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Club status helps NDTV expand

By CHRISTINA CEPERO
News Writer

Notre Dame Television, a biweekly 30-minute variety show, attained club status from Student Activities in December after actively seeking recognition since April.

"We have laid down a permanent foundation," said executive producer and junior Film, Television and Theater and history major Liam Dacey. "Things have been going much more smoothly this semester."

Dacey said the club can now put up a booth at Student Activities night in the fall and hang signs around campus to raise awareness and get more people involved.

The show consists of news, spotlight, interview, entertainment and random segments. The four executive producers, Dacey, junior Lance Johnson, sophomore Chris Chamberland and senior Alex Grunewald, film, edit and host the segments and put the whole show together.

This week's news topic is fake IDs.

"We had thought about doing it last semester, but after the Boat Club incident, this was the perfect time to do it," said news producer and junior FTT major Bailey Ertel. The last news episode covered the new rectors on campus.

This week's show spotlights the Pasquerilla East Musical Company's interpretation of "Into the Woods." NDTV has also spotlighted WVFI, Las Posadas, Asian Allure, NBC sideline reporter Lewis Johnson and the marching band.

Andy Gomez is the spotlight producer and a senior FTT major, in addition to being president of Coro Primavera, the Spanish choir that sings Christmas carols around campus every year for the Mexican Las Posadas tradition.

"My favorite spotlight so far has been Las Posadas because it was interesting to put a piece together on something so personal to me," said Gomez. "We aim to spotlight clubs and organizations on campus that are not very well known, so the wider community can see what's going on,"



Photo courtesy of NDTV

Chris Chamberland, Nick Bruno and Jessi Cisewski "JayWalk" at the Stanford football game this fall for the first random segment on NDTV.

said Gomez.

Spider Kwok, spotlight staff member and sophomore FTT and English major, said, "We like to open our segments with montages of exciting clips and then alternate with interviews and voice-overs."

This week's interview features new student magazine Changing Times' President

John Cannon. The last show featured chemistry professor Dennis Jacobs, who was named Professor of the Year. Senior Brian Bircher produces the interview segment.

This week's entertainment segment highlights The Not So Royal Shakespeare

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Student online calendar launches

By HELENA PAYNE
News Editor

Students can now visit an online calendar with a comprehensive list of upcoming events sponsored by student clubs.

Located at underthedomine.nd.edu, the new Web site allows clubs to post their events in a color-coded format. Clubs can receive their username and password from student government.

"Hopefully ... the student body will have it set as their home page," said Jane Ong, who heads the communications task force of the Campus Life Council.

The calendar is limited to campus events and prevents

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2003 General Board announced

Observer Staff Report

The Observer has hired department editors for all but two General Board positions, incoming Editor in Chief Andrew Soukup announced Monday.

Six of the 10 positions are being filled by those who have served in the posts since January. Those rehired include Sports Editor Joe Hettler, Photo Editor Tim Kacmar, Viewpoint Editor Kristin Yemm, Scene Editor Maria Smith, Controller Michael Flanagan and Ad Sales Manager Maura Cenedella.

The four new General Board appointments are:

- ◆ Meghanne Downes, News Editor
- ◆ Anneliese Woolford, Saint Mary's Editor
- ◆ Mike Harkins, Graphics Editor
- ◆ Tom Haight, Ad Design Manager

The appointments are effective March 16.

"Each person selected brings significant talent and experience to their respective positions," Soukup said. "I am confident the staff assembled will build on the tradition of excellence The Observer has established."

Downes, a sophomore from Walsh majoring in political science and minoring in journalism, started working with The Observer during the fall semester of her freshman

year. The Chicago native previously worked as an assistant and associate news editor and covered Student Senate.

Hettler, a sophomore from Zahm, was initially hired as sports editor in January. A marketing major with a minor in journalism from North Canton, Ohio, Hettler has covered football, baseball and womens basketball.

Yemm also took over as viewpoint editor in January after previously working as an assistant and associate viewpoint editor. A sophomore from St. Louis, she lives in Cavanaugh Hall and is majoring in accounting and political science.

Like Hettler and Yemm, Smith was hired in January as scene editor, less than five months after she joined The Observer as a staff writer. A native of San Diego, Smith lives in McGlinn and is majoring in the Program of Liberal Studies.

A Knott junior, Kacmar began shooting sports the spring of his freshman year. An aerospace engineering major from Crown Point, Ind., spent last summer studying in London before becoming Photo Editor in January.

The lone student from Saint Mary's on the Editorial Board, Woolford is a junior majoring in English writing with a minor in advertising. Originally from Novi, Mich., Woolford lives in Holy Cross and is currently working with

the South Bend Tribune as an academic intern.

Harkins, a sophomore MIS major from Dillon, originally hails from Canton, Mich. He joined The Observer last fall as a member of the graphics department.

Flanagan first joined The Observer in January when he was hired as controller. A sophomore accounting and political science major from Arlington Heights, Ill., Flanagan lives in Dillon.

After studying in Rome in the fall, Cenedella returned in January to serve as the ad sales manager after previously working as an account executive. The Walsh junior, who originally hails from Tucson, Ariz. and is majoring in psychology with an education minor, joined The Observer's staff the spring of her freshman year.

In the fall, Haight will have served on The Observer's staff for the longest time. A senior enrolled in a five-year engineering program, the Dillon resident is majoring in mechanical engineering and history. Originally from Burlington, Kan., Haight has worked in the ad design department since his freshman year.

The Observer is still accepting applications for Systems Manager and Web Administrator. Please direct all inquiries to incoming Managing Editor Scott Brodfuehrer at sbrodfue@nd.edu.

Student named Academic American

By KEVIN ALLEN
News Writer

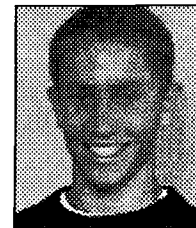
For years, Notre Dame has drawn attention for the All-Americans it has on its athletic fields. But another place to find some of the nation's top talent is in the University's classrooms.

N. John Cannon, a senior political science and finance major from Birmingham, Ala., recently enjoyed some recognition for his talent and hard work by earning a spot on USA Today's 2003 All-USA Academic Team. Cannon, who earned second team honors, is one of 83 undergraduates nationwide to earn the distinction this year.

"I was surprised and extremely honored to be recognized for such an honor," said Cannon, who was chosen from a field of 460 nominees.

James Falkiner, a faculty member in the Mendoza College of Business, nominated Cannon for the award.

"I've known John for about two years and when he asked me to nominate him I told him I'd be happy to do it," said



Cannon

Falkiner.

Falkiner has had Cannon in class and advised him in the Social Venture Plan competition in 2002. Cannon and John Mirshekari won the competition for their proposal for The Changing Times Foundation, a non-profit organization that aims to inspire college students to pursue careers that will provide meaning to their lives, not just a paycheck. The foundation publicizes students and professionals who have had a positive impact on society by publishing Changing Times magazine, the inaugural issue of which was released in January.

USA Today academic all-Americans are selected based on their academic awards and achievements, leadership roles and public service, and Cannon excels in all three areas. Enrolled in the University's Honors Program and upholding a 3.8 grade point average, Cannon has made the dean's list in each of his semesters at Notre Dame. He has also studied at Cambridge University, earned several internships, served in student government, volunteered his time to tutor children, provided free soccer clinics to inner-city children and worked in soup kitchens.

Cannon is currently working

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INSIDE COLUMN

The culture of waiting

The University youth of today grow old in wait for tomorrow. Yes, contrary to our perpetual stereotype as "Generation X" with its emphasis on instant gratification, our culture, the University culture, waits. We are obsessed with our individual tomorrow's so much that we subject ourselves to an unlimited number of tortures — all endured for the sake of our own "future".

This unhealthy obsession with tomorrow takes root during childhood. We are taught to wait — to delay happiness and fulfillment in our lives. Many can remember parents' chastisements for choosing play over schoolwork. Play, recreation and anything really that isn't "work" is almost always second rate — something to be waited for. It is thus not surprising that for the lives of many, a day-to-day and year-to-year waiting process has been the perpetual activity.

Indeed, so much emphasis has been placed upon what culture labels as "education" that it is nearly impossible to resist the brainwashing notion that formal education is necessary to achieve success and happiness.

However unfortunate for the University culture, even formal education isn't "enough." How can we dream of receiving an education from the community college? To be truly "educated" and deemed worthy of "success," we must attend a University. Only it doesn't end there.

Soon occupation and place of employment come into the picture, and when we find ourselves still unfulfilled we focus on yet another future event and convince ourselves it was the one we must truly have been waiting for.

To gain a better understanding of this fixation with "education" we must understand the culture's focus on "success." I criticize the notion that success, intelligence, and a University education go hand in hand. With these standards, it is no wonder that the University culture waits. For surely the only way to achieve happiness is to earn the "dream job" by proving one's worth and IQ to their employer and peers with a prestigious University degree.

There is a created illusion of worth, acceptance and importance as counterparts to the so-called intelligence demonstrated in the University education system. While I am in no way trying to denounce the usefulness of intelligence itself, I am trying to disavow the notion of formalized education as a means for judging that intelligence. Formal education is lacking as a factor for judging the usefulness of others as well as oneself. It is when we allow our University educations and "futures" to have a larger influence on our lives than appropriate that we become a culture of waiting. When will we realize that waiting is the only end we face if we dedicate our lives to it?

I call us, the University culture, back to the present. I call us back to the now; it is only when we take in the present that the future has any meaning. I call us back to a well-balanced perspective, and I call us back to the true direction of what we all seek. Success cannot be found waiting for happiness. Success is the achievement of happiness.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Dolores Diaz at ddiaz@nd.edu.

CORRECTIONS

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CAMPUS NEWS	WORLD & NATION	BUSINESS NEWS	VIEWPOINT	SCENE	SPORTS
Laundry distribution center expands to serve staff	European Union gives Iraq one last chance	Economic impact of war worries European Union	Clarifying the meaning and spirit of V-Day	George Strait's 30th album still brings smiles	Basketball looking to rebound against West Virginia
The St. Michael's on-campus distribution center is now serving faculty and staff, who can drop off and pick up their dry cleaning in the building behind the Main Building.	European leaders called on Iraq to disarm again on Monday, with France and Germany rejecting military action and Britain pushing for swift action.	Finance ministers of the European Union considered Monday how a war with Iraq would affect their already shaky economies.	The director of "The Vagina Monologues" asks that people use the production as a way to reflect upon their own lives.	Strait's latest album "For the Last Time — Live from the Astrodome" is his first live album but as successful as his first 29.	Following recent losses against Seton Hall and Syracuse, the mens basketball team is looking for a win tonight against West Virginia.
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WHAT'S HAPPENING @ ND

- ◆ Film, *El Lado oscuro del corazon*, Hesburgh Library Auditorium, 7 and 9 p.m.
- ◆ Lecture with professor Alvin Tillery "Black exceptionalism: why reparations for slavery are both just and good public policy," O'Neill Hall, 8 p.m.
- ◆ Lecture with professor Michael Marrus "Coming to terms with the past: reflections of a Holocaust Historian," McKenna Hall Auditorium, 8 p.m.

WHAT'S HAPPENING @ SMC

- ◆ Catholic Common Ground Conversation, LeMans Hall Stapleton Lounge, 3:30 p.m
- ◆ Contemporary Drama Reading, President's Dining Room, 4:30 p.m.
- ◆ Freshman Board Meeting, Haggar College Center room 304, 5:30 p.m.
- ◆ Indiana State Nursing Association Meeting, Haggar College Center Parlor Stapleton Lounge, 5:30 p.m.

WHAT'S GOING DOWN

Suspicious person in hall

NDSP is investigating a complaint of a suspicious person in Nieuwland Science Hall Thursday.

Ticket book found, returned

A student basketball ticket book was found and turned in to NDSP for safekeeping Thursday. The ticketbook has been released to the ticket office.

Employee taken to infirmary

NDSP transported an employee to the University Health Center for treatment of an injury Thursday.

Jacket stolen from fieldhouse

A student reported the theft of her jacket from the fieldhouse Thursday between 3 and 4 p.m. There are no suspects.

Vehicle towed from circle

A student's vehicle was towed for a parking violation from Main Circle on Thursday.

Kontrol Kards lost

Two University employees reported losing their Kontrol Kards at unknown locations Thursday.

Wallet lost in Main Circle

A student reported losing his wallet in the Main Circle Thursday.

Student taken to hospital

NDSP transported a student to St. Joseph Medical Center from Badin Hall for treatment of an ankle injury Thursday.

Bike recovered at DeBartolo

A student who had previously reported her bike was stolen notified NDSP she recovered her bike at Keenan Hall Thursday. She had reported Feb. 5 that her bike was stolen from DeBartolo Hall. There are no suspects in the theft.

Student locates wallet

A student reported Thursday that he had found in his room the wallet he had previously reported was stolen.

- Compiled from NDSP blotter

WHAT'S COOKING

North Dining Hall

Today's Lunch: Boiled fettuccine, boiled mostaccioli, tri-color cheese raviolotti, pastaria meat sauce, baked manicotti, pepperoni calzones, honey mustard chicken breast, smoked red bliss potatoes, brown sauce, amandine green beans, Italian beef sandwich, krinkle kut french fries, completa modern feijoad, mexicana couscous

Today's Dinner: Beef tips and mushrooms, kluski noodles, grilled salmon fillet, mushroom quiche, au gratin cauliflower, baked potatoes, egg foo yung surimi, beef fajita, lone star rice, baked manicotti, new england clam chowder, tri-color cheese raviolotti

South Dining Hall

Today's Lunch: Pasta shells primavera, fettuccine, gorgonzola sauce, french bread pizza, collard greens, turkey turnovers, London broil with wine marinade, cheddar-baked pollock, shrimp creole, potatoes au gratin, grilled turkey sandwich, fries

Today's Dinner: Chicken cacciatore, fettuccine, gorgonzola sauce, french bread pizza, roast top round, oven-fried chicken, grilled polish sausage, rotini with vegetables, polish-style kluski noodles, cabbage

Saint Mary's Dining Hall

Today's Lunch: Szechuan vegetables with jasmine rice, herbed pasta, marinara, harvest flat bread sandwich, turkey snow pea stir fry with rice, batter fried pollock, macaroni and cheese, glazed carrots, meat lovers pizza, cheese pizza, sliced prosciutto, sliced smoked turkey, olive hummus

Today's Dinner: Herb pasta, marinara sauce, spicy stir fried tofu, garden burger, grilled yellow squash, chicken and vegetable fajitas, grilled hamburger, chicken patties, grilled cheese sandwich, french fries, twice cooked pork, wild rice, parsley buttered potato, country kitchen vegetables

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LOCAL WEATHER						
	HIGH 39 LOW 29	HIGH 34 LOW 29	HIGH 40 LOW 23	HIGH 41 LOW 34	HIGH 45 LOW 25	HIGH 34 LOW 12

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EXECUTIVE CABINET

Group disperses funds to clubs

By MATT BRAMANTI
News Writer

Executive Cabinet members convened Monday evening to discuss requests for funding from several student groups.

Katie Stolz of the Club Coordination Council presented an appeal on behalf of the Best Buddies Club. The club requested \$2,000 to help fund its Dyslexia Awareness Week, to be held the last week in February. The program will feature an address by Gerard Sagmiller titled "Why Can't Johnny or Sally Read?" Sagmiller will discuss his own successful battle with dyslexia, a learning disorder characterized by problems with language decoding. The appeal passed unanimously.

Stolz also presented a \$500 request from Special Friends, an organization dedicated to helping children with autism. The group had requested the funds to present a seminar dealing with high-functioning autism and Asperger's Syndrome, a closely related behavioral disorder. The event, to be held at Saint Mary's on Feb. 22, will feature a speech by Diane Adreon, associate director of the Center for Autism at the University of Miami. Saint Mary's representative Lindsay Evans encouraged members to approve the funding, calling the event "extremely worthwhile." The measure passed without objection.

Joyce DeLeon of the CCC's cultural division presented a \$1,200 appeal on behalf of the

Filipino American Student Organization, to finance a Filipino cultural exhibition.

"Fiestang Filipino will be a night of great Filipino food and cultural folk dances," DeLeon said.

The event, in its eighth year, will be themed "It takes two to pundango," referring to the Filipino dance. Cabinet members unanimously approved the appeal.

In other Exec Cab news:

♦ DeLeon encouraged students to sign a petition against the popular dance club Heartland. "We want students to sign the petition and support the cause," DeLeon said. Students have organized a boycott of the club over an alleged instance of discrimination against a Puerto Rican student earlier this month. The Notre Dame chapter of the NAACP has demanded a public apology from Heartland's management.

♦ Junior Class President Meghan O'Donnell praised the "overwhelming response" to her class's letter-writing campaign. The program, which began last week, lets students write letters of encouragement to U.S. troops deployed overseas.

♦ Freshman Class President Dave Baron announced his class council's first open forum meeting will be held Wednesday at 7 p.m. in LaFortune Student Center. "We encourage every freshman to come and speak their mind," Baron said. He also announced the beginning of a publicity campaign to promote safety off campus.

♦ Senior Class President Matt

Smith urged his classmates to attend a reception next Monday evening before the men's basketball game against UConn. The event, which aims to "foster stronger class unity," will feature a "tailgate-style" dinner in the press box at Notre Dame Stadium, Smith said. He also encouraged sign up for Christmas in April on the class Web site. Registration will end Tuesday evening.

♦ Advisor Peggy Hnatukso announced that the University will offer transportation to Merrill, Wisc. for students who wish to attend the memorial service for Chad Sharon. Interested students should contact the Student Activities Office at 1-7309. Student Body President Libby Bishop proposed a ribbon campaign in Sharon's memory.

♦ Student leaders welcomed a new member of the cabinet. Henry Scott joined the group as Bishop's new chief of staff. Scott succeeds President Elect Pat Hallahan, who resigned his post earlier this month over disagreements with Bishop's stance on the hall dance policy.

Scott announced that a committee from the Office of the President will look into ways to improve graduation ceremonies. The committee will discuss proposals with deans of the colleges, Scott said.

♦ The cabinet's strategic planning initiative will continue next week, when CCC chair Amy O'Connor will present an outline of her organization's 10-year strategy.

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SMC JUDICIAL BOARD

Officials propose Judicial Board changes

By EMILY BRAMMER
News Writer

Saint Mary's student government officials said they have witnessed violations of students' due process rights when dealing with the Judicial Board and will review the Board's processes.

Elizabeth Jablonski-Diehl, student body president elect, and Kristina Maurer, co-chairwoman of the Judicial Board, said they have witnessed violations of the due process rights of students facing judicial proceedings. They said these violations included students who were not given the opportunity to read copies of written reports stating the circumstances and allegations of their case and instances in which students did not hear all testimony presented against them.

"What's alarming is that most students don't even know that their rights are being violated," said Jablonski-Diehl. "[The violations are] no one's fault. It's the way the system is set up."

Conflicts of interest exist in the system as well. Under current procedures, any member of the College community who witnesses a policy violation may file an incident report with the appropriate residence hall director. The residence hall director then determines whether she will hear the case or whether the Judicial Board will. A conflict of interest arises when the residence hall director files an incident report herself and then proceeds to hear the case.

"Hall directors have never really filed reports before,"

said Maurer. "But this year quite a few have, and it has resulted in a serious conflict of interest."

Students' rights in judicial procedures are also vague in the Saint Mary's Student Handbook. It leaves the Judicial Board room for maneuvering, Jablonski-Diehl said, but it causes confusion when students encounter proceedings that are different from what they expect.

Director of Residence Life Michelle Russell, who serves as the judicial coordinator, said she encourages students to seek clarification of vague policies.

But Jablonski-Diehl said she is seeking revision to the policies and feels optimistic that adjustments will be made.

"The administration is very willing to make changes," said Jablonski-Diehl. "Unfortunately, it's a very long process."

While Jablonski-Diehl and Maurer said they are encouraging revision of the judicial procedures, they are also considering completely restructuring the system in order to avoid conflicts of interest and expand the Judicial Board's functions.

Both agree that streamlining the Judicial Board with student government would make the system available to a greater scope of student complaints.

"It would open the system up to dealing with important student issues such as election complaints and a magnitude of concerns that I can't even comprehend right now," said Maurer.

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CAMPUS LIFE COUNCIL

Group discusses death

By HELENA PAYNE
News Editor

During its brief meeting Monday, the Campus Life Council focused on remembering deceased freshman Chad Sharon and checking the progress of task forces.

Student Body President Libby Bishop began the meeting with an open forum to come up with ways to remember Sharon, whose body was discovered Wednesday in the St. Joseph River of South Bend.

Pangborn Hall rector Heather Rakoezy suggested passing out ribbons at the campus memorial mass next week.

As members offered ideas, the topic of off-campus safety emerged. Senator Erin Cushing, who used to live near the area where Sharon was last spotted alive, said more students should be encouraged to use the local cab services.

"It's only \$2 to get anywhere you want to go," Cushing said.

Becca Davidson, rector of Breen-Phillips Hall, agreed that utilizing cab services could promote student safety.

"If you are going to go out, then you have to figure [cab fare] into the budget," she

said.

Student Body Vice President Trip Foley said first-year students should learn about off-campus safety during their orientation weekend. He also suggested providing the first-year students with a map of off-campus locations.

Members also discussed having other awareness campaigns depending on the cause of Sharon's death, which remains unknown.

In Other CLC News:

♦ Jane Ong, head of the communications task force, announced that the underthedome.nd.edu Web site is up and running.

♦ Cushing said she will meet today with Laura Flynn of First Year of Studies to discuss the expansion of the peer advisor role.

♦ Stephen Christ of the leadership task force showed members its poster about freshman leadership opportunities. Members plan to distribute the poster to first-year students before they enroll. Senator Rick Harris, also on the task force, said it is researching programs at Santa Clara University to improve the Notre Dame Leadership Institute.

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Laundry center serves faculty, staff

♦ Original facility expands user base

By JOE TROMBELLO
News Writer

Last month, the St. Michael's on-campus laundry distribution center was expanded to allow faculty and staff, as well as students, to drop off and pick up laundry and dry cleaning.

"The opening of the distribution center [to faculty and staff] furthers St. Michael's commitment to serve the cleaning needs of the entire University community," said Robin Kramer, St. Michael's Laundry assistant director.

St. Michael's Laundry announced the distribution center's grand opening Jan. 6. Since then, Kramer said that the faculty and staff response has been positive, with over 30 new faculty and staff customers. In addition, faculty and staff have switched from the main plant to the on-campus distribution center to pick up and drop off laundry.

"Since the January grand opening, the community has positively responded with nearly 12 percent of our main plant customers now utilizing the on-campus location — citing convenience as the main reason for the busi-

ness transfer," Kramer said.

Brian Coughlin, director of Student Activities, said that the opening of the on-campus distribution center to faculty and staff directly affects him.

"I used to use a commercial laundry off-campus for my dry cleaning, but since January I have switched over

to St. Michael's," he said. "This is due almost entirely to the convenience. I park in A15 and find it very easy to pick up my laundry feet from where I park."

As a Holy Cross Priest, Nicholas

Ayo, a Program of Liberal Studies professor, lives on campus and said that he used the main plant directly behind the Notre Dame Federal Credit Union. Nonetheless, he said that the opening of the on-campus distribution center would be more convenient for him.

"I have become used to walking or taking a car over [to the main plant], but I know it would be easier to use their services now that they are closer. I have yet to have occasion to do so at

their new campus location," Ayo said.

Despite the added convenience, some faculty and staff said that they will continue to use their own methods of laundry service.

"I don't use [St. Michaels] because I do my own laundry at home — it is more convenient for me," said

Michelle Gelfman, associate professional specialist and physical education instructor. The on-campus distribution center is located at the corner of Sorin Court and Holy

Cross Drive, behind the Main Building, and will be open to all members of the Notre Dame community from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The center will provide access to alterations, dry cleaning, over-the-counter drop off and pick up, linen rental and VIP service. The main plant will continue to serve all Notre Dame students, faculty and staff.

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"The opening of the distribution center [to faculty and staff] furthers St. Michael's commitment to serve the cleaning needs of the entire University community."

Robin Kramer
St. Michael's laundry



IS RECRUITING

WHO

all Notre Dame undergraduate students in good standing

WHAT

apply for one of the following positions on the Student Union Board:

executive member staff:

member staff:

board manager/president
director of control
director of creativity
director of programming
director of operations

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BELGIUM

European Union warns Iraq of 'one last chance'

Associated Press

BRUSSELS

European leaders tried to mend their bitter dispute over Iraq on Monday by calling for more time for U.N. inspectors to disarm Iraq, but warning Baghdad it faced one "last chance" to disarm peacefully.

The declaration appeared to continue the division that has split the European Union, with France and Germany opposing any imminent military action against Baghdad.

The United States and Britain, its chief ally in the EU, are pushing for swift action to disarm Iraq, claiming that Saddam Hussein has no intention of complying peacefully.

France and Germany, who oppose war, appeared to emerge in a strong position Monday night after the EU statement backed more time for the U.N. weapon inspectors, without giving a deadline.

"They must be given the time and resources that the U.N. Security Council believes they need," the declaration said.

British Prime Minister Tony Blair said he was convinced that Iraq was already in breach of U.N. resolutions to disarm, but other EU nations appeared to need time to reach the same decision.

"There's still a lot of debate to be had on that issue," Blair said.

Blair also appeared to be backing away from a push for a second U.N. resolution to endorse military action against Iraq. He said the earlier resolution demanding Iraq disarm made a convincing case for tough action.

The leaders agreed that Iraq must disarm, but said "war is not inevitable." The declaration also recognized the Franco-German drive for a peaceful solution, calling war "a last resort."

"Baghdad should have no illusions. It must disarm and cooperate immediately and fully. The Iraqi regime alone will be responsible for the consequences if it continues to flout the will of the international community and does not take this last chance," the leaders said in a joint declaration.

However, it did not contain the phrase, pushed by Britain, that "time is running out."

"That was not acceptable for us," German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder told reporters.

Seeking not only to mend rifts in the European Union, but also with the United States, the leaders also gave the American military buildup in the Persian Gulf credit for forcing Saddam to work with U.N. weapons inspectors.



AFF

British Prime Minister Tony Blair attends a press conference at the European Union Headquarters in Brussels Monday following the emergency EU summit on Iraq. Blair said late Monday that Saddam Hussein is facing "one last chance" to disarm peacefully.

"We are committed to working with all our partners, especially the United States, for the disarmament of Iraq, for peace and stability in the region," the leaders said.

Earlier the summit appeared heading for a rupture after France declared it would block any early move to war.

With the split undermining EU unity and its ability to speak

with a single voice, Britain and France offered starkly different views, with London calling for a swift deadline for action and Paris insisting on more time to peacefully disarm Iraq.

IRAQ

Iraq reports first inspection flight by U-2 spy plane

Associated Press

BAGHDAD

Iraq reported the first flight by an American U-2 surveillance plane Monday in support of the U.N. inspection mission, marking another concession by Saddam Hussein's regime to stave off a U.S.-led attack.

Meanwhile, Iraqi state television broadcast scenes of Iraqi troops in maneuvers to defend the country from a possible U.S. attack. State television also said Saddam praised last weekend's anti-war protests, singling out those in Italy, Spain and Britain whose governments support the

strong U.S. position against Baghdad.

The U-2 flight took place only one week after the United Nations and Baghdad broke an impasse that had kept the reconnaissance plane grounded since the start of inspections in November. The Iraqis agreed to allow U-2 flights last week, fulfilling a major demand by U.N. inspectors seeking to determine if Iraq still harbors weapons of mass destruction.

"At 11:55 a.m., a U-2 surveillance plane entered Iraqi airspace and reconnoitered several areas of Iraq and left Iraqi airspace at 4:15 p.m.," the Iraqi Foreign Ministry said in a statement. "The recon-

naissance operation lasted 4 hours and 20 minutes."

The statement did not indicate the plane's flight path. Efforts to contact a U.N. spokesman in Baghdad for confirmation were unsuccessful.

Iraqi officials had objected to the U-2 flights, contending they couldn't guarantee the safety of the plane if it was flying over Iraq at the same time as U.S.-British air patrols in the "no-fly zones" of northern and southern Iraq. Unless those warplanes were kept out of the sky during the U-2 flight, the reconnaissance craft might be targeted by anti-aircraft fire, they said.

The no-fly zones were declared by

Washington, without U.N. authorization, to protect dissident Iraqi Shiite Muslims and Iraqi Kurds from Saddam's forces. The Iraqis consider the zones to be illegal.

It was not immediately clear whether the United Nations met conditions requested by the Iraqis in order to let the U-2 flights pass unimpeded.

Gen. Hossam Mohamed Amin, the chief Iraqi liaison officer to the U.N. inspectors, had asked chief inspector Hans Blix to give Baghdad data on the flight before it entered the country's airspace, including the plane's call sign, its altitude, speed and time of arrival.

WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

N. Korea vows victory in nuclear standoff:

North Korea defiantly declared Monday that it would triumph in its nuclear standoff with the United States, and South Korea's president warned that Pyongyang's weapons program could start an atomic arms race in Northeast Asia. The North's state-run Central Radio said the world was watching the Pyongyang-Washington standoff "with sweating hands," and vowed that the Stalinist state would maintain its "mighty army-first policy." "The victory in the nuclear conflict is ours, and the red flag of the army-first policy will flutter ever more vigorously," said the broadcast, monitored by South Korea's Yonhap news agency. Washington and its allies are pressuring North Korea to abandon its suspected nuclear weapon programs. The North has insisted on direct talks first with the United States, from which it wants a nonaggression treaty.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

East suffers worst blizzard in 7 years:

The worst blizzard in seven years shut down much of the Northeast on Presidents Day with blinding, windblown snow that piled up as much as 4 feet deep and left more than a quarter of a million homes and businesses shivering without power. At least 21 deaths had been blamed on the storm system since it charged out of the Plains during the weekend, piling snow in the Ohio Valley, producing mudslides and floods in the southern Appalachians, and making layers of ice that snapped trees and power lines. The storm was headed for New England, where Massachusetts expected up to 2 feet of snow and minor coastal flooding. Airports for Washington, Baltimore, Philadelphia and New York largely shut down, stranding thousands of passengers trying to leave and get into the region. Amtrak's north-south service was halted between Washington and Richmond, Va., and regional bus service stopped in many areas.

Nightclub had been ordered to close:

The nightclub where 21 people were killed and 55 injured in a stampede was operating in violation of a months-old court order meant to close it down, Chicago authorities said Monday. "The owner knows damn well that he is not to open that second floor facility," Fire Commissioner James Joyce said. Joyce said fire department inspectors visited the first-floor restaurant, known as Epitome, in October, but did not visit the second-floor nightclub, known as E2, because they had no reason to suspect it was operating. The nightclub has been cited for repeated building code violations and the city has been sparring in court with the owners of the nightclub since July 2002, officials said. An attorney for the city of Chicago said the city plans to go to court as early as Tuesday to seek criminal contempt charges against the owner. There were reports that as many as 1,500 people were crammed into the second-floor club when someone sprayed Mace or pepper spray to quell a fight about 2 a.m.

NASA asks farmers for help in finding debris

Associated Press

SPACE CENTER

As the days become weeks since Columbia's disintegration over Texas, fewer and fewer pieces of space shuttle wreckage are turning up, even though the calls keep coming in.

On Monday, NASA asked farmers and ranchers out West to be on the lookout during spring plowing for anything that might have fallen from the sky on Feb. 1. The plea came as a reported 1,300 state and federal personnel took part in search and recovery efforts in Texas and Louisiana.

"It's kind of a mixed thing. There's a tremendous amount of information available already, even though not everything directly points to a particular thing. There are a lot of circumstantial things," said NASA's Steve Nesbitt, who is serving as the spokesman for the accident investigation board.

He added that "there's a continuing belief and feeling that things are going to continue to develop" and that more debris may be found.

Now that the investigation board is back in Houston following a series of road trips to other NASA centers, the members can settle into a routine and start digging into all of the information being accumulated, Nesbitt said.

Nesbitt took a phone call over the weekend from a Louisiana woman who has an odd chunk of plastic in her flower bed and wants NASA to check it out. He also heard from a California retiree who wanted to tell the board his theory for the shuttle disaster.

"Everybody wants to contribute. They all want to help and it's great. The board certainly wants to listen," Nesbitt said. But he noted: "It will take a while to get back to the people," given the disproportionate ratio of callers to those following up on all the calls.

Nine of the 10 board members met Monday at their new headquarters in an office building just a mile from Johnson Space Center and planned to hold a news conference, their second, Tuesday. The 10th member, newly selected Sheila Widnall, a former secretary of the Air Force, will join the group later in the week.

So far, the investigation board has publicly put forward just one hypothesis: that a breach in the left wing likely allowed superheated gases to penetrate the spacecraft.

Paul Fischbeck, a Carnegie Mellon University engineering professor, said that hypothesis makes his own analysis "more and more likely." In a 1990 study and follow-up research, Fischbeck concluded that a space shuttle could fail catastrophically if during liftoff debris hit the vulnerable underside of its wings, near the landing-gear wheel wells.

Barely a minute into Columbia's flight on Jan. 16, a chunk of insulating foam broke off the external fuel tank and slammed into the bottom of the left wing.

The breach in Columbia could have been caused by a meteor or space debris, or the landing gear compartment door could have been blown open during atmospheric re-entry, Fischbeck said Monday. But the most likely scenario by far, he said, is that the foam damaged or knocked off thermal tiles, more tiles gave way during re-entry and those missing tiles led to a burn-through of the aluminum hull.

The head of the independent investigation board, retired Navy Adm. Harold Gehman Jr., has stressed repeatedly that he is not ruling anything out — including the debris hit during launch. While Columbia was still in orbit, NASA concluded that any damage from the foam would not pose a safety threat.

The analysis of 32 seconds of additional data collected beyond the loss of communication with Columbia, meanwhile, goes on. The data are of extremely poor quality, yet experts have managed to conclude that an additional two steering jets were firing, for a total of four, in a futile attempt to keep the shuttle on course as it aimed for a Florida landing.

It is "highly unlikely" that the shuttle pilots, rather than the autopilot system, activated those two additional jets before their ship broke apart, said NASA spokesman Rob Navias.

Despite extensive searches along Columbia's final route, from California down over Nevada, Arizona and New Mexico and finally Texas, no shuttle debris has been found farther west than 20 miles west of Fort Worth. That's where a single thermal tile popped up; NASA still does not know what part of the shuttle it came from.

Seymour Himmel, a retired NASA executive who served for two decades on the Aerospace Safety Advisory Panel, wonders whether any debris that reached the ground "would retain the clues that you need to unravel this mystery."

NDTV

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segment highlights The Not So Royal Shakespeare Company's rendition of "The Taming of the Shrew." Sophomore Monika Mehlmann produces the entertainment portion of the show.

This week the random segment will launch a four-part series called "Joe Athlete," a parody of "Joe Millionaire" and will include a commentary on Notre Dame athletics and male-female relations. Past random episodes include films that did not make it into the student film festival, gladiator interviews at the Rock, a "mockumentary" on the Grab 'n Go ladies, fake ND clubs and Jaywalking at a tailgate. The random segment's current producer is sophomore FTT and philoso-

phy major Nick Bruno.

The producers of each of the segments and their staff film several hours of footage, and then spend hours editing down to 5-minute segments. NDTV staff members gain valuable experience, since many of them plan to pursue careers in the competitive television industry.

Junior Cheryl Turski and sophomore Tony Easterlin host the show.

"It gets more fun and spontaneous as we do it," said Turski.

The past several episodes have been on location at the student film festival and at LaFortune instead of the studio.

"This gives more energy to the piece and allows for a shorter setup time," said Chamberland.

For the March 4 episode, the executive producers hope to have Turski and Easterlin host the show outside the Joyce Center at the Feb. 22

Virginia Tech basketball game.

Originally named New Dimension Television, the student-produced television program forged ahead last spring with its four executive producers and faculty adviser and assistant FTT professor Christine Becker. NDTV aired its first show last October.

Now called Notre Dame Television, the organization has more freedom to do things because it is associated with the University. Its new Broadcast Media Coordinator Laurie McFadden has provided NDTV with new equipment as well as connections.

"This will help keep the organization in motion," said Dacey. The shows air every other Tuesday at 10 p.m. and every Thursday at 5 p.m. on local public access cable Channel 3.

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Cannon

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on his senior thesis, titled, "Donor Financing of Uganda Education: Mixing Budget and Project Support." In preparation for his thesis, Cannon con-

ducted six weeks of original field research in Uganda during the summer of 2002, which was funded by the Kellogg Institute for International Studies. He interviewed world donors, teachers and government leaders while completing the research.

Cannon, the son of Nass

Cannon and Gail Barber, has not yet decided on his post-graduate plans, but he is considering work in non-profit education or government and plans to eventually attend law school.

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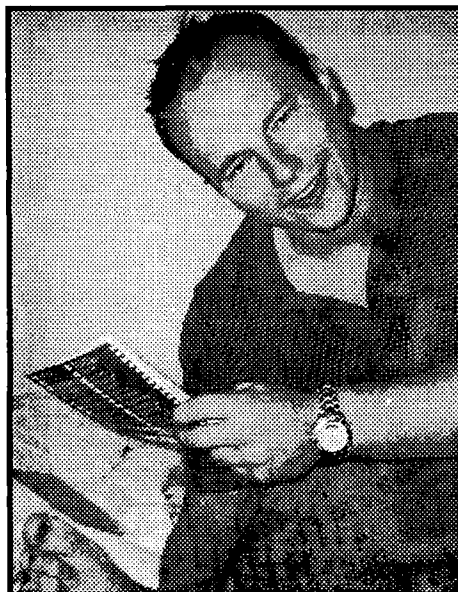
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IN BRIEF

London Exchange defends its CEO

The London Stock Exchange vigorously defended its chief executive on Monday by saying it was prepared to take legal action to stop "libelous and deeply offensive" rumors.

"The exchange will not be deflected by malicious gossip," said chairman Don Cruickshank. "The exchange under Clara Furse's leadership is light years ahead of where it was just a few years ago."

Over the weekend, The Financial Mail reported in a front-page story that rumors were being spread to undermine Furse, who took over at the helm of the LSE in February 2001, becoming the first female chief executive in the exchange's 200-year history.

Without providing details, the paper said that critics of Furse had begun a "whispering campaign" to damage her reputation as a businesswoman. It also said the unidentified critics had circulated "a number of malicious allegations about her personal life."

Venezuelan oil output to rebound

Oil output could reach 2.8 million barrels day within a month, when restrictions on sending tankers to Venezuelan ports are lifted, the head of Venezuela's state-run oil company said Monday.

Foreign shippers were warned against loading in Venezuelan ports during a two-month strike against President Hugo Chavez. The work stoppage ended on Feb. 3 in all sectors except the all-important oil industry.

Ali Rodriguez, president of Petroleos de Venezuela S.A., or PDVSA, accused striking employees of scaring off shippers by telling them new, inexperienced workers at docks and loading terminals presented a risk.

Some major companies in the shipping and oil industry, however, have decided to return to Venezuela. Exxon Mobil Corp. plans to resume loading this week while refiner Valero Energy Corp. has chartered a tanker to load 2 million barrels of crude.

Nissan plant targets Big Three

Associated Press

CANTON

In a mammoth white building north of Jackson, Willie Merle Magee has practiced the same task for days on end — attaching unpainted metal doors and hoods to the frames of minivans, trucks and sport utility vehicles as quickly and as accurately as she can.

"It's a challenge, but I like challenges," Magee said with a grin.

So apparently does her new employer, Tokyo-based Nissan Motor Co.

Nissan Chief Executive Carlos Ghosn has already rescued the Japanese automaker from the brink of insolvency in just three years. Now, Nissan is making a \$1.43 billion bet that its new Canton assembly plant will turn out products that can challenge Detroit's dominance of the truck market.

The ultimate goal for Nissan: Increase global sales by 1 million units within three years from the 2.6 million units sold in the fiscal year ended March 2002.

The 3.5-million-square-foot Canton plant — scheduled to open

May 27 — will increase Nissan's North American production capacity by 400,000 vehicles in spring 2004. Nissan is also increasing capacity at its Smyrna, Tenn., plant by 22 percent to 500,000 vehicles, and expanding its Decherd, Tenn. engine plant.

But the Canton assembly plant, which will employ 5,300 by April 2004, is the linchpin of Nissan's expansion strategy. Nissan will use Canton — its first new U.S. plant since 1983 — as the launch pad for an assault on the Big Three's dominance of the highly profitable full-size truck market.

More than 40 percent of Canton's production capacity will be dedicated to Nissan's first full-size truck offerings: The hulking 2004 Titan pickup; and Nissan and Infinity full-size sport-utility vehicles. Two other vehicles will be made in Canton: Nissan's radically redesigned Quest minivan, which hasn't been made since 2001, and the Altima sedan, which is also made in Nissan's Smyrna, Tenn. assembly plant.

"We're in a long-range plan, and the Mississippi plant plays a big

role," Nissan spokesman Tom Groom said. "It will be very important for us; three of the products that will be produced there will be totally new for Nissan."

Plant manager Dave Boyer, a veteran of Nissan's Smyrna operation, arrives at the Canton plant at 6 a.m. most days to direct the dress rehearsals.

Within the cavernous building, McGee and 1,000 other new hires — with the help of 853 robots — have already made 60 minivans, a handful of trucks and a few SUVs. As fast as the trial vehicles are made, workers as quickly tear them apart looking for errors.

"These are training vehicles; they just build them up and tear them down," Boyer said. "We'll do it over and over until we get proficient."

Nissan has a reputation for efficient production: Its Smyrna plant consistently ranks among North America's top plants for manufacturing efficiency.

But Nissan also has to prove its new product line will sell.

It's coming off a good year: Nissan's U.S. sales rose 5.1 percent to 739,499 units.

Economic impact of war worries EU

◆ Finance ministers gather to assess war

Associated Press

BRUSSELS

Overshadowed by the European Union's emergency summit on Iraq, finance ministers were assessing Monday what a war would do to their already shaky economies.

Finance ministers gathering for their regular monthly meeting Monday night and Tuesday were to take stock of the economic climate, which is already playing havoc with efforts by some of the biggest countries to stick to deficit targets set under the EU's euro rules.

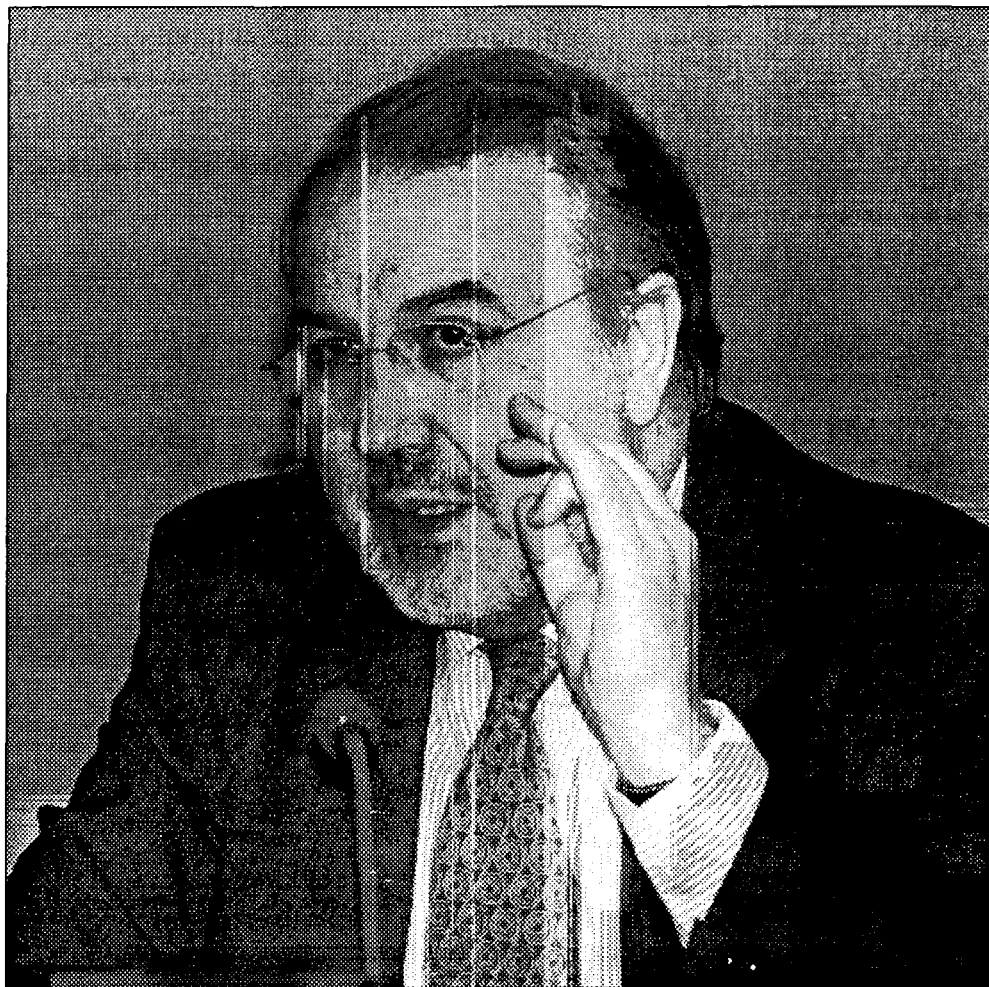
So-called Geopolitical uncertainties and their impact on the 12 euro-using countries will be of particular interest, said Gerassimos Thomas, an EU spokesman.

The EU head office announced Monday it was cutting its autumn forecast of 1.8 percent growth for the eurozone in 2003, although fresh figures aren't available yet.

It has refused to rule out a softening of budget rules, intended to support the single currency, if a war against Iraq leads to further weakening.

The rules already allow for breaching the deficit limits — 3 percent of gross domestic product — when it results from an "unusual event outside the control of the member state."

"If a war is not an exceptional circumstance, I wonder what is," EU Monetary



GETTY

European Monetary Affairs Commissioner Pedro Solbes speaks at a conference in January. Solbes and other EU finance ministers gathered Monday to gauge the possible economic impact of a conflict with Iraq.

Affairs Commissioner Pedro Solbes told reporters at the European Parliament in Strasbourg, France, last week.

That loophole could give breathing room to countries like Britain, Germany and France, which are facing varying degrees of reprimands from the EU over their high budget deficits.

Thomas stressed that Solbes was simply suggesting taking advantage of built-in flexibility.

"It does not mean loosening the rules," he said.

German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder, already under fire for breaking EU budget rules with last year's deficit, has hinted at easing budget targets in case of a war.

British Treasury chief Gordon Brown said last week he was setting aside an additional \$1.2 billion during the current financial year for possible military action in Iraq, on top of the

\$1.6 billion already allocated.

A review of Britain's spending plans was also on the meeting's agenda, along with a proposal for an EU framework on energy taxation, which faced stiff opposition from Italy in particular.

The European Commission last month approved Britain's budget plans, ignoring a rising public deficit by pointing to strong underlying finances.

Chaos characterizes nightclub stampede

Associated Press

CHICAGO

It was a chaotic scene: Hundreds of screaming people stumbling down the darkened stairs of a crowded nightclub, gasping for air and stepping on bodies, only to find themselves trapped at the bottom trying to escape through a single exit.

At least 21 people were killed and 57 injured in the stampede early Monday at the E2 nightclub, authorities said. There were reports that as many as 500 people were crammed into the second-floor club when someone sprayed mace or pepper spray to quell a fight about 2 a.m.

A judge ordered the owners to close their second-floor club last July because of safety violations, including failure to provide enough exits, city officials said Monday.

"The owner knows damn well that he is not to open that second-floor facility," said Fire Commissioner James Joyce. City officials said they plan to go to court as early as Tuesday to seek criminal contempt charges against the owner.

But the city's statements were challenged within hours by an attorney for the nightclub operators, who said both sides had agreed that only one section of the second-floor had to be closed.

Witnesses described a frenzied scene of some people trying to climb through the ceiling, while others were trampled in the frantic rush for an exit, their faces and bodies flattened against the glass front door.

Some people fainted on the club floor; others were coughing and crying, gagging and blindly groping for any way out.

"People were being trapped underneath you ... so we're actually standing on people's heads and we didn't even know it," said Amishoov Blackwell, a 30-year-old patron. "It was just bodies laying everywhere."

Blackwell said one man crushed between two people told him, "I can't breathe! I want you to hold my hand, man. If I don't make it, tell my mom that I love her! He just basically collapsed."

Some witnesses reported that the lights were cut in the stairwell.

On Monday afternoon, Joyce backed off earlier statements that firefighters had used sledgehammers and pry bars to open other doors in the half-block-long building.

Larry Langford, a fire department spokesman, said one door was locked and another was blocked by laundry bags or other items from the first-floor Epitome restaurant.

While that would be in violation of city fire codes, it apparently didn't contribute to the deaths, as officials said the crowd surged down a single front exit in the pandemonium.

Joyce also scaled down the number of people in the club to about 500; earlier, the fire department had estimated as many as 1,500 people were on the second floor.

Joyce said that fire department inspectors visited the first-floor restaurant, known as Epitome, in October, but did not visit the second-floor nightclub,

known as E2, because they had no reason to suspect it was open.

But the club — which was frequented by professional athletes and entertainers — has been advertised on the Internet and featured in current nightlife listings.

A lawyer for the club, Andre Grant, said the club had been rented to private promoters for the night — a firm he identified as Envy Entertainment. The promoters provided 18 security guards of their own in addition to 10 supplied by the club, Grant said. He said it was the promoters' security guards who used the spray.

No phone number or business listing could immediately be found for Envy Entertainment.

Grant also said the city knew the club was operating.

"This is open use and the city is 100 percent aware of it, and in fact management has asked consistently and repeatedly the city to assist with crowd control," he said.

Police Superintendent Terry Hillard said investigators were trying to sort out conflicting stories about the source of the mace or pepper spray and obtain videotape from inside the club. Witnesses said the spray may have come from the club's security guards trying to break up a fight between at least two women.

"Lives were tragically and senselessly lost, pinned down by a stampeding crowd," Hillard said.

"We will get to the bottom of this," he said. "Right now our investigation is at full tilt."

Friends and family of missing

patrons flocked to the morgue Monday afternoon, searching for information and holding out hope that their loved ones were still alive.

"I just can't understand it," said Herschel Blake, who was looking for his 22-year-old grandson, Michael. "His mother called me and said, 'Your grandson is dead. The door was locked. There was only one way out of the place.'"

Witnesses said some people were stomped on; many victims suffered crushing chest and head injuries. By Monday evening only seven of the injured remained hospitalized. Most of the dead were in their 20s or early 30s. At least nine died from multiple trauma and four from cardiac arrest, authorities said.

"Everybody smashed; people crying, couldn't breathe," said club-goer Reggie Clark. "Two ladies next to me died. A guy under me passed out."

Water and ice were passed to some of those trapped as rescuers struggled to pull them from the building.

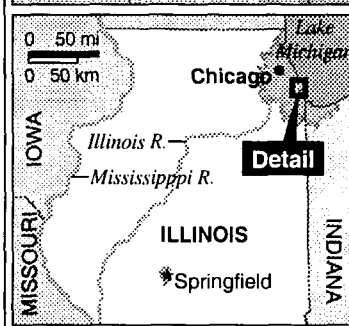
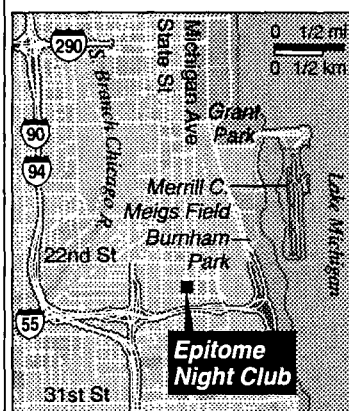
"You could see a mound of people," said Cory Thomas, 33, who went to the club to pick up two friends. "People were stacking on top of each other, screaming and gagging. I guess from the pepper spray. The door got blocked because there were too many people stacked up against it."

"I saw them taking out a pregnant woman," Thomas said. "She was in bad shape. I saw at least 10 lifeless bodies."

The club is located in the Near South Side, a commercial district near the McCormick Place

Nightclub chaos

Someone released pepper spray or mace into the air in the Epitome Night Club causing hundreds of guests to rush to the exits. At least 21 people were crushed to death in the panic.



convention center.

The stampede was one of the nation's deadliest.

In December 1991, nine young people were crushed to death in a gymnasium stairwell while awaiting a celebrity basketball game in New York.

In December 1979, 11 people were killed in Cincinnati in a crush to get into a concert by The Who.

Calendar

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campus events and prevents students from posting inappropriate content.

The idea for a student calendar was conceived in the fall when the communications task force was commissioned to find ways to enhance the available student-to-student communication methods.

"A lot of organizations suffer from [a lack of] attendance," Ong said. "On the other hand, a lot of students complain that there's nothing to do on campus."

Trip Foley, student body vice president, said the CLC intends for the new Web site to be more convenient for students and a better way to spread the word about campus events.

"People get sick of seeing posters everywhere. They don't

have as much of an impact anymore," he said.

Foley added that the underthedome calendar is not replacing the University calendar that links to the Notre Dame home page.

"The University calendar doesn't focus on student events," he said.

The Notre Dame home page will feature the underthedome link in its "Popular Sites" section for a month to see if it increases the frequency of student visits.

"The success of the Web site depends on students actually going there and using it," Ong said.

The communications task force of the CLC will distribute magnets to every campus dorm this month in an effort to advertise the new calendar.

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SOUTH KOREA

Army threatens to abandon armistice

Associated Press

SEOUL

North Korea threatened Tuesday to abandon the 1953 armistice that ended the Korean War, accusing the United States of plotting an attack on the communist state.

A spokesman of the North's Korean people's Army said that the United States was building up reinforcements around the Korean Peninsula in preparations to attack the North, said the North's official news agency KCNA.

“The situation is, therefore, getting more serious as the days go by as it is putting its plan for pre-emptive attacks on the [North] into practice with increased zeal,” KCNA quoted the unidentified spokesman as saying.

The spokesman said the “grave situation created by the undisguised war acts committed by the U.S. in breach of the armistice agreement compels the Korean People's Army side, its warring party, to immediately take all steps to cope with it.”

“If the U.S. side continues violating and misusing the armistice agreement as it pleases, there will be no need for the [North] to remain bound to the armistice agreement uncomfortably,” the spokesman said.

The North accused the United States of violating the armistice agreement by sending reinforcements around the Korean Peninsula and planning to impose a naval blockade against the impoverished, communist state.

TURKEY

Parliament delays vote on use of bases by U.S. troops

Associated Press

ISTANBUL

Complicating U.S. planning for a possible Iraqi war, Turkey's premier said Monday that parliament will not consider allowing more U.S. troops on its soil until strategic and economic issues are resolved.

Parliament was expected to vote Tuesday on whether to allow the United States to use bases and place tens of thousands of combat troops in Turkey. That permission would allow the United States to open a northern front against Iraq, which American officials said would shorten a war.

Washington has warned Turkey that time is running out and has pressed Turkish leaders relentlessly for backing.

But Prime Minister Abdullah Gul said Monday in Brussels, Belgium, “We are not going to the parliament tomorrow [Tuesday]. We have some concerns on economic and political issues.”

Gul also said Turkey will send troops into Iraq if a war breaks out to prevent an influx of Kurdish refugees from northern Iraq into his country. He urged the European Union to prepare large-scale humanitarian aid.

Gul said in the 1991 Gulf War to oust Iraq from Kuwait, “500,000 people came into Turkey in one night. We don't want that to happen again.”

“Turkey respects the territorial integrity of Iraq. We do not want a divided Iraq [but] have to prepare ourselves” for a refugee problem, he added.

Turkey fears a war against Iraq may lead Kurdish leaders in the de facto autonomous zone in northern Iraq to seek independence from Baghdad and encourage separatist aspirations among Turkey's Kurdish minority.

One of the main sticking points in U.S.-Turkish negotiations is the economic aid package that would compensate Turkey for any losses incurred in an Iraq war, diplomats said. There also

are disagreements on military issues such as the command structure in case of a joint Turkish-U.S. operation in northern Iraq.

“We are of the belief that it will be difficult to convince parliament before an agreement is reached,” Gul said earlier Monday, before leaving for talks in Brussels on the Iraq crisis with EU leaders. “We will again inform the United States of our concerns.”

The delay came after worldwide protests this weekend against a U.S.-led war in Iraq. The Turkish public is overwhelmingly against any war in Iraq.

Hundreds of demonstrators also gathered Monday outside the U.S. Embassy in Ankara and outside the headquarters of Gul's Justice and Development Party.

“If the United States is in a hurry” then an agreement should be reached as soon as possible for the draft to be sent to parliament, Foreign Minister Yasar Yakis was quoted as saying by the Anatolia news agency.

Economy Minister Ali Babacan, who was in Washington last week negotiating the agreement, said Sunday there was “no agreement yet on the size of the package” and discussions would continue.

Turkish leaders repeatedly have said they would only back a war as a last resort and they would want a new U.N. resolution before any military action.

But the government also has acknowledged that it cannot afford to remain neutral in case of war. The United States is Turkey's most important ally, lobbying for Ankara to be accepted in the European Union and for international agencies to grant Turkey loans to recover from a deep economic crisis.

Meanwhile, Iraqi Kurdish officials held talks on the Turkish-Iraqi border. Officials of the two factions that govern the de facto autonomous zone in northern Iraq were to discuss the consequences of a possible U.S.-led war in Iraq.

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3 ways to lose your
non-existent lover

Another Valentine's Day has come and gone, and still I'm waiting for my roses. I'd take them in any color, although I find yellow or pink more thoughtful than the traditional red.

However, despite my paltry demands, my crush has yet to send the flower deliveryman bounding up to my doorstep, bouquet in hand.

In fact he hasn't sent anything at all, no truffles, no dinner invitations, not even a few lousy conversation hearties.

I would think he would have the decency to give me something for my months of distant adoration. I smile at him, laugh at the jokes that he tells to his friends in class and attempt to stumble his way when I spot him on the quad. We've never had an actual conversation, nothing beyond a short introduction and a few hellos, but I know that he knows what I'm thinking.

Yet, his blatant disregard for my wishes has led me to believe that it's time for me to take drastic measures. I need to stand up, take charge and empower myself as a woman deserving respect. Four days after Valentine's Day with only a card from my parents tacked to the refrigerator, I grow more

convinced with each passing minute that the moment has come for me to dump my crush.

Dumping a crush isn't a task to be taken lightly. It's an art form, a final, poetic means of ridding the heart and mind of someone who just isn't worthy of the obsession. To put it simply, there are rules to be followed. After consulting my roommates, we developed a number of dump-your-crush guidelines.

First, crush-dumpings should occur only in public places at the height of daily crowds, like South Dining Hall during the dinner rush, the hallway of DeBartolo Hall at the change of class or Reckers in the middle of the post-parietals rush. Heartland on a Thursday night might also work, if he isn't Puerto Rican.

Of course, the crush should be confronted when sober. Drunkenness might numb him to the full effects of the break-up: the shame, the embarrassment and the sensation that many pairs of eyes are intently staring at him. The confusion about why someone, to whom he has never spoken, is yelling at him.

Furthermore, the declaration that the crush is over should be loud, convincing and final. I imagine that a practice crush-dumping might be advisable to ensure that the crush-who-never-sent-

flowers knows exactly what's happening. After all, the crush-dumper must be prepared for all possibilities, including the prospect of the crush suddenly displaying signs of romantic interest. My roommates and I can tell you that stranger things have happened.

Yet, as I ponder the proper time and place to finally dump my crush, I wonder if I should give him another chance. Perhaps the flower shop lost his order. Or maybe, on Valentine's Day, I shouldn't have waited for him to shower me with gifts but instead tried to contact him. I could have sent him a valentine, dropped a few well-chosen conversation hearts on his desk or asked him whether he had plans for the evening. An extended dialogue might have even ensued.

I think that I'll let the fate of my crush hang in the balance for another day or two. Until I decide the appropriate course of action, I'll continue to wait for my flowers, a perfect ribbon-bound rose bouquet, from my Prince Charming with everything but ESP.

Joanna Mikulski would like to thank DB, L-Train, K-Swiss, Patti and Evan for their help and note that she is not thinking of any crush in particular.

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Joanna
Mikulski

Tuesday Voice

What marathon running is

It's a cult. Sunday morning I learned that marathon running is a cult. From 12-year-olds who ran twice as fast as me to 60-year-olds who, well, ran twice as fast as me, there were thousands of people lined up on the streets of New Orleans ready to challenge themselves.

"A goal is a dream with a deadline."

It's an obsession. Sunday morning I learned that marathon running is an obsession. Walking up to the starting line, I started to cry. Four months of training, hours of stretching and over a hundred miles covered — all leading to this moment. I thought of the cold runs in Kentucky over Christmas break where my sweat literally turned to icicles. I thought of the numerous runs in Oklahoma City — where the wind hit my face so hard I wondered if I was really moving forward at all.

"Why do I run? I run to stay in shape, to keep my health, to feel better — all partial reasons, I suppose. The real reason I run is confirmation — confirmation

that I am in control."

It's also the quickest way to gain a friend. Sunday morning I learned that training for a marathon with someone forms a life-long bond that is indescribable. As I received my medal, took off my time-chip and drank a few glasses of water, I looked for my roommate Ellen. She was the one who got me through the training.

Imagine running about 90 hours with someone. We had to talk about everything from ex-boyfriends to our favorite books. Sunday was Ellen's third marathon and she beat me. But it didn't matter. She's 90 percent of why I made it to the finish line. Thanks, coach.

"A hero can be anyone who inspires you, anyone you look up to, anyone who cheers you on, makes you better than you were before — just as they made themselves better than they were before. Do you know a hero?"

It's not the worst feeling in the world. Sunday morning I learned a hangover from 'Backer's Long Island Ice Tea is still the worse feeling in the world.

At mile 23 I thought it was over. I felt nauseous. I had to think of something to keep going. When have I felt worse? I thought of Saturday mornings last year

and realized this was nothing. Just keep running. "Excuses don't count. Anybody can make them up. Nobody cares if you're hurt, sick or tired. Either you do it, or you don't, it's that simple."

It's addictive. Sunday morning I learned that marathon running is addictive. At mile 24 I thought, "This is it." I can mark marathon running off my life's "To Do" list and never look back. I never wanted to feel that way again. However, crossing that finish line, feeling the tears well up in my eyes again, knowing I had done it, was one of the best feelings in the world. In fact, I'm already pondering which marathon I'd like to do next. Oklahoma City? Chicago? Louisville?

"We are different, in essence, from other men and women. If you want to win something run 100 meters. If you want to experience something, run a marathon."

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"Endurance is the crowning quality, and patience all the passion of great hearts."

James Russell Lowell
author

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A defense against allegations of unilateralism

The Bush administration has come under fire throughout its term for adopting unilateralism over multilateralism, thereby threatening international stability and the efficacy of American alliances. Two speeches, the West Point speech and the "axis of evil" speech, signaled to some a new doctrine of unilateral security. However it should be emphasized that President Bush did not signal a drastic new approach to American defense; rather he reiterated the common-sense notion that a state's primary function is to guarantee the safety and security of its citizens.

The point of Mr. Bush's "new" doctrine was to remind other states that, while Washington would seek to gain the approval of the international community, it would defend itself alone when necessary. A quick review of the facts indicates that President Bush has rarely acted unilaterally and instead attempts to safeguard the interests of the United States within existing international frameworks.

The first example critics often cite is the United States' failure to ratify the Kyoto Protocol on global warming. This argument, however, becomes exceptionally weak when one learns that the Protocol was signed by President Clinton and that the Democrat-controlled Senate

in 1997 passed a resolution 95-0 expressing opposition to the Protocol. To expect President Bush to magically find the 66 votes necessary to ratify the treaty is pure naïveté, and his refusal to attempt to do so in no way demonstrates U.S. unilateralism.

The next example critics cite is President Bush's withdrawal of signature from the Rome Statute to create the International Criminal Court. What many of these critics fail to acknowledge, however, is that the Rome Statute required the ratification of only 70 out of the 191 nations recognized by the United Nations, and although 88 nations (including human-rights stalwarts Congo, Nigeria and Sierra Leone) have now ratified the treaty, this number represents a paltry 46 percent of the international community. Furthermore, only two of the 10 most populous countries (Brazil and Nigeria) have ratified the treaty. What we are left with, then, is a treaty that makes unprecedented claims about national sovereignty yet enjoys the ratification of less than 50 percent of the existing nation-states and less than 40 percent of the world's population. This treaty represents global multilateralism?

A third case critics make against the President is the United States' withdrawal from the Antiballistic Missile (ABM)

Treaty, yet again we find that President Bush did not act unilaterally. First, the ABM Treaty existed as a bilateral treaty between the United States and the Soviet Union, thus making it difficult to claim that the United States acted against the will of the entire international community. Second, the United States withdrew from the treaty under the terms of the treaty, and thereby violated no international norms or laws. Finally, immediately after withdrawing from the ABM Treaty, President Bush negotiated a new arms reduction treaty with the Russian Federation, as well as issued a flurry of diplomatic communiqués and joint statements reaffirming the importance of Washington's ties with Moscow. Although the President shelved one treaty, he quickly replaced it with another, again calling into question claims of unilateralism.

Fourth, if ever there were a time when President Bush could have acted unilaterally with little international condemnation, it would have been immediately after the Sept. 11 attacks. Yet what do we find? The United States did not attack until more than three weeks after the attacks under an international coalition that included more than 40 nations. Furthermore, the attacks began only after the Taliban failed to heed an inter-

national ultimatum demanding bin Laden's arrest and transfer to American forces.

Finally, critics argue, the present case of Iraq demonstrates President Bush's unilateralist approach. Little doubt exists that the President has wanted to attack Iraq since the day he came into office. But more than two years later, even in the face of obvious deceit by Saddam's oppressive regime, the President has restrained from beginning military operations. We find the President exercising extreme patience when dealing with French and German obstructionism — obstructionism to the point where these two nations, along with Belgium, have refused to acknowledge their NATO commitments to Turkey.

Where is the wild cowboy Bush? Where is the president who disregards the concerns of other nations and instead embarks on dangerous policies that fly in the face of the international community? The answer is he doesn't exist. President Bush, while he may be many things, is not Rambo, and he is not a dangerous unilateralist.

Chris DesBarres
senior
off campus
Feb. 12

Clarifying the meaning and spirit of V-Day

I would like to thank both Melanie Becker and Terry McMannus for accomplishing the goal of "The Vagina Monologues" — continuing a dialogue that increases awareness in order to stop the violence. As director and campus organizer for "The Vagina Monologues" and V-Day, I am honored to work with so many vagina-loving students who are the true embodiment of Christ's message. Love your neighbor as yourself. These students could not carry out more Christian a mission.

Eve Ensler, author of "The Vagina Monologues" and founder of the V-Day movement, said, "Create the world you wanted for yourself." V-Day functions worldwide, from both "top-down" and grassroots levels, to stop the violence against women and girls. It builds shelters for women escaping female genital mutilation. It provides funding for women in Afghanistan to go to school. It educates college campuses about the issues surrounding date rape. Its efforts and successes are endless.

The production itself must be taken in conjunction with the movement. V-Day uses the production as a tool to carry out its mission. The women's lives that these stories portray reflect a worldwide cross-section to which most people can relate. These stories do not promote particular lifestyles other than one free of violence against women and girls. To condemn the stories is to condemn the individuals behind them, and no person has the authority to judge another person.

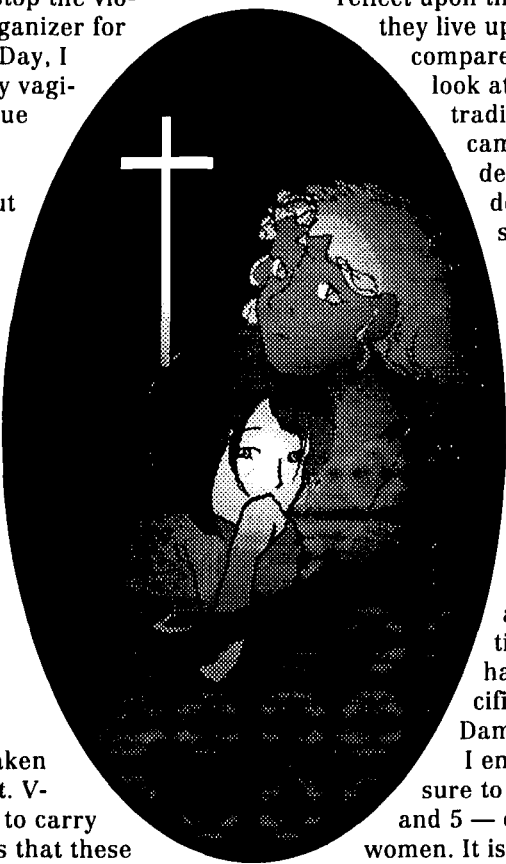
Some of the women portrayed in these stories do not lead traditional Catholic lifestyles. However, nei-

ther do many of the students on this campus. When condemning the content of this show in conjunction with its purpose, I would simply ask that people reflect upon their own lives and how closely they live up to the standard to which they compare the production. Additionally, look at some of the most beloved of traditions, annually glorified on this campus, and examine to what degree these do, or do not, degrade the Catholic ideals that so many individuals claim to protect.

Last year, our production donated around \$5,000 to local charities that protect and provide for women surviving rape and domestic violence. The V-Day national organization itself does not benefit from our show; local charities, of our own choosing, do. Contrary to some rumors, Notre Dame's production has not benefited abortion clinics. The organizations that have received funding have used it according to the specific guidelines outlined by Notre Dame's V-Day institution.

I encourage the dialogue that is sure to ensue. See the show — March 4 and 5 — or at least read the lives of these women. It is crucial that we educate ourselves about the issues of violence in our communities and around the world. More importantly, challenge yourselves, and each other, to meet Eve Ensler's request. If we did, this production would not be necessary.

Lindsey Horvath
junior
off campus
Feb. 17



Notre Dame or MSU?

There has been a recent buzz in the East Lansing sports world. The cause — discussions of bringing the grid iron rivalry between Michigan State and Notre Dame onto the basketball court.

Wouldn't that be great.

But, the earliest the "new" rivalry would kick off would be next season.

Unless MSU and Notre Dame meet in the NCAA Tournament, the 2002 college hoops season will go without a heart-throbbing MSU/ND matchup.

That begs my question: On a neutral court, who would win between MSU and Notre Dame this year?

Notre Dame fans would bring in the obvious argument — a 19-5 record compared to a 14-9 mark would give the Irish an obvious advantage. Irish faithful would probably also point out the fact MSU lost to Toledo — at home of all places — and that is a very valid argument.

Spartan fans don't have much to counter with because of a subpar Big Ten record, but they do have one point. The teams have one game in common — a road contest against Kentucky.

The Spartans not only hung with the Wildcats for 40 minutes, they walked out of Rupp Arena with a 71-67 win. Notre Dame, on the other hand, was dominated for 40 minutes.

But, the fact remains, what is the tell tale?

Could Notre Dame's Chris Thomas and Matt Carroll provide enough of a 3-point barrage to down the Spartans?

For the Spartans, would Chris Hill's invincibility beyond the 3-point arc and Paul Davis and Erazem Lorbek's inside game be enough to give Michigan State an edge?

Only time will tell, but I sure hope the teams can start the rivalry this year in the NCAA Tourmanet.

Chris Mackinder
Michigan State student
Feb. 17

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ALBUM REVIEW

Microphones mine a dreamy quarry

By BJ STREW
Scene Music Critic

On a campus homogenized in so many respects (Exhibit A: the pea coat), it is perhaps most dismally and most overtly so in the realm of music, causing many either to fall prey to acute angst or grow inured to the offal. But rest assured, there is an antidote for that angst. There is a light at the end of this long, dark, narrow tunnel: the independent record label.

In this case, the light — the white knight — is K Records, the Olympia, Washington outfit that dubbed their last Microphones release, *The Glow Pt. 2*, the "raison d'être" of their entire universe. They were right; that album put K Records on the critics' map.

The follow-up, *Mount Eerie*, will keep it there. The loose and recently

sundered collective helmed by Phil Elvrum, alias The Microphones, have trotted out a haunting, operatic tour de force. Oneiric, epic, optimistic and simple, the Elvrum Formula is anything but formulaic. Here the formula has wrought a stretch of allegorical splendor in five movements, which blur into each other so naturally and so poetically, borders between tracks blend like the edge of retreating tide. *Mount Eerie* is a true album — not a slapdash pentad of future-singles cobbled together in a shrink-wrapped jewel case.

Couched in the lush forest of western Washington state, the album's namesake, a minor Anacortes mount, loomed over Elvrum's house. This helps explain why, rounding out a four-part sequence, *Mount Eerie* concerns the element of earth; past "official" recordings dealt obliquely with air, water and fire. Elvrum explained that, aside from earth, space (q.v. the track listing) and "dying/being born" form the album's substance.

Mount Eerie reckons with the same human need as "The Waking," Theodore Roethke's

villanelle: the need to fit ourselves into the cycle of life and the cold, impersonal natural order. How apt it is, then, to kick off with "The Sun," a lumbering 17-minute creation myth, with frenzied drumming cribbed from the soundtrack to *Black Orpheus*. Elvrum's also a "The Big Lebowski" fan, as close listening reveals.

The vocals don't roll up for 11 minutes, when Elvrum, in his trademark breathy tenor, begins his tale, surveying the exodus of everyone dear to him and the sighting of an ominous ship on the horizon. The tape hiss and foghorn help place the drama for the listener, supplying the track with the air of neo-transcendentalist isolation that floods the album. Elvrum loves his Thoreau.

Sandwiched between two songs sharing the name "Universe," the first menacing and the second hopeful, the title track explores mortality, as Death, "a big black cloud," descends on Elvrum. A ghostly choir chants until feverish, distorted lyrics stamp it out, when the song brakes to detail the onset of scavenging vultures.

Less concept album than mythopoeic reverie, *Mount Eerie* is gorgeous and laden with drama and abstract wisdom. It is Elvrum's quarry, which he has mined not with ammonium nitrate and fuel oil, but with nylon-stringed guitars, choirs, fuzzed bass and



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Phil Elvrum, alias, The Microphones, isn't a run-of-the-mill artist as is proven on the new album, *Mount Eerie*.

tsunamic blasts of white noise.

Elvrum's contempt for repetition is trumpeted here. He eschews pop's keystone, going not for stolid Clear Channel ditties, but an experience that's both poignant and cohesive. Run-of-the-mill Notre Dame listeners, the Linkin' Park/Ludacris/Bob Marley/etc. fans, would likely find *Mount Eerie* either an insuperable mess or a bracing deviation from the usual potboiler dreck. But will they give it a chance?

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Broadway to the silver screen

By EMILY TUMBRINK
Scene Music Critic

One of the most daring motion picture releases of 2002, the movie-musical "Chicago" successfully makes the difficult transition from the stage to the silver screen. Firmly based on the musical by Fred Ebb, John Kander and Bob Fosse that was originally released in 1975 and returned to Broadway in 1996, the movie is a glossier version of the original, with flashy costumes and big-name actors. One of the most distinct features of the movie is its seamless incorporation of the original Broadway music into the action of the plot mainly by converting the musical numbers into fantasy sequences that occur in the mind of Roxie Hart (Renee Zellweger). Although we do not get a sense of this aspect of the movie from its soundtrack, the music is strong enough to stand on its own. Listening to the soundtrack is nearly as enjoyable as watching the film itself.

What makes this movie and its soundtrack such a success is its impeccable casting. Rather than using professional singers and dancers, the casting directors chose actors and

actresses to play the main roles. Catherine Zeta-Jones began her career as a chorus girl and dancer, making her an obvious choice for the role of Velma Kelly, the chorus girl turned murderess who tries to turn her crime into publicity for her stage career. Zellweger, though a less obvious choice, surprises with her sultry portrayal of Hart, the aspiring chorus girl who kills the man she is having an affair with when he tells her

Chicago
(The
Miramax Motion
Picture Soundtrack)

Sony Records



she has no chance at stardom. Queen Latifah convinces with her role as the corrupt prison matron, "Mama" Morton who helps prisoners if they pay her, singing, "When you're good to mama, mama's good to you." Richard Gere plays the sleazy lawyer who gives the jury the "razzle dazzle" and claims he can win any case for a fee of \$5,000.

The soundtrack's "Roaring '20s" jazz music really gives the feeling you are watching the performances in a "noisy hall

where there's a nightly brawl," as Velma Kelly sings in "All That Jazz."

Perhaps the strongest track on the album is "Cell Block Tango." It is sung by various female prisoners who try to justify their crimes, all of which involve the murders of their husbands or lovers, claiming that "he had it coming ... it was a murder but not a crime."

The only weakness in the album occurs on the last two tracks, an R&B version of "Cell Block Tango" by Latifah, Macy Gray and Lil' Kim that luckily did not appear anywhere in the movie and Anastacia's "Love is a Crime" that was played over the credits. Neither of these tracks stay true to the jazzy 1920s feel of the rest of the album, but instead jump on the "hip hop-equals-cool" bandwagon.

Luckily these two songs do not completely detract from the songs that precede them. The original music is timeless, as is proven by the long-running success of the musical. Overall, the movie soundtrack is enjoyable and deserves repeated listens.

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'Strait-up' country with a steel guitar

By CHRISTIE BOLSEN
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For the 30th time straight, George Strait will leave you with a smile.

Out of 29 albums, all of which earned at least gold status, Strait never did a live album. On his latest release, *For the Last Time — Live from the Astrodome*, he changes this with 16 tracks of his pure country classics. Included are unforgettable songs from all the high points of his amazing career, which spans over two decades. Since his debut release of *Strait Country* in 1981, he has 25 platinum

records and 50 No. 1 singles, making him not only one of country's biggest stars, but also a leading male vocalist across all genres.

Live from the Astrodome is a compilation of hits performed at Strait's well-known stomping grounds, Houston's Astrodome. The singer and producer was a regular at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, which is moving its location from the Astrodome to Houston's new Reliant Stadium this year. On March 3, 2002 he bid farewell to the show's home of 37 years for an audience of over 68,000 fans. In the audience was another famous country Texan named George who likes wearing cowboy hats and boots — none other than President Bush with First Lady Laura Bush.

Strait's live performances are flawless, making the first solid listening from the first track, "Deep in the Heart of Texas," all the way to "The Cowboy Rides Away," which ends the album with swaying western heart-break. From 1983, he sings the gorgeous "Amarillo by Morning" with his familiar gentle rhythms and the crowd's appreciation as background. The silky fiddle weaves in and out of the typical country down-on-my-luck vocals: "They took my saddle in Houston, broke my leg in Santa Fe / Lost my wife and a girlfriend somewhere along the way." Only Strait can pull off such honky-tonk sentiments without sounding cheesy.

From 1990, "Love Without End, Amen" is one of Strait's essential singles. The acoustic and steel

guitars ripple behind the touching lyrics that have become a timeless testament to fatherly love. "Check Yes or No" and

"Write this Down" are upbeat, playful love songs Strait is known for doing so well. On a more serious note, "I Can Still Make Cheyenne" is a slow, apologetic ballad with a lovely acoustic twang and melancholy fiddle.

Strait loves the traditional country sound; the steel guitar and the fiddle are not only prominent instrumentally in his songs but also get lyrical references in two. "Heartland" begins by paying homage: "When you hear twin fiddles and a steel guitar / You're listenin' to the sound of the American heart." The fabulous "Murder on Music Row," which he released with Alan Jackson amid controversy, reveals Strait's opinion on contemporary country that strays from Nashville's roots. "The steel guitars no longer cry and fiddles barely play / But drums and rock n' roll guitars are mixed up in your face."

Every song is executed with such stu-

dio perfection that only the cheers and Strait's occasional commentary distinguish the album as live. While there are disappointing omissions, such as "You Look So Good in Love" and "Carrying Your Love With Me," he has such an extensive repertoire of hits that many quality songs were excluded. Last year's "She'll Leave You With a Smile" and "Living and Living Well" prove that Strait's enduring success is due to his ability to evolve musically while staying true to his sound, trademarked by his beloved fiddle and steel guitar.

President Bush sums it up perfectly in a speech about Strait on the album. "Everyone at the rodeo loves him, everyone in Texas loves him, and everyone across our country loves his music."

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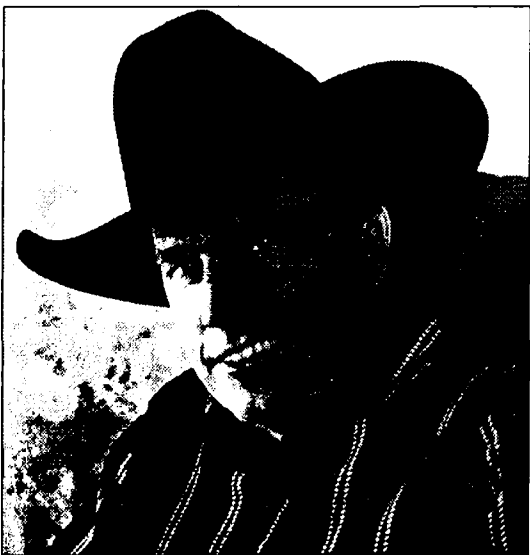
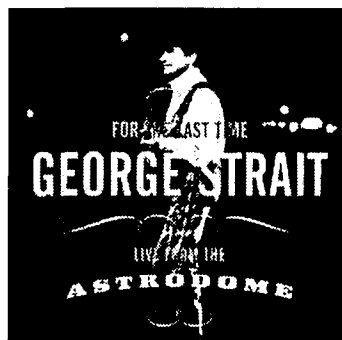


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George Strait has been a staple in country music over the years. Even President Bush is a fan of Strait's country twangs.

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NCAA MENS BASKETBALL

Maryland tops Wake Forest for 1st place in ACC

Associated Press

COLLEGE PARK, Md. Neither the snow nor Wake Forest [No. 11 ESPN/USA Today, No. 10 AP] could stop 13th-ranked Maryland from taking over first place in the Atlantic Coast Conference.

Steve Blake had 21 points and nine assists, and Drew Nicholas scored 19 as the Terrapins handed the Demon Deacons their most lopsided loss of the season, 90-67, Monday in a game delayed by a day because of a blizzard.

Ryan Randle had 13 points and 13 rebounds for Maryland (16-6, 8-3), which wrestled away the top spot in the ACC from Wake Forest (17-4, 7-3) while avenging an 81-72 defeat last month.

The defending NCAA champions have won seven of eight overall against the Demon Deacons and five straight at home.

Josh Howard scored 20 points for Wake Forest, which was hoping to build on Thursday's double-overtime victory over Duke. But after cutting a 17-point deficit to six in the second half, the Demon Deacons made only one basket in the final 10 minutes.

The Comcast Center was nearly filled, even though there was around two feet of snow on the ground outside and the game was hastily rescheduled from Sunday night. The starting time of 5 p.m. was not announced until well after noon on Monday.

Maryland officials preferred a later makeup date, but conference policy dictates that a game must be played if both teams and the game officials can make it to the arena.

"The bottom line is that we are following the ACC policy set down in 1996. We have two teams. We have enough officials. There is no reason not to play the game," said Fred Barakat, the ACC associate commissioner.

"I was told that poor attendance was not a reason to set the policy aside," Maryland athletic director Debbie Yow said. "Certainly, that was a concern for us. That said, I am amazed by the number of people who are at this game. I am grateful so many fans made the effort to get here on such short notice."

It turned out to be a lost three-day weekend for the Demon Deacons, who beat the snow but were stuck in their College Park

hotel waiting to learn if and when the first-place showdown would take place.

Up by 10 at halftime, Maryland used a 3-pointer by Tahj Holden and baskets by Randle and Calvin McCall at the outset of the second half to make it 48-31.

Wake Forest closed to 50-43, but Blake made two free throws and Nicholas added a 3-pointer to build the lead up to 12 points. But Wake battled back again, closing to 65-59 on two free throws by Trent Strickland.

Blake then hit a 3-pointer to spark a 13-2 run that enabled Maryland to pull away for good. Until Strickland made a 3-pointer with 51 seconds left, the Demon Deacons' last field goal was Howard's three-point play with 10:08 to go.

Wake Forest took an early 12-6 lead, but Nicholas scored six points in 16-4 run that put the Terrapins ahead to stay. It was 25-19 before McCall made a follow shot and a 3-pointer to increase the margin to 11.

Wake Forest went 9-for-24 from the field in the first half, going without a basket for the final four minutes. Maryland made 16 of its 28 first-half shots and outrebounded the Demon Deacons 18-11.

Maryland finished with a 44-24 rebounding edge and went 27-for-30 at the line.

Florida 77, New Orleans 48

Florida's Matt Bonner matched the entire New Orleans team score for score over the first 30 minutes, finishing with 24 points to lift the No. 7 Gators to a victory.

Bonner, a senior, fell seven points shy of his career high, but still had nothing to complain about. Florida (21-4) matched a program record with its 18th straight home win in this, a rare midseason nonconference matchup.

Coached by longtime former Gators assistant Monte Towe, the Privateers (13-11) were out-matched from the start. They fell behind 20-3 after 7 minutes and about the only drama after that was whether Bonner could outscore them on his own.

It looked possible well into the second half. The redheaded New Hampshire forward was ahead of the Privateers 22-19 at halftime and when he hit a 14-foot jumper with 15 minutes left in the game, he drew even at 24.

Three minutes later, the Gators led 58-27 and Bonner



Al Wire Photo

Drew Nicholas drives past B.J. Elder in a recent game against Georgia Tech. Maryland defeated Wake Forest Monday night.

had an open 3-pointer to try to tie things again. But it clanged high off the rim, and two minutes later, coach Billy Donovan gave him the rest of the night off.

Bonner's wasn't the only individual drama going on in an otherwise predictable game.

Hector Romero of New Orleans scored 15 points to hit double digits for the 52nd time in his 52-game college career. But it was no easy task. After a dunk on the opening possession, he was held to one free throw the rest of the first half.

He didn't reach 10 points until he flipped an underhanded shot in with 7:30 left. He finished 3-

for-11 from the floor and grabbed eight rebounds. It was a drastic turnaround from last year's meeting with the Gators, when he was the best player on the floor with 29 points and 19 boards.

There were a few other good individual stories to watch.

Brett Nelson, knocked out of his starting role by freshman Anthony Roberson, made two straight 3-pointers early in the second half to show a glimmer of hope for his struggling game.

Florida's Matt Walsh made a 65-foot heave that sent the crowd into a frenzy, but it came just after the halftime buzzer. The freshman forward made

two 3-pointers that did count and finished with 12 points.

New Orleans guard Johnell Smith — who once scored 86 points in a game for Santa Fe Community College in Gainesville — went 6-for-7 for 14 points.

Roberson finished 1-for-9 and has missed 25 of 30 shots in the last three games.

Florida rebounded from a 66-59 loss at Tennessee last weekend, and now gets ready to return to Southeastern Conference play, Saturday at Vanderbilt.

New Orleans, of the Sun Belt Conference, fell to 0-10 on the road this season.

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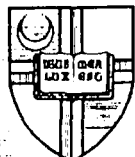
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NHL

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Associated Press

ST. LOUIS

Joel Quenneville talked himself out of another goalie change, and the St. Louis Blues climbed out of an early hole to rescue Fred Brathwaite.

Keith Tkachuk and Pavol Demitra each had two goals and an assist Monday as the Blues rallied from a two-goal deficit to beat the Calgary Flames 5-3. The Blues won with Brathwaite, their backup goalie who made his first start since Jan. 21.

Brent Johnson surrendered a three-goal lead in an overtime loss to the Flyers on Tuesday and was pulled in the second period of a 5-3 loss to the Coyotes on Saturday.

Brathwaite allowed three goals on the Flames' first 11 shots in the first period, but that was more a factor of the wide-open play with each team getting several odd-man rushes. Still, coach Quenneville considered going back to Johnson.

"I hate having to think like that," Quenneville said. "It crossed my mind, but we wanted to give Freddie the chance. You never know at the end of the day but it worked out in our favor."

Brathwaite was definitely worried that it might be a short night in the nets.

"I wasn't too sure if I was coming or going or what was going to happen," Brathwaite said. "But Joel left me in there and gave me a chance to battle back, and the guys rallied around me."

Tyson Nash deflected the go-ahead goal off his skate and past Roman Turek at 11:30 of the second period for the Central Division-leading Blues, who swept the four-game season series from the Flames and outscored them 17-8. Demitra had five goals and three assists against the Flames, who got off only nine shots during the last 52 minutes.

"This is what has been our problem all season long, we can't find a way to play 60 minutes a game," Turek said. "Sometimes we have good starts or sometimes we don't have good starts but we play better at the end of the game."

Thrashers 4, Sabres 3

Patrik Stefan provided the 1-2 punch the Atlanta Thrashers sorely needed.

With two seconds left on the power play that began when he drew an interference call, Stefan scored his first career overtime goal to end the Thrashers' four-game winless streak with a victory over the Buffalo Sabres.

"They used almost all of the time up on the power play and made the Buffalo guys pretty tired," Stefan said of his teammates on the first line. "You could see it when I was coming into the zone. Their guys were kind of tired."

Stefan and the second line were on the ice just a couple of seconds when he skated toward the left side of the crease. After Buffalo's Rory Fitzpatrick made a fruitless dive to stop Marc Savard's pass from the bottom

of the right circle, Stefan nudged the puck between the legs of goaltender Martin Biron with 1:06 remaining.

The Thrashers snapped an 0-3-1 slide.

Buffalo, which ended an eight-game winless streak with a 5-4 victory over the New York Rangers on Saturday, has lost six of seven.

"I'm happy we beat them," Vyacheslav Kozlov said of his former Sabres teammates. "We were in a slump a little bit, and this will give us confidence to go on the road trip."

Atlanta, which started 0-for-5 on the power play Monday and was 1-for-18 in the last four games, scored its last three goals with a man advantage. Buffalo defenseman Alexei Zhitnik was penalized for interference in overtime, and Adam Mair served a major and game misconduct for elbowing in the third.

Sabres coach Lindy Ruff thought the call on Mair was extreme.

"Someone will have to explain that to me," Ruff said. "Why not two minutes for elbowing? Why five minutes? We put together a good game except for the penalty killing."

With 7:47 remaining, Kozlov charged toward the crease and fired a shot under Biron's left pad to make it 2-2. Dany Heatley gave the Thrashers a 3-2 lead 2:08 later by faking a shot to his left and firing past Biron on the right side of the net.

"Heatley shot the puck twice," Biron said. "He didn't have much room. He made a great play. That was what they were waiting for."

Curtis Brown's short-handed goal made it 3-3 with 4:06 left in regulation. Brown, who scored the game-winner with a short-handed goal early in the third period of Saturday's 5-4 win over the New York Rangers, charged down the inside of the left circle and took Jochen Hecht's pass from the right circle to beat Frederic Cassivi, Atlanta's emergency goalie.

Cassivi, called up Sunday from Chicago of the AHL, started when Byron Dafoe injured his left groin in pregame warmups. Cassivi had been out of the NHL for 10 months, but saved 24 shots.

"I haven't been playing much in the minors, and I thought Milan [Hnilek] would be called up," Cassivi said. "I was surprised by the phone call. I got nervous a little bit, but I had to take my chance."

Buffalo took a 2-1 lead 5:14 into the second when Tim Connolly scored on the power play. Connolly's goal, his ninth, came after his shot from the top of the slot ricocheted off the stick of Atlanta defenseman Tony Hrkac and into the net.

J.P. Dumont put the Sabres in front 1-0 midway through the first by beating defenseman Chris Tamer to score on Cassivi's stick side.

Dan Snyder made it 1-1 with a wrister 2:30 into the second on Ben Simon's wraparound assist.

Biron, who dropped to 11-21-5, made 26 saves.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Orioles Bechler dies of heatstroke

Associated Press

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. Baltimore Orioles pitching prospect Steve Bechler died of heatstroke Monday, unable to recover from a spring training workout that sent his temperature to 108 degrees.

An autopsy will help determine whether Bechler had been taking the dietary supplement ephedrine, which has been linked to heatstroke and heart attacks.

Broward County medical examiner Dr. Joshua Perper acknowledged a published report that a bottle of a supplement containing ephedrine was found in Bechler's locker.

Regarding the bottle, Perper said: "My understanding is it exists, but we don't have it."

A workout Sunday left Bechler pale and dizzy, and when his condition worsened, he was carried from the clubhouse to an ambulance on a stretcher. He spent the night in intensive care and died at 10:10 a.m. Monday at Northridge Medical Center.

His wife, Kiley, due to deliver the couple's first child in April, was at his bedside. She and Bechler, 23, married last year.

William Goldiner, the Orioles' team physician, said Bechler died of "multi-organ failure due to heatstroke."

"He would rebound at times. They thought they were getting ahead of it, and then another organ system would fail," Goldiner said at a news conference at Fort Lauderdale Stadium.

Bechler, at 6-foot-2 and 239 pounds, had battled weight trouble in the past. Asked about the pitcher's conditioning, manager Mike Hargrove was quoted as saying it was "not good."

The temperature at noon Sunday was 81 degrees and the humidity was 74 percent, the National Weather Service said.

Goldiner said he wasn't aware of any evidence that Bechler had been taking a dietary supplement such as ephedrine, which has been banned by the NCAA and NFL but not by Major League Baseball. The Orioles' policy is to discourage the use of the amphetamine-like stimulant, he said.

"Weight-loss drugs are never prescribed by us," Goldiner said. "They're never condoned by us."

Orioles spokesman Bill Stetka said he could neither confirm nor deny a report by The Washington Times that a bottle of a supplement containing ephedrine was found in Bechler's locker.

"We'll cooperate in every way with the medical examiner's office," Stetka said. "Everything we find we'll turn over and apprise them of."

Perper said his medical examiner's office would begin an autopsy Tuesday, and that it could be two or three weeks

before the final results are known.

Said baseball spokesman Rich Levin: "We're going to wait to find out more about what happened."

Funeral arrangements were pending.

A native of Medford, Ore., Bechler was a third-round draft pick by the Orioles in 1998.

"Steve was a tough guy; he was a competitor," Hargrove said. "I didn't know him, but well, but I knew him well enough to know he loved the game and loved to compete."

Bechler made his major league debut last September, going 0-0 with a 13.50 ERA in three relief appearances. He was expected to begin this season with the club's new Triple-A affiliate in Ottawa.

He spent most of last season at Triple-A Rochester, going 6-11 with a 4.09 ERA in 24 starts. He had a 35-48 record in five minor-league seasons.

Orioles players were briefed about Bechler's condition during a clubhouse meeting before Monday's workout. They were summoned inside a short while later and told of his death, and the rest of the day's training schedule was called off.

"They told us about the situation, and everybody was in shock," pitcher Rodrigo Lopez said.

Bechler fell down while running drills Sunday and Hargrove said he could tell Bechler wasn't feeling well toward the end of the run.

"He was about 60 percent of the way through it when we noticed that he was a little white-faced," Hargrove said. "He was leaning against a fence ... which isn't unusual when guys get tired. We put him on a cart and brought him in and called the paramedics."

Bechler's parents did not learn of his death until they arrived in Miami on Monday, Orioles executive vice president Jim Beattie said. They had traveled from their Oregon home after Bechler fell ill.

Bechler's wife was driving from Oregon to Florida when she was reached by cell phone with the news her husband had been taken to the hospital. She took a flight from Salt Lake City on Sunday and arrived in Fort Lauderdale shortly before midnight.

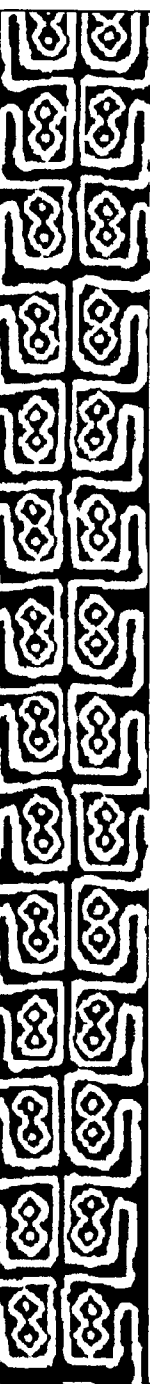
In 2001, heatstroke was blamed for the death of Vikings lineman Corey Stringer, who collapsed during training camp. Stringer's widow has filed a \$100 million wrongful death lawsuit against the team and its doctors.

Last season, baseball was stunned by the death of St. Louis pitcher Darryl Kile. He died in June from blocked coronary arteries while in Chicago for a game.

Joe Castellano, a radio play-by-play broadcaster for Baltimore's Triple-A affiliate last season, said Bechler was proud of making the majors from Oregon.

"He was one of my favorite players that I had ever been around," Castellano said. "He had a great personality. He was everything that was good about baseball."

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Waltrip ready to join NASCAR elite

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DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. At 40, Michael Waltrip thinks he may finally be a championship contender.

After a long journeyman's career, during which he was mostly known as Darrell Waltrip's little brother, "Mikey" says he's ready to step into NASCAR's elite with a lot more victories, and maybe a Winston Cup title.

The morning after winning his second Daytona 500 in three years, a bleary-eyed but smiling Waltrip was riding a cloud of optimism, buoyed by the victory in Sunday's rain-shortened race.

With crew chief Richard "Sluggo" Labbe sitting at this side Monday, Waltrip said the biggest change is that his team no longer is floundering without a leader.

"In 2001, we were a new team and went through a lot of growing pains," Waltrip said. "In 2002, I think we established a decent foundation. We got Sluggo in there full-time and we felt we were a decent team — not great by any stretch, but close to getting the consistency we need to contend each week."

"Now, the natural progression of that would be for us to be a title contender this year, or at least be a team this year that's going to win more than one race and win some poles and do some good things."

A full-time driver in the Winston Cup series since 1985, Waltrip has never finished better than 12th in the points. A year ago, his second full season with Dale Earnhardt Inc., he was 14th.

All three of his career victories, though, have come since Dale Earnhardt took a surprising chance on his friend and added him to what had been a two-car team, joining Dale Earnhardt Jr. and Steve Park.

Sunday's win makes it one victory in each of his DEI seasons. He has 35 more chances

to add to that total this season, and with all of his wins in Daytona, Waltrip is anxious to prove that the No. 15 Chevrolet can find Victory Lane at other tracks.

"Sluggo has put his signature on our team," Waltrip said. "He runs it. It's his."

"He respects my opinion, and that's important to me that we have that type of relationship, because you have to work as a team to win. We have what I think is the perfect definition of a team."

It's a very different situation from the chaos Waltrip found himself in after winning the 2001 Daytona 500.

Dale Sr. was killed in that race, stunning everyone and leaving DEI without its key physical and emotional leader. The team became lost.

"There was nobody running the 15 team, basically," Waltrip said. "Scott Eggleston, our crew chief when we won the Daytona 500, left along about April. We pretty much got along without a crew chief until Sluggo came along in September."

By the time Labbe joined the team, with 11 races remaining in the 2001 season, speculation was rampant that Waltrip would be fired and that the team's sponsor was getting ready to leave.

Labbe, 34, had worked for some of the top crew chiefs in the business but had been the man in charge for only one full year before joining DEI. Still, he knew what needed to be done.

"I got all the guys together and said, 'This is our goal, this is what we need to do. We've got to make sure that Michael remains our driver and NAPA's going to remain our sponsor,'" Labbe said.

Ty Norris, vice president of DEI, said, "At the time, there were probably about three or four different people who were trying to have input. When Sluggo came on board, he said, 'What do you want me to do?' I said, 'Run it like you own it.' And he does."

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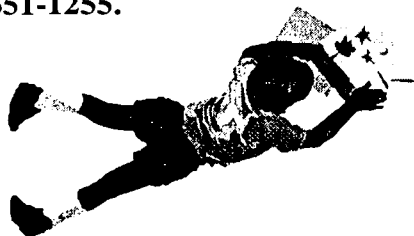
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- * create an assignment in which students help to document economic rights violations as part of the national Poor People's Movement, and
- * develop courses that address issues related to housing.

NBA

Death may hamper case against Webber

Associated Press

DETROIT

The death of ex-University of Michigan sports booster Ed Martin could hamper the obstruction of justice and perjury case against Sacramento Kings star Chris Webber, lawyers say.

Martin admitted he gave hundreds of thousands of dollars to Webber and other former University of Michigan basketball players while they were in high school and college.

Martin, 69, had been expected to testify in Webber's case. But he died Friday of what is believed to have been a pulmonary embolism.

Webber, his father and aunt were indicted on charges of lying to a federal grand jury about his dealings with Martin in 1988-93.

Federal prosecutors may not be able to use Martin's grand jury testimony in Webber's trial, which is scheduled to begin July 8, because Webber's lawyer would be unable to question Martin, legal experts say.

"I think the government's case has suffered a major blow," said Larry Dubin, a law professor at the University of Detroit Mercy.

"A defendant has a right to cross examine or confront his accuser — and with Martin dead, that's no longer possible," said Detroit defense attorney Mark Kriger. "The evidence that he gave before the grand jury was not subject to cross examination, so it is not admissible. It's hearsay."

Other witnesses or records might support the charges

against Webber. But Dubin said those witnesses likely would not have the same detailed knowledge as Martin.

"Without a key witness to provide the context in which all of these transactions took place, the government is at a major disadvantage," Dubin said.

Martin's defense attorney agreed.

"Mr. Martin was an integral and perhaps a vital part of the case the government intended to present," William Mitchell III told The Detroit News.

Messages seeking comment were left Sunday with officials in the U.S. attorney's office in Detroit, which investigated Martin for four years and is handling the case against Webber.

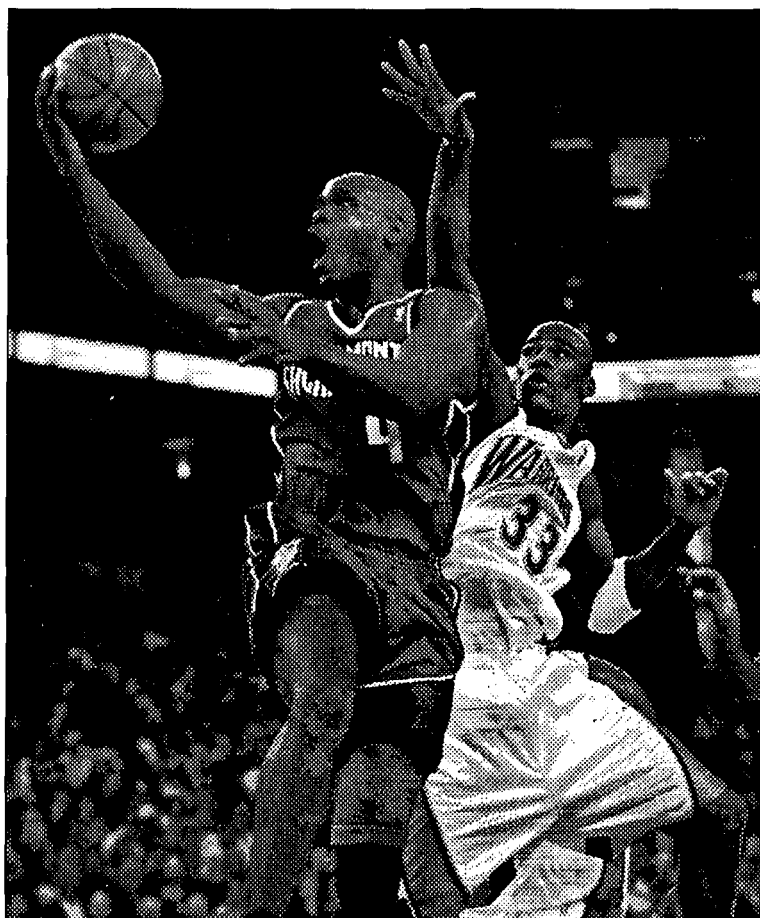
Webber's father Mayce Webber Jr. and aunt also face obstruction of justice and perjury charges for allegedly lying about the family's dealings with Martin.

Webber attorney Steven F. Fishman declined comment.

Martin pleaded guilty in May to conspiracy to launder money. The ex-auto worker told prosecutors he took gambling money, combined it with other funds and lent \$616,000 to four Michigan players while they still were amateurs. He was awaiting sentencing at the time of his death.

In addition to Webber, the players were Robert Taylor of the New Orleans Hornets; Maurice Taylor of the Houston Rockets; and Louis Bullock, who has been playing professionally in Europe.

Taylor declined comment when asked to speak about Martin's death after Houston's



AFP Photo

The death of an ex-University of Michigan booster is expected to inhibit the progress of Chris Webber's trial.

practice Sunday afternoon.

Martin's name first surfaced after Taylor lost control of his car on Feb. 17, 1996. Taylor was returning from a party in Detroit with four teammates who were entertaining Mateen Cleaves on his official recruiting visit.

When Michigan found out that the recruiting visit included a visit to Martin's house, the school began to investigate his

affairs with the basketball program.

The scandal originated in the "Fab Five" era, when Webber and four other freshmen created a national sensation. With their baggy shorts and black socks, Webber and future NBA players Juwan Howard and Jalen Rose led the Wolverines to consecutive NCAA finals in 1992 and 1993.

In November, Michigan banned itself from postseason play this season and forfeited 112 regular-season and tournament victories from five seasons, plus its victory in the 1992 NCAA semifinal.

On Friday, a delegation from the university appeared before an NCAA infractions committee to answer questions about the booster scandal. A ruling is expected in the next five to seven weeks. It could accept Michigan's penalties or assess more sanctions.

MLB

Maddux signs for 1 year

Associated Press

KISSIMMEE, Fla.

Greg Maddux agreed Monday to the largest one-year contract in baseball history, a \$14.75 million deal with the Atlanta Braves that avoided a salary arbitration hearing later this week.



Maddux

Maddux became a free agent after last season, then accepted the Braves' offer of arbitration in December. He had asked for \$16 million, the highest amount ever submitted in arbitration, and the Braves had offered \$13.5 million.

A hearing had been scheduled for Thursday in St. Petersburg.

The previous record for a one-year contract was pitcher David Cone's \$12 million deal with the New York Yankees in 2000.

"We're delighted this issue is resolved and that we can now focus on his stature as a pitcher and his production for our team," Braves general manager John Schuerholz said.

Maddux, 37 in April, went 16-6 with a 2.62 ERA last season. He tied Cy Young as the only pitchers in baseball history to win at least 15 games in 15 consecutive seasons.

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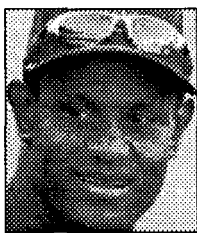
MLB

No more tardiness for Sosa

Associated Press

MESA, Ariz.
The Sammy Sosa watch is over.

The Chicago Cubs' right fielder, usually late for spring training, told manager Dusty Baker he would arrive at camp on time this year. Sosa was expected to fly into Phoenix on Tuesday, the day position players are due to report, Baker said Monday.



Sosa

"In past years, you didn't expect Sammy to be here, did you?" Baker said. "Well, he called yesterday. I had a conversation with him, and he wanted me to tell you guys [the media] that he will be here tomorrow."

For the past several years, Sosa has made a habit of arriving from his home in the Dominican Republic several days after his teammates reported. Although never technically late for spring training, Sosa's absence was always noticed.

The 34-year-old outfielder attributed his tardy arrival to superstition and a fondness for the same routine. Beginning in 1998, he has had seasons of 66, 63, 50, 64 and 49 home runs, winning the NL home run title in 2002 and 2000.

Baker, who has experience handling superstars and their quirks after managing Barry Bonds for a decade in San Francisco, was asked whether Sosa's early arrival was a sign of respect.

"Well, maybe some of it," Baker said. "I can't take credit for Sammy. I've got to give Sammy credit for Sammy. Some of it might be me, but most of it has to come from inside."

"He's trying to help this team start off on the right foot, and he knows he's a big part of it. Quite frankly, you get tired of hearing bad stuff about yourself all the time when you know you're a good person."

"I never heard anybody say he was a bad person. We all have faults. After awhile, you just want some closure on some things in the past."

Note:

♦ Baker announced Monday that former major league stars Will Clark and Ferguson Jenkins will join Cubs camp to work with players during spring training. Clark, a former first baseman, played for Baker in San Francisco in 1993. He concluded a 15-year career in 2000. Baker said Clark will help work with Hee Seop Choi, the Cubs' rookie first baseman. Jenkins, a Hall of Famer who pitched for the Cubs from 1966-73 and in 1982-83, will work with the organization's pitchers. Jenkins served as the Cubs' pitching coach in 1995 and 1996.

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Mens Basketball Polls

Coaches	AP
team	team
1 Arizona (29)	1 Arizona (59)
2 Kentucky (2)	2 Kentucky (13)
3 Louisville	3 Texas
4 Texas	4 Louisville
5 Oklahoma	5 Oklahoma
6 Kansas	6 Kansas
7 Florida	7 Florida
8 Duke	8 Duke
9 Pittsburgh	9 Pittsburgh
10 NOTRE DAME	10 Wake Forest
11 Wake Forest	11 Marquette
12 Marquette	12 NOTRE DAME
13 Maryland	13 Maryland
14 Xavier	14 Xavier
15 Illinois	15 Syracuse
16 Oklahoma State	16 Oklahoma State
17 Syracuse	17 Creighton
18 Creighton	18 California
19 Mississippi State	19 Georgia
20 California	20 Mississippi State
21 Stanford	21 Stanford
22 Missouri	22 Georgia
23 Purdue	23 Utah
24 Connecticut	24 Purdue
25 Georgia	25 Dayton

Womens Basketball Polls

Coaches	AP
team	team
1 Connecticut (40)	1 Connecticut (44)
2 Duke	2 Duke
3 Tennessee	3 Tennessee
4 LSU	4 LSU
5 Kansas State	5 Kansas State
6 Stanford	6 North Carolina
7 North Carolina	7 Louisiana Tech
8 Texas Tech	8 Texas Tech
9 Purdue	9 Stanford
10 Louisiana Tech	10 Texas
11 Texas	11 Purdue
12 Penn State	12 Penn State
13 Arkansas	13 Georgia
14 Mississippi State	14 Mississippi State
15 South Carolina	15 Arkansas
16 Georgia	16 Minnesota
17 UC-Santa Barbara	17 South Carolina
18 Minnesota	18 Vanderbilt
19 Vanderbilt	19 UC-Santa Barbara
20 Villanova	20 Villanova
21 Wisc. Green Bay	21 Wisc. Green Bay
22 Boston College	22 Rutgers
23 Arizona	23 Washington
24 Ohio State	24 Boston College
25 Rutgers	25 Arizona

Mens College Basketball Big East Conference

West Division

Team	W	L	Pct.
Syracuse	8	3	.727
NOTRE DAME	7	3	.700
Pittsburgh	7	3	.700
Seton Hall	6	4	.600
West Virginia	4	6	.400
Georgetown	3	7	.300
Rutgers	3	7	.300

COLLEGE BASKETBALL



Reuters

Arizona guard Andre Iguodala drives against Brandon Roy in a win against Washington earlier in the season. The Wildcats are No. 1 in the AP poll for the fourth time in five weeks.

Arizona still on top in AP poll

Associated Press

Arizona was No. 1 in the AP mens college basketball poll for the fourth time in five weeks Monday, while three teams moved in at the bottom of the Top 25, two for the first time this season.

The Wildcats (20-2) beat UCLA and Southern California by an average of more than 30 points last week to hold the top spot for a second straight week and 10th time this season.

Arizona received 59 first-place votes and 1,786 points from the national media panel, while Kentucky (20-3), which has the nation's longest current winning streak at 14 games, moved up one spot to second.

Kentucky, which beat Georgia and LSU last week, had the other 13 votes for No. 1 and 1,738 points. The Wildcats have their highest ranking since they were No. 2 in the final poll of the 1995-96 season; they went on to win the national championship.

Utah, Purdue and Dayton moved into the rankings this week at Nos. 23-25, the first appearance for Utah and Dayton since the 2000-01 season.

Missouri, Connecticut and Saint Joseph's fell out of the poll, the first time this season. Missouri and Connecticut have not been in the rankings. Both teams were ranked in the Preseason Top 25, meaning

12 of the schools in the season's first poll are no longer ranked.

Texas moved up three spots to No. 3, while Louisville, which had its 17-game winning streak snapped last Wednesday at Saint Louis, dropped from second to fourth.

Oklahoma stayed at No. 5 and was followed by Kansas, Florida, Duke, Pittsburgh and Wake Forest.

Florida was ranked No. 1 the one week Arizona wasn't in the last five polls. The Gators (20-4) dropped from first to fourth following a loss at Kentucky and then fell another three places this week after losing at Tennessee.

Marquette was 11th and was followed by Notre Dame, Maryland, Xavier, Syracuse, Oklahoma State, Creighton, California, Mississippi State and Illinois.

The last five ranked teams were Stanford, Georgia, Utah, Purdue and Dayton.

Utah (19-4) moved into the poll on a seven-game winning streak and has won 14 of its last 15 games, including the 51-49 victory that knocked Alabama from No. 1 in late December. The Utes, whose only loss in 2003 was 58-56 at San Diego State, were ranked in the preseason poll and for the first four weeks in 2000-01, getting as high as No. 12.

IN BRIEF

Shaq to sit out Rockets rematch

Shaq-Yao II might not come off as scheduled.

Los Angeles Lakers star Shaquille O'Neal is listed as questionable for Tuesday night's game against Yao Ming and the Houston Rockets at Staples Center because of a sore left knee.

O'Neal sat out Sunday night's 117-110 loss to the New York Knicks and didn't practice Monday.

He is also bothered by soreness in his right big toe.

"It will be a game-time decision," Lakers spokesman John Black said.

Kobe Bryant also sat out practice Monday, but is listed as probable for the game against Houston.

O'Neal said he wasn't close to being 100 percent.

"I want to win the whole thing, not just win games," he said. "I want to get right before I come back."

The three-time defending NBA champion Lakers are 23-15 with

O'Neal this season and 3-10 without him.

They have a busy week — after facing the Rockets, they play Wednesday night at Utah; Friday night at home against Portland, and Sunday night at home against Seattle.

Averaging 25.9 points and 10.6 rebounds, O'Neal underwent surgery on his arthritic right big toe Sept. 11 and missed the season's first 12 games, with the Lakers going 3-9.

One of those losses was a 93-89 setback to the Rockets at Staples Center on Nov. 17. Yao shot 9-of-9 in scoring 20 points by far his best NBA game to that stage.

The Rockets also won a 108-104 overtime decision over the Lakers in Houston on Jan. 17 when O'Neal and Yao faced off for the first time.

Tyson fight postponed

Mike Tyson's fight with Clifford Etienne was called off Monday, following a week of erratic behavior

that once again raised questions about the boxing future of the 36-year-old former heavyweight champion.

After waiting days for Tyson to give them some sort of signal on his willingness to fight, Tyson's handlers finally pulled the plug on the scheduled Saturday fight after the fighter missed a flight to Memphis for the second day in a row.

The official word was that Tyson was too sick to fight. But even before he became ill Friday, Tyson had left his trainer waiting for him at the gym for three straight days and had gotten a large tattoo on the left side of his face.

Tyson's manager, Shelly Finkel, still held out hope earlier Monday that Tyson would get on a plane to Memphis, but after Tyson missed the plane again he and the Showtime cable network had little choice but to cancel the fight.

There were no immediate plans to reschedule the bout.

around the dial

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Michigan State at Illinois 7 p.m., ESPN
St. John's at Syracuse 7 p.m., ESPN2
Georgia at Alabama 9 p.m., ESPN

NBA

Bulls at Cavaliers 7 p.m., FOXCH
Rockets at Lakers 10:30 p.m., TNT
76ers at Nets 1:00 p.m., ESPN

CLUB SPORTS

Skiers claim regional title

Special to The Observer

The Notre Dame ski club overcame a stellar field at the MCSA Regionals this weekend to claim second place overall in the women's division. This finish earned the women's squad its first ever team entry in the national championships. The accomplishment was all the more remarkable as it happened on Junior Parentj1

s Weekend, with All American Leigh Hellrung and top men's skier Mike Ryan were among the missing performers.

The womens squad took third in the slalom and then topped that performance with a team first place finish in the giant slalom. Molly Munsterer took 10th to lead the Irish in the slalom on Saturday, with Molly Butler and Alana Lungren finishing among the leaders as well to give the club it's third place standing at the end of the day.

On Sunday, the Irish stunned the field, including St. Olaf's, the nation's number three ranked varsity team, as the women took first in the giant slalom, boosting them to second overall in team standings behind St. Olafs. Munsterer again paced the club with a fourth place finish, followed by Butler in seventh, with Lundgren also finishing among the top 15. Emily Hellmuth and Lindsey May also had fine showings each day, and will also compete at Lake Tahoe's North Star

Resort.

Other top teams at Regionals included Minnesota and Wisconsin Lacrosse, which placed third and fourth in the overall standings.

Despite the loss of Ryan, the men were still able to tie for 10th place, a very respectable finish in the overall standings among the 17 teams that qualified for Regionals in their Division championships.

Womens Water Polo

Rolfs Aquatics proved a welcome venue for the womens water polo club, as they breezed through four league opponents this weekend. Junior Deanna Brewer's four goals got the Irish off to a quick start in a 16-5 thrashing of Western Illinois in the opener.

In the second game, the Irish throttled Eastern Michigan 12-4. These teams met a week earlier in a high scoring shootout. This time however, freshman goalie Elizabeth Pappano was stellar in goal.

Katie Lancos registered four goals and Kristy Bohling added three more as the Irish dominated Grand Valley State 15-4 in the weekend's third game. Capping off a weekend of relatively easy victories, the Irish swamped Western Michigan 15-5 behind the four goals of Allison Gienko.

This league tournament was important for seeding purposes leading into the league championships. Next weekend, the Irish

will face stiff competition when they travel to the Ohio State Invitational.

Gymnastics

The Notre Dame/Saint Mary's gymnastics club captured first place in womens competition and third in mens at Purdue's Golden Grips Invitational this weekend. The women edged out talented squads from Ohio U., Purdue, Minnesota, Illinois, Xavier, Eastern Michigan and Indiana, which finished in that order.

Freshman Anne St. Clair won the beam and floor exercise competitions, and also placed second on bars to finish second overall. Senior captain Emily Smith finished third overall, as she won the vault and took third on both uneven bars and balance beam.

Sophomore Caitlin O'Brien placed sixth on the beam, while classmates Mary Blazewicz, Susan Jennings, Danielle Reyes, and freshman Liz Maher all contributed to the team's first place finish.

A stellar team performance on the floor exercise propelled the mens squad to a third place finish behind Illinois and Purdue.

Co-captain Pete Blouin and freshman Andrew Roberts were awarded season-high scores of 8.9 and 8.2 respectively in the floor to highlight the men's competition for the Irish. Eric Eddy, Mike Gartner, Todd Moffet and Dana Collins all earned points

Softball

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scored the winning run on a single by first baseman Carmela Liwag and beat the Irish 5-4.

After picking up the loss in her first collegiate game, Booth came right back in the night cap Saturday and allowed only one run in five innings for Notre Dame against Kent State. Combined with two shutout innings of relief from sophomore Carrie Wisen, the Irish picked up their first win of the season 5-1.

Third baseman Andrea Loman led off the second inning against the Golden Flashes with a homerun. First baseman Lisa Mattison followed with a double and Sara Schoonaert, pinch-running for Mattison, scored on a single from fellow freshman Meagan Ruthrauff.

Kent State came back with one run in the bottom of the second.

The Irish then took control of the game on a two-run single from Ruthrauff through the left side and held a 4-1 lead.

The Irish picked up an insurance run in the sixth when freshman Kellie Middleton scored on an error.

On Sunday, the Irish split their games again, this time winning the first and dropping the second.

Scoreless until the fourth against Jacksonville, the

Irish put two on the board in the bottom of the inning.

Ruthrauff doubled home Loman and Schoonaert, pinch-running for Ruthrauff, stole third and came home on a sacrifice fly from Lenn to give the Irish the 2-0 lead.

Jacksonville came back with one in the top of the fifth but Booth shut down the Dolphins for the rest of the game and picked up her second victory in as many games in Notre Dame's 2-1 win.

Hofstra jumped on Stenglein and the Irish in the bottom of the first. A rare error by Loman to start the inning, two walks, a triple and a wild pitch gave Hofstra the early 3-0 lead.

Three more runs by Hofstra in the second put Notre Dame in a deep 6-0 hole.

The team scored one in the fifth before the Irish mounted a rally in the sixth.

Down 7-1, Middleton came up with runners on second and third and two outs and hit her first collegiate home run and brought the Irish within four.

Hofstra recovered and sent the Irish down in order the rest of the way to preserve its 7-4 victory.

The Irish continue their warm weather play traveling to Georgia Friday and will play California, Illinois State and Alabama at the NFCA Leadoff Classic.

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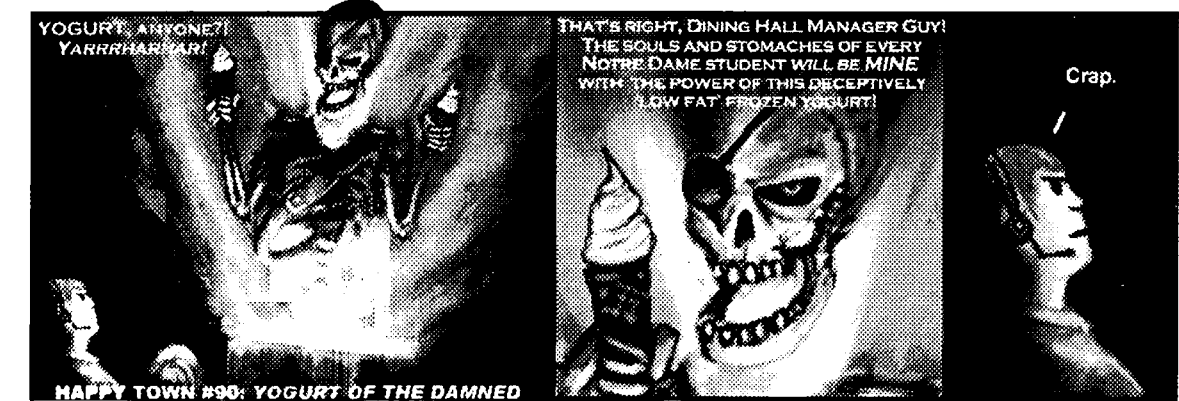
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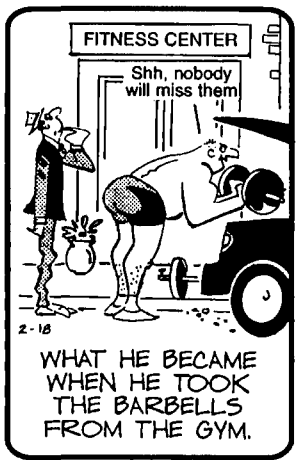
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Ans: A

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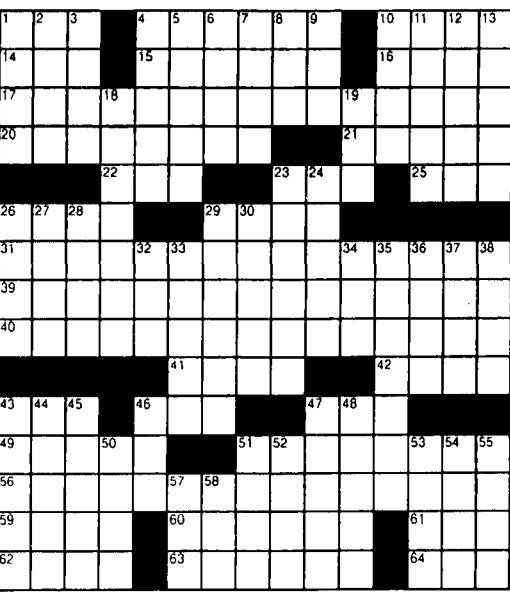
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CROSSWORD

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- ACROSS
- 1 Network with an eye logo
 - 4 Call bad names
 - 10 High school class
 - 14 Santa __, Calif.
 - 15 Twist-filled Broadway musical?
 - 16 Vito Corleone's creator
 - 17 Bedouin at a major waterway?
 - 20 Not-so-secret secret language
 - 21 Pirate rival
 - 22 Chemical suffix
 - 23 Cracker Jack bonus
 - 25 Cloud's place
 - 26 Rounded lump
 - 29 Harshly criticize
 - 31 Light sailboat at a hotel chain?
- DOWN
- 39 Indian prince in Mobile?
 - 40 Tales about a 1980's singing group?
 - 41 Actress Garr
 - 42 __ Flynn Boyle of "The Practice"
 - 43 Tachometer abbr.
 - 46 Performed
 - 47 Magazine revenue source
 - 49 Run for one's wife?
 - 51 Sweetie
 - 56 Gilda Radner character's embodiment?
 - 59 Mideast guns
 - 60 Paparazzo's device
 - 61 In the past
 - 62 Pretzel topper
 - 63 Dissertation
 - 64 "Help!"

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



- Puzzle by Peter Gordon
- 35 Body of water between Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan
 - 36 Hindu music form
 - 37 Not fully shut
 - 38 Space shuttle org.
 - 43 Picture puzzle
 - 44 Public square
 - 45 Big gas brand
 - 46 Frost relative
 - 47 Early video game company
 - 48 Famously temperamental singers
 - 50 Future's opposite
 - 51 Arrived
 - 52 Employs
 - 53 School orgs.
 - 54 "Othello" villain
 - 55 God of love
 - 57 Play part
 - 58 When repeated, a trombone sound

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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Your enthusiasm will win you points today and should result in some unexpected rewards. Don't become so wrapped up in your professional life that you forget about the ones who love you. ★★★

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VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Follow through with commitments. Spend time with loved ones. Extra hours at work will cause grief in your personal life. ★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Spend more time taking care of your own needs today. Change your direction a little if you want to be happy. You can make a difference in the lives of many. ★★★★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): If you don't want an honest answer, don't ask. If you can take a little criticism, your suggestions will be welcomed. Your perception will be uncanny. ★★★★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Listen to the complaints of others and take time to assess the situation before you make any comments. Others will listen if you are sympathetic and compassionate. ★★★★★

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SPORTS

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MENS BASKETBALL

Notre Dame looking to rebound in West Virginia

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Sports Writer

With the wounds of a narrow loss to Syracuse still fresh in their minds, the Irish head toward Morgantown tonight to face West Virginia.

And when they arrive, they'll try to answer questions about what caused the defensive breakdown that knocked Notre Dame out of first place in the Big East West Division.

In the waning seconds of the 82-80 loss in the Carrier Dome, after Matt Carroll hit a go-ahead 3-point shot, the Irish first dropped back into a zone defense that left Gerry McNamara wide open on the wing for a game-winning 3-pointer.

After the game, the Irish criticized their lackluster defensive effort that enabled the Orangemen to rally from a 12-point deficit.

The issue of Notre Dame blowing double-digit leads has popped up in recent weeks. In fact, it's something they've done three times in its last six games. But until Saturday, the Irish always managed to escape with a victory. Against Boston College, the Irish had a double-digit lead before the Eagles climbed back into the game and forced overtime. Against Georgetown, Notre Dame blew a 15-point lead yet still escaped with a win in double-overtime.

There's little concern that the Irish (19-5, 7-3 in the Big East) will not make the NCAA Tournament. With wins against four top-10 teams, a No. 4 ranking in the RPI standings and an undefeated home season, the Irish have amassed an impressive resume.

Yet Notre Dame's recent struggles are cause for concern. The Irish slipped one spot in the Coaches poll to No. 10 and two spots in the Associated Press poll to No. 12.

The Irish have also struggled on

the road in the Big East, losing three of their five games. And the Mountaineers play the Irish tough in Morgantown, only losing by three points the last two years. More importantly, West Virginia has only lost two games at home this year.

But if the two teams' earlier meeting is any indicator, the Irish shouldn't have much trouble. When Notre Dame and West Virginia played in the Joyce Center Jan. 29, the Irish cruised to an 88-69 victory against an undermanned, over-matched squad.

The worst rebounding team in the Big East, Notre Dame out-muscled the Mountaineers on the boards. Since the Mountaineers lack a strong inside presence, the Irish sometimes got two or three extra chances thanks to offensive rebounds. When the game was over, Notre Dame had out-rebounded West Virginia 51-27.

"I may frame this," Irish coach Mike Brey said as he looked at the stat sheet after the game. "The big, tough Irish."

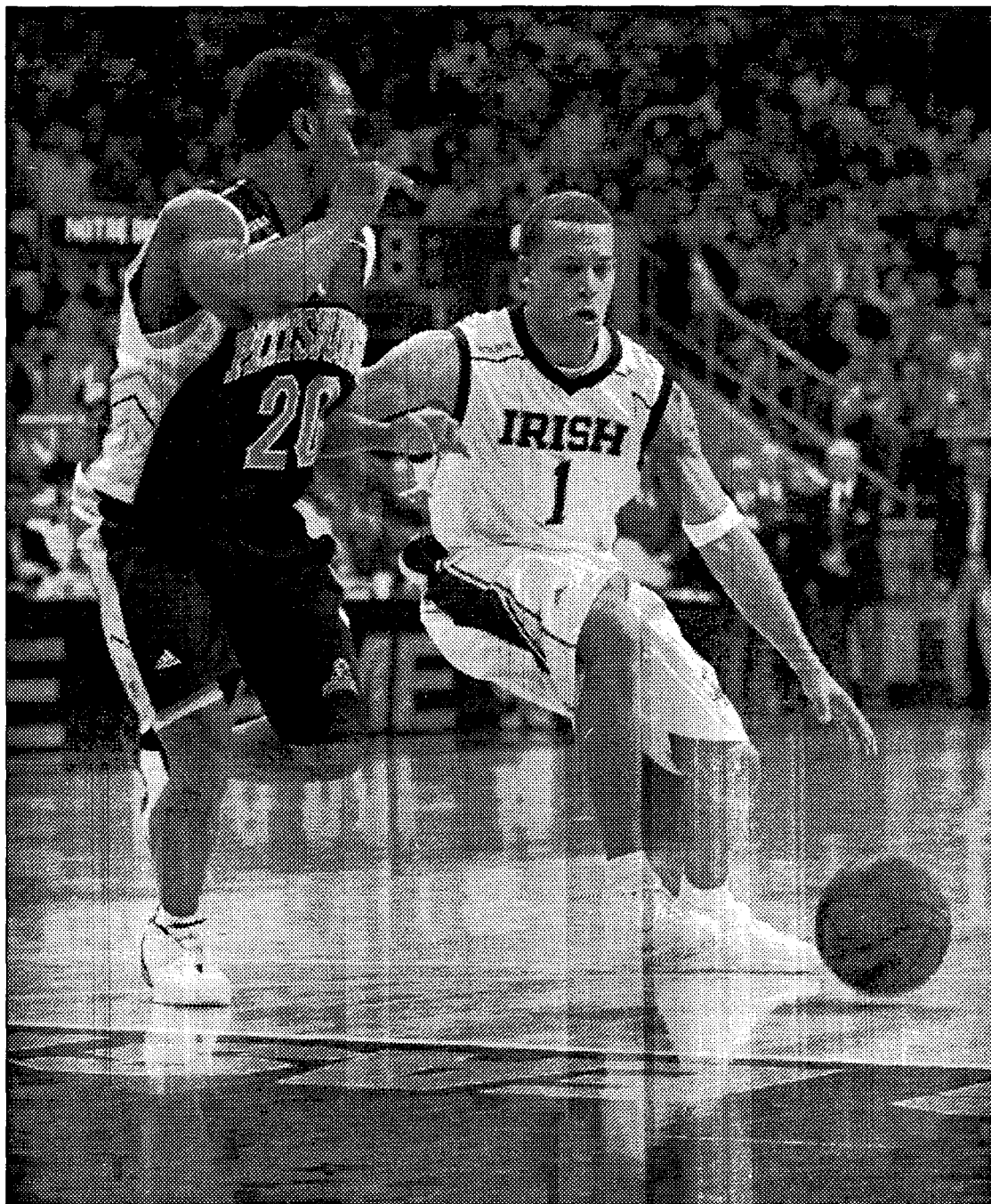
Now, the Irish look to repeat their performance earlier in the season. If anything, it may get their mind off why they're struggling to hang on to big leads.

Note:

◆Carroll is one of 10 finalists for the Senior CLASS award, given to individuals who excel in the classroom, on the court, and stay in school for four years.

The other finalists for the award are Illinois' Brian Cook, Arizona's Jason Garder, Wake Forest's Josh Howard, Oklahoma's Hollis Price, Kansas' Nick Collison, Louisville's Reese Gaines, Kansas' Kirk Hinrich, Creighton's Kyle Korver and Xavier's David West.

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Junior guard Chris Thomas tries to regain control of the ball in a win earlier in the season. The Irish are looking to minimize mistakes when they play West Virginia Tuesday night.

SOFTBALL

Irish split 4 games at season-opening tourney

◆ 12-0 lead against Rhode Island erased because of time

By MATT LOZAR
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When everything started to click for the Irish, they had to go home.

With Monday's game

against Rhode Island starting two hours later than originally scheduled, the Irish were forced to leave the game in order to catch their flight home.

When the game was called, the Irish were ahead 12-0 after four innings. Five innings are necessary for a game to be official and all the statistics from the Rhode Island game are erased.

Overall at the season-open-

ing USF/Wilson Tournament, the Irish split their four games and stand at 2-2 to start the season.

Being a team from a cold climate hurt Notre Dame in its first game of the season. The Irish faced South Florida, who was playing its 12th game of the year already.

With a 3-0 lead in the bottom of the fifth, Notre Dame pitcher Steffany Stenglein had the bases loaded and one out.

Stenglein got South Florida second baseman Kaitrina Dowd to hit a fly ball to Notre Dame centerfielder Megan Ciolli.

But Ciolli dropped the would-be sacrifice fly and gave South Florida an extra out.

The Bulls took advantage scoring three more runs to take a 4-3 lead.

The Irish came back to tie the game in the top of the

seventh with second baseman Alexis Madrid scoring from second on freshman catcher Mallorie Lenn's single to right.

The Bulls made the Irish pay once again for an error in the bottom of the seventh as Notre Dame freshman pitcher Heather Booth misplayed a sacrifice bunt.

Two batters later, the Bulls

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