try to slow the process down, one spokesperson or another mocks or belittles them. Each day seems filled with what I consider to be overblown and counterproductive rhetoric. We claim incontrovertible proof that even prestigious generals know little about. And perhaps most destructively of all, growing numbers of our citizens question the real reasons for our involvement.

If there are reasons weighty enough to require armed force to provide a solution to a situation that endangers world peace and the security of our own nation and people, then that case should be clearly made in reasoned speech and tone. It is clear that freedom is a great blessing which, as a country and a people, we wish to share with others, and rightly so.

As Catholics, we would do well to heed the voices of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. As long ago as September, Bishop Wilton Gregory, president of the Conference, wrote to President Bush indicating that it is difficult to justify military action against Iraq at this time, and stating that unilateral action against Iraq without broad domestic and international consensus may lack legitimate authority. He also indicated that the probability of success and the proportionality of such action is open to question and that the impact of military action on the Iraqi civilian population could have incalculable effects. More recently, the Catholic bishops of the Church of England have stepped up their opposition to the participation of Britain in a war against Iraq. And La Civiltà Cattolica, an influential Jesuit publication in Rome, questions our justification for a preventive war.

From the moment of the terrorist attacks on our country 18 months ago, we all knew that September 11 changed us and our nation forever. We certainly cannot afford to be naive or inattentive to the dangers our country faces from terrorists. Yet the continuing lack of respect for the lives and the rights of the Israelis and the Palestinians is a matter of concern as is the depth of our determination as a nation to promote in a significant way policies and practices which will truly support peace with justice among all the peoples of the one earth we share. But it is imperative that the wisdom of the Church and the Church's social teaching be a guideline for our actions on all these fronts.

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**And instead of hating the people you  
 think are warmongers,  
 hate the appetite and the disorder  
 in your own soul,  
 which are the causes of war.**

**If you love peace, then hate injustice,  
 Hate tyranny, hate greed-  
 But hate these things in yourself,  
 not in another.**

- Thomas Merton

## mass schedule

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### basilica of the sacred heart

Saturday 5:00 p.m. Rev. Peter A. Jarret, C.S.C.	Sunday 10:00 a.m. Rev. Peter A. Jarret, C.S.C.
	11:45 a.m. Rev. Peter A. Jarret, C.S.C.

### around campus (every Sunday)

1:30 p.m. Spanish Mass Zahm Hall Chapel	5:00 p.m. Law School Mass Law School Chapel	7:00 p.m. MBA Mass Mendoza COB Faculty Lounge
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### Sunday's Scripture Readings

1st: Job 7: 1 - 4, 6 - 7    2nd: 1 Cor 9: 16 - 19, 22 - 23    Gospel: Mark 1: 29 - 39

## NCAA BASKETBALL

## Hokies handle Huskies in upset

Associated Press

BLACKSBURG, Va. Connecticut lost 95-74 to Virginia Tech in its first game since coach Jim Calhoun took a leave to have surgery for prostate cancer.

Calhoun told the team about his plans at practice Monday and was at practice Tuesday, but did not make the trip to Blacksburg. He is to have surgery Thursday and expects to miss about three weeks, with George Blaney filling in.

The Huskies (13-5, 4-3 Big East) shot just 34 percent, had 19 turnovers and were outmuscled by the Hokies, who beat a ranked opponent for the first time since they topped Virginia on Dec. 28, 1995.

The victory was key for the Hokies (9-11, 2-5), who are in their third year in the Big East and trying to earn their first trip to the conference tournament, held at Madison Square Garden. To do it, they have to avoid being last in their division.

## Louisville 77, Cincinnati 71

Cincinnati's reign as the dominant team in Conference USA may be over. Louisville's may be just beginning.

Freshman Francisco Garcia scored a career-high 24 points and tied a school record with eight 3-pointers as the No. 5 Cardinals beat the Bearcats to extend the nation's longest active winning streak to 16 games.

Reece Gaines had 17 points and seven assists and Marvin Stone grabbed 11 rebounds for the Cardinals (17-1, 7-0 Conference USA), who are off to the program's best start since the 1955-56 team won 19 of its

first 20 games.

The winning streak is the longest for Louisville since the 1985-86 squad won its final 17 games on the way to the program's second NCAA championship.

## Oklahoma St 63, Kansas St. 55

Tony Allen scored 17 points and Andre Williams blocked seven shots, leading (No. 12 ESPN/USA Today, No. 11 AP) Oklahoma State to victory over Kansas State in Eddie Sutton's 1,000th game as a Division I coach.

The Cowboys (18-2, 7-1 Big 12) got back on track after a loss at Texas on Saturday that ended their 15-game winning streak.

Sutton, in his 33rd season and 13th at Oklahoma State, became the 17th Division I coach to reach 1,000 games. His record is 720-280, including 290-116 with the Cowboys.

Melvin Sanders scored 14 for Oklahoma State. Matt Siebrandt had 17 for Kansas State (11-9, 2-5), which lost for the fifth time in six games and dropped to 0-4 on the road in conference play.

## Arkansas 81, Alabama 70

Jonathan Modica scored 26 points as Arkansas handed No. 22 Alabama its fifth straight road loss.

The Crimson Tide (13-6, 3-5 Southeastern Conference) dropped to 2-5 since beating Arkansas at home Jan. 8.

Arkansas shot 48 percent (25 of 52) from the field, including 9-of-16 from 3-point range.

Carl Baker came into the game 1-of-4 on 3-pointers, but he hit three jumpers, including a 3-pointer, early in the second half to give the Razorbacks a 46-26

with about 16 minutes left. Baker finished with 12 points.

Erwin Dudley, who led Alabama with 29 points, scored six straight points to pull the Crimson Tide with 16 points with about eight minutes to go in the game. Arkansas quickly came back with consecutive 3-pointers by Michael Jones and Modica to make the score 61-39.

Arkansas made 14-of-18 free throws the rest of the way to seal the victory. Dionisio Gomez added 12 points and nine rebounds for the Razorbacks.

The Razorbacks were 5-of-8 on 3-pointers during the half. The Crimson Tide made just 5-of-26 from the field in the first half and 19-of-57 for the game.

## Mississippi St. 82, Vanderbilt 60

No. 23 Mississippi State's entire starting five scored in double figures and its quick-handed defense forced 21 turnovers as the Bulldogs defeated Vanderbilt.

The backcourt of Timmy Bowers and Derrick Zimmerman led the way at both ends for the Bulldogs (14-5, 4-4 Southeastern).

Bowers had 14 points and five assists while Zimmerman had 13 points, three steals, seven assists and a blocked shot.

Vanderbilt (10-9, 3-5) had won two straight, but both came at home. The Commodores fell to 0-7 on the road, unable to keep up with the quicker and bigger Bulldogs, who beat them by more than 20 for the third straight time.

Mississippi State had 15 steals and turned those Commodores giveaways into 25 points, many coming in the open court.

## PRO GOLF

## Mickelson sorry for jab at Tiger's clubs

Associated Press

NEW YORK

Phil Mickelson says he was only trying to compliment Tiger Woods in a magazine interview when he said the world's No. 1 player has inferior equipment.

"I hope that line wasn't taken out of context by some people," Mickelson said in a statement. "It was meant nothing more than a positive comment on Tiger's incredible talent."

In an interview with GOLF Magazine for its March issue, Mickelson said he and Woods have a better relationship than most people realize. Asked if there were any issues between them, Mickelson said, "Well, maybe one."

"He hates that I can fly it past him now. He has a faster swing speed than I do, but he has inferior equipment. Tiger is the only player who is good enough to overcome the equipment he's stuck with."

Mickelson plays Titleist equipment. Woods formerly played Titleist, but switched to the Nike Golf ball in 2000, to the driver a year ago at Pebble Beach and to the irons last fall.

The comments didn't sit well with Nike.

"We question Phil Mickelson's judgment for his statement regarding Tiger Woods and his equipment."

Nike said in a statement. "It is not only laughable, but completely unsupported by the facts."

Nike pointed out that Woods has had enormous success after each change.

He won four straight majors after changing to the golf ball; he became the first player in 30 years to win the Masters and U.S. Open in the same year after changing to the driver; and he won a World Golf Championship in Ireland the week he switched to the irons.

"Tiger Woods is the most demanding, discerning athlete we work with at Nike," the company said. "He has said repeatedly that he will not switch equipment unless the product is better and will help him win."

T.R. Reinman of Gaylord Sports, who was at the interview, said Mickelson was flying when he talked about hitting past Woods.

"As I've said many times, I have great respect for Tiger," Mickelson said. "I also have respect for any manufacturer, particularly those that can put their clubs in the hands of the world's best players. I am thrilled with my Titleist equipment but my remark was absolutely not intended as a knock on any other manufacturer."

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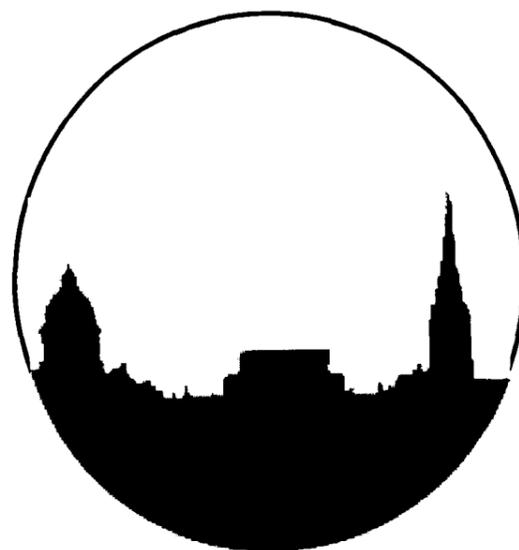
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NCAA FOOTBALL

# After 50 years, JoePa says '06 may be last

Associated Press

NEW YORK

Joe Paterno, who has spent more than 50 years as a Penn State football coach, says the 2006 season might be his last.

In an interview with WTKR-TV in Norfolk, Va., Paterno, who turned 76 in December, said he had not decided on a firm retirement date, but that he might make that decision following the 2006 season.

"Right now, I'm planning to go to 2006, through the 2006 season," Paterno said. "But if I feel as good as I do now three years from now, then I'm going to look at it again."

Paterno, who came to Penn State as an assistant in 1950 and became head coach in 1966, has long denied rumors of his impending retirement. His current contract runs through the

"Physically, I feel great," Paterno said on Jan. 2, after the Capital One Bowl. "I have some arthritis in the neck once in a while, my arms ache a little bit once in a while, but other than that. ... Once in a while you say, 'Hey, I'm 76.' And no matter how you twist it, I'm 76 and I'm not naive about it. But, honest to God, I don't feel 76."

In the WTKR interview, which aired while Paterno was in Virginia for a recruiting visit, the coach said that within a couple years he probably would start telling recruits that he might retire during their playing careers. If he does that, he said, he probably also would name a successor.

In his 37 seasons as Penn State's head coach, Paterno has a 336-100-3 record, more wins than any major college coach in history. The Nittany Lions fin-

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

# James free to play, judge rules

Associated Press

AKRON, Ohio

LeBron James was cleared to play by a judge who temporarily blocked a state ruling that stripped the high school basketball star of his eligibility.

James, expected to be the No. 1 pick in the NBA draft, can rejoin his team but must sit out one more game this season, Summit County Judge James Williams ruled.

St. Vincent-St. Mary was allowed to decide what game James will miss, and it picked the one on Feb. 23. The Fighting Irish, No. 1 in the USA Today rankings for the fourth straight week, have four games left before the playoffs.

James already sat out a game after the Ohio High School Athletic Association declared him ineligible for the rest of the season because he accepted two free sports jerseys worth a total of \$845.

The judge scheduled another hearing for Feb. 19, when he will decide whether to grant a permanent injunction or go to trial.

"Neither side is going to be happy," Williams said. "There are a number of issues the court wants to hear."

Williams said that James would suffer "immediate and irreparable injury" without a temporary restraining order.

If Williams grants a permanent order, James would regain his eligibility and the school would regain a victory it had to forfeit as part of the athletic association ruling.

The team's next game is Saturday in Trenton, N.J., and three of its remaining regular-season games are before the next hearing.

Lawyers for the athletic association and James presented their arguments to the judge during a one-hour hearing.

James did not attend. OHSAA commissioner Clair Muscaro was at the hearing but did not immediately comment on the ruling.

"He wants to finish what he started," James' attorney, Fred Nance, told the judge. "He didn't want to let himself down. He didn't want to let his team down. He didn't want to let his school down."

"He's made mistakes," Nance said. "He's an 18-year-old kid but he didn't deserve the ultimate sanction of losing his eligibility."

Nance argued in court documents filed Tuesday that the 6-foot-8 senior did nothing wrong when he accepted two retro jerseys from the owner of a Cleveland clothing store. James has since returned the jerseys.

"All LeBron did was receive a gift from a friend as congratulations for his academic achievements," said Nance, referring to James' 3.5 grade-point average. "Had LeBron wished to capitalize on his fame, the recompense could be in the millions of dollars."

The state athletic association found that the store gave James the Gale Sayers and Wes Unseld jerseys in exchange for posing for pictures to be displayed on its walls.

Muscaro ruled that James broke an amateur bylaw "by capitalizing on athletic fame by receiving money or gifts of monetary value."

The decision came four days after the athletic association cleared James of any wrongdoing for accepting a \$50,000 sport utility vehicle as an 18th birthday gift from his mother.

Gloria James provided proof she obtained a bank loan to buy the vehicle. She said Wednesday that she is pleased her son can keep playing.

"I look forward to getting the final hearing behind us so that LeBron can focus entirely on his schoolwork, basketball and his friends, just like any other teenager, as much as possible," she said.

James attended practice on Tuesday in the school's gym, wearing a gray T-shirt and blue shorts.

He warmed up with his Fighting Irish teammates and was stretching in the middle of the floor when coach Dru Joyce closed the practice.

The private Roman Catholic school defended James and said the punishment was too severe.

In a statement, the school said it "was gratified by the decision which will immediately return LeBron James to competition with his teammates."

"Although we had hoped there would be no additional sanction, we understand and accept the courts' imposition of a one-game playing suspension," it said.

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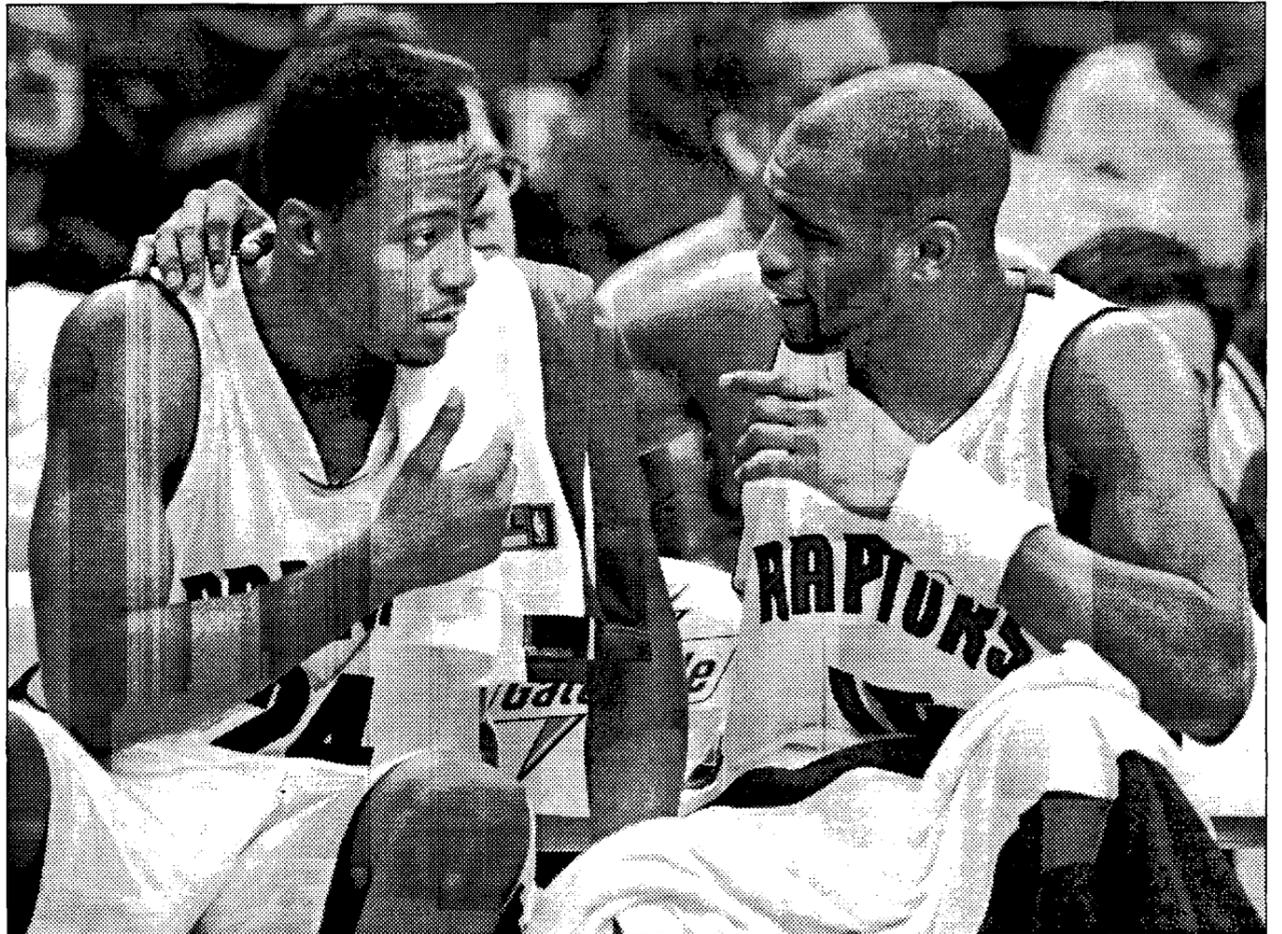
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# AROUND THE NATION

## Mens Basketball Polls

AP		Coaches	
Rank	Team	Rank	Team
1	Florida (50)	1	Florida (16)
2	Arizona (13)	2	Arizona (8)
3	Texas (5)	3	Texas (5)
4	Pittsburgh	4	Pittsburgh (1)
5	Louisville (4)	5	Oklahoma
6	Kentucky	6	Louisville (1)
7	Oklahoma	7	Kentucky
8	Maryland	8	Maryland
9	Duke	9	Duke
10	NOTRE DAME	10	NOTRE DAME
11	Oklahoma State	11	Kansas
12	Kansas	12	Oklahoma State
13	Creighton	13	Creighton
14	Wake Forest	14	Marquette
15	Marquette	15	Wake Forest
16	Illinois	16	Illinois
17	Georgia	17	Connecticut
18	Connecticut	18	Georgia
19	Syracuse	19	Xavier
20	Xavier	20	Alabama
21	Missouri	21	Syracuse
22	Alabama	22	Missouri
23	Mississippi St.	23	Oregon
24	Purdue	24	Mississippi St.
25	Stanford	25	Purdue

## NBA



Toronto Raptors guard Vince Carter (right) talks to a teammate earlier this season. Carter feels he should honor the fans' voting and start in the All-Star game Sunday.

API photo

## Womens College Basketball Big East Conference

Team	W	L	Pct.
Connecticut	8	0	1.000
Boston College	7	1	.875
Rutgers	6	2	.750
Virginia Tech	6	3	.667
Villanova	5	3	.625
Miami	5	4	.556
Seton Hall	5	4	.556
NOTRE DAME	5	4	.556
Georgetown	3	5	.375
Syracuse	3	6	.333
Providence	2	6	.250
Pittsburgh	2	6	.250
St. John's	2	8	.200
West Virginia	0	7	.000

## Mens College Basketball Big East Conference

East Division			
Team	W	L	Pct.
Villanova	5	2	.714
Connecticut	4	2	.667
St. John's	4	3	.571
Boston College	3	4	.429
Providence	3	5	.375
Miami	2	5	.286
Virginia Tech	1	5	.167

West Division			
Team	W	L	Pct.
Pittsburgh	6	1	.857
NOTRE DAME	6	2	.750
Syracuse	6	2	.750
Seton Hall	5	4	.556
West Virginia	3	4	.429
Georgetown	2	6	.250
Rutgers	1	6	.143

## Barkley, Carter clash over All-Star spot

Associated Press

MILWAUKEE Charles Barkley thinks Vince Carter's inclusion in the NBA All-Star Game is a sure sign that fan voting doesn't work, and the NBA television analyst thinks Carter should have forfeited his starting position.

"I thought that Vince Carter should have given up his starting spot," the former NBA player said during a conference call to promote TNT's coverage of Sunday's All-Star Game. "No. 1, he doesn't deserve to be in the game, he hasn't played enough

to warrant an All-Star selection. That's one of the reasons I'm against the fans voting, because it shouldn't be a popularity contest."

Carter, who played in only 10 games before the ballots were counted because of knee problems, was third in balloting for the game in Atlanta, trailing just Kobe Bryant and Tracy McGrady. Carter has played in 14 games this season, averaging 18.4 points and 3.4 rebounds.

Carter has been criticized for not following the lead of Philadelphia's Allen Iverson and

Orlando's McGrady in offering his starting spot to Michael Jordan, who has said he'll retire after this season.

"When you're selected on an All-Star team, you're supposed to show your appreciation to the fans, to the people who voted for me," Carter said prior to Toronto's game against the Milwaukee Bucks on Tuesday night. "I can't make all the fans happy and I can't make all the players happy. I'm definitely not going to make all the coaches happy, so I'm going to do what I have to do to do play hard and be thankful

for what I've got."

Jordan, chosen as a reserve for the Eastern Conference team by NBA coaches, said he's happy to be a reserve and turned down the offers from Iverson and McGrady.

Jordan said he doesn't begrudge Carter for not giving up his spot.

"It's a Catch-22," Jordan said last week. "If he gives up his spot, some fans will be disappointed. Even me accepting Tracy's or Allen's spot would make fans look bad. That's not the way it's meant to be. Keep it the way it is. There's no bad person in this whole scenario."

## IN BRIEF

### Olympic coverage will be round-the-clock

NBC and its affiliated networks will telecast a whopping 806 hours of the 2004 Olympics in Athens, giving bleary-eyed sports fans the chance to watch the games 24 hours a day.

The coverage nearly doubles the 441 hours shown from Sydney in 2000. In Atlanta, NBC aired 171 hours.

There will be 134 Olympic hours on the Spanish-language network Telemundo, representing the first Spanish telecast of the Olympics in the United States, said Dick Ebersol, NBC sports chairman, on Wednesday.

"We will deliver the Olympics to the widest possible audience and give American TV viewers an unprecedented array of choices," Ebersol said.

The early announcement is intended to signal to advertisers their own array of spending choices. NBC is

coming off a successful 2002 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City, which earned the network about \$75 million in profits with ratings 36 percent higher than the Sydney games.

There will be heavy coverage on MSNBC (2 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day) and CNBC (5 to 8 p.m.), two NBC-owned networks that have been struggling in the ratings. Both showed big increases in viewership with previous Olympics telecasts.

NBC will air the Olympics for three and a half hours in the afternoon, from 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. with a 35-minute break at midnight, then a rerun of its prime-time coverage in the wee hours.

The Bravo entertainment network will show the Olympics for 13 hours a day.

### NASCAR might lose top sponsor

R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co., the top sponsor for NASCAR's Winston Cup Series since 1971, hinted Wednesday

it is considering ending its long-time partnership.

RJR signed a five-year contract extension with NASCAR in July, exactly one year after the company picked the stock car series as the one program it can bankroll under the 1998 tobacco settlement.

But a weak economy has forced RJR to reevaluate its commitment since signing the contract extension.

"Since that time, our business dynamics have changed dramatically," said Ned Leary, president of RJR's Sports Marketing Enterprises division. "In our ongoing conversations with NASCAR, we have discussed the potential of their exploring a new series sponsor at some time in the future."

NASCAR vice president George Pyne said the sanctioning body enjoys its 32-year relationship with the tobacco company, but is now looking at future opportunities with other companies.

## around the dial

### COLLEGE BASKETBALL

NC State at Wake Forest 7 p.m., ESPN2

### NBA

Lakers at Knicks 7:30 p.m., TNT

### NHL

Avalanche at Red Wings 8 p.m., ESPN

# Loss

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points and they were within 66-65 on a layup by Matt Carroll with 3:40 to play.

Seton Hall missed on its next possession and Notre Dame had a chance to take the lead but Chris Thomas missed a reverse layup and Miller misfired on a 3 after the Fighting Irish corralled the rebound.

Barrett hit his third, last and biggest 3 with 3 seconds left on the shot clock and 2:25 on the game clock to give Seton Hall a 69-65 lead. He hit the shot with 6-foot-11 Tom Timmermans coming right at him.

Notre Dame got within 71-68 on a three-point play by Carroll with 1:29 left, but Barrett then made six free throws in the final 51 seconds to keep the Pirates in front.

"It's a shot I normally take," Barrett said of the last 3-pointer. "I think he (Timmermans) was afraid I was going to go past him. I just wanted to make sure I made the smart decision at that time. It was a normal shot, an open shot."

It was one that impressed his teammates.

"It was huge, the biggest play of the game and gave us the breather that we needed," said Andre Sweet, who had 17 points, almost triple his average, for the Pirates (10-9, 5-4 Big East). "Once he went to the line, he's going to make those, so we got him the ball and he took them out."

Dan Miller had 21 points for Notre Dame (18-4, 6-2), which had won four in a row overall and six straight in the conference.

"They were very good defensively," Brey said. "I think we could have done a better job defensively."

Seton Hall, which entered the game last in the 14-team Big East in 3-point shooting at 30.3 percent, was 5-for-7 from beyond the arc with Barrett going 3-for-4.

Notre Dame, which beat Seton Hall 74-64 on Jan. 12, was second in the league in 3-point shooting at 37.2 percent, but the Fighting Irish went 7-for-20 on 3s, including Carroll's 1-for-6.

"They had someone chasing and when I did come off a screen they would switch on me real quick so I couldn't the ball off. They did a good job defensively," said Carroll, who had 16

points on 6-for-16 shooting. He was coming off a career-high 36 points in a double-overtime win over Georgetown

Sweet, a transfer from Duke who was averaging 6.2 points per game, sparked the Pirates in the first half. He scored eight points in a 17-1 run that gave Seton Hall a 23-16 lead with 8:05 left in the first half.

"Sweet's a gamer. He's not afraid to make plays," Seton Hall coach Louis Orr said. "You put him on the court and he makes things happen. I have a lot of trust in him. He made shots against the zone and got them out of their zone. He did give us a lift and made some crucial buckets for us."

Barrett was 7-for-11 from the field and 7-for-7 from the free throw line and had six assists.

Thomas had 14 points, six assists and six turnovers for Notre Dame, while freshman Torin Francis had nine points and 10 rebounds as the Fighting Irish finished with a 38-27 advantage on the boards.

"Overall, they played better than us," Thomas said. "We didn't do a good job on offense and when you combine that with the way they played defense you're never going to win."

# Recruits

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"We've brought some young players into the system. Now the real work begins," the coach said. "The next two or three years will determine how good this class is."

One of the biggest signees for Notre Dame was quarterback Brady Quinn, who threw for 2,149 yards, 25 touchdowns and only four interceptions as a senior at Dublin Coffman High School in Ohio.

One of Quinn's future targets likely will be tight end Greg Olsen. Olsen is one of the best all-around players in the country, according to numerous recruiting publications. He is also the younger brother of Notre Dame quarterback Chris Olsen.

The Irish beefed up their offensive line with two players rated in the top 100 of the country, Ryan Harris and John Sullivan both were picked as USA Today All-Americans.

Willingham and his staff were also able to land several players that can play several positions. Players such as

Chase Anastasio, Isaiah Gardner, Geoffrey Price, Tom Zbikowski and Wooden all played more than one position in high school

"The thing's that sorely missing in just a pure football player, is that a football player only has competition available to him 11, 12, maybe 13 times a year," Willingham said. "But when you have a young man that plays multiple sports ... it helps him develop and hone his overall skills."

Willingham had 22 players commit, despite having only 33 official visits. A team is allowed 56 official visits per year and the 33 Notre Dame used this recruiting year was one of the lowest ever for the school. Willingham, however, was confident he could sign most of the players he brought in for visits.

"Yes I was confident we would get a high percentage of those 33 to sign," Willingham said. "We build our program on trust, honesty and integrity. [Notre Dame] is an institution that challenges young people to be prepared for the world."

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Thursday, February 06 ~ LaFortune Ballroom 7:30 pm  
Author of *Loyal Sons and Daughters of Notre Dame: A Memoir of Notre Dame*, co-sponsored by Cavanaugh Coffeehouse, featuring the music of female a cappella group Harmonia, book signing, and refreshments

**NIKKI GIOVANNI**  
Saturday, February 08 ~ Jordan Auditorium, Mendoza COBA, 7:30 pm  
Poet of *Quitting the Black-Eyed Pea and Love Poems*, introductory remarks by ND head football coach Ty Willingham  
Co-sponsored by the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore, the College of Arts & Letters, Gender Studies Program, Department of English, the Creative Writing Program, and the Department of African and African-American Studies

**STUDENT SLAM**  
Sunday, February 09 ~ Washington Hall, 7:30 pm  
Featuring student slam poets and spoken-word artists in a multi-media style, followed by an open-mic session

**JOE GARDEN**  
Monday, February 10 ~ Washington Hall, 7:30 pm  
One of founding fathers of *The Onion*, introductory remarks by ND professor of art Robert Sedlack  
reception to follow in the basement of Zahn Hall

**KEVIN COYNE**  
Tuesday, February 11 ~ Washington Hall 7:30 pm  
Author of *Donors*, reception in LaFortune Ballroom featuring the music of male a cappella group The Undertones

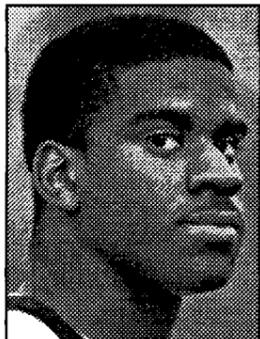
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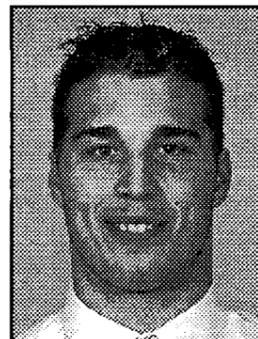
**Victor Abiamiri**  
 defensive line  
 6-5, 245  
 Randallstown, Md.  
*"He's the premier pass rusher in the country."*  
 Tom Lemming  
 ESPN analyst

Notes: First team USA Today All-American ... rated eighth on ESPN list of top 100 players nationally.



**Chase Anastasio**  
 wide receiver  
 6-2, 190  
 Burke, Va.  
*"He's a versatile player, could go on both sides of the ball."*  
 Tom Lemming  
 ESPN analyst

Notes: had 433 receiving yards and six TDs in '02.



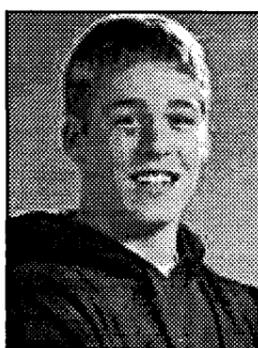
**Nick Borseti**  
 linebacker  
 6-1, 205  
 Saugus, Mass.  
*"He's a diamond in the rough, and he has a great frame."*  
 Tom Lemming  
 ESPN analyst

Notes: Had 100 tackles, 13 sacks, three forced fumbles, three fumble recoveries during senior season ... won all-conference honors.



**Joe Brockington**  
 linebacker  
 6-1, 215  
 Palmyra, Pa.  
*"A little bit behind but a good, solid linebacker."*  
 Tom Lemming  
 ESPN analyst

Notes: Injury ended senior season ... had solo 65 tackles as a junior ... 3,500 career rush yards.



**John Carlson**  
 tight end  
 6-6, 230  
 Litchfield, Minn.  
*"When he develops, he could be a five-star player."*  
 Tom Lemming  
 ESPN analyst

Notes: caught 41 passes for 471 yards and seven touchdowns ... ranked 19th on Detroit Free Press 20-player "Best of Midwest" team.



**Isaiah Gardner**  
 defensive back/  
 running back  
 5-10, 190  
 Virginia Beach, Va.  
*"Small, but very quick and athletic."*  
 Tom Lemming  
 ESPN analyst

Notes: 1,010 yards rushing and 14 touchdowns as a senior ... Virginia all-state pick as a junior.



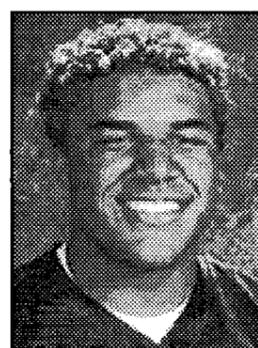
**Ryan Harris**  
 offensive line  
 6-5, 255  
 St. Paul, Minn.  
*"One of the best and most athletic linemen Notre Dame has ever signed."*  
 Tom Lemming  
 ESPN analyst

Notes: USA Today first-team All-American ... rated 51st on ESPN list of top 100 players nationally.



**LaBrose Hedgmon**  
 defensive back  
 5-10, 180  
 Hoover, Ala.  
*"He's a good cover corner and a good athlete."*  
 Tom Lemming  
 ESPN analyst

Notes: 45 tackles, four ints and 15 passes broken up and two tackles for loss during '02 season.



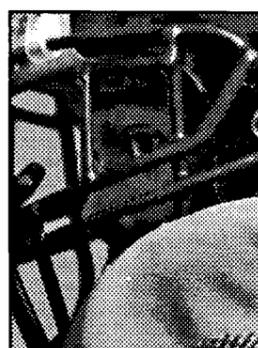
**Trevor Laws**  
 defensive line  
 6-2, 290  
 Burnsville, Minn.  
*"One of the top three nose guards in the nation. A taller version of Chris Zorich."*  
 Tom Lemming  
 ESPN analyst

Notes: USA Today All-American defensive lineman ... Gatorade Player of the Year in Minn.



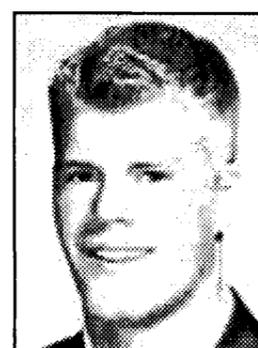
**Ashley McConnell**  
 fullback  
 6-0, 240  
 Adairsville, Ga.  
*"He has the potential to be a great blocker."*  
 Tom Lemming  
 ESPN analyst

Notes: earned all-league and all-area mention as a senior ... 485 rushing yards and six TDs in '02.



**Chinedum Ndukwe**  
 wide receiver  
 6-3, 190  
 Dublin, Ohio  
*"He has very good size, great hands, and great speed."*  
 Brady Quinn  
 teammate

Notes: had 740 receiving yards and 12 TDs in '02.



**Greg Olsen**  
 tight end  
 6-6, 245  
 Wayne, N.J.  
*"If Olsen doesn't come in and play, then Notre Dame has some future No. 1 draft choices at tight end."*  
 Tom Lemming  
 ESPN analyst

Notes: USA Today All-American ... rated third overall on ESPN's list of top 100 players nationally.

## Who's leaving

Ten seniors have used their entire four years of eligibility and will not return to the Irish.

### Offense

WR Amaz Battle  
 OT Jordan Black  
 C Jeff Faine  
 FB Tom Lopienski  
 OG Sean Mahan

### Defense

LB Carlos Pierre-Antoine  
 DE Ryan Roberts  
 SS Gerome Sapp  
 CB Shane Walton  
 FB Mike McNair

## The last two years

Coaches often recruit players based on who committed the year before. Below is a list of players who have committed to Notre Dame in the last two years.

### Class of 2006

Quarterback  
 Chris Olsen  
 Running back  
 Jeff Jenkins  
 Nick Schiccatano  
 Wide receiver  
 Rhema McKnight  
 Maurice Stovall  
 Tight end  
 Anthony Fasano  
 Marcus Freeman

### Class 2007

Quarterback  
 Brady Quinn  
 Running back  
 Isaiah Gardner  
 Travis Thomas  
 Wide receiver  
 Chase Anastasio  
 Chinedum Ndukwe  
 Jeff Samardzija  
 Ambrose Wooden  
 Tight end  
 Greg Olsen



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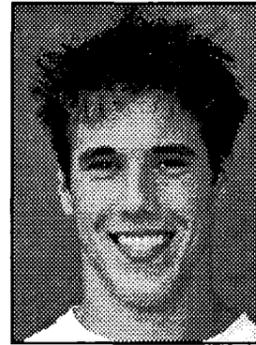
**Freddie Parish Jr.**  
 defensive back  
 6-1, 205  
 Saugus, Mass.  
*"Good all-around ballplayer and a good athlete."*  
 Tom Lemming  
 ESPN analyst

Notes: rated 72nd nationally on The Sporting News list of top 100 ... made 71 solo tackles in '02.



**Geoffrey Price**  
 punter  
 6-3, 180  
 Hurst, Texas  
*"One of the top two punters in Texas."*  
 Tom Lemming  
 ESPN analyst

Notes: averaged 45.6 yards per punt as a junior and 39.5 as a senior... career high of 69 yards.



**Brady Quinn**  
 quarterback  
 6-4, 210  
 Dublin, Ohio  
*"Could be a Heisman candidate in four years."*  
 Tom Lemming  
 ESPN analyst

Notes: completed 143 of 258 passes as a senior for 2,149 yards and 25 TDs.



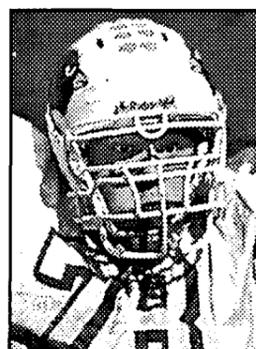
**Jeff Samardzija**  
 wide receiver  
 6-4, 190  
 Valparaiso, Ind.  
*"He's tall with great hands and deceptive speed."*  
 Tom Lemming  
 ESPN analyst

Notes: named top receiver in state ... caught 50 passes for 1,044 yards and nine TDs.



**Dwight Stephenson Jr.**  
 linebacker  
 6-3, 237  
 Delray Beach, Fla.  
*"He's somebody who you definitely would want to have on your team."*  
 Allen Wallace  
 SuperPrep

Notes: had 80 tackles and 27 sacks as a senior.



**John Sullivan**  
 offensive lineman  
 6-4, 280  
 Greenwich, Conn.  
*"He's very aggressive and he stays on his blocks very well."*  
 Allen Wallace  
 SuperPrep

Notes: Gatorade Player of the Year in Conn. ... named offensive MVP by Connecticut Post.



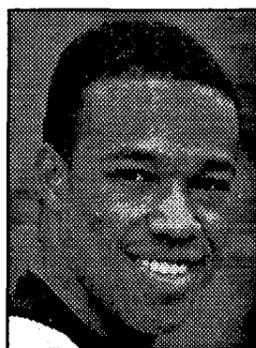
**Mitchell Thomas**  
 linebacker  
 6-3, 210  
 Opelika, Ala.  
*"Good all-around ballplayer and a good athlete."*  
 Tom Lemming  
 ESPN analyst

Notes: made 70 tackles as a senior... ran for 500 yards and five TDs.



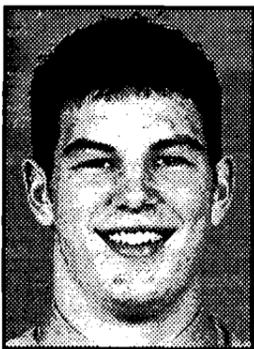
**Travis Thomas**  
 running back  
 6-1, 200  
 Washington, Pa.  
*"Good running back but could be a great linebacker."*  
 Tom Lemming  
 ESPN analyst

Notes: ran for 1,176 yards and 18 TDs as a senior.



**Ambrose Wooden**  
 wide receiver/defensive back  
 6-1, 190  
 Baltimore, Md.  
*"Could contribute as a true freshman."*  
 Tom Lemming  
 ESPN analyst

Notes: 7,261 career passing and rushing yards.



**Tom Zbikowski**  
 defensive back  
 6-0, 185  
 Arlington Heights, Ill.  
*"One of the premier cornerback prospects in the country."*  
 Tom Lemming  
 ESPN analyst

Notes: USA Today first-team prep All-American.

## Who might return

Eight seniors could apply for a fifth year of eligibility because they were injured or did not play for at least one full season.

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|------------------|---------------------|
| OL Jim Molinaro  | DT Darrell Campbell |
| TE Gary Godsey   | FS Glenn Earl       |
| OG Sean Milligan | NG Cedric Hilliard  |
| K Nick Setta     | LB Courtney Watson  |
| LB Pat Ryan      | DB Jason Beckstrom  |
| LB Justin Thomas |                     |

## The last two years

Coaches often recruit players based on who signed the year before. Below is a list of players who have committed to Notre Dame in the last two years.

### Class of 2006

#### Defensive line

- Chris Frome
- Derek Landri
- Travis Leitko
- Brian Mattes
- Dan Santucci

#### Linebacker

none

#### Defensive back

- Jake Carney
- Mike Richardson

#### Offensive line

- James Bonelli
- Bob Morton
- Scott Raridon
- Jamie Ryan

### Class 2007

#### Defensive line

- Trevor Laws

#### Linebacker

- Nick Borsetti
- Joe Brockington
- Mitchell Thomas

#### Defensive back

- Isaiah Gardner
- LaBrose Hedgemon
- Freddie Parish Jr.
- Tom Zbikowski

#### Offensive line

- Ryan Harris
- John Sullivan

# Irish

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to need for us to be successful." Successful as the team performance was, it was still highlighted by some career-setting individual performances.

Katy Flecky, who has been battling a back injury all season, finally found her groove and showed clear signs that she was really back for the season. The sophomore post player worked her way inside for 12 points and a career-high 12 rebounds, marking the second double-double in her career.

"The beginning couple of games were good for me and I think I haven't felt this way until this game," Flecky said. "I'm mentally back in it, I feel confident."

On the defensive end, Le'Tania Severe, who McGraw refers to as the glue of her team, was doing her best to make sure the Hoyas fell apart. Severe nabbed a career-high eight steals while dishing out four assists and hitting 12 points herself.

"The defense was outstanding," McGraw said. "I thought Le'Tania had just a fantastic defensive game."

Borton added some depth to that defensive effort, blocking a career-high five shots. The end result of Notre Dame's efforts to shut down the Hoyas was a 23.5 percent shooting percentage in the second half, resulting in only 24 points as compared to Notre Dame's 52.

Led by Jacqueline Batteast's game-high 20 points, those 52 second half points were the most the Irish scored in a single half since they recorded 61 points in the first half against Cleveland State on Nov. 26.

"Everyone started to crash the boards and was dedicated to defense and we got the ball back so quickly and were able to score, that's when it got fun," Batteast said. "... I'm glad everyone came out in the second half with that determination."

If the Irish took off in the second half, the Hoyas gave up. Georgetown, who had been controlling Notre Dame with its defense, could not stop the Irish from taking shots or complete any themselves. Their dismal 23.5 percent from the field allowed the Hoyas to finish the game with 15 more rebounds than the Irish, but with only six second-chance points to show for it.

"We missed enough shots, somebody's got to get them," Hoya coach Patrick Knapp said.

The Hoyas took an early 6-2 lead on three shots by Carmen Bruce, who led the Hoyas with 14 points. They traded leads with the Irish for the remainder of the first half, leading in the first two minutes of the second half. But the 23-0 Irish run shut out any more chances for a Hoya lead.

**Notes:**

◆ Alicia Ratay scored 13 points in the game, tying her for fourth place in all-time scoring at Notre Dame with 590.

◆ Prior to Wednesday night's contest, freshman Courtney LaVere tested negative for mononucleosis. LaVere still played six minutes.

◆ All 10 Notre Dame players saw playing time Wednesday night. It was the first time junior transfer Anne Weese saw playing time for the Irish.

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## SMC BASKETBALL

# Belles Hope-less in 77-37 loss to Flying Dutch

By TREY WILLIAMS  
Sports Writer

Hope was definitely not on the side of Belles basketball Wednesday night.

In fact, Hope College gave Saint Mary's its worst loss of the season, 77-37.

The Belles (5-15, 1-8 in the MIAA) were unable to pull their game together from the beginning, falling behind the Flying Dutch 33-25 at the end of the first half after a short-lived surge.

Playing against the first

ranked team in both the MIAA and NCAA Division III, the Belles were at a disadvantage from the start. Not only did Hope come in with impressive statistics, with a scoring average of 80 points per game compared to Saint Mary's 57 points per game and shooting percentage of 45 percent to Saint Mary's 36 percent, but Hope had the home court advantage as well.

Adding to the Belles' misfortune was the fact that they were missing scoring leader Emily Creachbaum due to a sprained ankle.

Though the Belles are used to having a bench player ready and able to step into any empty scoring role, such was not the case Wednesday as individual scores were at season lows.

Katie Boyce was limited to only six points and was helped by Audrey Gajor who also scored six points.

Emily Pernotto, who has played a bit part this season averaging 5.4 points per game, was just under her average scoring five points.

The Flying Dutch proved to have the depth advantage with every member of the squad

scoring a point. At the top of the box score was Hope standout Amanda Kerkstra with 11 points.

Defensively, the Dutch pressed hard on the struggling Belles, limiting them to only 12 points in the second half.

The pressure took its toll on the Belles offense. As a team, they connected on only 21 percent of shots inside the perimeter and 7 percent of 3-point attempts.

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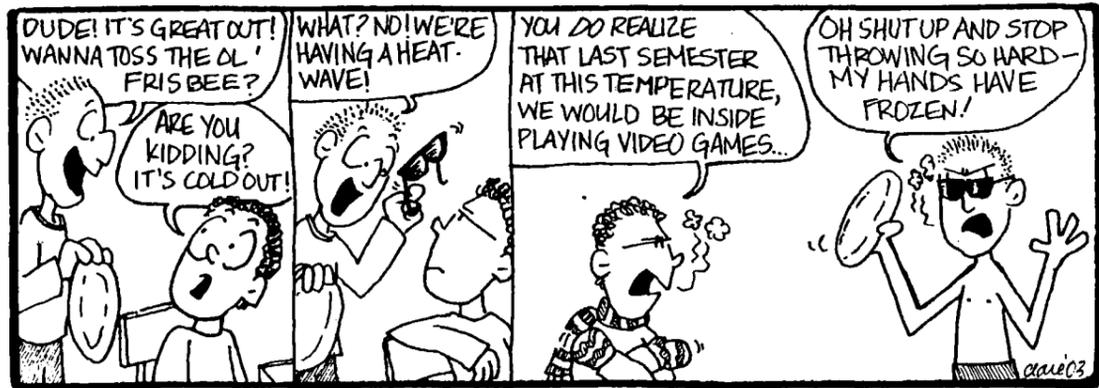
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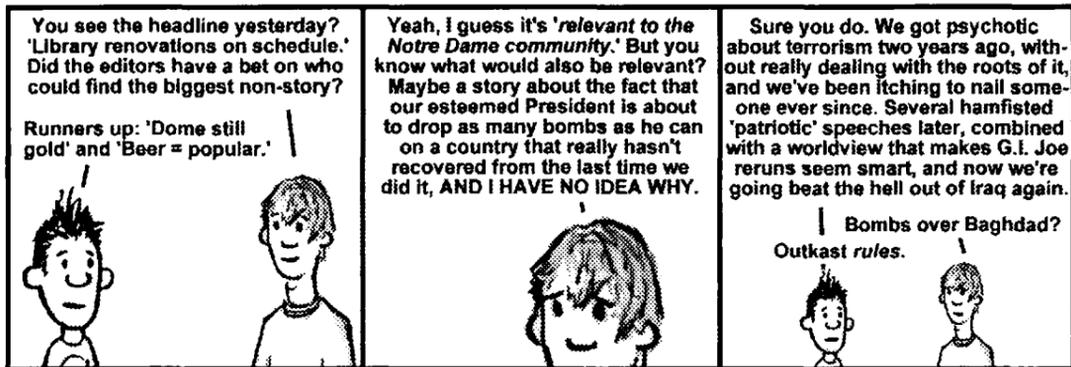
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Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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 TUBIL  
 YASILE  
 INTOAR

**THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME**

by Henri Arnold and Mike Argirion



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answer: A

Yesterday's Jumbles: EXCEL CLOUT FLORID THRASH  
 Answer: This can lead to new opportunities in the push and pull of business — THE DOOR

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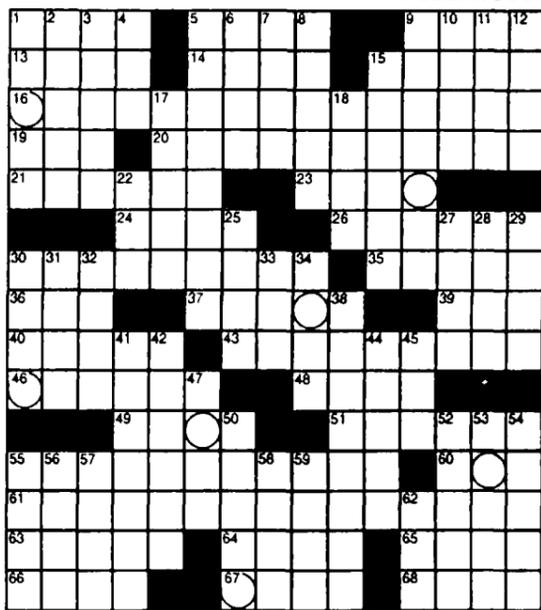
WILL SHORTZ

Note: The seven circled letters, reading in order from top to bottom, will spell the title of this puzzle.

- 1 Part of UTEP
- 5 Green piece
- 9 Bar
- 13 It was dropped in the 60's
- 14 Organic compound
- 15 Myrrh-bearer
- 16 Hearty breakfast fare
- 19 Long-handled tool
- 20 Concur
- 21 Beethoven's "Kreutzer"
- 23 Fast bucks
- 24 Four: Prefix
- 26 Labeled: another name
- 35 Not waste
- 36 Secreton
- 37 Improved on, say, as a bow
- 39 Big inits. in paperback publishing
- 40 Standing
- 43 Yahoo offering
- 46 Looked hard
- 48 Hair controllers
- 49 In a while
- 51 Like jungles vis-à-vis deserts
- 55 Jazz trumpeter of the Big Band era
- 60 Will Smith title role
- 61 Print version of an online publication, slangily
- 63 Tapestry city
- 64 Ninny
- 65 View in northern Italy
- 66 Narrow word
- 68 Therapist's remark

**DOWN**

- 1 Park network
- 2 Allergy season sound
- 3 Certain wail
- 4 Calverley's "to Tobacco"
- 5 Relative of a kingfisher
- 6 "Splendor in the Grass" screenwriter
- 7 Theater section
- 8 Emily of "A River Runs Through It"
- 9 Unit of heat
- 10 Molding shape
- 11 Carrying out the trash, maybe
- 12 Start of North Carolina's motto
- 15 Shower part
- 17 First name in cosmetics
- 18 Satisfy
- 22 It helps you watch your balance: Abbr.
- 25 Part of a sail
- 27 Moon goddess
- 28 Actor Morales
- 29 Hollow
- 30 Name for a big dog
- 31 Euros replaced them
- 32 It comes from a French bean
- 33 Missive: Abbr.



Puzzle by Cathy Millhauser

- 34 Victory, Viennese-style
- 38 Like Shaquille O'Neal's shoes
- 41 Freshwater crustacean
- 42 Principles
- 44 Nicholas Gage book
- 45 Colo. is on it
- 47 Idler's opposite
- 50 "say more?"
- 52 Flip response?
- 53 Run off together
- 54 Dentist's direction
- 55 Modern electronic organizers, for short
- 56 Architect Saarinen
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**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Your impatience will get the better of you today. Try to be reasonable before you make an irreversible mistake. You can shape the outcome if you aren't pushy. ★★

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** You will not be pleased with someone you feel is taking you for granted. Don't say something that might lead to a perilous situation. Get some rest and let everything simmer. ★★

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Keep your money in a safe place and do your research before paying for a membership or making a donation. Your hard-earned cash would be better spent on things you really desire. ★★

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Take a cautious approach when dealing with others. Remember that your choices will affect others and their responses will ultimately affect you. ★★

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Think about getting away for that long-overdue vacation. The preparation will ease your tension. Consider an adventure holiday that will require you to exert yourself. ★★

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Don't turn your back on an investment today. Money can be made if you are quick to react. Get the ball rolling. ★★

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Make sure you are quick to react. Get the ball rolling. ★★

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Doing something behind the scenes that you work with will be hard to deal with. Criticism will follow if you make a mistake. ★★

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**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Don't participate in gossip or you will find yourself being blamed. Let someone around you who is disgruntled or emotional have some time and space to sort through their problems. Keep secrets to yourself. ★★

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Don't trust others with your ideas. You will affect your future if you aren't secretive about your intentions. You can reach your goals if you go about it smartly and with caution. ★★

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Finances will be on your mind especially if you can't make ends meet. Set up a strict budget and put money away for that much-needed vacation. ★★

**Birthday Baby:** You will be quick to respond and to take action. You will want to be a leader and will find it difficult to take orders from others. You will be a doer, a mover and a shaker.

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# SPORTS

Thursday, February 6, 2003

## FOOTBALL

### Ending with a bang

#### ◆ Irish sign 3 major recruits to complete 2007 Signing Day class with 22

By JOE HETTLER  
Sports Editor

Over the last few years, Signing Day has ended with a thud for Notre Dame. Wednesday, the Irish not only signed the three names they wanted, but also left scholarship room for a former player to return.

Defensive lineman Victor Abiamiri, wide receiver/defensive back Ambrose Wooden and

linebacker Thomas Mitchell all verbally committed to the Irish on Signing Day and helped vault coach Tyrone Willingham's first sole recruiting class into the top five in the nation.

"Notre Dame has the fourth best class in the country," ESPN's Tom Lemming said. "They got the guys they had to get and then they lucked out with the Maryland players."

Notre Dame became a late front-runner for Abiamiri, who has been called the best defensive lineman in the country, after the University of Maryland committed a secondary violation when recruiting him. Once it looked like Abiamiri would sign with the

Irish, his high school teammate, Wooden, was expected to follow.

Willingham was pleased with both signings and the overall class, but said he doesn't listen to what recruiting analysts say about the class, even if they are positive comments.

"I always try to temper my enthusiasm, but I think that it's a very solid class," Willingham said. "I love the way it came together. Our coaches did a great job working

to recruit this class."

Willingham also said the Irish have a "couple" scholarships left and that those may go to transfers or preferred walk-ons.

He also added that one of those transfers could be former Irish running back Julius Jones. Jones did not enroll at Notre Dame this year because of academic problems, but could return for the Irish in 2003 if he is accepted.

"[Those scholarships] could

potentially include Julius Jones next year," Willingham said. "I left that as open-ended as possible."

The Irish also had kicker Carl Gioia commit as a "preferred" walk-on. Gioia nailed 13 of 16 field goals and attended Valparaiso High School.

Two Parade All-Americans, five USA Today first-team All-Americans and eight players rated in the top 100 nationally by ESPN and the Chicago Sun-Times, highlight Notre Dame's class of 2007.

While Willingham likes the class, he warned against judging the group so soon after signing.

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## ND WOMENS B-BALL

### Irish dominate Hoyas

#### ◆ Total team effort leads to second-half surge

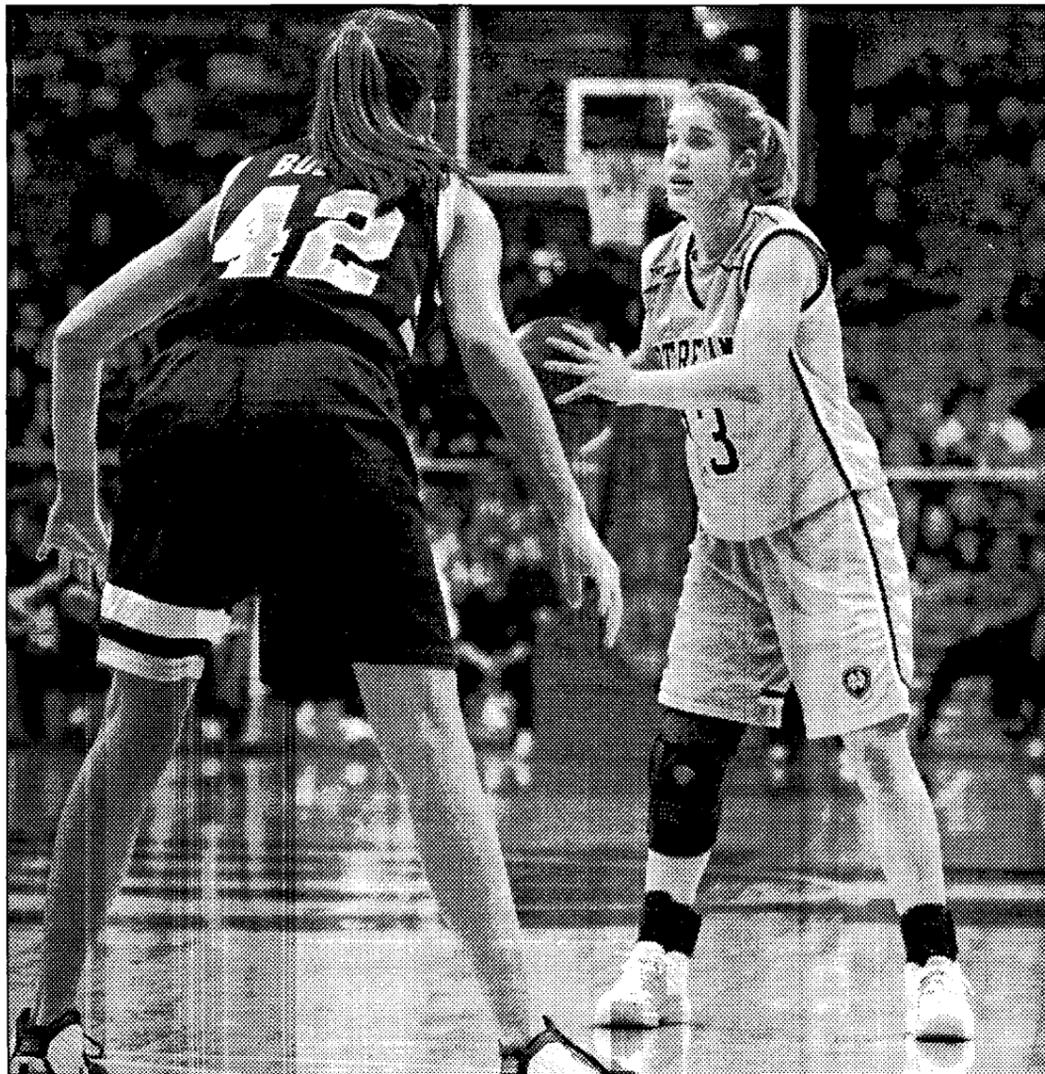
By KATIE McVOY  
Associate Sports Editor

Wednesday night, the Irish made it 5,207.

With a second half of play that rivaled Notre Dame's top-notch performance against Arizona State during the opening weeks of the season, the Irish guaranteed they would add one more day to the total number since Georgetown beat them in 1989, as the Irish defeated the Hoyas, 74-49.

At the half, the Irish were down three, were being outrebounded by the Hoyas and were only shooting 28.6 percent from the field. But, after Georgetown went on a small 7-3 run in the opening minutes of the second half, Notre Dame turned on the heat and burned out any Hoya hopes of victory.

"That might have been the best half of basketball we've played all year," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. "I feel really good about the team's performance in the second half. We were down three, we were missing a lot of easy



CHIP MARKS/The Observer

Irish guard Megan Duffy looks to pass as she is guarded by a West Virginia player Saturday. The Irish, who were down by three at the half, rebounded to win 74-49 at home Wednesday.

shots in the first half and we didn't put our heads down."

Sparked by a three-point play by Teresa Borton with 17:49 remaining, the Irish went on a 23-0 run in the next seven minutes that landed

them with a 16-point lead and the confidence to win the game. That 23-point run showcased four of the five Irish players to hit double digits in scoring during the game, finally giving McGraw what she has

been looking for all season — a team effort.

"We got a lot of contributions from a lot of people," McGraw said. "That's what we're going

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## MENS B-BALL

### Pirates fight off Irish

Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. Notre Dame finally had a chance to take the lead against Seton Hall and it seemed most of the people in Continental Airlines Arena were sure it would happen.

No one told Andre Barrett. The Pirates junior point guard scored nine of his 24 points over the final 2 1/2 minutes to keep the 10th-ranked Fighting Irish at bay in a 78-72 victory.

The win snapped Seton Hall's three-game losing streak to Notre Dame and its 12-game losing streak to ranked teams.

"That kid is just a winner. He has been since high school," Notre Dame coach Mike Brey said of the 5-foot-10 Barrett. "Barrett was fabulous. I think you are seeing the maturation of a guy who is certainly setting the tone with this team right now."

Barrett's second 3-pointer of the game gave Seton Hall the lead for good at 41-38 with 18:30 to play. The Fighting Irish never fell behind by more than six

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## SPORTS AT A GLANCE

### FOOTBALL

Tyrone Willingham's first recruiting class becomes among the top five in the nation with the signing of three major recruits Wednesday.

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### SNC BASKETBALL

#### Hope 77 Saint Mary's 37

No hope for the Belles as the Flying Dutch hand them their worst loss this season.

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