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percent, but that was to be the last good news the Cunha family would receive.

"It just kind of got worse and worse after that," Katie said. "That was the only time in 11 months that we got good news."

During the next months, the cancer became progressively worse, and Jim Cunha, Katie's father, lost his job with Arthur Andersen. By June, the cancer had reached Christine's brain and finally claimed her life just as Katie was supposed to start tennis and school again.

A significant portion of Katie's teammates attended the funeral to support their teammate, and the family was comforted by that support.

"I think to see them there was important for her," Jim Cunha said. "It sort of closed the wagon so to speak. You know, with something like this, you almost get smothered. It's a type of affection and love that pours through ... You can't replicate it."

Katie only took a week off school, but she soon wished she had taken a longer

break.

"I might have come back a little bit early," she said. "I should have given myself a little more time."

She missed only the first week of school because she knew her mother wanted her to graduate on time.

"I should have given myself a little bit more time to soak in everything that happened, to try to grieve a little bit," Katie said. "It was a little bit of a mistake, but I've been working through that."

It was hard to think of tennis, but Katie did not want to let her teammates down.

"I felt a huge responsibility being team captain, so I really felt the need to get back on the court and to be the leader that everyone was expecting me to be," Katie said.

It was not until this spring that Katie finally began to overcome some of her

struggles, but she still admits that she is nowhere near being back to normal. Organizing the second annual Ace of the Cure was a way to continue to show her love for her mother.

"The thing Katie wanted to do here was give something back to the community," Jim Cunha said. "What could we do to help others, what positive energy could we put behind this, rather than sit there and mope and be sorry for yourself."

Jim Cunha spoke to the crowd Sunday and is quite proud of his daughter for how she is handling the death of her mother.

"You get to see your child grow and develop through all of this and fight through some adversity," he said. "It's how they process this that you can leave them with something to help them later in life, because they're going to have a

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Jim Cunha
Katie's father

tough break later on, and that's how they deal with it and how they relate and learn from it."

The Cunhas found some comfort in Sunday's event, with a season high of about 300 fans in the Eck Center.

"When you go through something like this you even get drawn closer to [being a part of the Notre Dame family]," Jim Cunha said. "When you go through something like this, you learn from it. Actually, it's events like this; it's the warmth of the entire community, that sustains you. You have to look for those positives and emphasize them."

It was a strange coincidence Sunday that Katie's match was the last one left on the courts.

"That was absolutely amazing," junior Alicia Salas said of Katie's match. "Every single time I watch her play, I am just so proud of her and everything she was able to do and organize this event. It was so special to her and the team. I respect her and I admire her."

Stastny saw a special significance in the 6-1 Irish victory.

"I feel like Katie's mom was with us," she said.

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MENS TENNIS

Irish look for first home win today

By JOE LINDSLEY
Sports Writer

With almost half of the spring season behind them, the Irish are hoping to achieve their first home victory today after losing their first five home matches.

No. 46 Notre Dame will face Michigan (5-4) at 4 p.m. at the Eck Pavilion.

Last year, the Wolverines narrowly defeated the Irish 4-3 during the regular season, but Notre Dame won when it mattered, as they shut out Michigan 4-0 in the first round of the N C A A Championship.

"It's just a historic rivalry between the two schools," Irish junior Matt Scott said. "We try and take what we can from that and use it on the court. We don't really need a rivalry to get us fired up. We're fired up for every match."

The Irish, 3-6, are fresh off last weekend's sojourn to La Jolla, Calif. where they participated in the Pacific Coast Doubles. The annual event, in its 114th year, includes some of the best amateur and professional talent in the nation.

The Irish hope that the doubles experience from the weekend will help them today as they combat the Wolverines. Winning the doubles point has

not come easily or frequently for the Irish this season.

"We got a lot of playing time in [La Jolla]," Scott said. "It gave us a chance to really work on our doubles."

The Irish have realized the importance of the doubles point through their many close matches this season. Three of the Irish losses and two of their three wins this spring have been by scores of 4-3.

According to Scott, the season has been tough and, he said, the Irish do not want to wait until the end of the season to reach their goals of

improving.

"We know what we have to work on," he said. "You can't change what is done, so we're just going to focus on what's ahead of us."

After today's competition with Michigan, the Irish will next focus on the prestigious Blue/Gray National Tennis Classic, which is held over spring break in Montgomery, Ala. Two years ago, the Irish were the tournament's victors, and last year they reached the finals.

"The Blue/Gray is a great tournament," Scott said. "We tend to perform well."

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Matt Scott
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Defense

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MCI Center.

"We can start something new in that gym," Thomas said. "We have to get back to our old habits, get some more confidence and play some defense to be ready for the tournament."

In some ways, the MCI Center represents the high point of an Irish season. In one week, Notre Dame knocked off three top-10 opponents; they would beat only one other the rest of the season.

After the BB&T Classic, Final Four and Notre Dame were mentioned in the same sentence. Suddenly, Notre Dame, used to fighting for an NCAA berth until the season's final days, had their dance ticket punched before January.

"We made such improvement so early, it is hard to outdo what we did early in the year," Carroll said. "We beat three top-10 teams in a week. What else can you do? Then the other teams improved. The good thing is we still can improve, but we don't have much time left."

Although Brey said he isn't too concerned with Notre Dame's psyche, much of that has to do with the leadership on the team. He knows the Irish know they need to play more intensely from the opening tip, a point made abundantly clear in the closed locker room meeting.

But if they don't know it, Brey won't hesitate to get on them.

"We've got good guys, but I hope they're pissed off," Brey said. "If not, I'm gonna piss them off [today] and Friday a little bit. We should be on edge a little bit."

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Chris Thomas dribbles up the court against Syracuse Tuesday night. Thomas and the Irish need to step up their defense in order to put an end to their three-game losing streak.

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*As a global and campus community of faith, we have entered the Lenten season, an opportunity for us to listen attentively to God speaking within us. Is God calling us to be about active prayer in our lives; Is God calling us to be of active service & justice? Read on to learn more of these two calls; **HOW WILL YOU SHAPE YOUR NEXT 40 DAYS?***

ACTION IN PRAYER

First of all, I want to thank the Center for Social Concerns for offering me this opportunity to reflect with our Notre Dame community on the deep meanings of our Lenten Season, in terms of service.

As people of the Book, we are called, as are the Jewish people and our Muslim brothers and sisters, to set aside a special time of the year to deeply and honestly examine our relationship to God and to our brothers and sisters and, in our specific case, to our relationship to our God of love and of merciful forgiveness, and, in a special way, to Jesus Christ, the Word of God made flesh, and one like us, as St. Paul tells us, in everything but sin.

That is admittedly a big exception. But it is even a bigger grace and blessing and challenge.

Because Jesus Christ is like us, with the enormous exception noted, are we the most blessed people on earth or what? We have the potential to be like Jesus Christ. Yes. Jesus Christ. But to be like Jesus means that through our efforts, the Almighty God and Father of Jesus, sees and loves in us what He sees and loves in His Son Jesus! In Jesus!

The Lenten Season, forty days or six weeks of grace, conversion and light, offers us an amazing opportunity to develop this reality based on our faith...a faith in turn based on what our Church always refers to as "our sure and certain hope"... Indeed, it is a hope which will fade into meaninglessness when, in the presence of God, there will be no need for faith nor for hope, but only for love...for the love which represents the many acts of service and which will overwhelm us.

In the words of Scripture, we will say "Lord, when did we ever see you hungry, homeless, sick, imprisoned, abandoned or in any situation of need of any kind and serve you?" And Jesus will tell us that whenever we offered any service, any word of kindness or compassion, any work or act of service to those in need, no matter how small, we will have rendered that service to Jesus Himself!

So during the Lenten Season, let us take any moments we can to offer service to our brothers and sisters, for the sake of Jesus and in His name.

How do we do this?

By offering simple and humble service to brothers and sisters in need - at the Center for the Homeless, at Hope Rescue Mission, in any nursing home in our community, at the infirmaries of the Holy Cross priests, brothers and sisters, with lonely people in our residence halls, by participating in our current or former residence hall's special place of service, and, especially, wherever we think or suspect or know there are poor people or people in need. You surely have many more ideas than I.

WWJD?

Jesus would do what we have so many opportunities to do - on Campus, in our classrooms, in our residence halls, at all the apartment complexes where we live. In a word, anywhere and everywhere.

"What you do for the least of my brothers and sisters you do for me" is as broad an invitation and challenge as we will ever face.

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PRAYER IN ACTION

I had the privilege of helping with a Notre Dame Encounter with Christ retreat last weekend. The Encounter leads one through a process of discerning one's own relationship with the Lord and, finally, how that must lead us to both deeper prayer and a deeper commitment to serving others. One cannot go away without a strong sense that Christ has no hands but ours to do His work. But are our hands Christ's if they are not clasped regularly in prayer? As Christians, a relationship with the Lord Jesus must be at the heart of our service... or neither our hands nor our service are His.

For us, faithful service means prayer, and there is no substitute. Neither a strong social conscience nor good intentions can bring meaning to our service. We read in James 2:26, that "As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is also dead." Surely, too, work without prayer is empty or short lived. Indeed, such work threatens to become egotistical... even self-serving. And even when our service is not a faith response borne of prayer, it must surely and ultimately draw us there; for as we run headlong into the injustices of social structures and the realities of social sin, we cannot ignore the Christ whom we encounter there.

As we will hear in this weekend's Gospel from Mark, we must seek with Jesus the quiet of the desert that we too might return from that prayer to proclaim the Kingdom as he does. We must place ourselves before the mercy and love of our God intentionally and regularly. Whether alone at the grotto or some other quiet place, or as a community in our residence halls or the Basilica or somewhere in-between, our prayer must bind us together and send us forth in our common mission to build the Kingdom. But it must also continually draw us back to make sense of and renew that mission within us.

Constitution 2 of the Congregation of Holy Cross has wisdom for us all: "Our mission is the Lord's and so is the strength for it. We turn to him in prayer that he will clasp us more firmly to himself and use our hands and wits to do the work that only he can do. Then our work itself becomes a prayer: a service that speaks to the Lord who works through us." May our Lenten walk with the Lord be a time of renewal for us all, and may our prayer lead us to action and back again.

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NCAA BASKETBALL

Georgia fires Harrick, Jr.

Associated Press

ATHENS, Ga. Georgia fired assistant basketball coach Jim Harrick Jr. Wednesday after he was accused of academic fraud and paying a former player's bills.

Athletic director Vince Dooley announced that Harrick's contract would not be renewed when it expires June 30. In the meantime, the son of head coach Jim Harrick remains suspended with pay.

Harrick Jr. was at Stegeman Coliseum Tuesday night when the No. 25 Bulldogs defeated No. 3 Florida. He watched the game from a tunnel next to the Georgia bench and did not speak with the media.

Harrick Jr. was suspended by the school after allegations by former player Tony Cole, who accused the

coach of paying off phone and hotel bills. Cole has a receipt from Western Union that says he received \$300 from "Jim Harrick" to cover the phone charges.

Even more serious, Cole charged that he received an "A" for a coaching class taught by Harrick Jr., even though he never attended. Also, Cole alleged the coach did work for correspondence courses the player took before entering Georgia.

Dooley was traveling Wednesday and not immediately available for comment. He issued a statement merely saying Harrick Jr. served at the pleasure of the athletic director.

In a related development, the head of Georgia's Physical Education and Sports Studies department received a letter of reprimand. Harrick Jr. taught a

course in the department known as "Coaching Principles and Strategies of Basketball."

Department head Paul G. Schempp was reprimanded by Arnett C. Mace Jr., interim senior vice president for academic affairs and provost.

"The university's internal procedures were not followed in assigning faculty to the particular course which is the focus of the current investigation," Mace said. "Professor Schempp is officially reprimanded for allowing that to happen."

The letter of reprimand becomes a permanent part of Schempp's personnel file.

University president Michael Adams, who was instrumental in the hiring of the senior Harrick in 1999, issued a statement supporting the moves.

NBA

New indictment added in shooting trial of NBA star

Associated Press

TRENTON, N.J.

A new indictment against former NBA star Jayson Williams adds a weapons offense to the seven charges he already faces in the shooting death of a limousine driver.

The indictment handed up Wednesday increases Williams' possible prison sentence by 10 years. He could face nearly 55 years in prison if convicted on all charges, the most serious of which is aggravated manslaughter.

Williams' attorneys called the new indictment "an obvious attempt at damage control" intended to silence discussion on mistakes made by prosecutors the first time they went before a grand jury.

"We believe we are vindicated that the way this indictment was originally obtained was improper," defense attorney Billy Martin said.

The 35-year-old Williams is accused

of recklessly handling the shotgun that killed Costas Christofi, and then trying to make the shooting look self-inflicted.

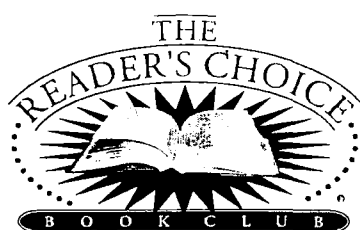
The shooting occurred Feb. 14, 2002, inside Williams' 40-room mansion in rural Alexandria Township.

The Hunterdon County Prosecutor's and State Attorney General's offices hope the new indictment will resolve a challenge to the original one handed up in May.

Williams' attorneys argued the first indictment was flawed due to mistakes in the grand jury presentation. They said prosecutors violated Williams' rights by telling grand jurors that he chose to remain silent and call a lawyer immediately after the shooting.

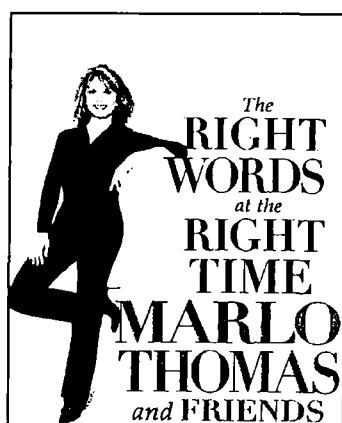
A trial judge upheld the original indictment late last year, and a hearing before an appeals court is scheduled for March 12.

Prosecutors plan to file the new indictment with the appeals court and expect the original charges will be dismissed.



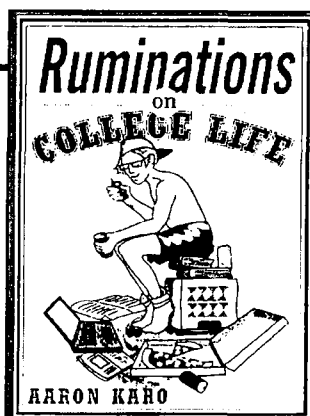
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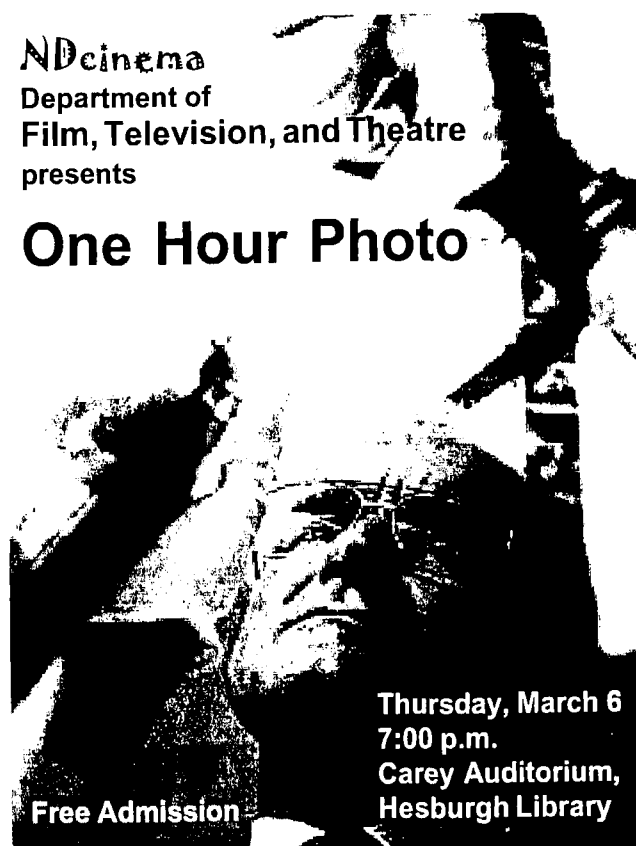
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Philadelphia	34-25	.576	9-1	3
Boston	35-26	.574	6-4	3
Orlando	32-30	.518	7-3	6 1/2
Washington	30-31	.492	5-5	8
New York	26-35	.426	3-7	12
Miami	20-40	.333	3-7	17 1/2

Eastern Conference, Central Division

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Indiana	36-22	.633	3-7	-
Detroit	38-23	.623	2-7	1/2
New Orleans	35-27	.565	8-2	4
Milwaukee	30-31	.492	3-7	8 1/2
Atlanta	24-38	.387	5-5	15
Chicago	21-41	.339	4-6	18
Toronto	19-39	.328	5-5	18
Cleveland	11-50	.180	1-9	27 1/2

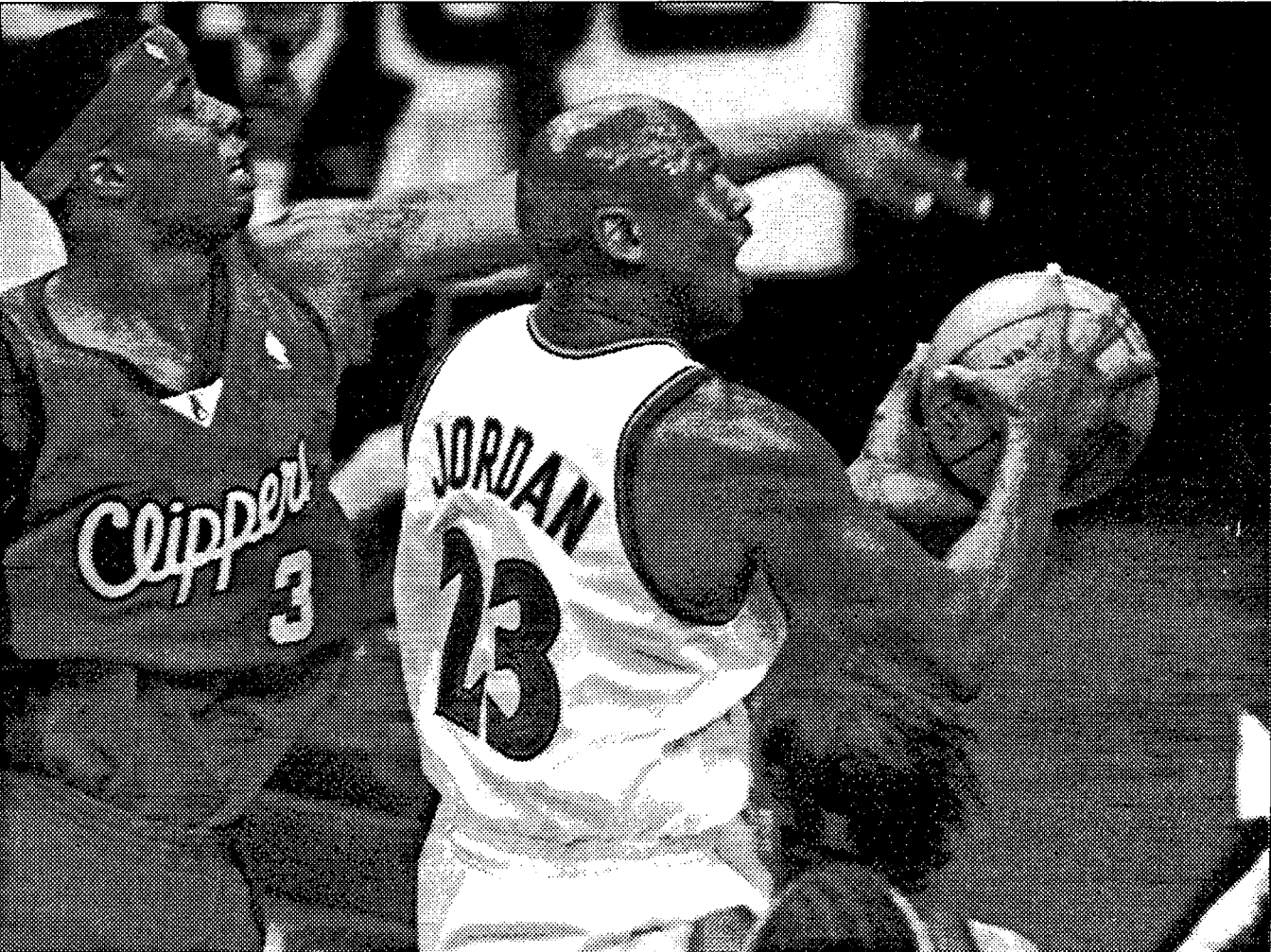
Western Conference, Midwest Division

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Dallas	46-14	.767	8-2	-
San Antonio	41-18	.695	8-2	4 1/2
Minnesota	40-22	.645	8-2	7
Utah	34-25	.576	5-5	11 1/2
Houston	31-30	.508	4-6	15 1/2
Memphis	19-41	.317	5-5	27
Denver	12-50	.194	0-10	35

Western Conference, Pacific Division

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Sacramento	42-19	.689	8-2	-
Portland	39-20	.661	7-3	2
LA Lakers	32-28	.552	7-3	8 1/2
Phoenix	32-28	.533	3-7	9 1/2
Golden State	30-30	.500	7-3	11 1/2
Seattle	28-31	.475	7-3	13
LA Clippers	19-41	.317	1-9	22 1/2

NBA



One game after suffering back spasms, Michael Jordan drives against the Clippers Wednesday night. Jordan scored 10 points and grabbed nine rebounds in only 24 minutes of action for the Wizards.

Jordan plays against Clippers despite back spasms

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Before the game, Michael Jordan was warned that his back spasms had a good chance of recurring if he played.

"Is it life-threatening?" Jordan asked.

"No," the team doctor said.

"Then I'm going to play," Jordan said.

Just 24 hours after injuring his back, Jordan played 24 minutes and had 10 points and nine rebounds in the Washington Wizards' 99-80 rout of the sloppy Los Angeles Clippers.

"I wanted to get out

there," Jordan said. "I had a lot of people telling me not to, because they felt like it would damage long-term value. I said 'I don't have long-term value.'"

Perhaps Washington really didn't need Jordan against a Clippers team that looked disorganized in losing its seventh straight. But he couldn't take the chance because the Wizards had already dropped games to Miami and Toronto this week.

The victory tied the Wizards with Milwaukee for the final Eastern Conference playoff spot.

"That had a lot to do with it," Jordan said. "We can't lose another game to a

team we're capable of beating. ... Sometimes it's just good to have a big brother around, just for support. That's why I wanted to play."

Moving gingerly and grimacing at times, Jordan shot just 4-of-14 but played steady defense against Quentin Richardson.

"In terms of limiting what I could do, this is probably the worst I've had in a while," Jordan said. "I was basic. I took a shot when I was open. I swear I don't think I jumped a foot off the ground to get a rebound. I just boxed out and the ball came to me."

Jerry Stackhouse and Larry Hughes had 20

points apiece for the Wizards. Christian Laettner had 10 points and 13 rebounds.

Jordan's back flared up in the second quarter of Tuesday night's loss to the Raptors. He left the game, and the Wizards blew their lead and lost 89-86. He has not missed a game this season.

A day of rest, massage and electrolysis got Jordan ready to play.

"If Michael wants to play, Michael is going to play," coach Doug Collins said. "Who is going to tell Michael Jordan that when he wants to play a basketball game — 'No, you can't play.'"

Baseball Polls

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7 Stanford	South Carolina 7
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10 South Carolina	Long Beach State 10
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IN BRIEF

Leafs acquire Sharks captain Nolan

Toronto Maple Leafs acquired forward Owen Nolan from the San Jose Sharks on Wednesday night.

Headed to the Sharks are center Alyn McCauley, center Brad Boyes and a first-round draft pick.

"It's obviously a big deal," said Bill Watters, assistant to Leafs general manager Pat Quinn. "I want to leave the rest to Pat Quinn to discuss."

Nolan, the Sharks' captain, has 22 goals, 20 assists and 91 penalty minutes in 61 games this year. In 836 career games, the powerful forward has 323 goals, 352 assists and 1,474 penalty minutes.

McCauley has six goals and nine assists in 64 games for the Leafs this season. He has 33 goals and 49 assists in 304 career NHL games.

Boyes was the Leafs' first choice, 24th overall, in the 2000 draft.

Nolan was one of the most sought players as the March 11 NHL trade deadline approaches. By dealing him,

the Sharks appear to have given up on chasing a playoff spot. They are 11 points behind eighth-place Edmonton in the Western Conference.

For the Leafs, getting Nolan is the type of big deal their fans have been clamoring for. Although he's having a mediocre year, he's considered among the elite power forwards in the game.

Quinn also got to see Nolan firsthand during the Salt Lake City Olympics, when he coached the 31-year-old winger as Canada won the gold medal.

Pittsburgh secures first-round bye with victory

Just as it did a year ago, Pittsburgh is playing its best when the tournaments are arriving. There's one difference: This time, the Panthers won't be coming back to Pittsburgh.

The seventh-ranked Panthers opened up a big early lead behind some unusually strong outside shooting and got 16 points from Julius

Page to end Seton Hall's nine-game winning streak, 86-54 Wednesday night.

Pittsburgh (22-4, 12-3 Big East) wrapped up a 16-0 home-court record in its first season in the Petersen Events Center and secured a first-round bye in the Big East tournament.

Pittsburgh and Syracuse are tied for first in the conference's West Division with one game each to play on Sunday, Pittsburgh against Villanova and Syracuse against Rutgers. If they remain tied, Syracuse will be the top seed based on a better division record.

Pittsburgh went 29-6 while reaching the NCAA round of 16 last year, when it played its first two NCAA tournament games at Mellon Arena.

With the three seniors in the lineup, Pittsburgh is 51-10 the last two seasons and 83-39 overall.

"They're a good team and they came ready to play," Seton Hall coach Louis Orr said.

NFL

Robbins spent 30 days in treatment

Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. Oakland Raiders center Barret Robbins spent 30 days in a treatment facility for a mental disorder and alcohol abuse.

The All-Pro lineman disappeared the night before the Raiders' 48-21 Super Bowl loss to Tampa Bay in San Diego on Jan. 26. A statement Wednesday by his agent, Drew Pittman, was the first official disclosure of Robbins' treatment.

"I love the game of football and while it is going to be hard to face my teammates and the public, it is something I have to do," Robbins said in a statement issued by Pittman. "I will continue to receive ongoing treatment and will remain on medication to treat my bi-polar disorder. I understand my sincerity will be judged by my actions, not my words."

Robbins missed two meetings and a walkthrough the day before the game, and Raiders coach Bill Callahan said Robbins was incoherent and didn't know where he was when he showed up late that night. Callahan dis-

missed him, and Adam Treu started the Super Bowl in his place.

The 6-foot-3, 320-pound Robbins, who has a history of depression, was treated at an undisclosed facility. A friend who told the San Francisco Chronicle he'd been drinking with Robbins the night before the game said Robbins was despondent and talked about suicide.

Robbins, 29, was harshly criticized by teammates at first, but the revelations about his medical problems, as well as his apology, has muted some of the resentment.

"The Raiders acknowledge the challenge of Barret coming back into the locker room, but they continue to welcome him back," Pittman said.

Raiders senior assistant Bruce Allen said the team hasn't ruled out the possibility of Robbins playing in the 2003 season.

"As an organization, we care about our team and every individual with the team, and sometimes that involves family issues," Allen said.



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Happy 21st Birthday, Meghan

Players start changing teams

♦ Ex-Cardinal pair sign with new organizations

Associated Press

DENVER

The Arizona Cardinals have been one of the NFL's biggest losers on the field. On Wednesday, they were the big losers off it.

Jake Plummer, the Cardinals' quarterback for the past six seasons, agreed to terms with the Denver Broncos. David Boston, his favorite target, signed with San Diego.

Plummer's departure from Arizona had been expected after a subpar 2002 season in which he had a 65.7 passer rating, near the bottom of the league among starters. And he had long seemed headed for Denver, which has given Brian Griese, the starter since John Elway retired after the 1998 season, permission to seek a trade.

But at 28, with 82 NFL starts, Plummer still is considered talented and could blossom under offensive-minded coach Mike Shanahan. In 1998, he led the Cardinals to their first playoff victory since 1947, engineering several late-game comebacks to get Arizona into the postseason for the first time since 1982.

They have not been back in the playoffs since '98.

Boston signed a seven-year deal with the Chargers, giving them the top wide receiver available in free agency and arguably the best player overall.

The 6-foot-2, 236-pound Boston, whose father Byron is an NFL official, caught 98 passes two years ago for Arizona, which drafted him in the first round in 1999. He led the league with 1,598 yards receiving and was voted to the All-Pro team.

Last year, he was hampered by a knee injury and had 32 catches. He also pleaded no contest to driving under the influence of drugs.

"We believe David Boston is one of the top receivers in the National Football League,"

Chargers coach Marty Schottenheimer said. "He has remarkable playmaking ability and we're delighted to have him be part of what we're doing. He brings to our offense what we consider to be big-play potential that few guys in this league bring."

Meanwhile, the Carolina Panthers got what they hope is their quarterback of the future by signing former New Orleans backup Jake Delhomme. They also re-signed 37-year-old Rodney Peete, last year's starter, to a three-year deal.

Delhomme, 28, threw just 86 passes during his five-year career in New Orleans.

But in a year lacking attractive free-agent quarterbacks, he was considered worth signing to determine if he could become another Trent Green or Kurt Warner.

"He's a good young quarterback and he's very accurate," Panthers general manager Marty Hurney said. "He seems to bring some veteran leadership skills and some intangibles. He just hasn't had much of a chance yet. But when he's played, we've liked what we've seen."

Raiders receiving duo signs

Jerry Rice has signed a 6-year, \$30 million contract extension to remain with the Oakland Raiders, a salary cap-friendly deal that theoretically could keep the star receiver playing until he's 46.

Tim Brown, the longest-tenured Raider with all 15 of his seasons in Oakland, also signed an extension — which means the NFL's oldest receiving tandem will stay together for now.

"Them coupled with Jerry Porter were as productive as any receiver trio in recent memory," Raiders senior assistant Bruce Allen said Tuesday. "We're happy to have them back, and I'm sure Rich Gannon is as well."

The AFC champions were more than \$30 million over the salary cap heading into the off-season, with some estimates as high as \$50 million.

The Raiders released six

players, including three defensive starters, Thursday to help solve their salary-cap problems. They also have restructured some other contracts.

The team announced also Tuesday evening it had re-signed offensive lineman Brad Badger and running back Zack Crockett.

Rice received a signing bonus, and the deal is "back-end loaded," his agent, Jim Steiner said, meaning much of his salary would be paid out in those final years.

"We're happy with the deal," said Steiner, who has reworked Rice's contract almost every season. "Jerry's happy with the deal. They appreciate Jerry's contributions. Since he left the 49ers, it has worked out perfectly well."

Rice, 40, joked during last season's playoffs that he might play until he's 45.

"It could happen," Steiner said. "He takes it year to year based on how he feels and how he's playing. Who knows?"

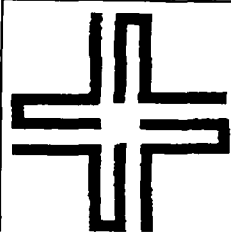
Rice had 92 catches for 1,211 yards and seven touchdowns in his 18th NFL season, a testament to his disciplined preparation and conditioning regimen. He joined the Raiders after the 2000 season.

In 2002, Rice became the first player in NFL history to score 200 touchdowns; he broke the record for most playoff yards in a career, and he tied a record for most career playoff TDs. He was selected for his 13th Pro Bowl, his first in four years.

Brown, 36, "signed a very similar deal" to Rice's, according to Steiner. Brown's agent, Marvin Demoff, did not immediately return calls for comment.

Brown reached his first Super Bowl last season, after finishing with 81 catches for 930 yards and two touchdowns to help the Raiders win their third consecutive AFC West crown.

"Tim has been a great Raider for many years and Jerry looks good in black, doesn't he?" Allen said. "They've been playing well for us and there's no reason to expect anything else in the future."



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MLB

Cone pitches perfect inning in first action in 16 months

♦ Mets hurler wows crowd, relieves self-doubt with 1-2-3 fourth inning

Associated Press

JUPITER, Fla.

David Cone, who once pitched a perfect game, happily settled for a perfect inning Wednesday.

In his first appearance in his comeback with the New York Mets, Cone retired the Florida Marlins 1-2-3 in the fourth inning.

The game was his first since Oct. 6, 2001, when he pitched eight innings to help Boston beat Baltimore.

"I earned my meal money today," he said.

The 40-year-old right-hander also earned a standing ovation when he walked off the mound, and he responded by waving his cap.

"That was really nice," he said. "I've had my doubts as to whether I should be trying this. When things like that happen, it makes it worthwhile."

A reluctant retiree last year, Cone is now bidding for a job as the Mets' fifth starter.

Only seven of his 15 pitches were strikes, and he fell behind every batter, but he threw everything in his repertoire, including two splitters.

Cone said he was pleasantly surprised that his fastball

topped out at 88 mph.

"I can pitch with that sort of stuff," he said, adding with a laugh, "I did for the last five years of my career."

Cone quit after pitching in 2001 for Boston, where he started 7-0 but finished 9-7. The Mets lured him back with a deal that would pay him \$550,000 if he is added to the major league roster.

"This is a better way for me to do this, rather than just fade away as I did last year," he said. "Whatever happens, I consider this a good experience."

Cone said he'll be ready to throw a couple innings and 30 or 40 pitches in his next outing.

"We know he knows how to pitch," Mets manager Art Howe said. "We need to see him stretch out. We need to see where he is in a couple of weeks."

Cone won the AL Cy Young Award in 1994 with Kansas City, threw a perfect game in 1999 for the New York Yankees and owns five World Series rings. He's only seven wins shy of 200.

But he still felt butterflies when he took the mound at Roger Dean Stadium to cheers from the crowd.

"Regardless of how much experience you have, you're

nervous," he said. "No one wants to get embarrassed."

The first two batters he faced — Al Martin, 35, and Gerald Williams, 36 — created matchups that looked like something out of a senior league.

Cone twice fell behind Martin, then retired him on a groundball with a splitter. Williams was ahead in the count 3-0 but flied out on a 3-1 fastball.

Chad Allen then flied out on another 3-1 fastball.

Step one in the comeback was complete.

"If anybody can do it, he can. He looked good. The balls he missed were just off, and he kept it down."

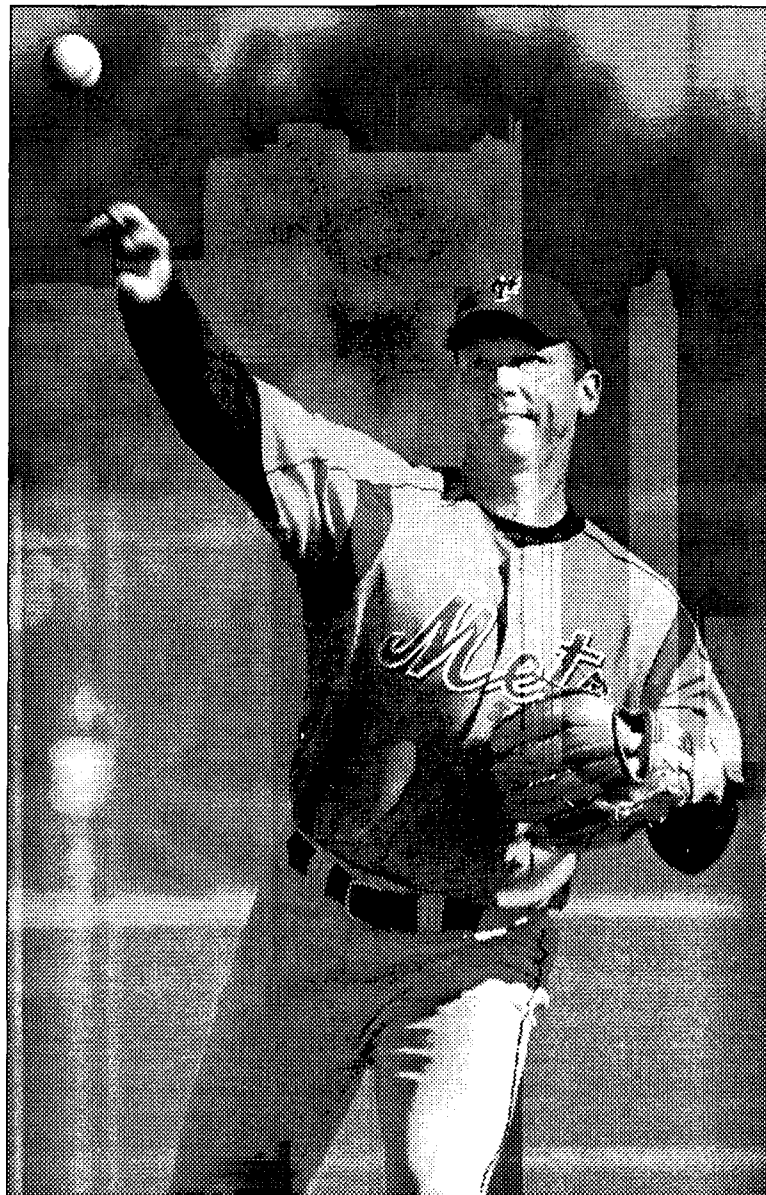
Jeff Torborg
Marlins manager

After icing his shoulder, Cone talked with reporters for 15 minutes — one for every pitch he threw.

His return is big news in New York, where he became a star with the Mets in 1988 and helped the Yankees win four World Series titles.

"Everybody is wanting to know if I have anything left, and can I hold up," Cone said. "That's going to be the question."

One inning of perfection left him a little more optimistic about the answer.



AFP Photo

Mets pitcher David Cone warms up during spring training Feb. 23. Cone pitched a perfect fourth inning of relief against the Marlins Wednesday.

NHL

Lemieux to closely monitor Penguins staff, players

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH

Pittsburgh Penguins owner-player Mario Lemieux is warning he intends to closely monitor his teammates and the coaches over the final month of the season.

The Penguins, all but out of the Eastern Conference playoff race, take a six-game losing streak into tonight's home game against Carolina. The late-season slide apparently is too reminiscent to Lemieux of a 10-game winless streak (0-8-1-1) that ended last season, when the Penguins won only two of their final 17.

Lemieux usually defers personnel decisions to general manager Craig Patrick — at least publicly — but he made it known he will be involved in deciding

whether coach Rick Kehoe returns.

Kehoe, who has one more season left on a contract that pays him \$350,000 a season, is about to become the first Penguins coach since Bob Berry in 1987-88 to miss the playoffs in consecutive seasons.

"Obviously, on the hockey side, it's up to Craig to make the right moves," Lemieux said. "But I'm also going to have a say in it and sit down at the end of the year and see where the franchise is going, and we'll go

"That's what they're fighting for right now, for jobs for next year, and I hope these guys understand that."

Mario Lemieux
Penguins owner/player

from there. The last month of the season, I'm sure Craig is evaluating the coaching staff and the players and everyone in the organization."

Lemieux also said that players who do not perform for the rest of the season will not have jobs in Pittsburgh next season.

"That's what they're fighting for right now, for jobs for next year, and I hope these guys understand that," Lemieux said.

One decision Lemieux must make is whether he will play in the 2003-04 season.

The decision may depend on whether Lemieux decides to rebuild the team

from scratch following another disappointing season.

Slumping attendance this season forced the Penguins to trim their payroll to \$27 million and to trade All-Star forward Alexei Kovalev, the latest star to leave Pittsburgh for financial reasons. Jaromir Jagr, Robert Lang and Darius Kasparaitis also left the team in the past two seasons.

If Lemieux decides the Penguins need a top-to-bottom overhaul, he may decide it will make little difference if he plays next season or not.

"I know I have to make some tough decisions here in the next few weeks and especially this summer. But these decisions have to be made, and I'm going to be the one to make them. I have no problem with that," Lemieux said.

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Nice night last night sports — too bad records can be broken.

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TAKE TWO

Don't Mess With Texas

By MARIA SMITH and KATE WILLIAMS

Scene Editor and Scene Movie Critic

Kate: Last time we reviewed "Shanghai Knights," a delightful piece of movie fluff. This time we meant to do the same. Unfortunately, "Old School" was sold out and we had to make another choice. We probably would have enjoyed watching over-aged coeds mud wrestle far more than the dark and twisted "The Life of David Gale." Not that watching Kate Winslet attempt to portray a hard-hitting reporter named Bitsey wasn't pure entertainment.

Kate Williams
Maria Smith

Take Two

Maria: I'm not sure about "Old School," but I'd have to agree I'd have enjoyed it more. The trailer for "The Life of David Gale" looked like an interesting investigation of the death penalty. The movie actually seemed like director Alan Parker couldn't decide whether he wanted to protest capital punishment or just make a thriller. The plot aims at both, with former philosophy professor David Gale (Kevin Spacey) on death row for the alleged rape and murder of colleague Constance Hallaway (Laura



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Former philosophy professor David Gale (Kevin Spacey) tells his story to reporter Bitsey Bloom (Kate Winslet). Gale is on death row for alleged rape and murder.

Linney). Just days away from execution, Gale calls in Bitsey Bloom to listen to the story as he tells it. The real catch is that the death row inmate and the woman he is convicted of killing worked together as

high-profile activists on a campaign against the death penalty. Don't hurt your head too much pondering the irony.

K: Between the painfully bad acting and the disturbingly graphic death scene, the whole movie made my head hurt. I shouldn't have had to pay \$5.50 to watch stuffy intellectuals be elusive and self-aggrandizing when I could have just gone to class and gotten the same effect for free. Spacey acted well, as usual, and the story is interesting enough, even if it seemed contrived. However, the good parts were not nearly enough to make up for this movie's shortcomings. Winslet simply couldn't carry her role — her exaggerated acting made it seem as though she was following emotional cue cards. Her hair had more style than she did.

M: That was low, but I can't defend her. None of the actors put in especially good performances, with the possible exception of Linney, portraying a socially awkward but sympathetic professor. Spacey is consistently a good actor and did what he could with Gale, but the script made it difficult to know whether to sympathize with the character or not. The combination philosopher, father and philanderer was almost as creepy as the serial killer he played in "Seven." As a PLS major, I should have enjoyed Gale's diatribe on Socrates, but frankly it scared even me. Although I was interested to learn that Aristotle was a prissy dresser.

K: I can say this: the movie wasn't boring. The numerous plot twists were truly surprising and the film kept a good pace. It also provides an interesting point about

false allegations and the way the legal system functions in the United States. In the eyes of a public devoted to sensational news, guilt can become the assumption instead of innocence. In this case an accusation of rape is almost as damning as a conviction.

M: The plot does keep viewers engaged, but not in any way that will provoke later thought. "L.A. Confidential" is a much better pick for anyone who wants a good thriller or who wants to see what Spacey can really do on screen. Viewers looking for an examination of the death penalty would do better to rent "Dead Man Walking." "The Life of David Gale" makes everyone for or against the death penalty

look bad. If the movie is to be believed, all advocates for the death penalty have missing teeth, cowboy hats or both.

K: The directors portray all the Texans in this film as pick-up wielding rednecks. We should probably be suspicious of any filmmakers who fall back on the time-honored

cinematic technique of portraying southerners as dingbats. If nothing else, this movie did get me thinking. Mainly about how I can never get back the two hours I spent watching it.

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As a hard-hitting reporter, Winslet's acting fails to measure up in director Alan Parker's thriller protesting capital punishment.

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MOVIE REVIEW

'Pianist' hits bad note

By ERIN ENGLISH
Scene Movie Critic

Critics love a good Holocaust movie and "The Pianist" is no different. Last year's Palme D'Or winner has been one of this year's most critically successful and beloved films, receiving ample praise in nearly every category.

However, "The Pianist" is a difficult movie to like or to praise. It is distant, cold and impersonal. The plot, which focuses around the trials and tribulations of famous pianist Wladyslaw Szpilman (Adrien Brody) as he attempts to survive the Warsaw ghetto, is meant to give you an everyman's

look at the horrors of the Nazi regime from the perspective of an average Jew. The detached feeling makes the movie almost unbearably slow and painfully unenjoyable.

For nearly the entire movie, Wladyslaw is the main, if not only, character on the screen portrayed as more than a mere stereotype expected in any Holocaust movie. At the same time, however, he is completely underdeveloped and indistinctive. The original intent of his character is for the viewer to identify with his attempt to find his way through the chaos of what was

World War II Warsaw, but also to remove the individuality of his act and associate it with the general struggle of the Jewish people who made it out of

the Holocaust alive.

Instead, in the process of stripping him down to the barest essential elements of humanity and removing his individuality, the viewer loses a sense of what makes people willing to stick out their necks. This leaves you to wonder, "Why should I care what happens to this particular man?" And the answer tends to end up being, "I shouldn't." If Brody manages to steal the Academy Award this year from Jack Nicholson and Daniel Day-Lewis, it may be the worst decision since giving the nod to Roberto Bernini. It is not very difficult to act tired, hungry and apathetic.

Entire plot lines are left unresolved, such as what happens to his family or any of the people who help him, other than a single German officer who gave him food. The movie leaps along episodically, skipping over months, years and whole spans of significant events, making it even more difficult for the average viewer to identify with the film.

"The Pianist" provides us with nothing new in terms of understanding or evaluating the moral consequences and horrors of the Holocaust. It is simply a retread of the same path taken by Steven Spielberg's "Schindler's List" and even Bernini's "Life is Beautiful." It fails to take a huge risk and break new

"The Pianist"

Director: Roman Polanski
Writers: Ronald Harwood, Wladyslaw Szpilman
Starring: Adrien Brody, Emilia Fox, Michal Zebrowski, Ed Stoppard, Maureen Lipman, Frank Finlay, Jessica Kate Meyer



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A brilliant pianist and Polish Jew witnesses his family being shipped to Nazi labor camps, but escapes deportation in the Warsaw ghetto.



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One of the contrasts in "The Pianist" is portraying Wladyslaw Szpilman (Adrien Brody) in his personal situation as well as giving the view of the average Jew.

ground by refusing the stereotypes given over to Holocaust film or by taking a deeper look at the events in question. In short, "The Pianist" is completely and utterly ordinary.

"The Pianist" doesn't give us a new look at the Holocaust or even a good look at the life of this one man. It is extremely disappointing that a man like Roman Polanski, a Holocaust survivor himself, was unable to say anything new about one of the most significant events of modern history and instead resorts to the standard format that has been set aside for it.

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Surviving abortion

Sheer mention of the word arouses fervent opinions for many who take opposite perspectives of a fiery debate. I don't know much about the issue itself but, debating aside, there are points that those on either side can agree on. The perspective comes from a survivor; and this story begins with my parents.

**Andrew
DeBerry**

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My father joined the military during the conflict in Vietnam. He was sent to Taiwan, where he met and married my mother. Their union was hasty, and years later they found themselves back in the States with two happy, young children but a miserable marriage. My mother was in a foreign country, wasn't getting along with her husband and was pregnant.

On one rough night, she looked down and thought, "I feel sorry for what this baby will have to see. I wish I were never born." She decided on abortion, but a stern letter from her mother dissuaded her, and I was born.

Five years later, my mother left our family for Las Vegas where she has been dealing blackjack for 16 years.

The tension that narrowly averted the abortion and resulted in divorce has taken its toll. My father suffers in a personal way few will be able to comprehend. At notable moments in my life he expresses in cards his deep regret and guilt about the fragmented family. My brother, sister and I didn't know much about a mother whom we would see once in the next 10 years; later reflection recognizes that it was hurt that sometimes caused her to go silent during phone conversations.

Our story emphasizes a key, mutually agreeable point that there should be much attention given to addressing painful circumstances that can lead to abortions. Similarly, anyone in the debate can recognize the need to counsel souls that often suffer guilt and agony years after the experience.

Through school and church communities, my family found special people who acted as surrogates. We thrived through their faith and service. But there are times even now when the hurt and anger rushes in like an unexpected tide and tears at the heart. The world outside halts until the rush inside eases. Years later the soul is still incomplete from an unchangeable void in the past.

But despite all that, I'm glad to be

alive. I'm glad to feel the passion and weakness of humanity, to admire the wonder of people, to have hands and feet, to be able to breathe. I'm glad for the opportunity I've been given simply to live. You have your own story of suffering; everyone does. Our key for survival is not to complain about the troubles even though the complaint may be justified. We keep faith in God even when it seems he has undercut our very existence. We feel the pains of hell in our soul but shout in death's face that we still believe.

These are our Job experiences, and because of these painful experiences we'll someday experience God's wonder in a way beyond our comprehension. Our suffering builds the raw material of our soul and uncovers a deeper joy in the heart that leads one out of the darkness. Hence the beatitude, "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall find happiness."

So, we tough it out and learn from these experiences. My parents have learned the paradox that pain can result from making the right decision and personal weakness can keep it from being more. My mother has learned that no matter how bad life can be in the present, one can never guess how much happiness the future

may bring. And because she, at a time when she wished she herself had never been born, toughed it out and said "yes" to birth, I have lived to see daylight.

I have learned about the critical importance to be responsible in relationships, especially in romance and sexuality. Making extremely thoughtful and deliberate decisions with enough time is well worth the effort.

But, if anyone in our community here is concerned about a pregnancy, a daily classified ad in *The Observer* gives a telephone number for support.

Most importantly, I've learned about pain and community. We each bring our deepest pains together and draw strength from our common weakness. It is because of the special pieces of resurrection thriving in the souls of the community here that I can be glad just to open my eyes each morning.

I survive to testify that each day is another chance to live.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

No really, thanks
Father Poorman

"We are college students, and we can make our own decisions and deal with their results." These comments are courtesy of John Little, whose Feb. 28 column, "Thanks Father Poorman," criticizes the University's latest regulations on alcohol and in-hall dances. Little's main contention is that there has been a "change in [the] campus atmosphere [that has brought] terrible results" with it.

This seems to be a somewhat popular position. Many believe that the University's actions, which are often bitterly associated with the perceived ill-intentioned will of Father Poorman, have either directly or indirectly forced students off campus in search of the alcoholic elixir that will keep their social lives functioning. Allegedly accompanying these students in their exodus is the prized and cherished campus culture that is so very important to the residential vitality of our community. I take issue with this stance.

I am currently a resident assistant which means that I am a person who is always on call for late night conversations, maintenance problems, quiet hours enforcement and trips to the emergency room. Of those four enumerated duties, which constitute just a brief list, only the latter of them has not been a real part of my experience this year. In fact, I have been to the hospital exactly twice (once for a freshman who separated his shoulder and once to visit our cleaning lady who suffered a mild heart attack). This is a far cry from the corresponding activity of RAs in years past. It is also

a far cry from the night last year when I witnessed my assistant recitor finding out that one of our freshmen may not live through the night because of alcohol poisoning.

Little "anticipated responses from freshmen who couldn't possibly have the perspective necessary for informed discussion." Sorry to disappoint, but I am a senior with at least as much perspective as any other undergraduate.

Last year, I, too, listened to the student body howl about being driven off campus by the forthcoming policy that was rightly seen as an attempt to change on-campus social life. However, I do not sympathize with that lamenting voice; instead, I challenge it. I am not saying that our students are not heading out of the dorm to drink. I don't know what the percentages are now as compared with last year. What I do know is that there is no longer as much confusion about what the morals of this Catholic university expect of her "college students, [who] can make [their] own decisions and deal with their results." The University has indeed attempted to reform its powerful and necessary campus social life.

What then is the problem? The problem is this: too many students focus on complaining about the policy change to make a change themselves. There is more concern about fighting a doomed battle which stands on the basic insistence that 18-year-olds have the "right" to drink hard alcohol at will in the comfort of their own dorm rooms than on why an 18-year-old would

be led to do that in the first place. We have recently elected a student body president and vice president whose resounding promise was to fight for the reinstitution of in-hall dances. This is what we, the student body, has said is most important! Something is wrong with that.

The focus of the student body is distorted. As a whole, we have come to value our social time as an escape from the rest of our lives. We work hard during the days and then think that we deserve to do as we please at night. This is a fantastic error. We should be more devoted to making our entire lives a sign of our beliefs. We should not have any divisions between who we are, who we want to be and what we do. The emphasis placed on the party-scene, which includes Thursdays at Heartland and hook-ups with unknowns, is what is leading us astray and out into the dangerous world without caution. It is the American phenomena of immediate gratification and instant pleasure creeping into our college lives. This is a different place, however — we were chosen, and we are called to be different. So let's take the hint from the policy change and change our social emphasis.

It comes to this: the problem is not a policy that drives students out into dangerous situations in search of alcohol; the problem is the insistence that we have to do so to be satisfied.

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Anti-American
is so yesterday

In lieu of anti-war protests all over the world, I am wondering where all of the support for the administration is. I am a little tired of seeing "No War for Oil" and things of that nature. That sign is particularly silly because we are not in this for oil, but whatever.

The ousting of Saddam is necessary and war is the only way. Saddam believes in arbitrary executions, not ordering enough nutrition for children (and distributing some for his friends) and all sorts of other human rights violations. He is a vicious, evil dictator that is threatening many people's lives. And instead of constantly whining (even though it is certainly our right) about our foreign policy, we should begin to promote democracy worldwide.

Terrorism thrives in states that have these hegemonic regimes — but democracy should be a human right. We have tried to solve disputes with Saddam's regime peacefully and democratically, but it does not work. He has broken several agreements in the past and is still hiding weapons today. What is to stop him from using or selling nuclear weapons to a rogue group? People who do not see the threat Saddam poses are just as naive as the people who did not think terrorists would murder Americans by the thousands.

Student activism is haunting student campuses these days. While students have taken to the streets for many good causes, they fail to realize that lack of democratic government is the problem. Right now, most of them oppose the use of force to get rid of weapons or feel that we need to help enforce the will of the United Nations (the U.N. is basically a joke — Libya is the head of Human Rights Commission).

Overall, in war people are going to die — yes, innocent ones too. But, we have to take a cost-benefit approach to Saddam's threat. The threat he poses is much greater than the effects of a U.S. attack. Every human life is equally valuable, but since Saddam has no regard for this, his threat is imminent.

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Leggo the ego

For the sake of relationships everywhere, maybe it's time to just "leggo the ego."

It's a trend that seems to be sweeping the campus and is quite possibly at the core of the often discussed, perplexing nature of gender relations at Notre Dame. It seems that more and more, we are letting our pride as well as our desire to find the best of what's around deter us from dating at all. Rather than being satisfied with what we have, or even what we could have if given the chance, we've set our sights on trying to find the bigger, better deal.

In some ways, it's not surprising. Every year the administration tells us the incoming freshman class is smarter, more talented and probably better looking than any class in Notre Dame history. We're told time and time again how special we are and how much we have to offer the world. Even the admission application proclaims that these things occur "nowhere else but Notre Dame." There's no need to argue with that. However it seems that sometimes our egos get in the way of our relationships.

After all, the students of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's are a driven people. We have a lot to offer. We're smart. We're athletic. We can drink other schools under the table.

We're spurred by goals, markets and class averages. We're in a race to be and have the best. After all, we live in a world of "can do better." We can always upgrade, super size and improve upon what we're given. Lately, it seems that we've taken the same position when choosing who to date.

And what a dating pool to choose from. From the moment we step onto this campus for freshman orientation to the day we receive our diplomas, we are essentially thrown into a Mecca of potential relationships with people that offer

excellent pedigrees and a penchant for cheap beer.

How then, in this literal buffet of prospects, did gender relations become so skewed under the Dome?

Traditionally, it's been said that the lack of coed dormitories and a single sex mentality have had a negative effect on gender relations and dating at Notre Dame. However, as inconvenient as parietals and other restrictions of the du Lac variety may be, they don't seem to stop students from meeting and mating.

Rivalry between the women of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's has also been attributed to the strained dating scene. However, no matter what "great taste vs. less filling" type of competition has dominated the minds and opinions of those who adhere to this so-called competition, it's not something that has the power to dominate an entire social arena.

The urban jungle that is South Bend has been blamed for the lack of social interaction between the sexes as well. And, it's not just the weather — although the permanent gray haze that hangs over the city doesn't exactly make for a sexy backdrop in our romantic affairs.

No, South Bend is not a town that offers a bevy of choices when making plans on any given Friday. We end up at the same places on the same nights and inevitably see the same people in our weekly rotations of the South Bend nightlife. If variety is the spice of life, we've basically settled for salt and pepper. However, even though the local hotspots aren't exactly spicy, they fare more than well enough to support nor-

mal social habits.

So, it's not the living situations, the rivalries or the location. Maybe it's just us. Maybe our egos — and the desire for that bigger, better deal — have prevented us from the possibilities of finding what we really need to be happy.

This certainly doesn't mean that gender relations are hopeless or that we need to settle. The Mecca of potential offered to us at Notre Dame throws us headfirst into something better than possibility — it gives us an opportunity.

We have the opportunity to forgo our egos and forget that there could be something better for us because what we have is real and genuine. We have the opportunity to not want an upgrade. We have the opportunity to break down the barrier of our surprisingly fragile ego.

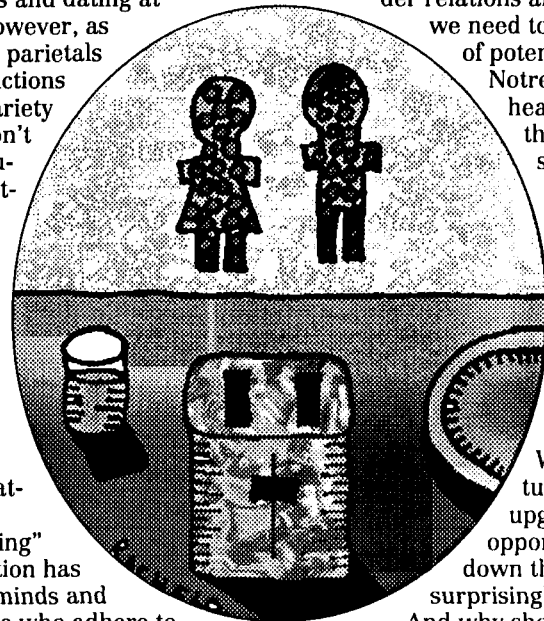
And why shouldn't we? What we want is out there. We shouldn't have to look so hard to find it, because it may just be in our own back yards.

Once we take these opportunities, it's surprisingly easy to "leggo the ego." We're not found wanting, because we've found something better. We discover that we don't want the bigger, better deal.

We've already got it.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Food Services practices bad business

In my limited experience at Notre Dame, I have discovered that Notre Dame Food Services uses questionable business practices. Any student knows that paying \$9.63 for a meal would be steep in most places around the nation. Students get an even worse deal when they are in a hurry and forgo the all you can eat buffet of the dining halls and get Grab 'n Go. Here a sandwich and four small entrées consisting of small beverages, bags of chips or a cookie. Doing the math, that's more than \$1.60 per entree. Students would be better purchasing an entire meal from a vending machine rather than getting Grab 'n Go.

It disgusts me that NDFS rips off students everyday and hides behind the idea that it fosters community. Its mission statement claims that it operates "in an ethical and fiscally responsible manner." It is readily apparent, however, that this statement is false when NDFS responded to the Student Senate's demand

for a Flex 10 plan. It replied that the new plan would be too expensive and that it would decrease student unity.

Basically Food Services claimed that it could only operate if it continued to fleece students. Food Services expects the average student to lose money, because it has engineered the hours and rules for using meals to conflict with the needs of an average student.

Paying \$1.60 for a small box of apple juice is grossly inappropriate. These questionable business practices would be scandalous at any public institution, so how is it that a Catholic university tolerates this behavior?

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Albert Camus
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MARKET RECAP

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Dow Jones	7,775.60	↑	+70.73
NASDAQ	1,314.40	↑	+6.63
S&P 500	829.85	↑	+7.86
AMEX	828.64	↓	-1.10
NYSE	4,673.75	↑	+35.70

TOP 5 VOLUME LEADERS

COMPANY	%CHANGE	\$GAIN	PRICE
NASDAQ-100 INDEX (QQQ)	+0.20	+0.05	24.55
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SIRIUS SATELLIT (SIRI)	-25.36	-0.18	0.53
MICROSOFT CORP (MSFT)	+1.60	+0.37	23.44
CISCO SYSTEMS (CSCO)	+0.81	+0.11	13.74

IN BRIEF

Fed: Economic activity subdued

Business spending held in check by the possibility of war and consumers kept at home by a snowstorm helped keep the U.S. economy subdued, the Federal Reserve reported Wednesday. Hardware sales saw a silver lining, the central bank noted: Fears of terrorism and the snow in the Northeast boosted the sales of duct tape, plastic and shovels. The Fed's latest survey of economic activity compiled from information supplied by its 12 regional banks showed little pickup in the first part of the year following a major slowdown in the last three months of 2002.

"Growth in economic activity remained subdued in January and February. Only a few districts reported any notable changes from the last Beige Book," the Fed said in the report named for the color of its cover.

Most economists believe policy-makers will leave a key interest rate unchanged at that meeting, preferring to wait until they have better information on the outcome of any U.S. war with Iraq.

American union workers reject offer

Union leaders who represent ground workers at American Airlines rejected a plan for \$620 million in concessions, saying the carrier is in financial trouble but didn't prove it needs that much from the employees. The decision late Tuesday by the Transport Workers Union deals a blow to the Fort Worth-based carrier's effort to win \$1.8 billion in employee givebacks by restructuring labor agreements with several unions. American said the TWU's rejection was just one step in the process, adding that the two sides are still negotiating and the proposal wasn't a "take-it-or-leave-it" matter.

"It expressed our view as to the sorts of modifications necessary to avoid bankruptcy," said American spokesman Bruce Hicks.

American had asked the group to give up \$620 million a year in pay and benefits that would make the airline more efficient and less costly. However, the union said its analysts did not come to the same conclusion.

CHINA

Leaders eye workers, farmers

◆ Government vows to focus on poor rural areas

Associated Press

BEIJING

The leaders of a fast-changing China opened their legislature Wednesday by singling out the plight of impoverished farmers and workers as a potentially explosive problem that threatens the country's future.

Easing grinding poverty in the vast regions of China left behind by the nation's economic boom emerged as the top priority at the opening of a national legislature that will end with a new president and premier — and, today, the unveiling of a new budget.

With China's next leaders sitting behind him in the Great Hall of the People, Premier Zhu Rongji stood at a flower-festooned podium and read a long list of "outstanding difficulties and problems" from his state-of-the-nation report to the National People's Congress.

Zhu, set to retire during the 14-day meeting, prominently mentioned the "slow growth in farmers' incomes and some urban residents" as well as the "rise in the unemployed." He also cautioned about environmental problems, government waste and corruption.

"We should continue to take developing agriculture and the rural economy and increasing farmers' income as the top priority of our economic work," Zhu said in delivering the 55-page report, broadcast nationwide on state television.

But many of his solutions — training programs for laid-off workers, improved irrigation, more social services — are likely to swell an already big budget deficit. Whether China can afford these measures may become clearer when the proposed budget is unveiled Thursday.



AFP Photo

Chinese Premier Zhu Rongji delivers his final report to the annual session of the National People's Congress in Beijing.

In recent years, China has increasingly been viewed as a shiny new economy that, by embracing the market, has shrugged off the dusty old days of communism.

Zhu's generation of leaders focused on creating an export-driven industry that brought in hundreds of billions of dollars in investment.

China's success has fed perceptions that the Chinese have traded in their Mao suits for designer clothes and cell phones.

Although this image fits many in booming southern coastal cities like Shanghai, Shenzhen and Guangzhou, these are mere pockets of prosperity. In the poor interior provinces, hundreds of millions of people endure crushing poverty that has

eased little since the communists came to power in 1949 promising prosperity.

As Zhu demanded more remedies for the rural and urban poor, he also called for steps bound to increase their misery. He supported more radical capitalist-style reform, more opening of China's markets to foreign competition and the closure of inefficient companies.

The premier said the government is aiming for 7 percent economic growth this year, the minimum Chinese officials say they need to create jobs for millions laid off in the overhaul of state industry.

Across the street from the meeting hall, a farmer who gave only his surname, Wang, echoed the premier's call for greater help for the

countryside.

"Overall, our lives have improved over the years, but there are still a lot of problems in rural areas," said Wang, visiting Beijing from the northeastern province of Liaoning.

Before saying more, Wang abruptly rushed off after noticing that police — who had already questioned and searched him twice within five minutes — were closing in again.

Legions of security forces aggressively patrolled the area. Wearing long green overcoats or black parkas with radio antennas poking out of pockets, the officers broke up small groups of people watching the 2,984 congress delegates drive off to lunch in black luxury sedans or in tour buses.

Coke chairman gets \$4M bonus

Associated Press

ATLANTA

As Coca-Cola Co.'s net income dropped and it laid off employees, Chairman Doug Daft got a \$4 million bonus on top of his \$1.5 million salary in 2002, according to a company filing Wednesday.

Daft was not awarded any stock options, but his bonus increased from 2001, when he got \$3.5 million, according to a company proxy statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

His salary remained unchanged.

Coke's profit fell 22.5 percent in 2002, and the company announced it would cut about 1,900 employees in North America and Germany.

"Mr. Daft led the company through considerable progress over the past year in achieving ... strong financial results, growing our brands, strengthening our bottler relationships and building our leadership team," the company said.

Coke's other top executives got pay raises.

Vice Chairman Brian Dyson's compensation rose from \$416,667 in 2001 to \$1 million in 2002, but

he was with the company for less than half of 2001 and his salary did not increase, Coke said.

He got a \$1.5 million bonus, compared to a \$875,000 bonus in 2001.

President and chief operating officer Steven Heyer made \$885,000 with a \$2 million bonus, after being paid \$643,333 with a \$1.5 million bonus in 2001.

Shares of Coke fell 82 cents, or 2.1 percent, to close at \$37.55 in trading Wednesday on the New York Stock Exchange.

Coke shares are down 21 percent from their close of \$47.60 at the same point a year ago.

Eldred

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but said that the full Board did not learn of Eldred's decision until Wednesday morning.

Steadman said that she called an impromptu meeting of the trustees at which time Eldred informed the entire Board of her retirement.

"It was Marilou's decision. It seems it's the right time in her life," Steadman said. "The Board is supportive of her decision and is pleased that she will continue until a new president is named."

The Board of Trustees summarized of decisions from their Oct. meeting stated that the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees will initiate a comprehensive review of President Eldred and that "this comprehensive review will include input from all components of the College community." The summary also reported that many institutions conduct such reviews at five-year intervals.

Steadman said Eldred's retirement had nothing to do with the Board's review.

"We're still going to receive a report to look at skill," she said.

Steadman said that this report would then be used to set standards for the qualifications a candidate should possess.

Saint Mary's will begin the search for a new president by forming a committee of trustee members that will work to propose a search process to the Board, Steadman said.

"At the April meeting we will review and approve a process for a [national] search," Steadman said. "It could take as long as maybe toward the end of 2004 but it could also happen sooner than that."

Eldred said she readily agreed to stay with the College until a new president is elected and a transition plan is in place.

"I expect that it will take most of next year to complete a search for a new president," Eldred said. "I expect to fulfill all of my responsibilities during the time that I am here."

Steadman said it is difficult to gauge how long a search will take or when Eldred's successor will be able to take over as president.

"It's not a question we can answer until we know who [Eldred's successor] is going to be," Steadman said.

Steadman also said that the broader Saint Mary's community would be invited to take part in the search.

According to College spokeswoman Melanie Engler, Eldred informed colleagues of her decision to retire by phone or through personal letters. Eldred called Mishawaka Mayor Bob Beutter and South Bend Mayor Stephen Luecke, Notre Dame President Father Edward Malloy and Holy Cross College President Richard Gilman Wednesday to inform them of her retirement.

Eldred also held personal conferences with some members of the College community, although the greater Saint Mary's community found out via e-mail or by word of mouth. Information can also be found on the College's Web site.

Eldred came to Saint Mary's after 18 years at the College of St. Catherine in St. Paul, Minn., where she served in many different administrative capacities. Eldred became the 10th president of the College when she was inaugurated in 1997 and the first laywoman to hold the position at Saint Mary's. The College has received a No. 1 ranking from "U.S. News & World Report" for

five of Eldred's six years as president.

After announcing her decision, Eldred reflected back on what she felt she had accomplished in her term at Saint Mary's.

"The legacy I hope to leave is one of improved education for our students through the faculty who were here and who have been hired in the past six years, the Center for Women's Intercultural Leadership that provides opportunities for faculty and students to broaden their cultural perspectives on the world and [of] improved facilities for teaching, learning, social life and residential options for students," she said.

While at Saint Mary's, Eldred was instrumental in the development of the College's Strategic Plan, which includes advance-

ments in curriculum, technology and diversity. Eldred also helped to create the Center for Women's Intercultural Leadership, which received a \$12 million grant from the Lilly Endowment and opened in 2001.

In addition, Eldred helped develop the College's Master Plan, which calls for many renovations and new construction to better serve campus needs. Groundbreaking for the student clubhouse Dalloway's and the Welcome Center began in spring 2000 and the College also began construction on the new student center and dining hall facility in April 2002.

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of your travel itinerary and passport data with family or friends at home; becoming familiar with local laws and customs of foreign countries; not carrying a package for anyone; and never leaving luggage unattended.

For women traveling alone, safety tips included: not announcing that you are traveling alone; establishing check-in dates when you will call family or friends to let them know you are safe; leaving any valuables, such as extra credit cards and jewelry, at home; and choosing a hotel with good security and transportation available.

Despite the State Department's warning, some students remained skeptical.

"I think we're old enough to watch out for ourselves," said freshman Maggie Manning. "Travel with friends, of course, but when it comes down to it, it's just about personal judgment."

The State Department ended its press release by reminding students that it is possible to be safe and have a fun trip by avoiding risky behavior. For more information about traveling abroad, visit the State Department's Web site at <http://travel.state.gov/studentinfo.html>

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ISRAEL

Suicide bus bomber kills 16, injures 55 in Haifa

Associated Press

HAIFA

A bomber blew himself up aboard a bus filled with students in this northern Israeli city Wednesday, killing at least 16 people and injuring 55. The blast spread blood-splattered debris throughout a prosperous hilltop neighborhood, ending a two-month lull in suicide bombings.

Police identified the bomber as Mahmoud Hamdan Kawasme, 20, of the West Bank city of Hebron, and said he was carrying a letter praising the Sept. 11 attacks. There was no claim of responsibility for the attack, and it was not known whether he was affiliated with a militant group.

The attack followed the establishment of a new hard-line government in Israel and a government pledge to step up military strikes against militant strongholds in the Gaza Strip. Dozens of Palestinians have been killed in more than two weeks of raids, including at least 10 civilians.

Prime Minister Ariel Sharon called an emergency meeting of senior Cabinet ministers late Wednesday to discuss the bombing.

Bus No. 37 was packed with students from Haifa University when it stopped in the hilltop neighborhood of Carmelia at

2:17 p.m. to let off passengers.

"I suddenly heard an explosion," said bus driver Marwan Damouni, an Israeli Arab, who was being treated at a hospital. "I tried to move, to see if there were wounded. I couldn't hear anything because of the force."

The explosion blew off the bus roof, shattered all its windows and toppled nearby palm trees. Floodlights cast an eerie glow on the scene, illuminating the charred skeleton of the vehicle.

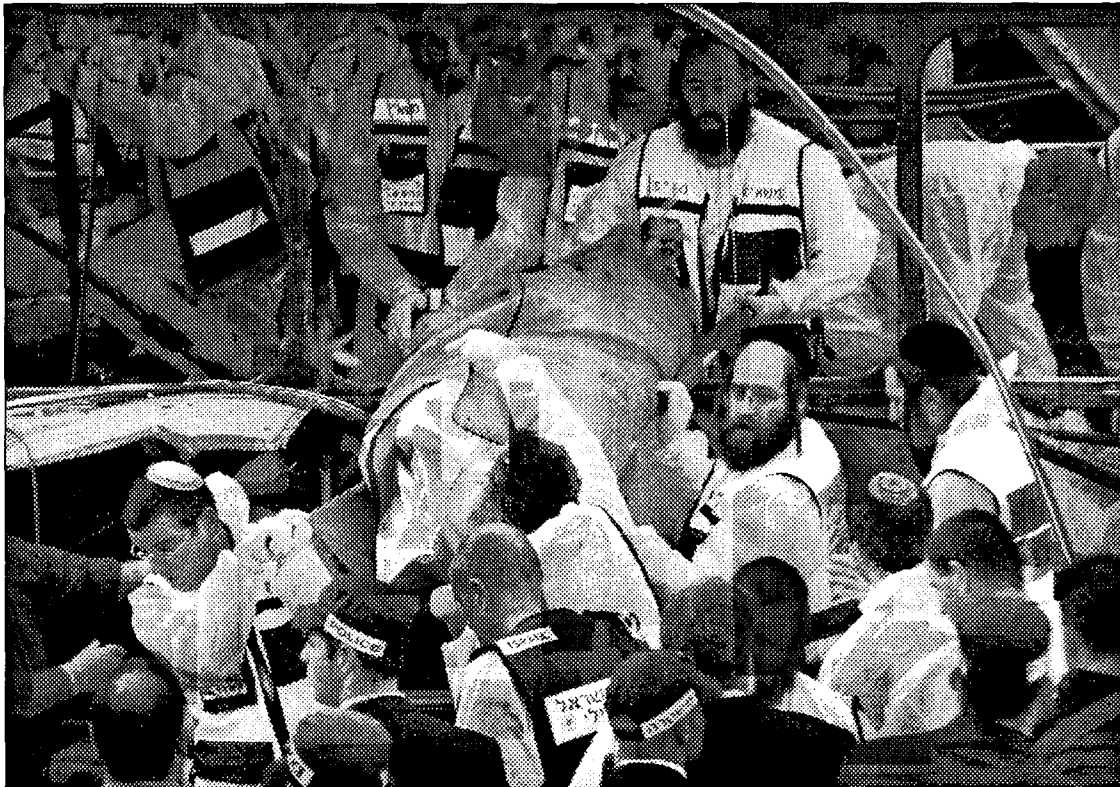
The bomb was laden with metal shrapnel for greater deadliness, according to Police Commissioner Shlomo Aharonishki. Crime lab technicians were investigating, but early reports said the blast was caused by 130 pounds of explosives.

Rescue workers and police said they believed one of the 16 dead was the bomber. Dozens were seriously injured, among them passers-by.

Ovadia Saar, who was driving a bus behind the one that was attacked, said he saw "the back of the bus fly into the air, and the windows blew out and a great cloud of dust covered the bus."

"I got out and ran toward the bus. It was a horrible sight. There were a few bodies in the street," he said. "Those we saw breathing, we evacuated."

A spokesman for the Islamic militant group Hamas, Abdel



AFP Photo

A body is evacuated from the passenger bus where a Palestinian militant suicide bomber blew himself up in the northern Israeli city of Haifa. Sixteen people died in the blast and over 55 were injured.

Aziz Rantisi, praised the bombing but did not claim responsibility. "We will not stop our resistance," he said. "We are not going to give up in the face of the

daily killing" of Palestinians.

Some Palestinians in Gaza called each other on cell phones, spreading news about the Haifa attack. Some were jubilant.

"It's about time. They've kept on hitting us and killing us, and now we've struck back," said an ice cream vendor in Gaza, who refused to give his name.

FRANCE

France, Russia and Germany vow no Iraq war approval

Associated Press

PARIS

The foreign ministers of France, Germany and Russia said Wednesday they will "not allow" passage of an American-backed U.N. resolution to authorize war against Iraq — deepening the trans-Atlantic split between Washington and two of its closest allies.

The three ministers, whose countries have led opposition to war on Iraq, held an emergency meeting in Paris. Reacting to their comments, American officials expressed confidence that Russia and

France, in the end, will not veto the resolution, which could open the door for military action.

"We will not allow a resolution to pass that authorizes resorting to force," France's Dominique de Villepin said at a press conference alongside his Russian and German counterparts. "Russia and France, as permanent members of the Security Council, will assume their full responsibilities on this point."

When asked whether France would use its veto in the council as Russia has suggested it might do, de Villepin said, "We will take all our responsibilities. We are in total agreement with the Russians."

France believes that the U.S.-backed resolution to pave the way for war would currently get no more than four votes in the U.N. Security Council — five short of the number needed to pass. That would spare France the need to use its veto.

In Washington, White House spokesman Ari Fleischer cautioned against jumping to conclusions about the outcome of any U.N. debate on a second resolution on Iraq.

"You will continue to hear various statements by various people around the world," Fleischer said, adding that President Bush was "confident in the end of the ultimate outcome" of the resolution

debate.

"What you are observing is a fluid situation as different nations make different statements that all lead up to the one day which is the most important day, which is the day of the vote," White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said.

At his daily briefing Fleischer said there was "no final word from any nation" and that diplomacy going on in many capitals.

At the United Nations, reporters asked U.S. deputy ambassador Richard Williamson how Washington could get Security Council approval with two vetoes. "I don't think they used that word, did they?" Williamson replied.

WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Rebel bomb blast in Columbia kills 7:

A bomb set off by suspected rebels ripped through a shopping center in northeastern Colombia on Wednesday, killing seven people, injuring at least 20 and setting the complex on fire. Television images showed shocked survivors wandering around the shopping stalls, blackened Ash Wednesday marks still on their foreheads. Government officials said the attack in Cucuta, on the border with Venezuela, was part of an attempt by guerrillas to bring the nation's long-simmering war to Colombia's cities.

Turkish army backs U.S. deployment:

Turkey's military said it supported letting in U.S. troops for a war in Iraq, boosting pressure on legislators to reconsider their rejection of a measure allowing the deployment. The comments from Gen. Hilmi Ozkok, the nation's top officer, came a day after Turkey's top political leader indicated that the government plans to reintroduce a new troop deployment resolution.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Police say R.I. salesman suggested foam:

A foam company salesman told the owners of The Station they should soundproof their nightclub with packaging foam, the highly flammable material investigators believe contributed to the inferno that killed 98 people, authorities say. Newly released investigative documents contradict the man's previous account about the purchase of the egg crate-style packaging foam that covered the walls at the club, which burned to the ground Feb. 20.

Iowa man killed in Philippines blast:

Barbara Brooker says her brother always knew the dangers of being a missionary in the Philippines. But he felt he had a calling to do the work, and he loved working with children, whatever the risk. William P. Hyde, 59, a native of Shellsburg, died Tuesday in the blast that killed at least 20 others at the Philippines' Davao airport.

INDIANA NEWS BRIEFS

Group protests anti-war N.Y. T-shirt arrest:

About 100 anti-war demonstrators marched through a mall Wednesday to protest the arrest of a shopper who wore a T-shirt that read "Peace on Earth" and "Give Peace a Chance." "We just want to know what the policy is and why it's being randomly enforced," said Erin O'Brien, an organizer of the noontime rally at the Crossgates Mall in suburban Albany. "It's only the people in the recent months who have anti-war or peace T-shirts that are being asked to leave the mall."

Man charged in fight 9 years later:

Nine years ago, Desmon Venn threw a single punch at a high school classmate in Philadelphia and put him in a coma. Venn pleaded guilty to assault, spent two months in a boot camp and figured he had paid his debt. Last month, though, prosecutors brought involuntary manslaughter charges against Venn after the victim finally died of his injuries without ever coming out of his coma.

EXPRESSING ANTI-WAR SENTIMENT



REBECCA STUMPF/The Observer

Sophomore Meredith Sheppard writes a message on the "No War In Iraq" banner at the "Poets for Peace" forum in O'Shaughnessy hall.

ND organizes anti-war events

By JULIA MILLER-LEMON
News Writer

Several Notre Dame students, faculty and staff participated today in the National Student Day of Action to voice their anti-war sentiments about the tensions in Iraq.

The event was organized by Valerie Sayers, an English professor and director of the University's creative writing program, and Books Not Bombs, a campus student activist group.

The purpose was to "increase knowledge of why there is protest against the war," Terriss Conterato, one of the student coordinators for the event, said before the event. "It will be an afternoon of student activism."

A group of 24 readers organized by Sayers began the protest by reading their own anti-war poetry and selected works of others. This group included faculty, undergraduate and graduate students, one alumnus and a Gulf War veteran, all of whom stressed an anti-war theme in their readings, said Conterato.

Later, three faculty members

also associated with the Books Not Bombs group served as keynote speakers. One of the speakers, Father Michael Baxter, a theology professor and fellow at the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, spent last Christmas in Iraq. Baxter spoke about the current issues in Iraq and the need for repentance.

Kristin Shrader-Frechette, a philosophy professor, discussed the options for protecting national security other than war.

The third speaker was professor George Lopez, a fellow at the Kellogg Institute and Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies.

The event also included speakers from the Peace Coalition and other campus groups, petition signing and opportunities for prayer and reflection and culminated in a candlelight procession at 10 p.m.

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ECDC Registration

The Early Childhood Development Center (ECDC) is currently registering kindergarten age children for the 2003-04 School Year. 2003 Summer Day Camp registration for children ages 2.5-10 will occur in early March. 2003-04 School Year registration of preschool age children will take place in early April. For more information and ECDC Parent Meeting & Tour dates, please call one of the numbers below.



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SMC plans Women's Month activities

By MEGAN O'NEIL
News Writer

In recognition of Women's Month, Saint Mary's has planned events during March to highlight women's issues and concerns.

The month will culminate with the Third Wave Feminism Week and the Women Honoring Women dinner on March 27.

The month of activities began Tuesday evening with the annual Take Back the Night Rally. The rally, intended to increase awareness about sexual assault and its implications, included a bonfire and a march around the Saint Mary's campus.

On March 19, the Student Academic Council will bring Yale history professor Cynthia Eagle Russett to campus as the first of several women to speak during Women's Month. She will address the role that Catholic women's education has played in America.

Comedian Megan Mooney will come to campus on March 26 for a stand-up performance.

Board members saw Mooney perform at the annual Nation Association for Campus Activities meeting in October and decided to consider inviting her to Saint Mary's.

"We were really impressed by her sense of humor," said board member Andrienne Dorbish. "Particularly her satire on women and the way they are viewed by the world."

On March 27, the College will hold the Women Honoring Women Dinner on campus. The event will honor Saint Mary's students, faculty and staff for their contributions to women's education and an award will be presented to one of three nominees to given to the Women of the Year.

"I think is really important to recognize the achievements of women and that is what this dinner is doing," said student body vice-president Elizabeth Jablonski-Diehl.

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South Bend Community Resources:

- Women's Care Center: 234-0363
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Eldred. She has set a high standard working with students and hearing student input."

Because Jablonski-Diehl takes office Apr. 1, she was concerned how much student input would be considered during the search for a successor.

"The president has a huge role ... being directly in charge of the College," Jablonski-Diehl said. "[It's very important] that students needs and rights are considered [in the selection process]."

Jensen and Jablonski-Diehl said they also encourage students to come to them with any concerns they might have about Eldred's announcement.

"I'm not particularly familiar with what she has or has not done," junior Bethany Hubba said. "People retire all the time and I haven't heard of any particular controversy surrounding the decision."

Eldred has been the College's president since 1997 and will continue to serve as president until her successor is named. The Board of Trustees will conduct a nationwide search that is expected to take most of the 2003-04 school year.

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Annual Romero Week Lectures

Archbishop Oscar A. Romero: Martyr of the Option for the Poor

Tuesday, March 18, 7 pm
Hesburgh Center Auditorium

Archbishop Samuel Ruiz, Chiapas, Mexico

Rev. Gustavo Gutiérrez, op, respondent, Department of Theology, University of Notre Dame

Neris Gonzalez & Shawn Roberts: Voices for Peace and Dignity in El Salvador

Wednesday, March 19, Noon-1 pm
Haggar Parlor, Saint Mary's College

Neris Gonzalez, Salvadoran church worker and torture survivor

Shawn Roberts, International human rights attorney, former Legal Director, Center for Justice and Accountability

Has Justice Been Won? The Case of the Salvadoran Torture Survivors and the Generals

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Neris Gonzalez, Salvadoran church worker and torture survivor

Garth Meintjes, Center for Civil and Human Rights, University of Notre Dame

Shawn Roberts, International human rights attorney, former Legal Director, Center for Justice and Accountability

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OIT to install 4 new e-mail servers over spring break

By SCOTT BRODFUEHRER
Associate News Editor

The Office of Information Technologies will be replacing the campus e-mail servers this Friday and Saturday in an effort to provide significant performance improvements and new features to students. However the upgrade will involve a 24-hour e-mail outage and may require some users to make changes to their e-mail settings.

According to Paul Russell, senior systems administrator at OIT, the current e-mail servers have been in use for

four years and have not been significantly upgraded since that time. The four new servers have a similar amount of storage space to the current ones, but have processors that are more than four times faster and have eight times more memory.

"The new servers have significantly more resources than the old ones and I am anticipating that performance problems with the e-mail server, which have been going on for a year, will disappear," said Russell.

The replacement of the servers will begin at 8 p.m. Friday and continue until 8

p.m. Saturday. During that time, users will be unable to read e-mail through any e-mail client while some 250 gigabytes of e-mail data is moved from the old e-mail servers to the new ones. All e-mail sent to users during the outage will be delivered at the end of the outage.

To prepare to use the new servers, OIT has created a list of guidelines it says all e-mail users should follow before the upgrade Friday, including setting the incoming mail server to imap.nd.edu or pop.nd.edu and setting the outgoing mail server to smtp.nd.edu. However, most current set-

tings will continue to work after the upgrade, including using the imap-x.nd.edu format for an incoming e-mail server (where the "x" represents the first letter of the user's AFS ID). A complete listing of guidelines for preparing for the transition is available at <http://www.nd.edu/~ndoit>.

In addition to improving performance, the upgrade will offer a number of new features. Webmail will be changed during the upgrade to a new tool called IMP, which has a different look than the current Webmail client and offers users increased functionality, including displaying e-mail

to have mail forwarded to other addresses and have a still have a copy remain at their Notre Dame account. The vacation auto-reply message function will be improved so that users can set it to take activate on a certain date and end on a certain date.

The security of the communications between the server and individual mail clients will also be improved as the new e-mail server supports "secure socket layer." Unlike the current system where a user's e-mail address and password are sent in regular text across the network to the e-mail server, SSL allows the entire session between a user's mail client and the server to be

encrypted. To utilize SSL, users must set their incoming mail server to imap.nd.edu and not one of the other imap aliases.

Another new feature will allow off-campus users to use authenticated SMTP to send mail through a client such as Netscape after the upgrade is

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Paul Russell
OIT senior systems administrator

"We got feedback from 75 people out of the 250 people who tested it and with just one exception, they all said that they preferred the new version to the old one," said Russell.

A spam filter called SpamAssassin will also be implemented which rates each e-mail based on the likelihood of it being spam. A new tool will allow users to choose to automatically forward e-mails the program thinks are spam to a special folder or directly to the trash. This filter will be an addition to technologies already employed by OIT to combat spam, which currently identify about 15 percent of all e-mails sent to Notre Dame accounts as spam and delete them.

Users will be able have their mail forwarded to up to 15 other e-mail addresses instead of just one address. Additionally, they will be able

completed.

Finally, the quota system for e-mail memory will be changed. In the current system, when a student exceeds his 50-megabyte allotment, his mailbox automatically rejects new messages. Following the upgrade, users will have 14 days to delete messages and a mailbox will reject new messages only if the user is still exceeding the quota at the end of the grace period or if the user exceeds a 250-megabyte quota during that time.

Faculty and staff will have a similar system, but their initial quota is 100 megabytes and their e-mail account will now reject new messages only if they exceed a 500-megabyte limit or are still over their quota at the end of the grace period.

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INSIDE COLUMN

Ten things I hate about Notre Dame

Notre Dame is a college that has always had a special place in my heart — I have wanted to attend school here as long as I can remember and not a day goes by that I do not think how lucky I am to have the opportunity to spend four years of my life at this fine institution. However, I have come to realize that there are some aspects of life associated with Notre Dame that I simply cannot bear. The list goes on and on but I take this opportunity to share a few of my pet peeves:

Mike Flanagan
Controller

1. That my brother Tom and I somehow manage to get stuck behind someone from Michigan at every automatic tollbooth on our drive from Notre Dame to our Chicago-land home. These Michiganders appear to be incapable of understanding that only \$.40 of exact change will lift the gate that prevents their car from moving forward — believe it or not, shoving a dollar bill into the change-only receptacle will neither lift the gate nor magically spit the \$.60 of correct change from its depths.
2. That during Lent, my eyes will be forced to read a viewpoint every single day in this fine newspaper about why no meat is served in the dining halls on Fridays.
3. That some of my fellow peers find it necessary to strap on their jumbo headsets and blare music during their 4 minute, 16 second walk from their dorm to class.
4. That the broccoli cuts in the dining hall have only the stumpy parts and none of the leafy greens.
5. That during the week, the women of Notre Dame wear pajama pants and hooded sweatshirts to class without displaying their womanly beauty to the fullest. Just kidding.
6. That during the week not a minute goes by that a congregation of Saint Mary's girls doesn't seem to be running through the halls of my dorm. Not kidding.
7. The Dave Dog.
8. The fact that one of my roommates insists that he has never eaten an apple in his life and vows he never will. Then again, this comes from the same person who has only had one beer in his life — at 4 o'clock on a December morning of 2001 when it was evident that his male-crush, Jon Gruden, would not be the next coach of the Irish. Perhaps I should've figured.
9. That my roommate has made me his alarm clock. If that wasn't bad enough, sometimes he hits the snooze button and I have to wake him up 10 minutes later.
10. That the free drink machine at CoMo has been covered up. This begs the question, did Campus Ministry give up charity for Lent?

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Mike Flanagan at mflanag1@nd.edu

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The College has organized a wide variety of events to honor and celebrate women during the month of March.	A suicide bomber in the Haifa, Israel blew himself up while aboard a bus filled with students.	The Chinese National People's Congress opened Wednesday by discussing the plight of poor farmers and workers.	Viewpoint columnist Jackie Browder discusses dating and relationships among Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students.	Reviewers give a thumbs down to 'The Pianist' and 'The Life of David Gale.'	Notre Dame tennis captain Katie Cunha organized and played in the annual Ace for the Cure in memory of her mother, who died of cancer.
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WHAT'S HAPPENING @ ND

- ◆ Lecture with Sarah Horton, "New Mexico medicaid and Latino Immigrants" 5 p.m. at 242 DeBartolo Hall
- ◆ ND Cinema: "One Hour Photo" 7 p.m. at Hesburgh Library Auditorium
- ◆ Lauren Greenfield: "Girl Culture" art exhibit 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Snite Museum of Art

WHAT'S HAPPENING @ SMC

- ◆ Lecture with Senator John Broden 4 p.m. at Carroll Auditorium
- ◆ Intercultural Floor 6 p.m. at North Wedge Room, Noble Family Dining Hall
- ◆ Kaplan Test Prep 6 p.m. at 315N Madeleva Hall

WHAT'S GOING DOWN

- Student reports harassment**
A resident of Fischer Graduate Housing reported receiving harassing phone calls Tuesday.
- Fire department transports student**
NDFD transported a student to the St. Joseph Hospital Emergency Room for treatment of an illness Tuesday.
- Student sustains sports injury**
NDSP reported transporting a student to University Health Services from the Rockne Memorial fitness facility for treatment of a sports injury Tuesday.
- Car accident occurs without injury**
A two-vehicle car accident occurred on the corner of Juniper Road and ROTC Drive Monday. Nobody was reported injured.
- Student loses cell phone**
A student reported losing her cell phone while walking from the Bookstore to McGlinn Hall Monday.
- Student reports theft**
A Welsh resident reported that her unlocked dorm room was entered and a pair of jeans was stolen Monday.

~compiled from the NDSP crime blotter

WHAT'S COOKING

North Dining Hall	South Dining Hall	Saint Mary's Dining Hall
Today's Lunch: Penne with gorgonzola, Puerto Rican pasta sauce, cheese and pepperoni French bread pizza, breadsticks, fresh corned beef, boiled cabbage, brown sauce, chicken gravy, whipped potatoes, peas and carrots, apple crisp, cheese strata, Italian risotto, baked potatoes, spinach, grits, scrambled eggs, sausage patties	Today's Lunch: Basil-pepper-tomato mostaccioli, three-pepper linguine, three-pepper sauce, four-cheese pizza, cherry turnovers, breadsticks, herbed noodles, sugar-snap peas with sesame, lemon-lime chicken breast, haddock with herbs, roasted turkey breast, curried vegetable rice pilaf, cheddar-stuffed potatoes	No information available
Today's Dinner: Southern fried chicken, collard greens with ham hocks, brown sauce, chicken gravy, whipped potatoes, corn, apple crisp, spinach quiche, baked herbed zucchini, baked potatoes, yellow rice with raisins, stir-fried garlicky kale	Today's Dinner: Peas and pearl onions, vegetable rice casserole, grilled redfish, broccoli-rice casserole, Italian-blend vegetables, chicken-fried steak, rotisserie chicken, couscous with vegetables, apple crisp, cheese sticks	

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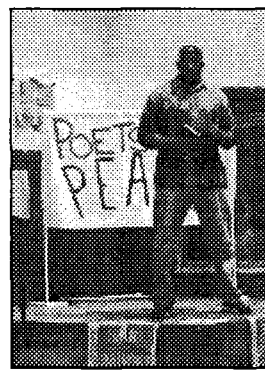
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Eldred announces retirement from SMC

◆ After 6 years, Eldred plans to return to Minnesota

By SARAH NESTOR
Saint Mary's Editor

Saint Mary's President Marilou Eldred officially announced her retirement from the College Wednesday morning.

"She is ready to retire but the Board [of Trustees] has requested that she stay on [until a successor is named] and [Eldred] said she would," said College spokeswoman Melanie Engler.

Eldred said she had been considering retirement for several months and plans to move back to Minnesota with her husband, Don, once her successor has been named.

"My experience at Saint Mary's has been fantastic," said Eldred, who was inaugurated as president in 1997. "It has been a privilege to lead this College to the next level; to work with our faculty and staff to provide the highest quality education possible for the



Observer file photo

College president Marilou Eldred speaks at the benefit fundraiser 'Down the Avenue' in the fall of 2002 on campus.

talented students who come to [Saint Mary's]."

According to Sister Joan Marie Steadman, chair of the Board of

Trustees, Eldred had previously spoken with her about retiring

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◆ Students react to President's decision to retire

By SARAH NESTOR
Saint Mary's Editor

Saint Mary's President Marilou Eldred's retirement announcement Wednesday took the College campus by surprise.

"I definitely understand her decision. Running a college is hard work," senior Meghan Lafferty said. "I think she did a great job at Saint Mary's so I think the College will miss her."

Students were informed about Eldred's decision from professors and friends and through the Saint Mary's Web site, but they differed in their reactions to Eldred's retirement.

"I was surprised. I hadn't a clue until my psychology professor told us this morning," sophomore Kristen Zainiger said.

"I wasn't surprised. I kind of think it's a good move for the

College," freshman Lilli Spitz said.

Two of the first students to learn of Eldred's decision were student body president Kim Jensen and student body president-elect Elizabeth Jablonski-Diehl. Eldred held meetings with Jensen and Jablonski-Diehl Wednesday morning to personally inform them of her decision.

Jensen said that she and Jablonski-Diehl did not learn until this morning of Eldred's retirement.

However, Jablonski-Diehl said the announcement did not come as a complete surprise to her because she said college presidents "switch around every five or six years."

"We recognize there may be concerns about the announcement of Dr. Eldred's retirement, but we want to assure you that this not out of the ordinary," Jensen and Jablonski-Diehl wrote in a statement to The Observer. "It has been a pleasure to work alongside Dr.

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Main events during Eldred's tenure at Saint Mary's

June 1997: President Eldred takes office.

Feb. 1998: Eldred denies The Alliance, a student group for lesbian, bisexual and questioning women. Students protest club status refusal the next day.

April 1999: Class of 2003 is largest increase in applications since 1990.

March 1998: Performa Consulting submits plans for a new dining hall, bookstore, coffeehouse, mail center and study area to Board of Trustees.

Jan. 2001: Saint Mary's cancels "Vagina Monologues."

Feb. 2001: Students perform "Vagina Monologues" and receive disciplinary action from Eldred.

May 2001: Eldred receives honorary degree from Notre Dame.

May 2001: Complaint filed with Dept. of Education that SMC Security is not in compliance with Jeanne Clery Act.

March 2000: Master plan building begins with officials breaking ground on Dalloway's Coffeehouse.

Sept. 2001: CWIL opens as a \$12 million gift from Lilly Endowment, Inc.

March 2003: Eldred announces her retirement from SMC.

April 2002: Officials break ground for new dining hall and student center.

Dec. 2001: DOE inspector comes o campus to investigat SMC practices and compliance.

Dept. of State releases spring break advisory

By MAUREEN REYNOLDS
News Writer

The U.S. Department of State recently issued their annual press release outlining the dangers facing students who plan to travel for spring break. The press release stated that more than 2,500 American citizens are arrested in foreign countries each year, half of those arrests due to drug possession. Americans are often arrested, it said, because they are unfamiliar with the customs and laws of other countries.

"A drug that may be legal in one country may not be legal in a neighboring nation. Some young people are victimized because they may be unaware of the laws, customs or standards of the country they are visiting," the press release said.

The State Department stressed the importance of knowing the drug laws of various countries. In many, bail is not granted to those arrested on drug charges, and many times the burden of proof is on the accused to prove his or her innocence.

Most importantly, once a person leaves the United States, American

laws or Constitutional rights do not protect him or her.

"It's [students'] responsibility to find out about the laws ... they shouldn't just go crazy," freshman Triston Brewster said in reaction to the State Department's advice.

The press release indicated that many American students are arrested while abroad due to public intoxication, underage drinking and drunk driving. The press release also stated that many students do not believe they can be prosecuted in other countries because they are American citizens.

"The truth is that Americans are expected to obey all of the laws of the countries they visit, and those who break these laws sometimes face severe penalties, including prison sentences," clarified the press release.

In addition to their official press release, the State Department also issued brochures designed to inform travelers of safety tips for their Spring Break vacations. The brochures stressed tips for traveling students including traveling with a signed, valid passport; leaving copies

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ND invites graduation speaker

◆ University waits for confirmation before releasing name of speaker

By JESSICA DALSING
News Writer

While an invitation has been extended to a possible

commencement speaker, the University will not comment on the individual's name or background until confirmation is received.

"We will know who is speaking when we hear back from the person we are pursuing," said Matthew Cullinan, executive assistant to the president.

Cullinan said the University tries to select individuals from a broad range of interests for each year's Commencement.

"We try to surface potential candidates from a broad

range of backgrounds," he said.

All of Notre Dame previous three Commencement speakers — NBC journalist Tim Russert, President George Bush and U.N. Secretary General Kofi Annan — were involved with national and international politics. Cullinan said the last three speakers have represented "a global

perspective, a national perspective and one of the country's biggest issues before [Sept. 11]."

Prominent issues, both national and international,

are only one of the few areas considered when the University considers potential candidates, Cullinan said.

"We try to mix and match, not focusing exclusively on issues," he said.

In addition, officials try to select an individual with national name recognition and outstanding character.

"The officers of the University normally choose

someone who has lead an exemplary life that they feel the students will benefit from hearing," said Matt Storin, a spokesman for the University.

While suggestions for Commencement speakers may come from all areas of the Notre Dame community, the final decision regarding the Commencement speaker lies with University President Father Edward Malloy, said Cullinan. Even after an invitation has been extended to a potential speaker, "people don't always agree to participate," Cullinan said.

When an individual finally commits to speak at Notre Dame, officials provide the speaker with general information about the University and about the graduating class.

"A good speaker reads his audience and adjusts his speech accordingly," said Cullinan.

The speaker will address the graduating students at Notre Dame for about 20 minutes on at the Commencement ceremony May 18.

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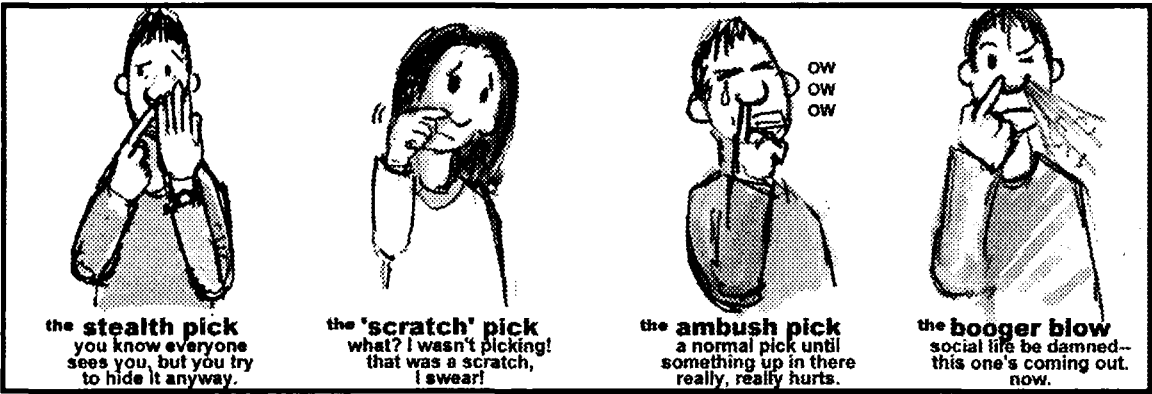
SCHOOL DAZE

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HAPPY TOWN

JACK MONAHAN



JUMBLE

HENRI ARNOLD
MIKE ARGIRION

JUMBLE

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

MAGLE
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BAXOR
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TRAYPS
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GUMMAN
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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
by Henri Arnold and Mike Argirion



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

Print answer here:

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(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's

Jumbles:
Answer:

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What her mate turned into in Las Vegas — HER "BETTOR" HALF

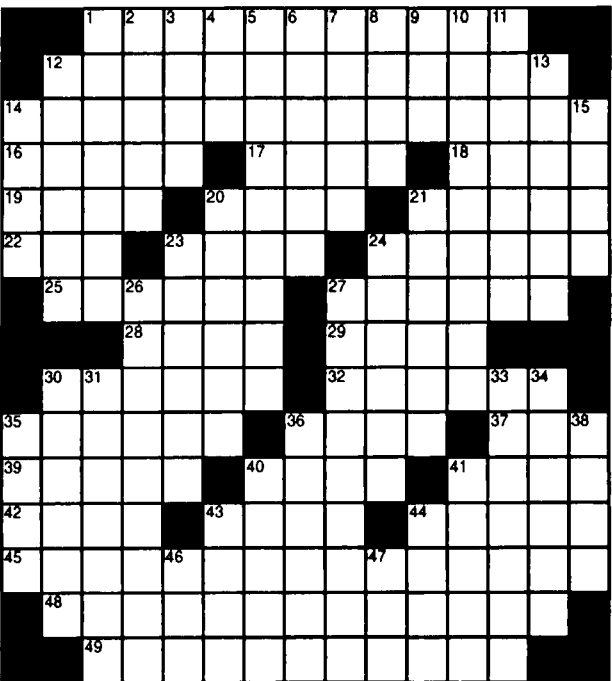
CROSSWORD

WILL SHORTZ

- ACROSS**
- 1 Economist's concern
- 12 Send-off line
- 14 Passive-aggressive behavior
- 16 Letters
- 17 Split
- 18 Vivacity
- 19 British tax
- 20 Lean on me
- 21 Crime syndicate sobriquet
- 22 Parenthesis, e.g.
- 23 Two, in Lisbon
- 24 Some mushrooms
- 25 "You couldn't have waited?"
- 27 Supposed "Tao Te Ching" writer
- 28 Stirred
- 29 Italian side dish
- 30 Lit up the room, maybe
- 32 Kind of sausage
- 35 Hit by a pitch
- 36 Long times to live: Abbr.
- 37 It gets checked with a stick
- 39 Like early jazz
- 40 Sammy Davis Jr.'s "I've Gotta"
- 41 Sensor forerunner
- 42 Rio composition
- 43 Its closing duet is "O terra, addio"
- 44 1980 embargo target

DOWN

- 1 Guadalajara is its capital
- 2 They may run on gas
- 3 Bowed
- 4 Global positioning fig.
- 5 Got limited access?
- 6 Lures
- 7 Trailer segment
- 8 Make out
- 9 Call letters?
- 10 "Pee-wee's Big Adventure" director
- 11 Surfaces
- 12 Employment agency list
- 13 Isolate
- 14 Spot checker?: Abbr.
- 15 Contents of some chests
- 20 Falsified
- 21 Doesn't drink moderately
- 23 ___ Wilson, who played Sam in "Casablanca"



Puzzle by Joe DiPietro

- 24 Kind of geology
- 26 Emulate Paul Bunyan
- 27 No marriage of convenience
- 30 Neptune, e.g.
- 31 Star of 2002's "Spider-Man"
- 33 Zip
- 34 Without really thinking
- 35 Bluster
- 36 Saxon in "Ivanhoe"
- 38 Capture
- 40 Flora and fauna
- 41 Ancient rival of Sparta
- 43 Way out there
- 44 Olin's "Mr. Jones" co-star, 1993
- 46 Clock std.
- 47 Rush

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EUGENIA LAST

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Rob Reiner, Ed McMahon, Tom Arnold, Shaquille O'Neal

Happy Birthday: You will be able to handle anything that challenges you or stands in your way with patience, tolerance, wisdom and dignity. Your strength will be admired. What you have to offer is advice, encouragement and experience. After that, focus on your own interests. Your numbers are 6, 23, 31, 37, 43, 48

ARIES (March 21-April 19): This is a great day to spend a little and enjoy being entertained. You can accomplish your objectives today through communication. Speak up. ★★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Remain silent about your financial situation today. If someone thinks that you have some extra cash, he or she will ask to borrow from you. Do not make financial promises of any kind. ★★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Pick yourself up and get involved in helping others and you will regain your confidence. Take one step at a time. Make your decisions carefully. ★★★★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Your secrets will be revealed if you have shared them with someone who isn't reliable or responsible. This person may be jealous of you and your accomplishments. ★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Your ability to enthusiastically talk others into joining your cause will put you into the spotlight. Travel, learning and getting your word out to others should be on your agenda today. ★★★★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Take a close look at your personal papers today. Make any changes that are required and get any legal or financial advice that will help you make the best choice. Changes regarding your career will be beneficial. ★★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Partnerships may be a problem if you haven't been honest. The more you do to help others today, the better you will do and the more you will be forgiven for what you haven't done in the past. ★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You should be intent on getting ahead professionally and upping your income. Take care of the responsibilities and demands that others may have, making yourself look good and very efficient. ★★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You will be able to start projects that will lead to some interesting contacts. Travel for business purposes will pay off. Get advice from someone you trust. ★★★★★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Although you may not like the changes going on around you, they will be beneficial from a financial position. You may want to keep your intentions to yourself for now. ★★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Friends and relatives will help you solve any problem you face. Don't hesitate to run your ideas by those who have already experienced situations similar to yours. ★★★★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Think about your future. Now is the time to start making those arrangements that can change your future in a positive way. ★★★

Birthday Baby: You will always try new things and be curious about how everything works. You will have some great ideas as long as you don't get sidetracked. Finish what you start and success will be yours.

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SPORTS

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WOMENS TENNIS

Keeping the fight alive

◆ Fundraiser helps Cunha family cope with loss of mother

By JOE LINDSLEY
Sports Writer

Notre Dame had already claimed an upset victory over No. 13 Texas at the Ace for the Cure event at the Eck Pavilion Sunday with senior Katie Cunha the last Irish player on the courts as she battled with the Longhorns' Lindsay Blau. Cunha prevailed at the end of the long match.

And Jay Louderback was disappointed.

Cunha, along with freshman partner Kristina Stastny, had already clinched the doubles point that initially put the Irish in the lead, but the Irish coach was disappointed because he had wanted Cunha, the team's captain, to clinch the victory for the team.

See, at least year's Ace for the Cure, Cunha had clinched both the doubles and the match victory for Notre Dame.

It still was fitting though that Cunha was the last player on the court during Sunday's second annual Ace for the Cure event. That way, her family, friends, teammates and coaches could all focus their attention on the one who initiated the whole idea of a tennis match to raise funds for cancer research. That way, her dad could watch his daughter play on a day that was meant to honor his wife and Katie's mother, the late Christine Cunha, who died of colon cancer Aug. 21, 2002.

"It's really important to see all these people out here that really care for her and support her," freshman Lauren Connelly said of the team's captain.

Junior Alicia Salas could see something special in Katie's intensity.

"I know she was playing for her mom and thinking about her mom every second of that match," Salas said.

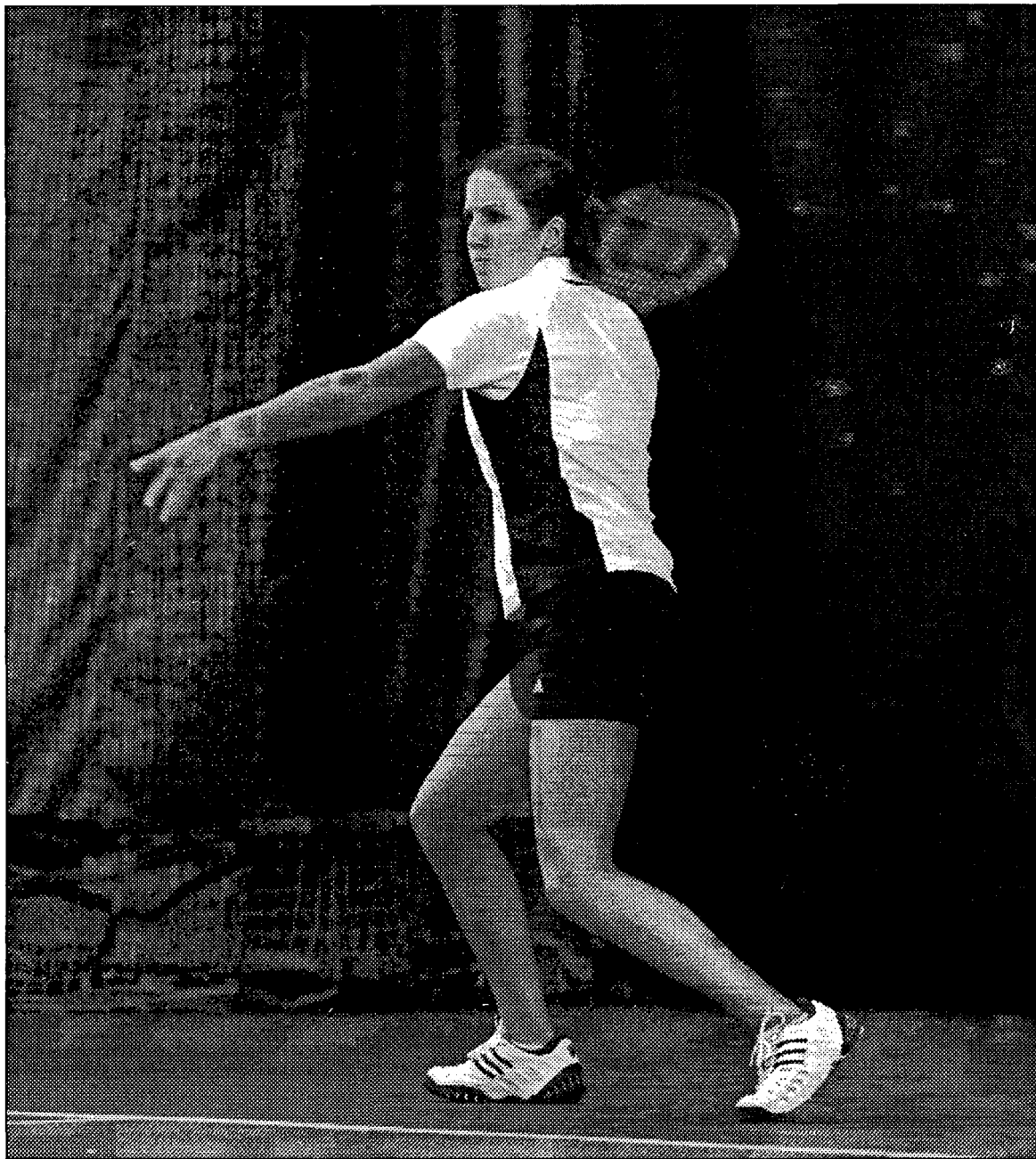
Last year, when Katie's mother was ill with colon cancer, Katie planned the first Ace for the Cure. By charging admission to the match, the event raised \$7,000. Katie had kept the event a secret from her mom until the very last moment, because she did not want her mom to worry that she was not keeping up with her schoolwork.

"She always worried so much about other people, and not enough about herself," Katie said. "She was floored. I think she was really proud. It was my way of helping her through her illness. It was the best I could do, and I think it really meant a lot to her."

With her mother watching, Katie not only participated in the clinching doubles victory, but she also clinched the win for the Irish with her singles victory. And that was a particularly proud moment for the Cunha family in a year of immeasurable grief.

Christine was diagnosed with cancer Sept. 16, 2001, and the outlook was rather grim from the start. By Valentine's Day 2002, the tumor had shrunk 20

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CHIP MARKS/The Observer

Senior captain Katie Cunha sets up a shot in a recent match. Cunha started the Ace for the Cure program to raise funds for colon cancer research in honor of her mother, who died from the disease.

MENS BASKETBALL

Irish getting defensive in responding to slump

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Sports Writer

After Notre Dame lost its third straight game and fourth of its last six, Mike Brey kicked every one but the players and coaches out of the team locker room for a little soul-searching.

But the Irish coach doesn't think his team has lost any confidence despite their recent skid.

"I'm probably more concerned than they are," Brey said after Syracuse beat Notre Dame 92-88 Tuesday. "They are a pretty resilient, confident group. But you always have concerns about that when you've lost a couple and fought like heck to come back and couldn't get it."

Brey has good reason to be concerned, they surge into the lead.

and much of the problems begin with Notre Dame's defense. The Irish haven't led a game in nine days, have allowed an average of 91.3 points in its last three losses, and haven't held an opponent under 40 percent shooting since Jan. 21 against Providence.

While the Irish have shown they have the offensive firepower to climb back into games, they haven't gotten the necessary defensive stop to help

"They are a pretty resilient, confident group. But you always have concerns about that when you've lost a couple ..."

Mike Brey
Irish coach

For example, when Matt Carroll hit a 3-pointer to cap a 21-point comeback and tie the score at 86, Torin Francis blocked a shot but the Irish couldn't recover the loose ball. Orangeman freshman Carmelo Anthony then grabbed the ball and scored easily, giving Syracuse a lead they would never relinquish.

"Every loss for the past couple weeks, we continue to lose confidence," Chris

Thomas said. "We haven't been a defensive team to raise that confidence in the whole game. We need to find it within ourselves to not let them do that."

If Notre Dame is going to turn around, there's no better place to do it than at the MCI Center Saturday against Georgetown, which has historically treated the Brey-coached Irish well. Notre Dame clinched the Big East West Division in that arena in 2001, and won a quadruple-overtime marathon game against the Hoyas last year.

And when Notre Dame won the BB&T Classic in December, knocking off top-10 foes Texas and Maryland in the process, they did it in the

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SPORTS AT A GLANCE

MENS TENNIS

Michigan at Notre Dame
Today, 4 p.m.

The Wolverines face off against the Irish at the Eck Tennis Pavilion this afternoon.

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MLB

Mets pitcher David Cone pitched a perfect fourth inning Wednesday after not pitching in a professional game since October 2001.

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NHL

Penguins owner-player Mario Lemieux warns his teammates and other Penguins staff that they will be closely evaluated in the last month of the season.

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NCAA BASKETBALL

University of Georgia assistant coach Jim Harrick, Jr. was fired Wednesday after being accused of paying a former player's bills.

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NBA

Former NBA star Jayson Williams had additional charges added Wednesday in his manslaughter trial in the shooting death of his limousine driver.

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NFL

Several top free agents signed Wednesday, including Jerry Rice, who signed a 6-year contract with the Oakland Raiders at age 41.

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