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## Mass remembers Moore's life

By SCOTT BRODFUEHRER  
News Writer

Hundreds filled the Basilica to remember Dennis Moore at a Mass of Christian Burial Monday.

Moore, an associate vice president of public affairs at the University, died Wednesday at St. Vincent's Hospital in New York after a yearlong battle with prostate cancer. He was 55.

In his homily, Father Michael Baxter remembered Moore as a son of God who was devoted to his family, had an extremely strong faith and always served others.

Baxter recalled how Moore entered Notre Dame as a member of the Class of 1970, but returned to Chicago in 1968 to care for his sick mother. He spoke about the journey Moore embarked on with his wife, Doreen, and later with their three children Erin, Colleen and Brendan.

"[It] took them to Ireland several times, to the Upper Peninsula, to Chicago, lots of stops in between and eventually in 1988 to our good fortune to Notre Dame to serve in public relations," Baxter said.



Dennis Moore

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## Alum donates \$6 M to Health Services

By KATIE LAIRD  
News Writer

University Health Services received a \$6 million donation from Notre Dame alumni William Warren to completely renovate the University's existing health care facility and incorporate Health Services, the Counseling Center and the Office of Drug and Alcohol Education into one facility.

Ann Kleva, director of Health Services, said she is very eager to begin the reconstruction.

"We hope to become an accredited health care facility. Our care meets the standards, but our building does not," she said.

The current building does not meet fire codes, does not have handicap accessibility and lacks central air conditioning. In addition, the water is less than perfect due to pipe lining. The new renovation calls for the complete restoration of the building, including new ventilation and electrical, plumbing and fire-protection systems.

The anticipated cost of the total project is around \$9 million, Kleva said. The University hopes to raise the remaining \$3 million from funds for building maintenance and students' health care services fees.

"Construction will be limited because we're going to work with the existing building ... it's a

beautiful old building, one of the best-built buildings on campus," Kleva said.

Health Services will remain centrally located on campus as the University plans to expand Notre Dame's borders in future years.

The University hopes to begin construction of the facility in May 2005, and anticipates its completion in August 2006. During this period, students will still be able to receive medical and counseling care.

"There is available space in the security building, so we can provide health care and provide 24-7 care that we have now. We won't have interrupted care," Kleva said.

Warren, who donated the funding for the facility, is the president of the Warren Foundation in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and is a member of the Notre Dame Board of Trustees.

He also funded the construction of the Warren Golf Course on campus a few years ago. He was recently inducted into the Oklahoma Hall of Fame, where he was recognized for his contributions in health care and in higher education through scholarship funds, endowments and other programs.

"Historically, a lot of the [Warren] foundation has gone to health care. Mr. Warren is into

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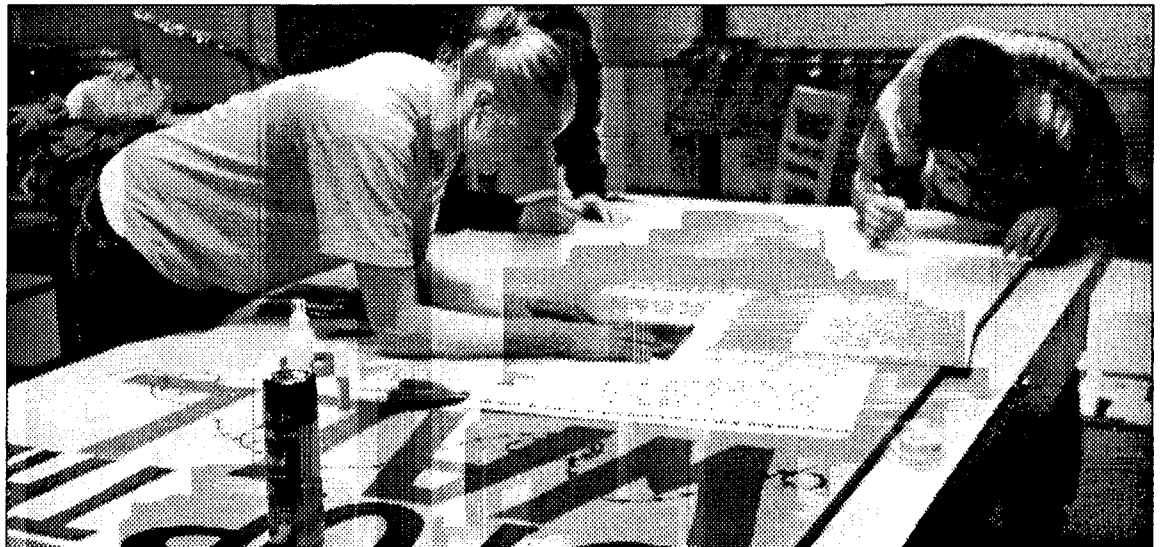
## Amnesty to erect walls outside of dining halls

By DUSTIN VONHANDORF  
News Writer

The Notre Dame branch of the Amnesty International social action group will construct a wooden wall in front of each dining hall today in response to rising tensions in the Middle East, prompted by a wall erected between Israelis and Palestinians in the Middle East.

AmnestyND did not initially plan to call attention to the tensions, said its president, Teriss Conterato, but decided to go ahead with the event due to the rising media coverage of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

In addition to the increasing media coverage, Conterato said AmnestyND is concerned with the issue "because of the actions of both Israel and Palestine. Israel said that the wall is a



CHUY BENITEZ/The Observer

Members of the Notre Dame branch of Amnesty International build wooden walls to be placed outside each of the dining halls to raise awareness about the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

security barrier, but it violates so many international treaties and is cutting off human rights. People can't get to water or the work-

place."

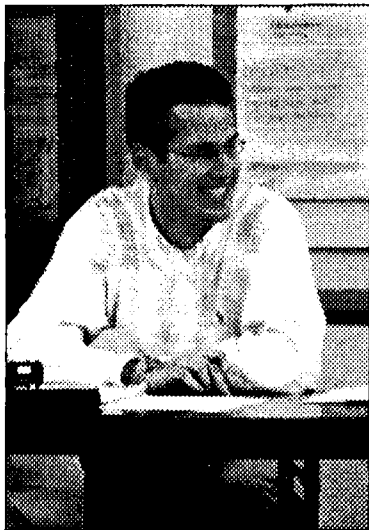
The goal of AmnestyND in erecting these structures, Conterato said, is to increase awareness of the

conflict among the Notre Dame community.

"We want to educate peo-

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## Hallahan ends term as Student Body President



CHUY BENITEZ/The Observer

Student Body President Pat Hallahan presides over a student government meeting. Monday was his last day in office.

By MAUREEN REYNOLDS  
Associate News Editor

Monday marked Student Body President Pat Hallahan's last official day in office; he led the semester's last Campus Life Council and Council of Representatives meetings to end his term.

Hallahan expressed pride in his administration's work so far and voiced his hopes for the coming semester, when current vice president Jeremy Lao will take over as student body president.

"I think we got a lot started and got some things done," Hallahan said. "I think we started a big important project with the Council of Representatives and we did a lot of good in the CLC."

"I just hope that we can get

these changes to the Student Government that the [Board of Trustees] has asked us to make and continue to make Student Government a voice for students and more efficient to get what students want," he said.

Lao commented on his readiness to take over Hallahan's position and said that he and Emily Chin, who will assume Lao's vacant vice president position, are excited to continue Hallahan's work.

"Pat's done a great job this year, and I'm sad to see him go, but he has a great opportunity and I'm really excited for him," Lao stated. "[Emily and I] are excited and ready to take on new jobs and get stuff done next semester."

Hallahan said he hopes future Student Government officials will continue to make Student

Government an efficient body.

"I really hope, with the work we do this year and into next semester, ... that five or ten years from now we'll have an efficient, respected Student Government that can voice student needs to the administration and get results," he said.

Hallahan, a political science major, will graduate at the end of this semester and receive his diploma in January. However, he will return in May to attend the graduation ceremony with the rest of his class. He made this decision to accept a job at the Democratic National Committee as the executive assistant to Jackson Dunn, the DNC's finance director.

"[Dunn], the finance director, is in charge of all the Democratic Party's major fundraising. We'll be working to raise money for who-

ever is the Democratic nominee [for President]," Hallahan said.

Aside from this opportunity, Hallahan expressed a desire to work in the White House one day and possibly even run for political office.

"Ideally, if the Democrats can beat [President George W.] Bush, which I think we're going to do, I want to go to the White House and stay involved in politics," he said. "I love politics and public service; I hope to keep doing it. I don't know if I want to run for office, but I want to be involved."

Hallahan's graduation marks the first time a Notre Dame student body president has done so in the middle of his term.

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INSIDE COLUMN

# Confessions of an AIM addict

I'm coming clean. My parents will be ashamed, I know. It is time, however, for me to let go of those conversations that move slower than traffic on a football game weekend, to be free from those little yellow smiley faces.

**Megan O'Neil**

*Wire Editor*

Hi, my name is Megan and I'm an AIM-oholic.

Even as I sit here now expressing my desire for rehabilitation, I am chatting away with four different friends, darting from Microsoft Word to AIM. At this point I have typed about five times as much in those little gray boxes as I have on this page.

The situation is even worse when I am actually working on something important, like a philosophy paper. I would estimate AIM adds 90 minutes to every five-page paper I write. Further, it jeopardizes the coherency of whatever I finally do turn in to my professor.

The away message was designed to combat this problem, to empower those with a love for the latest, such as myself, with a tool to control themselves. It can be agreed however, that while an excellent concept, it has failed miserably.

First of all, the composing of away messages has become an art in and of itself. Some detail their entire daily schedule, while others reference inside jokes. It is not uncommon to see inspirational quotes from great minds such as Martin Luther King, Jr., or messages written in foreign languages. Indeed, some students do keep a list of convenient pre-scripted ones such as "class" or "dinner." But admit it, you hate those boring one-words whether you are addicted or not.

Second, even with my away message solidly posted, I cannot resist the urge to check my buddy list every ten minutes or so. On stressful days when my condition flares I will read every away message on my list of 107 screen names. Some of them require decoding, of course, and you could say I am inadvertently receiving a degree in away message analysis.

If AIM is so distracting, you might ask, why do you just not sign on at all? This would seem like the simple solution, but yet another misconception. My need to talk online and to check others' away messages is such that abstinence is even more distracting than the alternative. I will think about who is on, and what messages are up, to the extent that I might as well be signed on anyway.

So the struggle continues, day in and day out. At this point, however, I would say it is a losing battle.

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## QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT SHOULD THE ADMINISTRATION GIVE THE STUDENTS FOR CHRISTMAS?



**Brian McKenna**  
*Senior Siegfried Hall*

"A voice."



**Catherine Schmidt**  
*Sophomore Welsh Family Hall*

"Renovate the art building."



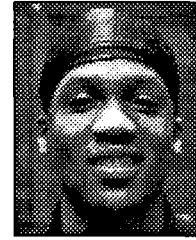
**Dave Witowski**  
*Senior Keenan Hall*

"Jaundice."



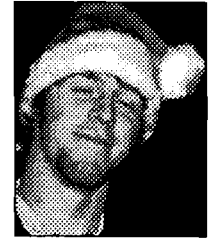
**Megan Healy**  
*Freshman Lewis Hall*

"Co-ed dorms."



**Selim Nurudeen**  
*Junior Carroll Hall*

"Extension on parietals."



**Tom Mulcrone**  
*Freshman Siegfried Hall*

"More flu shots."



CHUY BENITEZ/The Observer

Freshly-made gingerbread houses cover the tables of North Dining Hall. Students created the holiday treats as a part of Food Services' efforts to get more involved with students.

## OFFBEAT

### IU center breaks world dreidel record

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — A Jewish community center at Indiana University says it has broken the world record for spinning dreidels.

Officials at the Helene G. Simon Hillel Center in Bloomington set 713 of the traditional Hanukkah toys spinning for 10 seconds on Sunday. They were awaiting official confirmation of the feat by the Guinness Book of World Records.

The previous record, held by the University of Maryland, involved spinning 536 dreidels for 10 seconds in 2000.

As the crowd gathered before the event, volunteer "spinners" signed in and

received a colored plastic dreidel. But planners at the Hillel Jewish community center discovered there were not the hoped-for 561 people present.

So volunteers handed out a second dreidel to most of the crowd, and participants practiced a two-handed technique or tried spinning the dreidels one after the other.

Hillel Center Rabbi Sue Shifron said Guinness will have to confirm the record by reviewing participant sign-in sheets and any visual evidence. The process will take about four weeks.

### Secret Service not to investigate Eminem

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Secret Service has looked into reports that

rapper Eminem wrote lyrics that said "I'd rather see the president dead," but it doesn't plan a formal investigation, said a Secret Service spokesman.

John Gill, the spokesman, cautioned such lyrics can have unintended consequences on others.

"The Secret Service has no current plans to open an investigation into this matter," Gill said Monday. But "we are concerned about communications that can be interpreted in a manner perhaps not intended by the artist, and the potential peripheral impact that such lyrics can have on other individuals."

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

## IN BRIEF

The ND Center for Ethics & Culture will present a lecture entitled "Subject to Allah and/or Science? Ambivalent Narratives in Contemporary Muslim Ethics," in the McKenna Hall auditorium at 4 p.m. today.

The Center for Social Concerns will present an information session for students interested in participating in a summer service internship in the family room of Welsh Family Hall from 5 to 6 p.m. tonight.

International Students Services and Activities will present a Belgian film with English subtitles entitled "Pauline et Paulette" at 7 p.m. tonight in the Montgomery Theater of the LaFortune Student Center.

Howard Hall and ND-HOBY will present a talk by Chris Bowers, author of "Don't Tug On The Wire: How to be a Risk Taker!" tonight in the Carey Auditorium of the Hesburgh Library from 8 to 9 p.m.

Wednesday is the last day of classes for Notre Dame students.

The Class of 2004 will sponsor a class dinner for seniors at K's Grill from 6 until 8 p.m. Wednesday.

Notre Dame's men's basketball team will play Indiana University in the Joyce Center Wednesday at 9 p.m.

The Student Union Board will sponsor a stress-reliever event, "Study Days," in the ballroom of the LaFortune Student Center Thursday from 9 p.m. to midnight.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to [obsnews@nd.edu](mailto:obsnews@nd.edu).

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COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES

# Members present model of new government structure

By MATT BRAMANTI  
News Writer

Members of the Council of Representatives convened Monday night to refine their plans for the restructuring of the Student Union system.

At the meeting, the group's last of the semester, members presented a working model of the new student government structure.

Outgoing student body president Pat Hallahan said student leaders would continue to develop the proposed structure. "It's the not the final model, but it's what you're going to focus on next semester," Hallahan said. The meeting was his last, as he will graduate in December, turning over his position to vice president Jeremy Lao.

Under the broad proposal, a student body president, elected by the students, would lead student government. The Council of Representatives would be composed of 10 voting members, chaired by the president, who would only vote in the event of a tie. Elected members of the new council would include the student body vice president and each class president. The president would appoint members to represent the Financial Management Board, the Club Coordination Council and the Judicial Council. In addition, the president's chief of staff and the

chair of the to-be-created Campus Programming Council would sit on the Council of Representatives.

The CPC would assume all campus-wide programming efforts, replacing the Student Union Board. In discussions about programming, council members have said that the current SUB structure is defective.

"What we have right now is broken," said SUB manager Charlie Ebersol. "We need to create something that makes more sense."

In the proposed model, 28 representatives — one from each residence hall and one off-campus resident — would sit on the CPC, which would be run by a steering committee overseen by an appointed chairperson.

Members had differing opinions about how the CPC would be assembled, however. Under one plan, the CPC would have a body — similar to the current Hall Presidents Council — focused on dorm activities. In a competing proposal, hall presidents would meet informally to discuss those issues, while the CPC would focus exclusively on campus-wide events.

It remained unclear exactly how residence halls would participate in the CPC. Some members called for dorms to elect a vice president, who would sit on the CPC, allowing the hall president to focus on dorm matters. Others, like HPC co-chair Sarah Keefer, said the

proposal should include more hall leaders.

"It takes a lot of work to do [programming]. Two people couldn't take on the responsibility for dorm programming and campus programming," Keefer said.

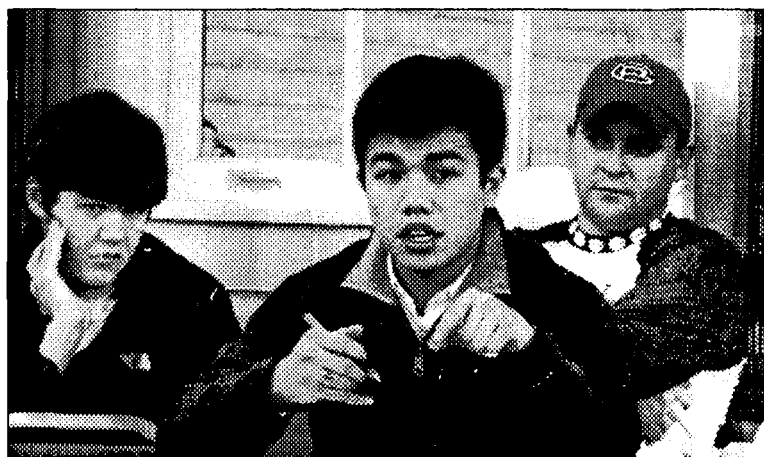
Hallahan encouraged members to weigh the costs and benefits of the different plans. "We need to find a balance between one person doing everything and 900 people doing hardly anything," he said.

Director of Student Activities Brian Coughlin, who advises the COR, told members that the proposals' differences could be ironed out, and should not stall progress.

"The frustration you're feeling right now might be unnecessary," Coughlin said.

All members agreed on the basic structure of the policymaking side of student government, however. That side, to be called the Campus Affairs Council, would effectively replace the Student Senate. The CAC—which would be chaired by the vice president — would consist of 28 members, one from each dorm and one off-campus resident. The group would be divided into issue-specific committees for the sake of efficiency.

Lao was optimistic about the future of the Student Union. "We're going to create a new student government that's leaner and meaner, and we're going to get stuff done," he said.



CHUY BENITEZ/The Observer  
Jeremy Lao speaks during Monday's Council of Representatives meeting. Next semester Lao will take over as Student Body President.

Ebersol wasn't as positive, noting the slow progress of the restructuring. "We're getting bogged down in titles," he said. "We've spent three and a half months having this debate."

for students interested in running for campus-wide office. The meeting will be held tonight at 7 p.m. in the Foster Room on the third floor of the LaFortune Student Center.

**In other council news:**

◆ Members voted to increase the number of signatures would-be candidates must gather to run for student body president and vice president. Beginning next semester, a student must assemble 700 student signatures to be eligible for candidacy, up from 300.

◆ Senior class president Jazmin Garcia said the class of 2004 will sponsor a Christmas party at K's Pub and Grill on Wednesday from 6:30-8:30 p.m. "We're getting together to celebrate the end of classes and to get ready for the men's basketball game against Indiana," Garcia said. "It's a toast to the Christmas season."

◆ Judicial Council president Elliot Poindexter said his organization will hold an informational meeting

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# Mass

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Both Baxter and University President Father Edward Malloy praised Moore's service to the University in his role as its principal spokesman. In his opening remarks, Malloy referred to Moore as the "voice of Notre Dame."

"[In his] job he was enormously discreet, always honest and never spoke uncharitably. He loved Notre Dame," Baxter said.

Baxter said that the strength of Moore's faith and his devotion to his family became even clearer as he dealt with cancer.

"For some people, the story of their life is a proclamation of the gospel. The shape of their life is good news," Baxter said.

University President emeritus Father Ted Hesburgh also spoke of Moore's commitment to Notre Dame when he gave his closing remarks.

"I think I can give voice to all the people in this church — all the people who don't get to say anything, except to say by their presence that Denny was one of our most wonderful, faithful comrades in this great work of Notre Dame," Hesburgh said.

*"We're going to miss Denny."*

**Father Ted Hesburgh  
University President  
emeritus**

"We're going to miss Denny. ... I have a feeling that Denny, like so many of the wonderful Notre Dame people who preceded him, is somehow still with us and will be with us with his spirit."

Internment at Cedar Grove Cemetery followed the Mass.

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## BOARD OF GOVERNANCE

# Officers pass changes to constitution

By MEGAN O'NEIL  
News Writer

Saint Mary's Board of Governance wrapped up the semester with holiday flair at Monday's meeting as officers unanimously passed minor changes to the student government constitution and exchanged Christmas gifts.

Vice President Sarah Brown detailed alterations being made to the structure of the constitution. Most consisted of specific wording changes and chronology of the document's sections. The description of the Student Government Association, for instance, will not precede the description of BOG.

Brown also briefly discussed the new constitutional amendment process.

"We just made it a lot clearer and more specific," she explained.

Constitutional amendment submissions must be sent first to

the constitutional committee for review. If approved, it will then move on to BOG where it will be voted on. Under the new rules, rejected amendments cannot be resubmitted without some change.

"You can't just keep submitting the same amendment over and over," said Brown. "You have to change it somehow, whether it be the wording or format."

### In other BOG News

◆BOG voted to grant Pi Mu Epsilon \$1,500 in co-sponsorship money for their trip to the Joint Mathematics Meeting, which will be held in the spring in Arizona. Pi Mu Epsilon is the senior math majors club and the conference traditionally provides great opportunities for seniors to network with prospective employers.

◆BOG also granted \$1,000 to the senior retreat committee to help cover the costs of this year's

senior retreat. The event, which committee members hope will be held at the Moreau Seminary, is a weekend of personal reflection open to the entire senior class. The committee's request for sponsorship from the Committee for Women in Leadership was rejected.

◆"Lessons and Carols," an annual ecumenical celebration of the advent season, will be held Dec. 14 at 7:30 p.m. in the Church of Our Lady of Loretto. It will feature scripture readings, songs and dance. Participants are encouraged to bring an offering of non-perishable food items to be donated to the Chapin Street Clinic.

◆The Student Activities Board is sponsoring a holiday movie, "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation," Tuesday and Saturday at 8 p.m. in Carroll Auditorium. Free sub sandwiches will be provided.

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# Amnesty

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ple about the crisis," Conterato said. "If they want to ignore it, that's fine. We hope to get a pretty positive reaction [to the wall]. We're hoping people realize we are trying to give as objective of a view as possible."

AmnestyND wanted to bring the issue forth in a physical nature, instead of just merely posters, Conterato said. "[A wall] is large and eye catching, so why not?"

The walls, which are made out of four-foot-by-eight-foot pieces of plywood, will be painted with the phrase "Stop the Wall," and will be covered with posters that highlight the crisis.

Conterato said that the walls will be built in the high-traffic areas in front of the dining halls to draw

extra attention to the cause.

Portions of the wall were constructed on Sunday, and were to be brought to the dining halls to undergo final assembly Tuesday morning.

The date of the event is particularly significant, timed one month after Amnesty's annual International Day of Action.

Conterato said that the group also wanted to make sure that the event took place during the fall semester, before students and faculty leave for Christmas break.

Amnesty aims to educate people about the current events and issues in the world. The group focused this year specifically on the death penalty, the prison system, domestic violence and the situation in Liberia.

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# Health

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research. He sees the need to improve the quality of life and to help the underprivileged. He's very passionate about it," Kleva said.

Kleva attended the induction ceremony in Oklahoma last month, where she had the chance to meet with Warren.

The Warren family has established other health facilities, including Saint Francis Health Services, a 750-bed acute care

hospital in Tulsa. Kleva toured the facility and was impressed by the kindness and generosity of the staff. The family is also planning to construct a senior citizen care facility in Tulsa to assist the elderly.

"I've never seen such caring, such warm people in my whole life. How they interact with everyone ... you get that sense of caring regardless if they're a patient or a doctor," Kleva said.

Kleva also described Warren as very passionate and loyal to Notre Dame.

"When he talked about Notre Dame and how excited he was...

he said he'd always take care of Notre Dame. It means so much to him ... When he found out there was a need for health services he was eager to help," Kleva said.

The new facility will be named after the Warren family.

"After meeting him and his family, there isn't another family that I would want the health center to be named after ... I feel privileged to have their name on the building. Mr. Warren will take a personal interest," Kleva said.

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- Sara Martinez Tucker, Hispanic Scholarship Fund
- Zein Nakash, SuperClubs International
- Muffett McGraw, Notre Dame Women's Basketball

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### ENROLLMENT AND COURSE REQUIREMENTS

"Women Leading: Is It Different?" listed as BA-325 and MBA-525, is open to any Notre Dame or Saint Mary's Student via DART. There are no prerequisites to enrollment. See your academic advisor or your department chair for additional detail.

You are expected to attend nine lectures, complete assigned readings, and be prepared to engage speakers. This is a "Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory" course with no more than one verified, excused absence to receive a grade of "Satisfactory." There are no examinations and no term paper requirements.

# WORLD & NATION

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## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

### U.S. begins anti-terror offensive

KABUL, Afghanistan — The U.S. military launched its largest postwar offensive against Taliban and al-Qaida insurgents Monday, sending 2,000 soldiers into a lawless swath of Afghanistan to put down a wave of attacks.

The operation began as Afghan and U.N. officials warned that one of the military's most tragic blunders — the weekend killing of nine children in an airstrike — could drive more Afghans into the arms of the rebels.

Operation Avalanche, in southern and eastern Afghanistan, "is the largest we have ever designed," Lt. Col. Bryan Hilferty told reporters at the coalition military headquarters at Bagram, north of the capital Kabul.

### Putin allies defeat liberals in vote

MOSCOW — A sweeping victory by President Vladimir Putin's allies pushed liberal, Western-oriented parties out of parliament for the first time since the Soviet collapse, and the White House expressed concern Monday over the fairness of a vote human rights officials said marked a retreat from democracy in Russia.

The main pro-Kremlin party, United Russia, won nearly three times as many votes in Sunday's elections as its closest rival, according to preliminary results.

Its new power, together with the defeat of liberal parties and a surge by nationalists who have called for strong state control of the economy, raised questions about Putin's plans for what seems certain to be a second term following March presidential elections.

## NATIONAL NEWS

### Congress moves to can spammers

WASHINGTON — Congress on Monday approved the first national effort to stem the flood of unwanted e-mail pitches offering prescription drugs, cheap loans and other come-ons.

President Bush has indicated he intends to sign the measure into law. Indeed the White House revamped its own e-mail system this summer over a flood of so-called spam.

Clogged inboxes have become a leading irritation among Internet users, an increasing business expense for companies and a popular target for Washington interest before an election year.

The House voted without dissent to approve slight changes Senate lawmakers made to the "can spam" legislation, which would outlaw the shadiest techniques used by the Internet's most prolific e-mailers, who send tens of millions of messages each day.

### N.J. hunters begin bear hunt

VERNON, N.J. — Slogging through a foot of snow left by a weekend blizzard, hunters ventured into the woods in New Jersey's first bear hunt in 33 years, prompted by a rising number of complaints about the animals breaking into suburban homes and raiding trash cans.

About two dozen protesters rallied near a weigh station at Wawayanda State Park, chanting, "Stop the slaughter, save the bears." They took to the woods with video cameras to monitor the hunt, which went ahead despite a number of legal challenges.

## LOCAL NEWS

### Late editor bequeaths books

ELKHART — A retired newspaper editor who loved reading books almost as much as he relished giving them away has bequeathed his personal library — all 3,000-plus volumes — to Elkhart Community Schools.

The books Robert Schnuck collected in his life will soon form a library in his name at Elkhart's Central High School. All of the books will be housed in the same room.

"I think he'd be very pleased that the school will receive them," said Phyllis Warrick, a close friend of Schnuck's, who died in July at age 85.

## Gore to endorse Dean campaign

Former vice president snubs Lieberman as Dean candidacy picks up steam

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Former Vice President Al Gore will endorse Howard Dean for the Democratic presidential nomination Tuesday, a dramatic move that could tighten Dean's grip on the front-runner's position and usher more support from wary party elite.

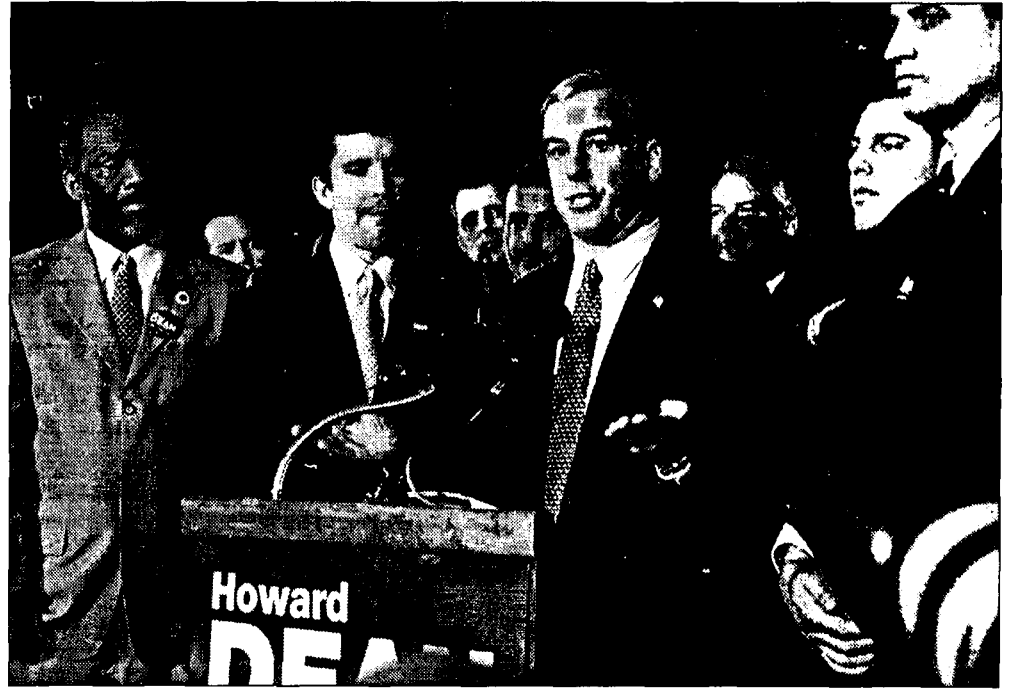
Gore, who won the popular vote but lost the electoral vote in the disputed 2000 election, has agreed to appear with Dean in New York City's Harlem neighborhood and then travel with the former Vermont governor to Iowa for a formal endorsement, several Democratic sources, including one close to Gore, said Monday.

The coveted endorsement is a breathtaking victory for a candidate whose anti-war, anti-establishment candidacy has given pause to party leaders and key constituencies, several Democratic strategists said.

"What this says is that all these Washington insiders who have been gnashing their teeth, wringing their hands and clinging to their cocktail cups can relax now. Dean's been knighted by the ultimate insider," said Democratic consultant Dean Strother of Washington. "It's game, set and match. It's over."

Other Democrats offered more cautious appraisals, but the overwhelming consensus was that Dean's coup makes him the overwhelming favorite to claim the nomination. Even advisers to Dean's rivals conceded they were stunned and disheartened by the news.

Gore won the popular vote by half a million votes in 2000 but conceded to Republican George W.



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Democratic presidential hopeful and former Vermont Gov. Howard Dean, center, speaks at a campaign event in New York City Monday. At the event, Dean received endorsements from 22 city council members.

Bush after a tumultuous 36-day recount in Florida and a 5-4 Supreme Court vote against him. Gore's concession came Dec. 13, 2000.

The former vice president is widely popular among key primary voters due in part to the widespread belief among Democratic activists that the election was taken from him. In several surveys of Democratic voters, Gore and New York Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, who repeatedly say they won't seek the nomination next year, have fared better than the announced presidential candidates.

The Gore endorsement comes just weeks after two key unions — the Service Employees International Union and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees — backed Dean's candidacy. The approval of Bill Clinton's

No. 2 bolsters Dean's case that he can carry the party's mantle next November and represents more than an Internet-driven outsider relying on the support of largely white, upscale voters.

It also helps Dean, who leads in state polls in New Hampshire and Iowa as well as in the fund-raising battle, as he tries to persuade Democrats worried about his lack of foreign policy experience and campaign missteps that his nomination is all but certain.

AFSCME President Gerald McEntee said Gore's support is more significant than all of Dean's labor endorsements.

"It goes so far in dispelling this idea that swirls around that Dean would not be a good candidate in the general [election], that Dean in some way would be damaging to the Democratic Party,"

McEntee said.

In choosing Dean, Gore bypassed his own vice presidential pick in 2000, Sen. Joe Lieberman of Connecticut, who is struggling in his bid to capture the nomination. Lieberman even waited until after Gore made his decision last December not to run before embarking on his candidacy.

The Lieberman campaign issued a terse statement Monday, saying, "I was proud to have been chosen by Al Gore in 2000 to be a heartbeat away from the presidency," and added, "Ultimately, the voters will make the determination and I will continue to make my case about taking our party and nation forward."

Lieberman spokesman Jano Cabrera said Gore did not tell the Connecticut senator about the endorsement, which Lieberman had sought.

## IRAQ

# Saddam killed 61,000 in Baghdad

Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Saddam Hussein's government may have executed 61,000 Baghdad residents, a number significantly higher than previously believed, according to a survey obtained Monday by The Associated Press.

The bloodiest massacres of Saddam's 23-year presidency occurred in Iraq's Kurdish north and Shiite Muslim south, but the Gallup Baghdad Survey data indicates the brutality extended strongly into the capital as well.

The survey, which the polling firm planned to release on Tuesday, asked 1,178 Baghdad residents in August and September whether a member of their household had been executed by Saddam's regime. According to

Gallup, 6.6 percent said yes.

The polling firm took metropolitan Baghdad's population — 6.39 million — and average household size — 6.9 people — to calculate that 61,000 people were executed during Saddam's rule. Most are believed to have been buried in mass graves.

The U.S.-led occupation authority in Iraq has said that at least 300,000 people are buried in mass graves in Iraq. Human rights officials put the number closer to 500,000, and some Iraqi political parties estimate more than 1 million were executed.

Without exhumations of those graves, it is impossible to confirm a figure. Scientists told The Associated Press during a recent investigation that they have confirmed 41 mass graves on a list of suspected sites that currently includes 270 locations.

Forensic teams will begin to exhume four of those graves next month in search of evidence for a new tribunal, expected to be established this week, that will try members of the former regime for crimes against humanity and genocide. More graves will later be added to the list.

But nobody expects all the mass graves to be exhumed, and nobody expects to ever know the full number of Iraqis executed by their government.

Richard Burkholder, who headed Gallup's Baghdad team, said the numbers in Baghdad could be high for two reasons: People may have understood "household" to be broader than just the people living at their address; and some families may have moved to the capital from other areas since the executions occurred.

## Saint Mary's students celebrate feast day

By MEGAN O'NEIL  
News Writer

Saint Mary's students celebrated the Feast of the Immaculate Conception with a special dinner, mass and reception Monday. The scheduled events came as part of a new movement on campus to increase devotion to Mary, the College's patroness.

In an effort to build up awareness for the Feast, a day of holy obligation for Catholics, student government posted signs around campus reminding students to honor the holy day of their patron saint. Students were encouraged to dress in the color blue, the symbolic color of Mary, as a sign of solidarity and were given blue ribbons to wear.

Inspiration for the celebration of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception came from such religious celebrations in years past in the Saint Mary's community.

"We actually just got the idea for the event because we were going through some old stuff," said admissions commissioner Katie Harrison, "and we found that the Immaculate Conception is the patron saint of Saint Mary's."

Adapting old religious college traditions for the stu-

dent body today has not been easy, however.

"You have to make it relevant to students, because something we had in the 50s might not work today," said Mission Commissioner Leah Holden-Corbett.

She added that there had been a traditionally strong devotion to Mary at the College in the past, and annual events such as the Madonna Night and May Day were quite popular. In recent years this interest had begun to wane.

"It is something that has been lost over the more recent years at Saint Mary's," she said.

In applying for her student government position, Holden-Corbett hoped that it was something she would be able to change. She and other board members explored ways in which to revitalize interest in the saint. The first step towards this goal, she said, was to honor Mary on her feast day in a way that students of today would enjoy.

"We are trying to unite the school in new ways that pertain to students in present days but still maintain the devotion that we had in the past," Holden-Corbett said.

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## CAMPUS LIFE COUNCIL

### Letter on senior privileges planned

By ANDREW THAGARD  
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The Campus Life Council tied up loose ends during its last meeting of the fall semester and the final one presided over by Student Body President Pat Hallahan. When the council reconvenes in January, Jeremy Lao, current student body vice president, will oversee the organization.

"I think we did a decent amount of stuff this semester," Hallahan said to the CLC. "We're making progress in a lot of areas. Keep up the good work."

Lao promised to work with members to maintain the momentum started by Hallahan.

"I really look forward to working with everyone next semester," he said.

During Monday's meeting, the council also discussed the work of the senior privileges task force. Members agreed to draft and send a letter to Father Mark Poorman, vice president of Student Affairs, outlining the research done so far on the feasibility of reserved parking for on-campus seniors without taking a position on the option.

"I hate to see the work that this task force has done just sort of die," said Heather Rakoczy, rector of Pangborn Hall and a member of CLC, regarding the decision to forward the information.

The senior privileges task force also informed the CLC that it is continuing to work on the possi-

bility of having a weekly senior night at Legends during one of the establishment's slower days. While the event would be advertised to seniors, Legends would remain open to the general public during the proposed event.

"We're continuing to get more senior leaders involved with the discussion," said Elliot Poindexter, Judicial Council president and a member of the CLC.

In general, members responded positively to the idea.

"When someone spends millions of dollars for the Notre Dame community [for building Legends] we should always be thinking of ways to use it," Hallahan said.

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## Korean museum reveals rifts

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — A museum expected to unite the city's diverse Korean-American community, the largest outside the mother country, instead has divided it over differences about money and management.

A grand opening ceremony was scheduled for Tuesday at the Korean National Association Memorial Hall,

though questions about who will run it and even whether admission will be charged were still unanswered.

Some involved in the dispute said it is a symptom of a community divided between recent Korean immigrants and those whose families have been here for generations. It's a divide experts said is common in Korean-American communities, where large gaps sepa-

rate waves of immigrants.

"What I've noticed is we don't think alike even though we're all Korean," said Christine Lee, a deaconess at the Korean United Presbyterian Church of Los Angeles, one of the parties in the dispute. "We want to leave this beautiful legacy for the future, but we're not doing a good job because everybody is fighting over who will be

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**IN BRIEF**

**Analysts predict no Fed move**

WASHINGTON — The Federal Reserve, finally starting to see the hoped-for rebound in the economy, is expected to leave interest rates unchanged at its last meeting of the year, allowing consumers and businesses to enjoy the lowest rates in decades into the new year.

Analysts uniformly are predicting that the Fed's target for the federal funds rate, which has been at a 45-year low of 1 percent since June, will not be changed Tuesday even though the economy finally seems to be emerging from an extended period of lackluster growth.

The funds rate is the interest that banks charge each other for overnight loans. Commercial banks' prime interest rate, the benchmark for millions of consumer and business loans, moves in lockstep with changes in the funds rate.

**McDonald's stores post gains**

CHICAGO — McDonald's Corp. extended the recovery in its once-slumping restaurants to an eighth straight month, on Monday reporting a double-digit gain in U.S. same-store sales and a modest improvement in Europe, its second-biggest market.

Systemwide sales from the more than 30,000 McDonald's-brand restaurants worldwide jumped 14.9 percent from a year earlier as the world's largest fast-food chain continued to benefit from new products, new marketing, a stronger economy and the dollar's weakness overseas.

**Court OKs Air Canada infusion**

TORONTO — A Canadian bankruptcy judge approved a plan by Hong Kong businessman Victor Li to invest \$488 million into Air Canada but left the door open Monday for a rival bid by a big U.S. investment company to help bail out the insolvent carrier.

The court's ruling approved the Air Canada deal with Li's Trinity Time Investments, part of the carrier's plan to secure new financing so it can emerge from bankruptcy restructuring by year's end. Montreal-based Air Canada filed for bankruptcy on April 1.

**Bush signs Medicare drug bill**

Seniors will face difficult choices when \$400 billion in benefits begin in 2006

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush signed a new prescription drug benefit into law Monday as part of historic Medicare changes that also will confront seniors with numerous, sometimes-difficult choices on their health care coverage.

Bush said the new drug insurance "will save our seniors from a lot of worry." But the bill's critics said the worries have just begun for Medicare's 40 million older and disabled Americans.

The government will spend nearly \$400 billion over the next 10 years to subsidize prescription drug coverage, which begins in January 2006. At the same time, the government will encourage insurance companies to offer private plans to millions of older Americans who now receive health care benefits under terms fixed by the federal government.

"Medicine has changed but Medicare has not — until today," Bush said, explaining that prescription drugs and outpatient care have replaced hospital stays over the past two decades. "Our seniors are fully capable of making health care choices, and this bill allows them to do that."

Republicans generally hailed the signing as a political triumph they could use in next year's election to neutralize Democrats' usual advantage on issues regarding the elderly.

"Democratic leaders have lashed out at us, at the president and AARP," House Majority Leader Tom DeLay of Texas said. "But Democrats have no one to blame but themselves for their abject failure on health care. We wanted a bill, they just wanted an issue, and now the American people know who took their concerns seriously."

Democrats pledged to



President George W. Bush signs the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement and Modernization Act as congressional leaders look on Monday. The controversial act pledges nearly \$400 billion to pay for prescription drugs for seniors.

fight in the Republican-controlled Congress for changes in the law, principally for measures to bring down the price of prescription drugs. "You sold us out, so we're going to go all out to repeal what you've done," Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., said.

The first tangible result of the Medicare law will be prescription drug discount cards that the president said would take effect in June. He said seniors will receive a mailing in the spring to explain the card, which will cost no more than \$30 a year. It will offer discounts that Bush said will range from 10 to 25 percent off retail prices. Critics say the promise of savings is wildly inflated.

The president sought to reassure seniors Monday that their choices will be explained to them in detail and that they can keep the health care they have.

"If you don't want to change your current coverage, you don't have to change," Bush said.

But that option may not exist for some seniors. The Congressional Budget Office estimates that 2.7

million retirees will lose the drug coverage they now receive from former employers, although other projections are much smaller.

Those seniors who now rely on supplemental insurance to defray the cost of prescription drugs can choose to keep those so-called Medigap policies instead of signing up for the new benefit, the White House said. However, Medicare beneficiaries cannot be enrolled in both a Medigap plan and the new prescription drug plan.

Some Medicaid beneficiaries, among the poorest of seniors, also could see restrictions placed on their drug coverage, several health analysts said.

Whether to sign up for the drug benefit or switch from traditional Medicare to an HMO or preferred provider organization will be a decision that for many seniors will depend on their current or anticipated future spending on drugs.

After paying for the first \$250 in prescriptions, seniors will be responsible for 25 percent of the next \$2,000 in drug costs.

Between \$2,250 and \$5,100 in drug costs, the government will pay nothing. Over \$5,100, the government pays all but 5 percent of prescription costs.

The monthly premium for the drug plan is estimated to be a national average of \$35 in 2006. But the exact shape and cost of the drug benefit also could differ from one region of the country to the next. And nothing in the law precludes private insurers from offering more generous but also more costly plans.

The president said the average senior will see today's drug bill cut roughly in half, but his calculation includes a savings of 20 percent that is not found in the law. Instead, the administration assumes that insurers will take advantage of seniors' aggregate purchasing power to negotiate drug prices that are on average 20 percent less than today's retail prices.

The discount drug card will offer the administration a test run of how well it can explain seniors' choices.

**Time Warner to offer voice on Net**

Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Time Warner Cable announced a deal Monday with Sprint Corp. and MCI Inc. to offer phone service using the up-and-coming voice-over-Internet technology, one of the surest signs yet that cable companies are assaulting the local phone industry.

While other cable companies sell phone service to their customers in selected markets, this deal is the first time the "voice-over-IP" technology will power nearly nationwide phone service by a cable company.

"We've moved out of the talking stages and into the reality," said Jeff Kagan, an independent industry ana-

lyst based in Atlanta. "2004 is going to be the year cable and phone companies get into each other's business and start competing."

The technology will let Time Warner customers make calls with their regular phones, but the calls will travel as packets of data over the cable line that feeds into the house, rather than going through traditional, circuit-based phone wires.

At a switching station, the calls will be transferred to either the MCI or Sprint phone networks and into the traditional format that reaches most phone users.

Though the quality of voice-over-IP calls often aren't quite up to the standard of the traditional telephone

networks, the technology is improving.

That gives cable companies an efficient way to break into the phone business. Meanwhile, telephone providers are increasingly going after the cable companies by cutting prices on digital subscriber line (DSL) high-speed Internet service and by bundling satellite TV service with local phone bills.

Overland Park, Kan.-based Sprint and Ashburn, Va.-based MCI, formerly known as WorldCom Inc., said they were in talks to facilitate phone service for other cable providers but provided no other details.

The companies provided no details about how much the deal was worth.



## CDC to monitor flu complications

Associated Press

ATLANTA — The nation's health agency plans to closely watch flu complications among children, who have swamped hospitals in some states and surprised doctors with the severity of their illnesses.

A new concern is the rise of a common drug-resistant staph infection that is complicating efforts to treat children with the flu, an official with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said Monday.

Tim Uyeki, epidemiologist with the influenza branch of CDC, said that some children have died from the staph infections — a phenomenon the CDC has not seen before.

Flu complications for children have always been dire: pneumonia, kidney and heart failure, possible brain damage.

"We've just never seen them in the proportions we've seen them this year," said Steve Schexnayder, chief of pediatric critical care at Arkansas Children's Hospital in Little Rock.

From Texas to California, children's hospitals have been swamped with sick children — many of them desperately ill.

The waiting room at Children's Hospital Central California in Madera was standing room only during the Thanksgiving holiday, and hospital officials said nearly every child tested positive for the flu.

Children's Medical Center in Dallas has seen more than 500

kids with the flu since October. One day last week, two dozen more appeared, most with enough lung disease to be put on ventilators, said Jane Siegel.

"Because it seems to be a strain that has not circulated in the U.S. before and is not well-covered by the existing vaccine, we're seeing far more cases," said James Todd, director of epidemiology of Denver Children's Hospital. "Just because you're seeing more cases, you're seeing more complications."

Doctors say some children are coming into hospitals with so much damage they are put on heart-lung bypass machines just to stay alive.

Others face additional problems: Nine-year-old Nick Collins at Arkansas Children's Hospital needed four chest tubes to drain fluid from holes in his lungs caused by bacterial pneumonia. Doctors are trying to prevent a blood clot from killing him.

He also had methicillin-resistant staphylococcus aureus (MRSA), a usually mild infection which led to his severe pneumonia. Staph bacteria are commonly found on the skin or in the nose and often go undetected.

Uyeki said the children with staph-related flu likely picked up the bacteria before they were hospitalized. In October CDC warned parents that many school athletes had been found to carry MRSA.

These infections don't normally cause pneumonia without the flu virus, said Dr. Frederick Hayden, a flu expert and professor of internal medicine at the University of Virginia.

But the flu virus can impair the body's ability to fight the bacteria and expel it. The bacteria, in turn, can produce enzymes that enhance the flu's ability to infect cells, he said.

Nick, a healthy boy until he got the flu in early November, is doing better, having been removed from a ventilator on Friday. But he'll likely have to stay in the hospital through the end of the year, his mother says.

"It's scary to find that something as common as the flu can cause something this major every year," said his mother, Kim Collins of Texarkana, Texas. "We sit around for days in awe of the fact the flu has caused all of this."

Flu and its complications are the sixth leading cause of death nationally among children age 4 and younger, according to the CDC.

Anecdotally, this flu season seems to be worse for children. But because the CDC doesn't keep track of flu deaths, it's unclear how much worse. This year the agency is planning to collect data on children who die from the flu, those with MRSA, and those who develop brain damage, said Keiji Fukuda, chief of epidemiology in the CDC's influenza branch.

## Psychologist said Malvo was spotter, not shooter

Associated Press

CHESAPEAKE, Va. — Lee Boyd Malvo was the spotter — not the shooter — in all but one of last year's sniper killings, Malvo told a psychologist, contradicting the confession he gave to police.

Malvo blamed himself for the arrest of sniper mastermind John Allen Muhammad, and felt compelled to take the blame for the sniper rampage, psychologist Dewey Cornell testified Monday at Malvo's trial.

Malvo's confession — in which he claimed he was the shooter in all of last year's sniper shootings in metropolitan Washington that left 10 dead — was "an attempt to sacrifice himself and claim credit to spare Mr. Muhammad," said Cornell, of the University of Virginia.

"He felt responsible for their being caught by falling asleep, and he blamed himself for the failure of their mission," Cornell said. Malvo and Muhammad were arrested while sleeping in a car at a highway rest stop in Maryland.

Malvo is presenting an insanity defense to capital murder charges in the Oct. 14, 2002, slaying of FBI analyst Linda Franklin outside a Home Depot. The defense claims he was brainwashed by Muhammad and could no longer tell right from wrong.

Cornell said that after Malvo had been indoctrinated by Muhammad, "he believed what he was doing was right and that John Muhammad was a chosen person of Allah."

Cornell diagnosed Malvo with a dissociative disorder, a form of mental illness in which a person loses touch with reality and his own identity becomes distorted. Cornell gave no opinion on whether the mental disease rose to the level of insanity.

"This was a very unusual, rare case," he said.

Prosecutor Robert Horan Jr. expressed skepticism about the diagnosis, saying that a dissociative disorder from brainwashing is poorly defined in the medical literature.

While Malvo's lawyers admit he took part in the killings, they have disputed that he was the triggerman. If the jury rejects the insanity defense but concludes that the government could not prove Malvo was the triggerman, it may be more difficult to obtain a death penalty under Virginia law.

Cornell said Muhammad and Malvo often discussed right and wrong, and Muhammad told him "that right and wrong do not exist."

Muhammad said the two were in a war, and that "the winners in a war determine which killings are right and wrong," Cornell said.

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# South Dakota congressman convicted of manslaughter

Associated Press

FLANDREAU, S.D. — In a verdict that could bring an abrupt end to a three-decade political career, a jury convicted Rep. Bill Janklow of manslaughter Monday for a collision that killed a motorcyclist, rejecting the congressman's claim that he was disoriented by a diabetic reaction.

The jury in Janklow's boyhood hometown deliberated for about five hours before returning its verdict.

Janklow appeared stunned as the verdict was read. He walked steadily out of the courtroom, got

in a vehicle driven by his son and left the courthouse. He refused to respond to questions shouted by a horde of reporters.

Janklow, 64, was convicted of second-degree manslaughter, reckless driving, running a stop sign and speeding for the Aug. 16 crash that killed Randy Scott, 55, a farmer from Hardwick, Minn. Prosecutors said Janklow was traveling more than 70 mph in his white Cadillac when he crashed with Scott's Harley-Davidson.

Janklow could get up to 10 years in prison on the manslaughter charge and also

face a House ethics committee investigation that could lead to his expulsion. Judge Rodney Steele set sentencing for Jan. 20.

Jurors left the courthouse without talking to reporters. They were escorted out by the sheriff, who said the jurors don't want to talk to the media. Both prosecutor Bill Ellingson and defense attorney Ed Evans refused comment.

Janklow, a Republican, was elected to South Dakota's lone House seat last year following an extraordinary political career in which he served four years as state attorney general in the

1970s and 16 years as governor. During his two stints as governor, Janklow won over legions of voters in heavily conservative South Dakota with his tough-talking, maverick style.

His trial created a scenario that once would have seemed unthinkable in this rural state: the enormously powerful Janklow on trial for manslaughter in the farming community where he grew up.

The trial began Dec. 1 with a jury-selection process that revealed Janklow's widespread popularity in Flandreau, a town of about 2,000 people. Several

jury candidates knew Janklow and his family, including one who shook hands with the former governor as he left the courtroom.

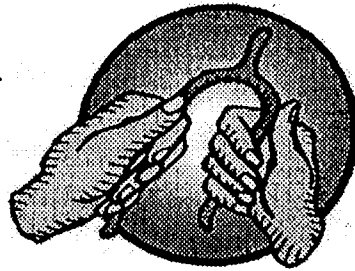
Once a panel was chosen, jurors witnessed several emotional images during five days of testimony, including Janklow in tears as he described his grief over the crash. A man who was riding motorcycles with Scott cried as he recalled finding the victim's mangled body in a soybean field. Senate Democratic Leader Tom Daschle, himself a pillar of South Dakota politics, also took the stand.

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## Kerry touts technology as key to future growth

Associated Press

STANFORD, Ca. — Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry proposed a broad economic recovery program that ties job creation to technological innovation, investment and training as he campaigns in a Silicon Valley still reeling from the technology bust.

"Today, an agenda for high-tech is an agenda for our economic future," the Massachusetts senator said in a speech Monday at Stanford University. "And the promise of the Information Age was more than a bubble — it was a breakthrough from which we will never turn back."

Kerry's praise for Silicon Valley's famed garage-based startup companies and the soaring possibilities of the Internet carried an ironic note: Former Vermont Gov. Howard Dean catapulted to the top of the field through his campaign's innovative use of the Internet in fundraising and organization.

With Dean dominating polls in New Hampshire, Kerry's aides released a memo over the weekend that said the senator now is "competing for the top three spots in Iowa and top two in New Hampshire." The memo noted that any candidate who gets 15 percent of the vote will win delegates to the party's national convention. It also cited statistics from 2000 that showed 82 percent of New Hampshire Democrats didn't decide for whom to vote until after Jan. 1.

In Iowa on Monday, the Kerry campaign described plans for a

live broadcast with uncommitted voters to broaden his appeal in the state and a separate push to attract veterans and women. Staffers said they are increasing the size of their Iowa organization, in part by bringing in workers from other states.

In his remarks at Stanford, Kerry charged President Bush with having an "anti-science attitude" that had hindered research into stem cells and global warming. He also blamed Bush for the loss of 3 million jobs nationwide, including thousands of high-tech jobs in New Hampshire.

Kerry outlined five major goals of his job-creation plan of encouraging technological innovation by investing in small technology companies, offering tax credits for research and development, and expanding broadband Internet capability; improving high-tech infrastructure and making Internet access universally available; strengthening markets by enforcing trade law, preventing intellectual piracy, boosting corporate accountability and balancing the federal budget; preparing students for the work force by improving math and science education and making college more affordable; using technology to improve health and safety through biotechnology, stem-cell research and national security.

Kerry also used the forum to continue his criticism of Bush's handling of Iraq, accusing the president of using "hubris and swagger" in his handling of international affairs.

## Godfather of funk arrested for possession

Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Funk music pioneer George Clinton was arrested and charged with drug possession after allegedly admitting to an officer he had cocaine in his pocket.

Clinton, of Tallahassee, was arrested Saturday and released on bond, according to jail officials, who wouldn't release any other information.

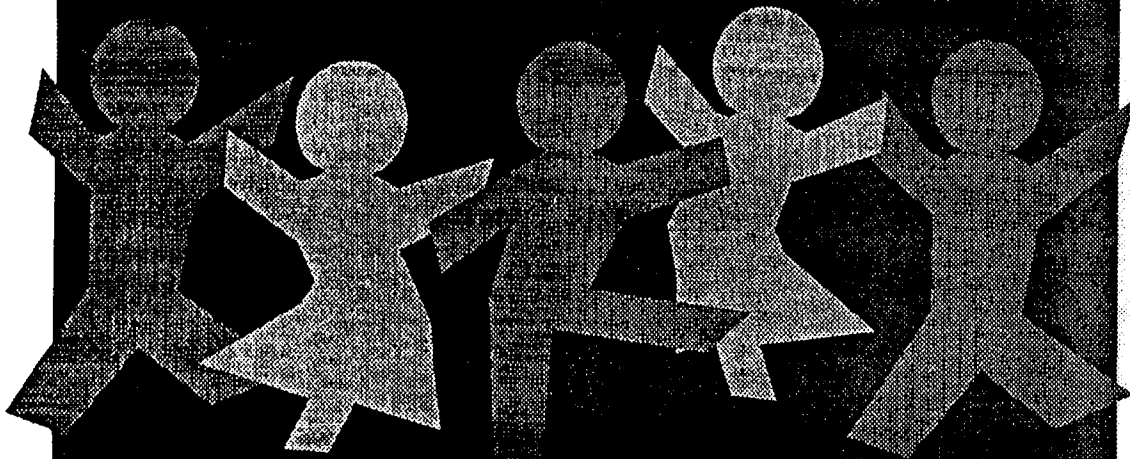
The musician's lawyer, Shoshana Zisk of San Francisco, didn't immediately return a call for comment.

Clinton's home number is unlisted.

Clinton, 63, who headed the funk bands Parliament and Funkadelic — and the collaboration later known as P-Funk — in the 1970s and 1980s is considered a father of the genre. In 1983, Clinton's solo record, "Atomic Dog," rose to the top of the R&B charts.

Clinton was sitting by himself in a car in a gas station parking lot early Saturday when a police officer approached him, said Tallahassee Police spokesman Stewart Clendinen.

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## Saying goodbye to two Notre Dame legends

One was a born people-person, eloquently spoken, honestly diplomatic, and always ready to greet people by name and with a smile.

The other was a tough weathered newsman and teacher who, to his students' delight, would satirize papers, tear them apart and subsequently mold pupils into smarter, savvier journalists.

Denny Moore and Jack Powers were beloved at Notre Dame and revered in the journalism world, and the University lost two treasured figures when they died last week.

Both attended Notre Dame and returned to bolster the University and the surrounding community with their energy and talents. Moore, a member of the founding staff of The Observer, spent 20 years working in journalism and corporate relations both in this country and in Ireland. He returned to Notre Dame to work in public relations in 1988, was promoted to director in 1990 and served as the official spokesman for the University until 2002, when he was appointed associate vice president of public affairs and communication. He was universally respected for his tact, personality and deep faith. His love for God and the University shone through his service and his actions every day.

Powers, an inductee in the Indiana Journalism Hall of Fame, led a journalistic life about which most reporters

can only dream. At the age of 29, he became the managing editor of The South Bend Tribune, and he was named executive editor in 1984. His career glittered with awards and honors; he served as president of the Indiana

Associated Press Managing Editors Association and spent six years on the national board of directors of the Associated Press Managing Editors.

When he retired from The Tribune in 1990, he continued to teach journalism courses at Notre Dame, where his students loved and idolized him, hanging on his advice and criticism about work and journalism. The

University established an internship at The Tribune in his name.

These two men embodied the spirit of Notre Dame. They gave their all to their families, their communities, their jobs and the University. Everyone who knew them — and those who knew of them — knew of this dedication and aspired to live by their examples.

Moore lived for people, always remembering faces and names — and no one will ever forget his. Powers provided his students with an example of excellence and dedication and will be remembered as a legend. The University suffered a great loss with their deaths, as Notre Dame would not be what it is today without the differences they made with their lives. May we all aspire to live lives so great.

## The Observer Editorial

### LETTER TO THE EDITOR



## Does pornography plague ND?

What is the most harmful addiction facing men of the Notre Dame campus? Surprisingly it's not alcohol or any narcotic; it's pornography.

Although pornography affects both men and women, this addiction is primarily one of males; yet it involves everyone. Pornography has long-lasting, damaging effects; it is a fantasy world and a gross misrepresentation of the body and sexuality.

The human body is not the air-brushed, plastic surgery fantasy of XXX material. No one's body looks like that, or will stay that way. Men, what happens when your wife has children and the curves you married begin to sag? Women, do you want to worry about your husband always looking at women with better bodies?

This is why Ms. Griswold effectively compares pornography to slavery in her Dec. 3 letter; it reduces people to objects, mere role players to be used rather than people to be loved. Sex

becomes selfish gratification rather than a gift of self, and its beauty is distorted into something dehumanizing.

Surprisingly, many men are unaware of the subtle danger of pornography; they are unknowingly training themselves to get their sexual "fix," becoming slaves to their sex drive. The result is a dysfunctional sex life and a distorted view of life and relationships. One becomes incapable of healthy relationships and a normal marriage.

The disastrous effects are manifested later in life: divorce, multiple marriages, broken families and heartache for children, the extended family and the entire community.

This is the reality of pornography; it is never an isolated act. It affects all of society, and this dirty secret will make itself known. Yet we are all responsible. Women, don't reduce yourselves to objects for men to use by the way you dress and act. Men, even if women

do, that gives you no right to abuse them.

Here Mr. Duda in his letter makes a weak argument by saying "All have made the choice to be there." This argument is a smoke screen that fails to address the actual problem of pornography and its effects. The "right to choose" says nothing about the choice itself. Kids choose to play with fire. Teenagers choose to use drugs. Their choices do not justify their actions.

So the question remains: Do you want to have healthy relationships and a strong marriage and family in the future?

If the answer is yes, then everyone must begin to say no to pornography right now.

Jim Lee

senior

Morrissey Manor

Dec. 8

### OBSERVER POLL

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### QUOTE OF THE DAY

*"I don't go by the rule book;  
I lead from the heart, not the head."*

Diana Spencer  
Princess of Wales

# Wishing you a just and humane Christmas

I was planning on starting this column off in typical fashion, by condemning all of humanity to hell or appealing for some sort of political revolution, but my roommate Mark would have none of it. Thus, inspired by his ever-present witness in the desk behind me here in good, old 203 Sorin Hall, I am going to write this, my final column of my first semester as an Observer columnist, about the most mainstream thing on America's plate these days: Christmas. Just don't count on me being too conventional.

Peter Quaranto

*A Call to Action*

When I begin to reflect upon the holiday that more Americans enjoy than any other, I find myself torn. Of course I want to condemn the rampant materialism, consumerism and commercialism that plague modern Christmas, but I have to admit that I, too, love running down the stairs in the Quaranto house on Christmas morning, pushing my brother and sister to the side that I might get the first look at the presents under the tree.

This leaves me with one grand question: Can we have a modern Christmas with materialism and still pursue a just, humane and meaningful celebration of the birth of Christ, who is the light and redemption of the world for all who call themselves Christian?

For the sake of argument and because I will never give up my He-Man action figures, I am going to wager a yes.

Of course, this does not mean that I am sanctioning or recommending the sort of materialistic approach to Christmas that so often pervades Macy's, Michigan Avenue in Chicago and even our own God-given Notre Dame Bookstore. At what point does

Christmas become more about buying gifts and spending money than showing love and celebrating hope? How much can one justify buying in a world where more than 3 billion people live with under \$2 per day? These are all questions that each individual must evaluate.

The question that I want to tackle is this: How can we act, in simple and real ways, to make this Christmas season a more just and humane time?

I want to suggest four ways that we can do so. These simple acts take little time, little money and little effort, but they can make a huge difference.

First, one way to promote justice this Christmas is to be conscious of the places and companies from which we buy our gifts. We all have significant power as consumers to support companies that promote just practices versus those that are guilty of such crimes as treating women unfairly, using sweatshop labor and polluting the environment. A good place to start for such empowered and focused consumerism is [www.idealswork.com](http://www.idealswork.com).

A second way to promote a just and

humane world this Christmas is to make donations to charities as part of or in place of giving gifts to another person. A good friend of mine of the more radical nature is asking for his parents to donate money to OxFam International, an organization that focuses on development in the third world, rather than give gifts, but not everyone needs to go that far.

There are so many charities and organizations, though, which are in dire need for funds and could use as much help as they can get. A couple good ones, for a start, are Maryknoll, Catholic Relief Services and Catholic Charities.

Third, one can give the gift of commitment. The holiday season is a perfect time to make a commitment to volunteer in a local soup kitchen, become more politically engaged or do some other small act for the common good. Imagine if everyone committed to spending the same amount of time that they went shopping to doing some sort of community service.

Fourth and finally, we can give the gift of time. By this, I mean we should make it a point to spend more time

with those around us, especially family and friends. Amidst our hectic, work-driven existences, it is important to make time to sit down, drink coffee and develop fellowship. Christmas, in its purest sense, is about love, which finds its home most clearly in community (and coffee).

Very often, our actions at Christmas, aimed at showing our love for someone close to us, cause the suffering of many people that we will never know. It does not have to be this way. In the end, rather than playing to a zero-sum game as we so easily can do, we are able to play to a positive-sum game, where everyone wins and justice rolls forth.

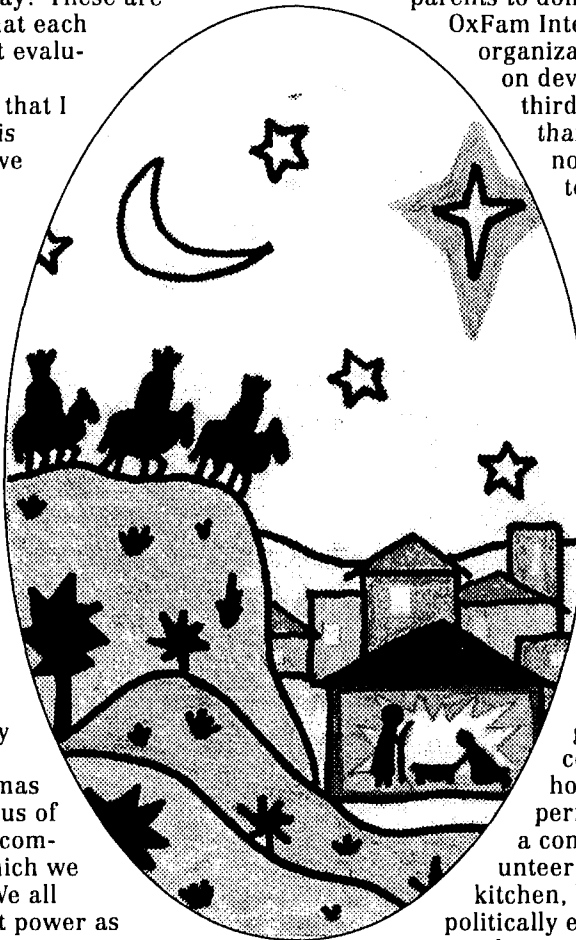
If and when we do these four things, the world will become more just and humane. Through these practices, we will also be making our own holiday celebrations more fulfilling and meaningful.

Though it is unlikely that this piece of Christmas literature will find its way into the box of such classics as "A Christmas Carol" or "The Charlie Brown Christmas" special, at least I appeased my roommate, made an argument for justice, did not offend too many people and did not call for revolution.

As for talking about revolution, there's always next semester.

*Peter Quaranto is a sophomore political science and international peace studies major. He would like to thank Jamie and Michael for their friendship, wisdom and Tuesday lunches. Merry Christmas to all and, in the words of Bruce Springsteen, "Don't waste your time waiting." Contact Peter at [pquarant@nd.edu](mailto:pquarant@nd.edu).*

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

# Committing to both God and politics

BJ Strew's Dec. 8 column, "Bush's imperial theology," attempts to strike the worst fears in Americans. In it, he not only portrays America's president as a 19th-century imperialist stalwart, but he also compares President Bush's ideology to that of the terrorist group Al-Qaeda. Such fear-mongering and degradation is not only divisive, but it is rather unhelpful to the effort of helping our country during this time of war.

I do not know for Strew, but as for me, I do believe there is evil in the world. Slavery was evil, as was the Holocaust; ditto for the gulags of the Soviet Union. The use of the term "evil," by our President merely illustrates an otherwise abstract adversary to common folks in America: he is calling it as he sees it. Any reasonable American, regardless of his or her position on the Iraqi War, agrees that there is a such thing as good and evil in this world, and Saddam Hussein sure isn't on the side of good.

Moreover, the magazine that Mr. Strew quotes from, "The Nation," is not known for its American-friendly articles. In fact, its most recent online version has a piece that blames the riots of the 1970s not

on drug-crazed draft-dodgers, but rather on men who actually went to Vietnam to defend America against communist insurgency: "Thirty-five years ago, hundreds of thousands of people took angrily to the streets, universities were taken over and a sitting President was hounded from the White House because of people like Wesley Clark." Clark was then a Lieutenant in the Army and felt it his duty to serve America.

It is no wonder that this fringe element of American politics is always the most critical of those who serve "a higher calling" and seek guidance from God while doing so. It is clear that the likes of "The Nation" and Mr. Strew don't think too highly of tradition-minded Americans, whether President Bush or General Clark. Thus, regardless of your party affiliation, let not this fringe element question your commitment to God, Country or Notre Dame. Instead, let us unite to ensure that light will overcome darkness throughout the world.

Darrell Scott  
 junior  
 Washington, D.C.  
 Dec. 8

## EDITORIAL CARTOON





CONCERT REVIEW

# Bebop Rocksteady impresses Reckers crowd

By PAUL STEINLE  
Scene Critic

I've seen Bebop Rocksteady before, off and on, since 7th grade. Three guys playing covers isn't exactly groundbreaking material. We've all seen and heard it before; BBR represents the latest incarnation of three guys playing songs they didn't write.

So what led me to Reckers on this Saturday night? If I really wanted to appease my appetite for music, I could always go to Legends and listen to a pretty boy with a sweet voice croon sappy acoustic love songs to a 90 percent female audience or I could swing into South Bend and check out the thriving bohemian arts scene — and we all know it's there somewhere. I came to Reckers because I needed to smile. A smile was achieved; courtesy of three young men from Dillon who collectively call themselves Bebop Rocksteady.

Standing on stage with horn-rimmed glasses and a sweater vest, lead singer/guitarist Matt Fantazier bore a certain resemblance to one Rivers Cuomo. I was not surprised, therefore, when BBR played Weezer's "Don't Let Go" early in their set.

Yet I was greatly amused when Fantazier ended the song by tossing a sweater vest to a pretty young lady in the audience. This sequence of events summarizes an evening

with BBR. Play a cover, do something funny. Play a cover, do something funny.

It's not my place to criticize the lack of original material in BBR's set. They are capable musicians. Featuring Andrew Zwiers on bass and Justin Oppel on drums, each song was full of spirit and was played with a unique twist that comes to define BBR.

Despite a late start and slight unpreparedness evident by the arguments about which songs to play, BBR displayed an enthusiasm that carried over to the good-sized crowd present.

The set was comprised of two types of songs: those written in the 1970s and those written in the 1990s — Green Day to the Doobie Brothers, from Blink-182 to Creedence Clearwater Revival and back again. Pop-punk is better than no punk at all, and

technically, 70s rock isn't all that bad. After all, Lynrd Skynrd did release an album the same year as the Stooges, right? No complaints, given the circumstances. However, I must question the choice to play "Fortunate Son" by CCR.

Disregarding subtle political messages, Fantazier's infectious sense of humor won over the crowd as he adopted a flawless Scottish inflection for BBR's rendition of the Proclaimers' hit "I'm Gonna Be (500 Miles)." Zwiers' John Fogerty-influenced vocals could use some work however, as he missed the stuttering

present on "My Sharona" by the Knack.

A little more stage presence wouldn't hurt the band either, yet this won't be a difficult obstacle to overcome, given BBR's obvious love of the spotlight. And kudos to drummer Justin Oppel: anyone who brings their drum set to one of Notre Dame's cell-block dorm rooms deserves our respect. Either you truly have a passion for music, or you enjoy putting as much junk as possible in your room. I believe in the former.

My confession is that I smiled more than once as BBR played. I couldn't help it. They're funny. Like the kid who tells so many dumb jokes that by the 20th time you feel your ribs breaking from laughing; that's BBR. Perfectly harmless, unconcerned with being "cool." They just want to rock, and they want you along with them.

Artistic vision is not a prerogative. Radiohead, they are not, but hey, this isn't NYU. This is Notre Dame.

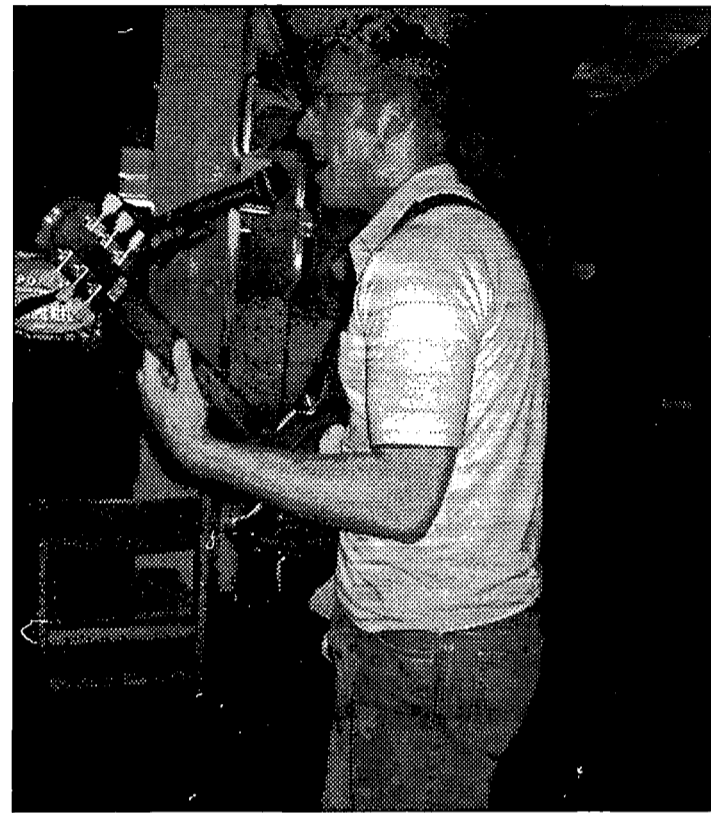


Photo courtesy of Matt Fantazier  
Guitarist and vocalist Matt Fantazier performs live with his band 'Bebop Rocksteady' at Reckers on Dec. 6.

It's wonderful to see three guys who scoff at taking themselves seriously. Bebop Rocksteady supplies a sense of humor to a university that sorely needs it.

Now if we could only get a band to supply a more progressive way of thinking.

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ALBUM REVIEW

# 'In Time': A brief history of R.E.M.

By MOLLY GRIFFIN  
Scene Music Critic

R.E.M. does not look or act like a typical rock band. Michael Stipe, the lead singer, is tall, lanky and bald and the other band members don't have a visible tattoo, piercing or obnoxious dye job among them. The fact that they've been around long enough to put out their "best of" CD, *In Time: The Best of R.E.M. 1988-2003*, provides further proof of their distinct difference from the rest of rock and

roll. The CD covers R.E.M.'s music from the release of their album, *Green*, which was the first that gained any major national attention. This unfortunately keeps their infamously karaoke-unfriendly song, "It's the End of the World As We Know It (And I Feel Fine)," off of the album.

Aside from that major exclusion, the album includes a variety of their most famous songs, as well as a few lesser-known but equally good ones. *In Time* spans from "Man on the Moon" to "Everybody Hurts," and to their most famous song, "Losing My Religion."

Songs that aren't quite as famous but still provide perspective on R.E.M.'s style and career include "At My Most Beautiful" and "Daysleeper" from their 1998 disc *Up*; "E-Bow the Letter" and "Electrolite" from 1996's *New Adventures in Hi-Fi* and "The Side Window Sleeps Tonight" from *Automatic for the People* in

1992. The CD also includes two new songs, "Bad Day" and "Animal," which are surprisingly good and add to the album as a whole which is a rare occurrence, considering the kind of hastily thrown together "new" songs that are usually included with greatest hits CDs. "Bad Day" is reminiscent of "It's the End of the World As We Know It (And I Feel Fine)" because of its rapid-fire delivery and up-beat tempo, and "Animal" has a more driving melody.

The booklet included with the CD contains the background behind each song on the album and the insight provided on the sources of or meanings behind some of the songs is fascinating, not just for R.E.M. fans but also for anyone with an interest in how music comes to fruition.

Nothing other than the background to songs is included in the booklet and lyrics, like on most R.E.M. albums, and must be hunted down on the Internet because the band doesn't

include them.

Overall, *In Time* is an enjoyable CD, and it represents the breadth of R.E.M.'s career, but it doesn't have the depth that a band with the longevity and talent of R.E.M. deserves. Granted, summarizing their lengthy career in one disc is a near impossible task, and *In Time* is a valiant effort, but it just feels incomplete.

The music itself suffers nothing by being on the disk, but R.E.M. as a band isn't adequately represented by the material included. If they had just taken the risk and made it a two-disc set, it would have been a much more complete and satisfying effort.

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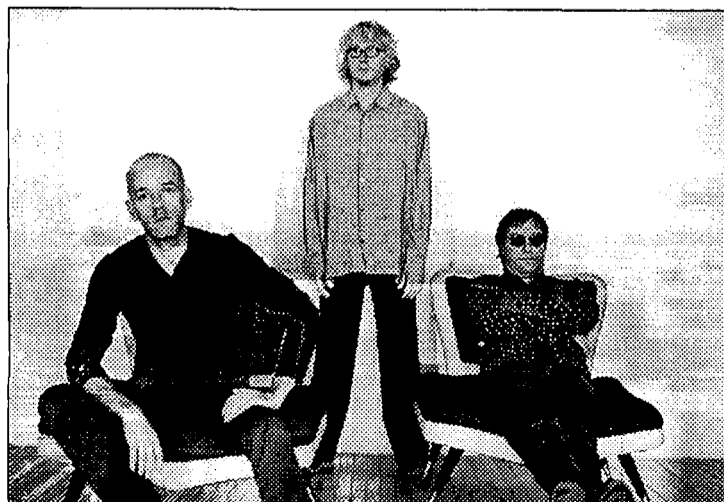




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Michael Stipe, Mike Mills and Peter Buck of R.E.M. have enjoyed enough success to release their first 'best of' CD.

**In Time**

**R.E.M.**

Warner Bros.

DVD REVIEW

# A DVD fit for a blockbuster

By MOLLY GRIFFIN  
Scene Movie Critic

Sometimes, watching a "summer" movie you enjoyed in theaters after it is released on DVD makes you wonder if you'd been out in the heat too long. Notorious for having little to no plot and more than enough special effects to make up for that vacuum in the story line, they frequently have the shelf life of a dairy product.

Summer movies are a lot like Popsicles: they're perfect in the summer, but come January their appeal is gone. *X2: X-Men United*, surprisingly breaks this trend. It had everything that makes a great summer flick, but it doesn't lose its charm on subsequent viewings. It also breaks the mold of most sequels by being just as good, if not better, than the original.

Returning from the first X-Men film are Wolverine (Hugh Jackman), Storm (Halle Berry), Rogue (Anna Paquin), Jean Grey (Famke Janssen) and Cyclops (James Marsden), as well as their villainous mutant coun-

terparts Magneto (Ian McKellen) and Mystique (Rebecca Romijn-Stamos).

Joining the cast are Nightcrawler (Alan Cummings), a blue, German monk who can teleport, and Deathstryke (Kelly Hu), a sort of female Wolverine in serious need of a manicure.

It can be a little hard at times to keep track of all of the mutants and their individual background stories, but fans will appreciate glimpses of characters like Colossus and Beast who played a large role in the comic and cartoon but not on the big screen.

*X2* picks up where the first movie left off, following the exploits of Professor Charles Xavier (Patrick Stewart) and his school for gifted youngsters — a.k.a. mutants.

The twist with *X2* is that they bring back the same villains from the first film, but instead of fighting these same forces, the X-Men must unite with them to fight an even greater threat.

Mutant registration acts are being pushed through congress, and General William Stryker (Brian Cox) is dedicated to hunting every mutant down. Stryker is a great villain, and the second movie proves to be highly entertaining, although a bit on the slow side at times.

The two-disc DVD set of *X2: X-Men United* provides a ton of extras, and the additions prove to be a fitting addition to the

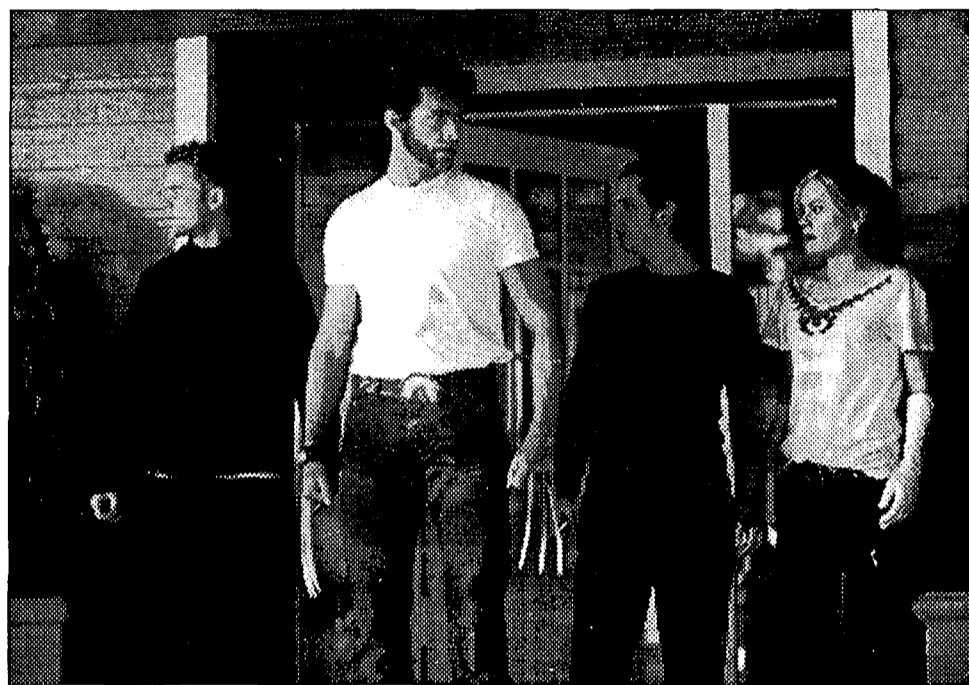


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Iceman (Shawn Ashmore), Wolverine (Hugh Jackman), Pyro (Aaron Stanford) and Rogue (Anna Paquin) find themselves in a tight spot in 'X2: X-Men United.'

film itself. The sound and picture on the discs are good, and the soundtrack, as with most big, action-driven films, is quite loud and bombastic.

Extras include interviews and discussions with the director, producers, writers and cinematographers about various facets of the film, and there is an almost hour-long documentary about the production and the biographies of the individual characters, which includes cast and crew interviews.

There are several special effects explanations, including many


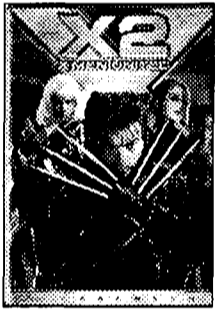
regarding Nightcrawler and one focusing on the Wolverine/Deathstryke fight, and there are pieces on the costumes, music and design for the film. Also included are trailers, webcast highlights from interviews for the film's release and a photo gallery.

All in all, this DVD is a fitting addition to a film with a fan base and a history that demands more than the average from a DVD.

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**X2:**  
**X-Men United**

20th Century Fox

## 'Last Samurai' cruises to box office win

Associated Press

*The Last Samurai* came in first at the weekend box office as the Tom Cruise war epic cut down the competition with \$24.4 million in ticket sales, according to studio estimates Sunday.

In the film, Cruise plays a downtrodden Civil War veteran who reclaims honor by forging a bond with samurai warriors — despite having been brought to Japan to quash their rebellion by training a mercenary army for the Japanese emperor.

Cruise's other recent films have opened stronger, such as the \$35.6 million debut for *Minority Report* and the \$57.8 million opening of *Mission: Impossible II*. *Samurai*, which is nearly two-and-a-half hours long, had a similar opening gross to *Vanilla Sky*, which collected \$25 million in its first weekend.

"It's almost a lock that every time he opens a movie it comes in at No. 1. This guy is box office insurance personified," said Paul Dergarabedian, president of box-office tracker Exhibitor Relations. "For an R-rated film, a very long film, a period epic — I think this speaks to Tom Cruise's drawing power."

The debut of *Samurai* toppled last week's No. 1 movie, *Dr. Seuss' The Cat in the Hat*, which fell to fifth place with \$7.3 million.

So far, *Cat* has earned a total of \$85.5 million, according to Universal Pictures, placing it far behind the studio's 2000 Jim Carrey comedy *Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas*, which had collected about \$172 million at the same point in its release. *Grinch* ultimately earned \$260 million by the end of its run.

The Jessica Alba aspiring-dancer melodrama *Honey*, the only other new movie opening in wide release, ranked second this weekend with \$14 million despite generally poor reviews, some of which compared its story to the infamous Mariah Carey bomb *Glitter*.

It's a strong opening for the former star of TV's *Dark Angel*, and distributor Universal Pictures said the audience for *Honey* was about 75 percent under 21 and 74 percent female. That proved to be wise counter-programming against *Samurai*, which had audiences skewing older and predominantly male, Dergarabedian said.

"Universal selected just the right movie to go up against *The Last Samurai*, the two movies couldn't be more different," he said.

In only 126 theaters, a re-release of *The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring* added \$431,000 to that film's total gross, bringing it to \$313.8 million.

New Line Cinema is reissuing the previous two films to a handful of theaters in advance of the Dec. 17



Photo courtesy of www.imdb.com

Nathan Algren (Tom Cruise), a downtrodden Civil War veteran who reclaims honor by forging a bond with samurai warriors, continues to train as the sun sets in 'The Last Samurai.' The film brought in \$24.4 million over the weekend.

debut of the final *Rings* installment: *The Return of the King*. This coming week, *The Two Towers* will be in theaters again.

There's a moviegoing vacuum that usually follows the weekend after the Thanksgiving holiday, and many of the top holdover movies saw ticket sales drop by more than 60 percent this weekend. Snowfall in the north-

eastern states may also have kept people at home and away from theaters.

Nonetheless, the overall box-office was up about 34 percent. The top 12 movies took in \$91.8 million from Friday to Sunday compared to \$68.5 million from the same weekend last year, when *Die Another Day* and *Analyze That* topped the box-office.

## NBA

# Magic snap 19-game losing streak with win

Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — The Orlando Magic narrowly dodged becoming only the sixth team in NBA history to lose 20 straight games, beating the Phoenix Suns 105-98 on Monday night.

The Magic had to climb out of a 22-point hole in the first quarter to win for the first since Oct. 29, an overtime victory in the opener at New York. It was the third-biggest comeback in team history and the largest deficit the Magic have overcome at home.

Drew Gooden scored 15 of his 21 points in the first half, and Tracy McGrady had 16 points, 11 rebounds and nine assists.

Orlando, for once, was on the good side of a late-game surge. The Magic closed the game on a 10-2 run, with Gordan Giricek hitting a 3-pointer and two free throws.

Giricek had 19 points, as did Juwan Howard. Howard's up-and-under layup broke a 95-all tie and started the Magic to their first home win since April 12.

Orlando topped 100 points for only the fourth time this season.

The losing streak was the NBA's longest since 1997-98, when the Denver Nuggets lost 23 straight to tie the 1995-96 Vancouver Grizzlies for most consecutive losses in one season.

The overall record is 24 by the Cleveland Cavaliers at the end of 1981-82 and the start of the following season.

The Suns lost for the fifth time in six games, with only a comeback at Boston on Friday preventing a complete collapse.

Phoenix coach Frank Johnson, under fire for his team's poor start, was ejected with 12.4 seconds remaining.

Shawn Marion scored a season-high 29 points, 20 in the first half. He also tied his season best with

17 rebounds for his fifth double-double.

Penny Hardaway had season highs of 22 points and eight assists. He scored 14 points in the first quarter when the Suns broke out to a 38-16 lead.

## Spurs 96, Bulls 82

Manu Ginobili scored 14 of his 26 points in the last five minutes to lead the San Antonio Spurs to a 96-82 victory over the Chicago Bulls on Monday night.

Tim Duncan had 17 points and 14 rebounds, and Rashaun Nesterovic added 17 points and seven rebounds for the Spurs, who won their third straight. Tony Parker — playing in front of his father, brothers and grandparents — had 13 points and seven assists.

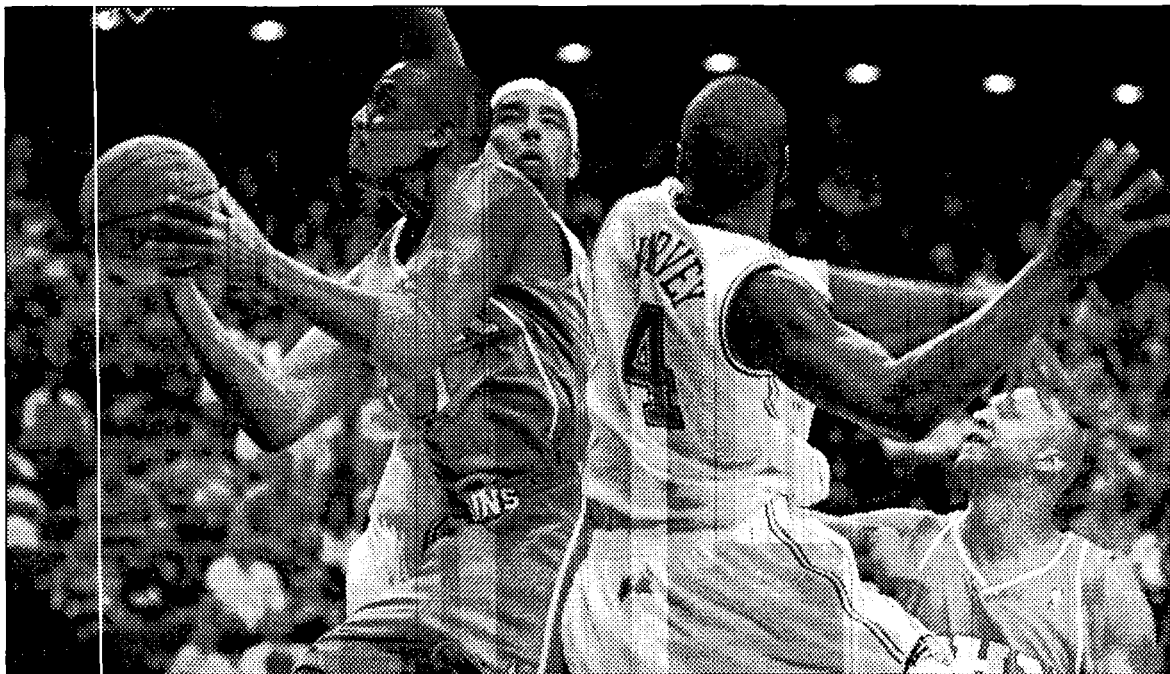
Eddy Curry scored all 16 of his points in the fourth quarter, but it wasn't enough to keep the Spurs from sweeping Chicago for a third straight season. The Bulls lost in San Antonio last month.

Curry had looked lost for most of the first three quarters, losing the battle of the big men to Nesterovic and Duncan. He didn't score until there was 9:55 left in the game, getting his first points on a pair of free throws.

But those two shots seemed to get him on track. He ripped off three more baskets, cutting San Antonio's lead to 70-68 on a tip-in with 8:07 left.

Then he made two huge plays that seemed to turn the momentum in the Bulls' favor. As Duncan drove for a layup, Curry rose up and swatted the ball away. Chicago got the ball and, at the other end of the floor, Curry scored on a driving layup, drawing a foul in the process.

Curry roared and pumped his fist as the crowd gave him a loud ovation, and his teammates gave him high-fives. Curry then converted the three-point play, giving Chicago a 76-75 lead — its first



Phoenix guard Anfernee Hardaway drives to the hoop against Orlando Monday night. The Magic beat the Suns to snap a 19-game losing streak.

since early in the third quarter.

## Hornets 91, Bucks 85

Jamaa Magloire had 20 points and 11 rebounds, including three late baskets, to help the New Orleans Hornets hold off the Milwaukee Bucks 91-85 on Monday night.

Baron Davis added 18 points and 10 assists on a night when he struggled with his shot (6-of-25). But his floater off the glass with 30 seconds left and his three free throws on the Hornets' next two possessions kept the Bucks at bay.

David Wesley added 18 points and P.J. Brown had 12 for New Orleans, which handed Milwaukee its fourth loss in five games.

Desmond Mason led the Bucks with 17 points, while Joe Smith had 13 points and 15 rebounds. Damon Jones scored 14 points,

shooting 4-of-6 from 3-point range. Michael Redd also had 14, but was held without a field goal until midway through the third quarter.

The Hornets never trailed after Brown hit an 18-foot jump shot with 3:39 left in the first quarter, and New Orleans built several double-digit leads. The Bucks refused to wilt, however, staying in the game by outrebounding New Orleans 59-47. Milwaukee had 20 offensive rebounds and 20 second-chance points.

New Orleans led 66-53 in the third period after Brown passed to Magloire for a jam and George Lynch scored on a tip-in on successive possessions.

Milwaukee regrouped during a timeout and responded with a 14-3 run, capped when Jones faked an outside jumper and found Smith underneath for a

one-handed dunk that cut the score to 69-67 at the end of the third quarter.

New Orleans opened the final period with an 8-0 run for a 77-67 lead, but Mason's layup to finish a fast break, followed by and a close-range shot by Smith cut the score to 84-81. Magloire's short jump hook made it 86-81, and both teams exchanged scoreless possessions — including two missed free throws by Daniel Santiago — before Davis' floater forced the Bucks to foul on New Orleans' remaining possessions.

But the Bucks climbed back into the game with a 10-0 run during which Jones, shooting 29 percent on 3-pointers coming in, hit two straight shots from long range. Jones had eight points during the run, which made the score 41-36, and he later hit another 3 for 11 points.

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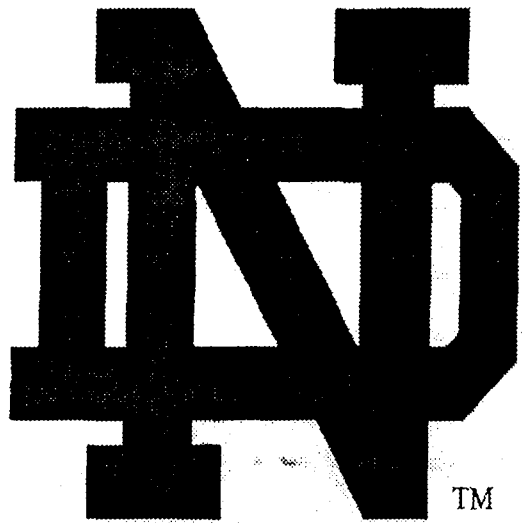
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## MLB

## Maddux, Braves part ways after 11 seasons

*Team declines arbitration with long-time starter*

Associated Press

ATLANTA — If Greg Maddux stays true to form — and doesn't he always? — the 300th win should come shortly after next year's All Star game.

He won't get it wearing an Atlanta uniform.

The Braves bid adieu to their longtime ace, cutting ties with Maddux by declining to offer arbitration by a midnight Sunday deadline. While the decision had been expected for weeks, if not months, it still marked the end of an Atlanta era.

"You can't expect to replace a Greg Maddux, either his ability to pitch or his impact on his fellow pitchers," Braves general manager John Schuerholz said Monday.

"He's one of the best pitchers ever to toe the rubber in the history of the game."

Maddux had played for the Braves since 1993 — winning the NL Cy Young Award the first three years, setting an NL record for most consecutive innings without a walk, becoming the poster child for consistency with his streak of 15-win seasons.

He could be counted on to

take the mound every fifth day, emerging from the dugout with a nonchalant stroll that masked an intense competitive streak. He was good at whatever he did, where it was golf (his off-field passion) or crossword puzzles (a familiar clubhouse pursuit).

Maddux went 194-88 with a 2.63 ERA during his 11-year stint in Atlanta. Throw in those years with the Chicago Cubs and he's got a career mark of 289-163.

At age 37, the right-hander still hopes to pitch a

few more years. But the Braves cut off negotiations early in the process, unwilling to meet Maddux's salary demands after he made \$14.75 million last season.

Atlanta is expected to cut its payroll by at least \$20 million

this season.

"There was absolutely no possibility this was going to fit into our operating scheme this year," Schuerholz said. "I would have loved to have seen him say, 'I want to stay with the Braves no matter what. I want to achieve these goals wearing a Braves uniform. I want to stay.' We all would have loved that. But our economics and his economics weren't anywhere near

each other."

Maddux, who lives in Las Vegas, was vacationing with his wife and couldn't be reached for comment, according to his agent, Scott Boras.

The Braves also declined arbitration for sluggers Gary Sheffield and Javy Lopez, losing two players who combined for 82 homers and 241 RBIs in 2003.

Schuerholz said the Braves had "very serious" talks with Sheffield, who is close agreement on a \$39 million, three-year deal with the Yankees, a deal the Yankees insist is not final.

Schuerholz never pursued another contract with Lopez, who had spent his entire career with the Braves. Despite a career season (43 homers, 109 RBIs), Atlanta had been planning all along for Johnny Estrada to take over at catcher in '04.

Estrada was acquired from Philadelphia a year ago in a cost-cutting deal that sent Kevin Millwood to the Phillies.

That was only the beginning of the Braves' new world, which calls for the team to pursue its 13th straight division title with a much-smaller payroll.

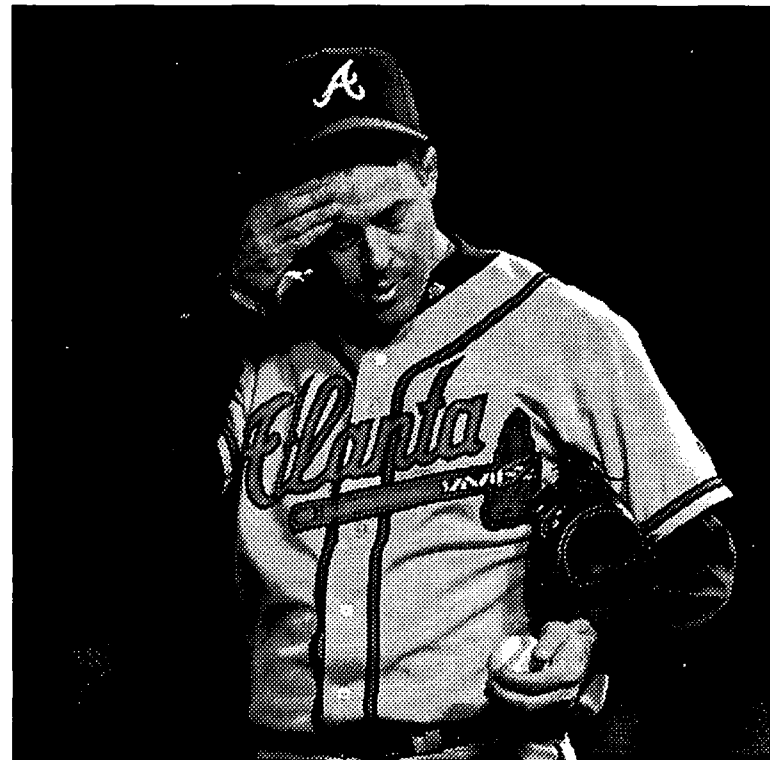
But Schuerholz confidently predicted that Atlanta will again be a contender in the NL East, even with lower-salaried players.

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Atlanta's Greg Maddux wipes his brow during a game last season. Maddux was not offered arbitration by the Braves.

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"We shouldn't worry what the team's roster looks like today," he said. "We have a lot of time to work on the construction of our roster. This is a meaningless date in terms of what our team will look like on opening day. We will have a very good team."


The team is pursuing a trade or signing to fill Sheffield's spot — Jose Cruz Jr., Jose Guillen and Jacque Jones have been mentioned as possibilities — and the top of the rotation is still strong with Russ Ortiz, Mike Hampton and Horacio

Ramirez.

"I think it's going to be very interesting, and maybe very exciting for the fans," Schuerholz said. "While we have said goodbye to some favorite players over the years, I think they're going to be excited by the new look, the new mix."

Asked what he'll remember about the right-hander, Schuerholz paused for a moment.

"Just his consistency," the GM finally said. "Just his consistent excellence."



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**NCAA BASKETBALL**

**Florida third No. 1 in three weeks**

*Kansas drops after loss to Stanford*

Associated Press

Three weeks, three No. 1s. Florida moved into the top spot in The Associated Press college basketball poll Monday, the third straight week there has been a new No. 1 team.

The Gators (5-0) moved up one spot to replace Kansas, which lost 64-58 to Stanford on Saturday. The Jayhawks held the No. 1 ranking for just one week after replacing Connecticut; the Huskies were on top for the preseason and the first two weeks of the regular season.

Stanford, which beat a No. 1 team for the third time in school history, had the week's biggest jump, moving from 21st to 13th.

The last time there were three No. 1 teams in as many weeks was the end of the 1999-00 season, when Stanford, Cincinnati and Duke each had a stay on top in the final three polls.

The record for consecutive polls with a different No. 1 is seven. From Jan. 3 to Feb. 14, 1994, the top teams were: Arkansas, North Carolina, Kansas, UCLA, Duke, North Carolina and Arkansas.

Florida was No. 1 for the first time in school history last season, holding that spot

for one week. The Gators lost 70-55 to Kentucky in their first game as a No. 1 team then.

The Gators host Maryland on Wednesday, and they play at Louisville on Saturday.

"We're in the middle of a long race, and it's just started. It's very early in the season, and I feel like we're still learning who we are as a team," Florida coach Billy Donovan said Monday.

"We moved to No. 1, which is always great, but my total focus is for our team to continue to improve regardless of what our ranking is. We've got two very difficult tests this week and our sole focus is on improving as a basketball team."

Florida received 46 first-place votes and 1,732 points from the national media panel.

No. 2 Connecticut (6-1) and No. 3 Missouri (3-0) each moved up one place in the rankings. The Huskies got nine first-place votes and 1,593 points, while the Tigers were No. 1 on six ballots and drew 1,512 points.

Duke (5-1) moved up two places to fourth, and Kansas (3-1) — which last week

soared from No. 6 to No. 1 — fell back to fifth.

Texas, North Carolina, Kentucky, Arizona and Georgia Tech rounded out the Top 10.

Seven teams received first-place votes this week, two fewer than last week. Georgia Tech had four No. 1 votes, while Texas and North Carolina had three each, and Kentucky had one.

Oklahoma moved up three places to 11th and was followed by Saint Joseph's, Stanford, Illinois, Wake Forest, Purdue, Gonzaga, Cincinnati, Syracuse and Pittsburgh.

The last five ranked teams were Michigan State, Marquette, Wisconsin, Iowa and Dayton.

Iowa and Dayton are newcomers, replacing Notre Dame and Oklahoma State.

The biggest drop was by Michigan State, from No. 5 to No. 21. The Spartans (3-3) lost to Duke and Oklahoma last week, and it doesn't get easier this week, with a game against Kentucky.

Other upcoming meetings between ranked teams: Texas vs. Arizona in the Jimmy V Classic at Madison Square Garden on Tuesday; Purdue at Oklahoma on Thursday; Missouri plays Gonzaga in Seattle; and Marquette at Arizona.

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**NCAA FOOTBALL**

**O'Leary named Central Florida head coach**

*Current Vikings, former Irish coach, to take over at seasons end*

Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — George O'Leary was hired Monday to coach Central Florida, giving him another chance in college football two years after Notre Dame forced him to resign because he lied on his resume.

O'Leary, the Minnesota Vikings' defensive coordinator for the past two seasons, said he chose Central Florida because he saw the opportunity to build the program into a national powerhouse.

"I see the University of Central Florida as a sleeping giant," O'Leary said at a news conference.

O'Leary acknowledged the problems in his past, saying he was ready to move on. He had lied about earning a master's degree and receiving three letters playing football at New Hampshire. He resigned less than a week after Notre Dame hired him in 2001.

"I made a terrible, terrible mistake as a youngster and I paid a dear price for it," he said. "I'm truly sorry for that ... My past is my past."

Central Florida president John Hitt said a thorough background check was done on O'Leary, and he was confident he made the right decision in hiring him.

"I think he deserves another chance," Hitt said. "How he handles that chance, of course, we'll all be watching to see."

Central Florida fired coach Mike Kruczek late in the season, and he was replaced on

an interim basis by Alan Gooch on Nov. 10.

O'Leary, the former Georgia Tech coach, wasn't out of work long after his brief stay at Notre Dame. After leaving in mid-December 2001, O'Leary was hired by the Vikings less than a month later.

At Georgia Tech, O'Leary had a 52-33 record from 1994-2001. UCF athletic director Steve Orsini was Georgia Tech's senior associate athletic director during O'Leary's tenure there.

O'Leary will finish the season with Minnesota, which is 8-5 and in position to make the playoffs.

He is a taking over a Central Florida program battered by losses on the field and discipline problems off the field.

Although the Golden Knights were expected to contend in the Mid-American Conference's East Division, their 3-9 record was their worst since 1984. Coincidentally, that was the last year the program lost a coach during the season.

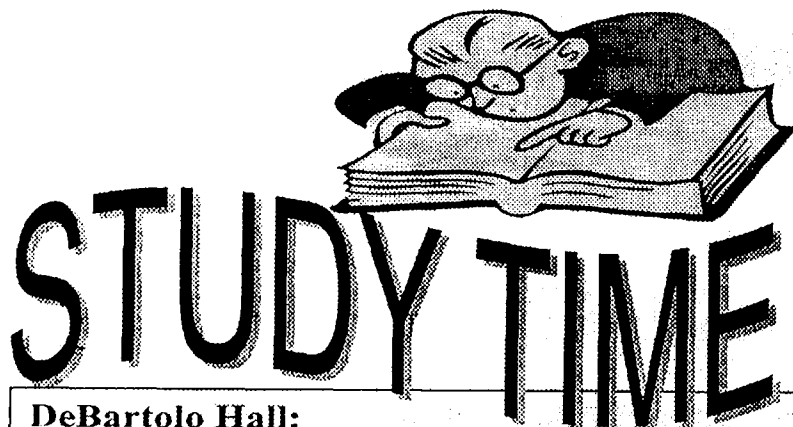
In addition, the Knights had eight players, including four starters, suspended this season for various infractions.

O'Leary's five-year contract reportedly was worth about \$700,000 annually.

That financial package would be far more than what UCF has paid in the past. Kruczek made \$185,000 a year.

Central Florida spokesman John Marini said he did not know the details of O'Leary's contract.

Central Florida has been competing at the Division I-A level for eight years, and the 2002 season was its first as a member of a conference after 23 years as an independent.



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## NHL

## Hull moves to into third place on scoring

*Red Wings jump ahead 2-0, hang on to win*

Associated Press

DETROIT — Brett Hull moved into third place on the NHL career goal list by scoring 1:51 into overtime Monday night of the Detroit Red Wings' 3-2 victory over the Los Angeles Kings.

Hull's 732nd goal snapped a tie with Marcel Dionne and moved the Red Wings forward behind only Wayne Gretzky (894) and Gordie Howe (801). Hull, who also had an assist, one-timed a shot from the bottom of the left circle to give him a goal in his seventh straight game.

Los Angeles rallied from a 2-0 third-period deficit on goals by Mike Cammalleri and Martin Straka to force overtime.

Straka tied it at 2 with 2:10 remaining after a turnover by Steve Thomas along the boards. Straka beat Dominik Hasek between the pads with a shot from the bottom of the right circle.

Cammalleri brought Los Angeles within 2-1 when he scored with 9:06 remaining.

Brendan Shanahan and Pavel Datsyuk had the other Detroit goals.

Shanahan's goal was his 544th, tying him for 19th place with Hall of Famer Maurice Richard.

Red Wings defenseman Chris Chelios left the game early in the second period with a knee injury. He collided with Cammalleri late in the first peri-

od and went down holding the knee. He returned for the first shift of the second period, but went to the locker room after that.

### Bruins 2, Senators 2

Glen Murray had a goal and an assist to lead the Boston Bruins to a 2-2 tie with the Ottawa Senators on Monday night.

Murray gave the Bruins a 2-1 lead with a breakaway goal 6:45 into the second period. He stole a pass near center ice, skated in and flipped a backhand past goaltender Patrick Lalime into the far top corner of the net.

Lalime made 21 saves in his return from a bout with the flu that forced him to miss the previous four contests.

The Senators tied it with 3:39 remaining in the second when defenseman Wade Redden put a rebound past Boston's Andrew Raycroft for his seventh goal of the season.

The Bruins are 0-2-3 in their last five home games and are winless against Ottawa in four. Boston hasn't beaten the Senators since Nov. 9, 2002.

Ottawa, which failed to beat the Bruins in its first 22 games, is 13-4-4 in 21 games against them since the start of the 1999-2000 season.

The lone goal of the first period came when Raycroft's skates slipped from under him, leaving an empty net for forward Vaclav Varada to score his fifth of the season.

## NBA

## Lakers getting along just fine

*Team starts season 17-3 behind good team chemistry*

Associated Press

EL SEGUNDO, Calif. — Shaquille O'Neal has never been on such a tight-knit team.

Karl Malone is reminded of what it was like to play in high school.

Horace Grant and Gary Payton love what's happened so far but think there's plenty of room for improvement.

Yes, the Los Angeles Lakers have hit it off — on the court and away from it.

And much faster than anyone thought possible, producing an NBA-leading 17-3 record.

"This is the most talented team and the closest team I've ever played on," O'Neal said after practice Monday.

"We should be 20-0. We let a couple slip away. When we clamp down and get mad, we're ... near perfect at times."

Nine of their victories have been by 15 or more points, and they bring a nine-game winning streak into Tuesday night's game against the New York Knicks.

The Lakers are 3-0 against the reigning NBA champion San Antonio Spurs. They also collected a 22-point victory over an Indiana Pacers team that was 14-2 entering the game.

The Lakers lost at Memphis, New Orleans and Detroit last

month. They're 11-0 at home and have won 26 straight regular-season home games since losing to the Knicks 117-110 last February.

"We're playing well, but we haven't hit our groove yet," Grant said. "The new guys are still learning the offense. When we hit our groove, the league better look out."

Phil Jackson coached the Chicago Bulls to six championships in the 1990s and the Lakers to three from 2000-02. He acknowledged this season's team has come together faster than he expected.

"I think it's the attitude — the players have a good attitude about playing together," he said, adding that defense has been a major factor.

"That's a ticket to winning games," Jackson said.

Regarding the closeness O'Neal brought up, Jackson smiled and said: "I've noticed that Shaq has lost his nickname of Mr. Moody. That's a pleasure for us if players get along together."

"I've been with teams who have had great on- and off-court rapport. I've been with teams who have had on-court rapport and no off-court rapport. I'm enjoying watching the behavior on airplanes, on buses going to shootarounds."

Malone, the NBA's second-leading career scorer, and Payton, a nine-time All-Star, joined the Lakers as underpriced free agents during the

offseason.

The Lakers were clearly in need, having been pretty much a two-man team before being eliminated by the Spurs in the Western Conference semifinals.

Now, O'Neal and Bryant have plenty of support, including the emerging Devean George and Slava Medvedenko, along with Derek Fisher and newcomers Grant and Bryon Russell.

When Malone and Payton joined the Lakers, both said a championship ring was the thing — something that's eluded them in their sterling careers.

"I'm having a great deal of fun," the 40-year-old Malone said. "The way guys are pulling for each other is very underrated. It's kind of like a high school team. It's not the big things that are keeping my hunger for basketball. It's the little things — the closeness of the guys. I haven't had that since high school. That says a lot."

Malone said he's been more impressed with O'Neal than anything else.

"He's not looking to score 30 points anymore," Malone said. "He's looking to win ball-games."

Bryant leads the Lakers in scoring, but still isn't 100 percent healthy following offseason operations on his right shoulder and right knee.

And he's still dealing with a rape charge that figures to go to trial next summer — something that's been a blip on the radar rather than the major distraction many predicted.

Payton, for one, is surprised the Lakers have done so well. He entered the season believing they wouldn't come together until early next year.

## PGA

## Woods wins fifth straight PLOY award

Associated Press

THOUSAND OAKS, Calif. — A wild season in golf came to a familiar conclusion Monday when Tiger Woods was voted PGA Tour player of the year for the fifth straight time, narrowly beating Vijay Singh.

Woods failed to win the PGA Tour money title or a major championship for the first time since 1998. Still, his peers decided his season was the best on tour.

Woods won five times, including two World Golf Championships, had the lowest scoring average and was second on the money list, despite playing only 18 times.

"There's a tremendous amount of satisfaction because it just shows that guys on the tour respect that I was consistent, that I've won numerous times," Woods said. "I think that's what the award reflects."

The PGA Tour does not release vote totals.

Ben Curtis was voted rookie of the year for winning the British Open in his first appearance at a major. Peter

Jacobsen was voted comeback player of the year for winning the Greater Hartford Open at age 49, his first tour victory in eight years.

Woods won for the sixth time in seven years; no one else has won player of the year more than twice since it was created in 1990.

He became the first player since Greg Norman in 1995 to win the award despite not winning a major.

Woods led the PGA Tour in victories for the fifth straight year, and his 68.41 adjusted scoring average was the second-lowest in history behind his 68.13 mark in 2000.

While Woods has said majors are the most important, more than that went into this vote.

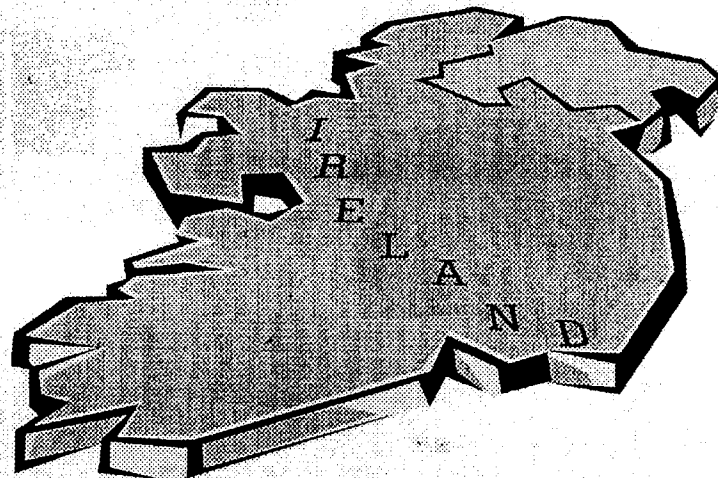
"Number of wins and quality for the entire year," Woods said. "I had the second-lowest scoring average in tour history next to mine in 2000, so that shows I played at a consistent level for the entire year."

Singh was equally consistent, winning four times — in the winter, spring, summer and fall — and ending Woods' four-year reign atop the money list with \$7.5 million.

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NCAA FOOTBALL

# College bowl system causes annual dilemma

Associated Press

The best team in the land? Nobody will know for sure this season.

What if the winner of the Rose Bowl could play the winner of the Sugar Bowl a week after those big games? Oklahoma vs. Southern California would be a dandy. So would LSU vs. USC. Of course, if Michigan slipped in with its two losses, some folks might be upset, though nobody could say the Wolverines went through the back door.

A one-game playoff is one of a handful of solutions that have floated around for years in an attempt to crown a true champion out of one of the most controversial, some say antiquated, concoctions in sports — the college bowl system.

"We have this conversation every year," Texas coach Mack Brown said. "Unless we change the system, we'll have this conversation every year."

The system that gives us No. 1 USC vs. No. 4 Michigan in the Rose Bowl and No. 2 LSU vs. No. 3 Oklahoma in the supposed title game, the Sugar Bowl, is in place for at least two more seasons.

Some tweaking is surely in order. But wholesale changes almost certainly aren't. In fact, while many vocal fans might be irate, at least one expert believes the key decision-makers — coaches, athletic directors, school presidents — probably will stick with something close to the status quo even when the current contract is up.

"The overwhelming majority want to keep the bowl system in

some form," said Grant Teaff, executive director of the American Football Coaches Association. "Just like with the BCS, you're not going to serve every institution in every conference, even with a playoff system."

The most likely change in the contract would involve adding a championship game, or maybe two rounds of playoffs, after bowl season. It's a plan that has been debated quite often.

Oregon athletic director Bill Moos made the most serious push in 2001, after the Ducks got bypassed for the top bowl in favor of Nebraska, which had lost 62-36 to Colorado and didn't even play in the Big 12 title game.

The pros for a post-bowl playoff: A tournament-style ending would leave less room for debate. For instance, if Oklahoma and Southern Cal each won its bowl game, then played a week later, there would be little doubt about who the real champion was.

Cons: It adds an extra week of football, something school presidents aren't thrilled about. And would fans really pay to go to the Rose Bowl one week, then take another trip for the championship game the next?

A more radical change would be taking 16 top teams and throwing them into a big tournament, a la basketball's March Madness.

"There needs to be a big playoff," said Texas Tech's Mike Leach, a member of the minority of coaches who would like to see a tournament. "We would do away with putting all this fool-



UCLA running back Maurice Drew gets tackled by USC Trojans Lofa Tatupu. USC will not be playing in the national championship game despite being ranked No. 1 in the AP poll. EPA

ishness into the computer and hoping somehow it is going to come up with the right thing."

Proponents of that idea say it makes more sense to decide a football title the same way as almost every other championship in major sports. No doubt, it wouldn't reward excellence in the regular season as much, but nobody disputes the legitimacy of an NCAA basketball champion that gets hot in March and wins it all.

Critics, however, claim a full-fledged playoff would gut the bowl system as we know it. And no matter how many teams reach the playoffs, there always will be a debate about the third- or ninth- or 17th-ranked team — the first one that gets left out.

Much of how this season will be remembered rides on Michigan, the only team in the Rose-Sugar pairings with more than one loss.

If Michigan can upset

Southern Cal in the Rose Bowl, the winner of the Sugar Bowl will be crowned the champion in both The Associated Press and the coaches' polls because only one team will be left with one loss.

But if Southern Cal wins, there's a good chance of a split. Coaches don't even vote for the top team in their poll because of an agreement that automatically awards their trophy to the winner of the BCS title game.

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## MLB

# Colon, Angels close to an agreement

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Bartolo Colon was close to an agreement with the Anaheim Angels, The Associated Press learned Monday, a contract that would give the team one of the top pitchers on the free-agent market.

While neither Colon nor the Angels discussed the talks Monday, both Anaheim and the Chicago White Sox believed the right-hander was on the verge of a deal with Anaheim, said two baseball officials who were familiar with details of Colon's negotiations with the two teams. The pair spoke on the condition of anonymity.

Anaheim offered a \$48 million, four-year contract, one of the officials said. Once a preliminary agreement is reached, the right-hander still must pass a physical.

Colon's agent, Mitch Frankel, did not return several telephone calls from The Associated Press. Angels general manager Bill Stoneman refused to confirm or deny talks.

"We've been more active

this offseason than last," Stoneman said. "We're still trying to get some other things done. In terms of what they are, we're only going to comment on that stuff once we do have something that we announce publicly."

The Angels could be dealing again if the Alex Rodriguez-Manny Ramirez trade goes through. Five-time All-Star shortstop Nomar Garciaparra would be out of a job, and it's believed the Red Sox could trade him to the Angels for a pitcher, possibly Jarrod Washburn, or second baseman Adam Kennedy.

The Chicago White Sox badly wanted Colon back, with general manager Ken Williams offering a three-year contract worth a reported \$36 million — the largest ever for a White Sox pitcher. But Colon rejected the offer in October.

Though the White Sox offered Colon arbitration Sunday night, Williams seemed resigned Monday to losing the 20-game winner. Asked if he was still negotiating with Colon, Williams said no, but didn't rule out the possibility.

TENNIS

# Serena Williams may sign with Nike

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Serena Williams is close to signing an endorsement contract with Nike, two tennis sources told The Associated Press on Monday, a deal that could be the richest for a female athlete in history.

The multiyear agreement would include royalties and performance bonuses for winning Grand Slam tournaments or reaching No. 1 in the rankings, one source said. Both spoke on condition of anonymity.

Those clauses could make the contract worth more than the deal with Reebok that Williams' older sister Venus signed in December 2000 after winning Wimbledon and the U.S. Open. That was worth up to \$40 million over five years.

Serena Williams, 21, has won five of the last seven Grand Slam tournaments, beating her sister in the final each time.

She held the No. 1 ranking for a year until being sidelined because of left knee surgery on Aug. 1. Williams

pulled out of every tournament the rest of the year and finished 2003 at No. 3.

She expects to return to action by the Australian Open.

Her contract with Puma expired early this year.

ESPN.com, citing unidentified sources, reported that Williams and Nike agreed to a five-year deal plus a three-year extension that could be worth as much as \$55 million.

SportsBusiness Journal reported it is a lifetime deal for \$60 million.

"We have no deal with Serena at this time," Nike spokesman Dave Mingey said.

If Williams does sign with Nike, the company would benefit from her non-tennis interests that have made her more visible, including clothes designing and acting.

With help from the William Morris agency, she landed roles in a movie called "Beauty Shop" and the Showtime drama "Street Time."

A 2002 survey of the public relations industry deemed Williams and Tiger Woods the most attractive spokespersons among athletes.

*"We have no deal with Serena at this time."*

**Dave Mingey**  
Nike spokesman

NFL

# Bengals still eye playoff berth

Associated Press

CINCINNATI — The Bengals' worst drubbing since the season opener knocked them out of first place but not out of the playoff chase. They've still got a chance to make it and enough confidence to predict it.

A team that's come so far can't imagine an unhappy ending.

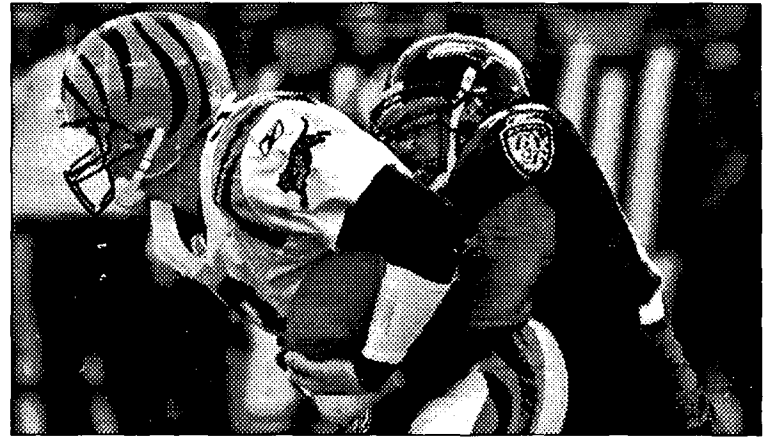
"With three games left, there's a lot of meaningful football to be played," linebacker Brian Simmons said Monday. "At this point, it's going to be who takes full advantage of those three games they have left."

The Bengals (7-6) had a chance to take the equivalent of a two-game lead by beating Baltimore on Sunday. Instead, the Ravens (8-5) pushed them around in a 31-13 defeat that was the Bengals' worst since a season-opening 30-10 loss to Denver.

Now, the Bengals have to plan on winning their final three games and hope the Ravens or one of the other wild-card candidates fades down the stretch. Given the way their season has gone, the Bengals expect it.

"I know everybody's probably going to jump off the bandwagon," right tackle Willie Anderson said following the game. "But I'll tell you this: We're getting to the playoffs. I guarantee that we'll get to the playoffs. I said it, and remember I said it. We're going to do it."

With a chance to make themselves the odds-on favorite to win the AFC North, the Bengals looked like a team not quite ready for the pressure of high-



Cincinnati quarterback Jon Kitna is sacked by Ray Lewis. The Bengals (7-6) feel they still can make the playoffs.

stakes football.

Their offensive line was overwhelmed by the Ravens, who sacked Jon Kitna six times and forced two fumbles and two interceptions. Receiver Chad Johnson was double-teamed and didn't catch a pass until the fourth quarter, when the Ravens were pulling away.

As the game wound down, some Baltimore fans chanted, "Same old Bengals." Bengals coach Marvin Lewis took note and took exception, saying the fans' conclusion was all wrong.

"We've got a chance to prove that this week," Lewis said.

He agreed with the assessment of several players that the Bengals seemed to be trying too hard during their most important game in 13 years. Cincinnati hasn't been to the playoffs or had a winning record since 1990.

"That's what these guys work for, to play games that mean

something in December," Lewis said. "You'd like to be doing it with a three-game cushion, but we're not. We don't need to press. We pressed yesterday."

"We've felt that level of intensity, but when you get behind in the game, you have to realize that the only way to get out of this funk is to do things the right way. Don't try to invent plays and do things like that. It's just part of maturity."

The Bengals have two home games left — against San Francisco on Sunday and against Cleveland — and one in St. Louis on Dec. 21 that will be significant for both teams.

"At a crucial point in the season, you're going to have to go on the road and play a team that has the same thing on the line that you do," Simmons said. "Hopefully we learned what it's going to take to go into their house and steal a ballgame from them."

MLB

# Mantle MVP award sells for \$275,000

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Mickey Mantle's 1957 MVP award sold for \$275,000 Monday night in an auction of items belonging to the family of the late New York Yankees star.

The hundreds of items — including other awards, contracts and a prize watch — were offered Monday at Madison Square Garden by the Guernsey's auction house. The items came from the collection of Mantle's widow and two sons.

The family chose to auction the items to celebrate Mantle's career and "to share the great treasures and fine heritage with the millions who adored him," Guernsey's said in a release.

The 1957 MVP award was the priciest of the 300 items, all of

which sold, according to Kim Anello, of Nancy Seltzer and Associates, a public relations firm working for the auction house.

Mantle's 1962 MVP award sold for \$250,000, and his 1956 Silver Bat batting title award fetched \$270,000. Mantle's Hall of Fame gold watch sold for \$9,500.

Also on sale were professional contracts signed by Mantle. His first one, which gave him a \$1,150 bonus and \$140 a month to play for the Independence (Mo.) Yankees in 1949, sold for \$100,000. His last contract, with the New York Yankees in 1968 for \$100,000, sold for \$5,500.

The total sale price, including an auction house commission on the items, would be released Tuesday, Anello said.

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3 Missouri (6)	Connecticut (4) 3
4 Duke	Missouri 4
5 Kansas	Duke 5
6 Texas (3)	Texas (2) 6
7 North Carolina (3)	Kansas 7
8 Kentucky (1)	North Carolina (1) 8
9 Arizona	Arizona 9
10 Georgia Tech (4)	Georgia Tech 10
11 Oklahoma	Oklahoma 11
12 St. Joseph's	Wake Forest 12
13 Stanford	Stanford 13
14 Illinois	Illinois 14
15 Wake Forest	Saint Joseph's 15
16 Purdue	Purdue 16
17 Gonzaga	Cincinnati 17
18 Cincinnati	Gonzaga 18
19 Syracuse	Wisconsin 19
20 Pittsburgh	Michigan State 20
21 Michigan State	Syracuse 21
22 Marquette	Pittsburgh 22
23 Wisconsin	Ohio State 23
24 Iowa	Dayton 24
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## Women's Basketball Polls

AP	Coaches
1 Connecticut (47)	Connecticut (39) 1
2 Texas	Texas (1) 2
3 Tennessee	Tennessee 3
4 Duke	Duke 4
5 Texas Tech	Texas Tech 5
6 Stanford	Stanford 6
7 Purdue	Minnesota 7
8 Penn State	Penn State 8
9 Minnesota	Georgia 9
10 Louisiana Tech	Purdue 10
11 Georgia	Louisiana Tech 11
12 Kansas State	North Carolina 12
13 North Carolina	Kansas State 13
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17 Colorado	Oklahoma 17
18 LSU	TCU 18
19 Utah	Virginia Tech 19
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24 Michigan State	Boston College 24
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## MIAA Swimming standings

Team	Dual Meet Record
1 Hope	3-0
2 Albion	3-1
3 Calvin	2-1
4 Kalamazoo	1-1
5 Alma	0-2
6 Olivet	0-2
7 Saint Mary's	0-2

## NFL



Mark Bulger of the St. Louis Rams runs the ball against the Cleveland Browns during Monday night's game at Browns Stadium. The Rams kicked four field goals to beat Cleveland and secure an NFC postseason berth.

## Rams clinch playoff spot in 26-20 victory

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — The St. Louis Rams are going back to the playoffs, and their high-potency offense didn't have very much to do with it.

Aeneas Williams had two interceptions — the first for a 46-yard touchdown — in the final 1:04 of the first half and the Rams clinched an NFC postseason berth, holding on for a 26-20 win Monday night over the Cleveland Browns.

Williams' two picks enabled the Rams (10-3) to score 14 points in a 42-second span at the end of the

first half, giving St. Louis a 23-7 lead.

"All I can say is, he's Aeneas," Rams coach Mike Martz said. "He sets the standard for all of us. He makes the plays in clutch situations."

Jeff Wilkins kicked four field goals — 26, 28, 29 and 37 yards — for the Rams, who won their fifth straight game and advanced to the playoffs for the fourth time in five years.

"This is just one step," Rams wide receiver Dane Looker said. "We're excited but not overly excited."

The Rams, who have a two-game lead over Seattle

in the NFC West, had to withstand a valiant comeback by the Browns (4-9), who were making their first regular-season appearance on "Monday Night Football" since 1995.

Quarterback Tim Couch rallied Cleveland, but was stripped of the ball by Rams defensive end Brian Young on fourth down with 1:51 left, and St. Louis ran out the clock.

Marshall Faulk rushed for more than 100 yards for the fourth straight game, picking up 102 yards on 24 carries.

Couch went 6-for-9 for 98 yards and threw a 28-yard TD pass to Quincy Morgan

after replacing Kelly Holcomb, whose two interceptions just before half-time doomed the Browns.

"To give up 14 points like that is unforgivable," said Holcomb, whose first shot at being a starting quarterback has not gone well. "It's all on me. You can't make mistakes like that. They got 14 points off me."

Holcomb, whose 2-yard TD pass in the first quarter gave Cleveland a 7-3 lead, was benched with 17 seconds left in the first half.

Following the game, Browns coach Butch Davis refused to answer questions about his quarterback situation.

## IN BRIEF

### Derrick Strait named best defensive player

CHARLOTTE, North Carolina — After helping lead his team to a berth in the Sugar Bowl, Oklahoma cornerback Derrick Strait on Monday was awarded the Bronko Nagurski Award as the best all-around defensive player in college football.

Strait became the second Oklahoma defensive back in the last three seasons to win the award. In 2001, safety Roy Williams won the honor, which is presented annually by the Football Writers Association of American and the Charlotte Touchdown Club.

The 5-11, 195-pound Strait recorded 69 tackles — the third-most for the 12-1 Sooners — and intercepted three passes for 127 return yards. The senior set Oklahoma career records for passes broken up, career starts and interception return yards.

"You see very few players who have the impact on the game like he does," Sooners coach Bob Stoops said. "I

have never seen a guy do what he does."

In the Sooners' 65-13 thrashing of rival Texas on October 11, Strait had 11 tackles, broke up three passes, recovered two fumbles and had an early interception. He also had an interception and 97-yard return against Texas Tech on November 22.

### U.S. athletes might not wear traditional colors

RALEIGH, N.C. As a precaution, American track and field athletes at the 2004 Athens Olympics might be discouraged from wearing red, white and blue or anything with "USA" when they are not competing.

"For security reasons, if that's the way they want to go, that's what we'll do," said U.S. men's track coach George Williams, also track and field coach at St. Augustine's College in Raleigh.

USA Track & Field spokeswoman Jill Geer said Monday that "off-track uniform issues are governed by the

U.S. Olympic Committee."

"Coaching and managerial teams always look at a number of security issues before any international competition, including clothing," Geer said. "For the 2004 Games, the Olympic team is within the oversight of the U.S. Olympic Committee."

Greece is spending more than \$750 million for security — the biggest security budget in Olympic history and more than 3 1/2 times as much as what was spent for the 2000 Sydney Games. Authorities plan to deploy about 50,000 security personnel — including 16,000 soldiers — during the games.

Williams said track officials have suggested ways to lower the profile of American athletes around Athens.

"They said it would be good if we low-keyed it," he said. But he added: "Some of us are going to look American. We're going to have our Bermuda shorts on and our white tennis shoes. It's going to be hard to do."

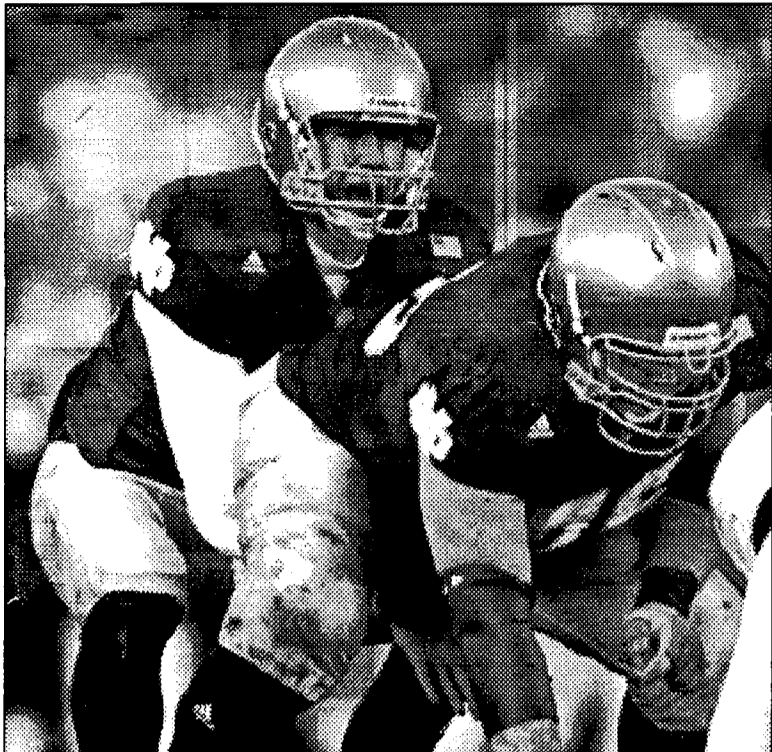
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Brady Quinn calls a play against Navy earlier this season. Quinn was one of this year's top recruits.

MEGAN DAVISSON/The Observer

## Recruits

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Bob Davie and of Willingham. Speedsters like Duerson and present freshman talents like promising cornerback Freddie Parish and wide receiver Jeff Samardzija are the type of players made for the system Willingham and his staff of former Stanford coaches plan to implement.

Securing a prospect like Duerson puts Notre Dame on the right track to another solid class. The Irish hope winning just five games this season does not affect the caliber of the recruiting class.

"Winning helps," Willingham

said. "I think guys like to see themselves and believe that they have got an opportunity to score a lot of points and do a lot of things."

The 57-point run-up on Stanford last weekend could be a booster to offensive recruits looking to come to Notre Dame and run a spread, passing style offense.

"We want to be balanced, but balance should mean that you have a slightly more passing yardage than you do rushing yardage," Willingham said. "I think we're getting a little bit closer to where I'd like us to be."

To have a passing offense, there must always be a reliable player behind the center.

Although Brady Quinn stepped into the West coast offense as a true freshman and will remain at the helm to start next season, Notre Dame is lacking depth at the quarterback position with the early season transfer of Chris Olsen and the uncertainty of Carlyle Holiday's future.

Willingham sounded optimistic about the quarterback prospects in the workings up to this point.

"I think we are hanging in there okay," Willingham said. "I think we are on the lists of some very good players, and we just need them to say yes."

*"I think we're getting a little bit closer to where I'd like us to be."*

**Ty Willingham**  
Notre Dame coach

*"We've got to have continued growth and improvement in every area ..."*

**Ty Willingham**  
Notre Dame coach

## Records

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with a time of 2 minutes and 16.96 seconds.

"[Fitzpatrick] had pleasantly surprising times, she had pretty sizable times," said Saint Mary's swimming coach Greg Petcoff. "We wanted everyone to have the opportunity to help the team."

The momentum of finishing with top times continued for Saint Mary's as the team entered Saturday's portion of the Invitational. But Saint Mary's remarkable finish came from a culmination of efforts from every swimmer.

"We were looking for many people to score," said Petcoff.

Notable finishes came from team captain Megan Ramsey, who finished first in the 100 yard fly despite a nagging shoulder injury and Amy Kleinfehn, who dropped 10

seconds from her season best time to finish 14th in the 400 yard individual medley.

"Everyone sees how hard [Kleinfehn] works and if you keep trying you're going to score points," said Petcoff. "It was a boost because she was the only person entered and she scored."

Individually, Ramsey finished first with 60 points and Fitzpatrick finished fifth with 54 points. Kelly Nelis, Julie McGranahan and Maureen Palchak finished 22nd, 33rd and 38th respectively.

Due to the impressive results, Saint Mary's is now looking to rework their goals as the Belles near the midpoint of the season.

"We are looking to make some NCAA cuts," said Petcoff. "They exceeded expectations and people were right where [the coaches] wanted them to be."

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**Greg Petcoff**  
Saint Mary's coach

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## RECSPORTS

# Women's ice hockey splits games

Special to The Observer

"We had a great weekend and should have had two wins because we totally dominated the play in all six periods. But were 1 and 1 on the weekend. That's right, our first win." With those words, captain Tori Blainey summed up both the frustration of a near sweep and the exhilaration of winning as Notre Dame's women's ice hockey club split a pair of games against Oakland U. this weekend. The Irish dropped the Saturday contest 2-1 before rebounding Sunday for a 3-2 victory.

On Friday, Oakland's Lauren Brick scored the lone goal in the first period with an assist from Melissa Orr. Just 3:30 into the second period, the

lead was extended to 2-0 on a goal from Kristin Czarnecki, assisted by Daniela Marrocco. The Irish answered with a goal at 11:37 of the period as Julia LaPointe found the back of the net, with assists credited to Kate Abowd and Karrie Koski. The Irish wasted several excellent scoring opportunities and were unable to reward an excellent performance by Becca Frigy making her debut in goal.

Saturday found a resilient and determined Irish squad strike quickly as Annemarie Kennedy ripped the nets at 11:10 of the first period and Megan Mattia rifled home a shot just 22 seconds later for a two goal lead.

### Bowling

The Notre Dame bowling club's men's squad competed

this weekend in a pair of American Heartland Bowling Conference tournaments, finishing 14th on Saturday and held 13th on Sunday in a 19 team field before having to leave the competition early to return for classes.

On Saturday, the Irish posted a five man team average of 948 for six games, the best showing by the Irish in recent years. Daniel Martin posted a 217 average, highlighted by a 265 game to lead the Irish. Jim Talamao rolled a 244 game en route to a 202 average. Van Koppersmith and captain Jason Raver earned high games of 226 and 217 while averaging 190 and 188 respectively. Vance McClenton just missed a 200 game, with a high score of 199 as he averaged 169.

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## FOOTBALL

# Disappointing season may affect recruiting

By PAT LEONARD  
Sports Writer

The frustration dissipated a bit with three straight wins in the month of November, but the Notre Dame football team is now searching for answers to turn around a 5-7 losing season after a 38-12 loss to Syracuse in its final game. That search has already begun in the recruiting process, as coach Tyrone Willingham's job gets even harder.

Last season, Willingham rode the wave of momentum from a ten-win season into the month of January. He announced his first recruiting class as Irish head coach, a group ranked top-five in the country behind only programs like rival USC. Notre Dame secured commitments from top prospects such as true freshmen starters quarterback Brady Quinn, offensive tackle Ryan Harris and defensive end Victor Abiamiri.

The question now is, will the second go-around be just as successful?

"I think we are hanging in

there," Willingham said. "I think we have got some key players that if we can get the right ones to fall, it will help us."

Notre Dame has received seven verbal commitments, as no official commitments can be made until the first week of February after bowl games have been played.

Its most recent recruit is Chicago area cornerback prospect Tregg Duerson. The son of a former Notre Dame football player, Duerson stands at 5-10, 170 pounds and runs a 4.5 60-yard dash. He also played running back at Loyola Academy, where he carried the ball this season 184 times for 1,200 yards.

Recruiting analysts said Willingham is bringing Duerson in as a defensive back with possibilities of contributing on special teams.

"We've got to have continued growth and improvement in every area," the coach said.

Willingham and the Irish struggled this season with the meshing of recruits of two systems — that of former coach



Coach Tyrone Willingham speaks to Brady Quinn during the Pittsburgh game earlier this season. Quinn was one of this year's top recruits and made significant contributions in 2003.

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## MEN'S BASKETBALL

# IU gathering not a pep rally

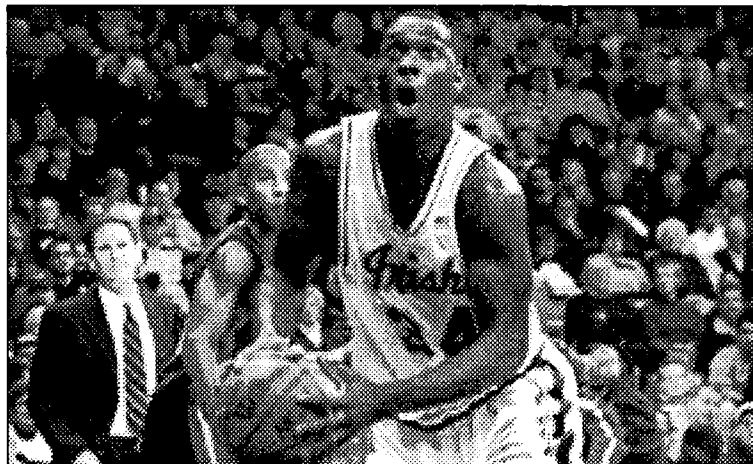
Only 200 IU fans will be allowed into a pre-game meeting

By ANDREW SOUKUP  
Sports Writer

If students thought Indiana University was planning a pep rally in the north dome of the Joyce Center before the Notre Dame-Indiana basketball game Wednesday, they might want to think again.

A Notre Dame official said Indiana fans will have a gathering in a partitioned section of the Joyce Center, but the gathering is similar to other pre-game events the University allows visiting alumni organizations to hold before basketball games.

The only reason it is in the north dome of the Joyce Center is because another group had already booked the Monogram Room — the room on the second floor of the Joyce Center where visiting teams' fans normally congregate — for the evening.



Indiana will have a pre-game meeting before their contest against Torin Francis (above) and the Irish Wednesday.

"It's not an IU pep rally," Notre Dame sports information director Bernie Cafarelli said.

Cafarelli added that Notre Dame typically gives any alumni club from any visiting school a place to hold a pre-game meeting, just as the Irish often receive a space to meet before games at other school's campuses.

But Notre Dame will only allow up to 200 fans with tickets into the partioned area, said

Cafarelli, and no Notre Dame students would be admitted.

Several students, under the impression that Notre Dame was allowing an Indiana pep rally in the Joyce Center, were planning counter-rallies before the basketball game.

"We don't need anything to transpire from this," Cafarelli said.

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## SMC SWIMMING

# Belles break multiple records at invitational

Saint Mary's finishes fourth at Gene Davis Invitational

By DAN TAPETILLO  
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Records are made to be broken.

Last Saturday, freshman Caitlin Fitzpatrick broke four.

Competing in the two-day Gene Davis Invitational this past weekend, Saint Mary's finished fourth as a team with 431 points.

The Belle's finished behind Invitational winner Gustavus Adolphus who won with 1270

points, Carthage College and Macalester.

After the first day of competition, Saint Mary's was off to an incredible start as the Belle's won three of the first six events.

Fitzpatrick began with an impressive 200-yard backstroke with an event winning time of 2 minutes and 12.74 seconds. In the 200-yard individual medley, she shattered both season best and meet times.

Saint Mary's also won the 800-yard freestyle relay with a meet record time of 8 minutes and 8:88 seconds. Fitzpatrick also broke school records in the 100-yard backstroke with a time of 1 minute and 3.10 seconds and the 200-yard individual medley

*"It was a boost because [Kleinfehn] was the only person entered and scored."*

Greg Petcoff  
Saint Mary's coach

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