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## ND students send letters to GIs

By AMANDA MICHAELS  
News Writer

When 1st Lt. Christopher Brusznicki wrote a general request to the Notre Dame athletic community for letters and care packages for his fellow troops stationed in Iraq, he never expected members of the Army ROTC to step in and lead the effort.

However, when Cadet Kerstin Palm read the letter, she knew it was something that the group should be involved in, and brought the letter to the attention of the newly-formed service organization within the Army ROTC. Its leader, junior Patrick Robinson, immediately saw the request as an opportunity to give back to the servicemen in Iraq.

"We had special ties to [Brusznicki], since he graduated from Notre Dame in 2002 and was a member of the Army ROTC program, so we really wanted to help him out," Robinson said.

In the letter, Brusznicki, Platoon Leader for the 82nd Airborne Division, described the conditions where he is stationed in Fallujah, Iraq optimistically, but added that news and items from home were needed to keep the soldiers' spirits up.

"Morale is getting to be pretty



CHUY BENITEZ/The Observer

Students write letters to U.S. soldiers overseas Sunday night in the basement of Walsh Hall. The letters were part of an initiative requested by 1st Lt. Christopher Brusznicki.

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## Saint Mary's fights eating disorders

By ANGELA SAOUD  
News Writer

Ninety-one percent of college-age women nationwide are on a diet. Fifteen percent have a medically diagnosed eating disorder. Starting today, Saint Mary's will try to raise awareness about this abusive — and increasingly common — behavior by hosting an Eating Disorder Awareness Week.

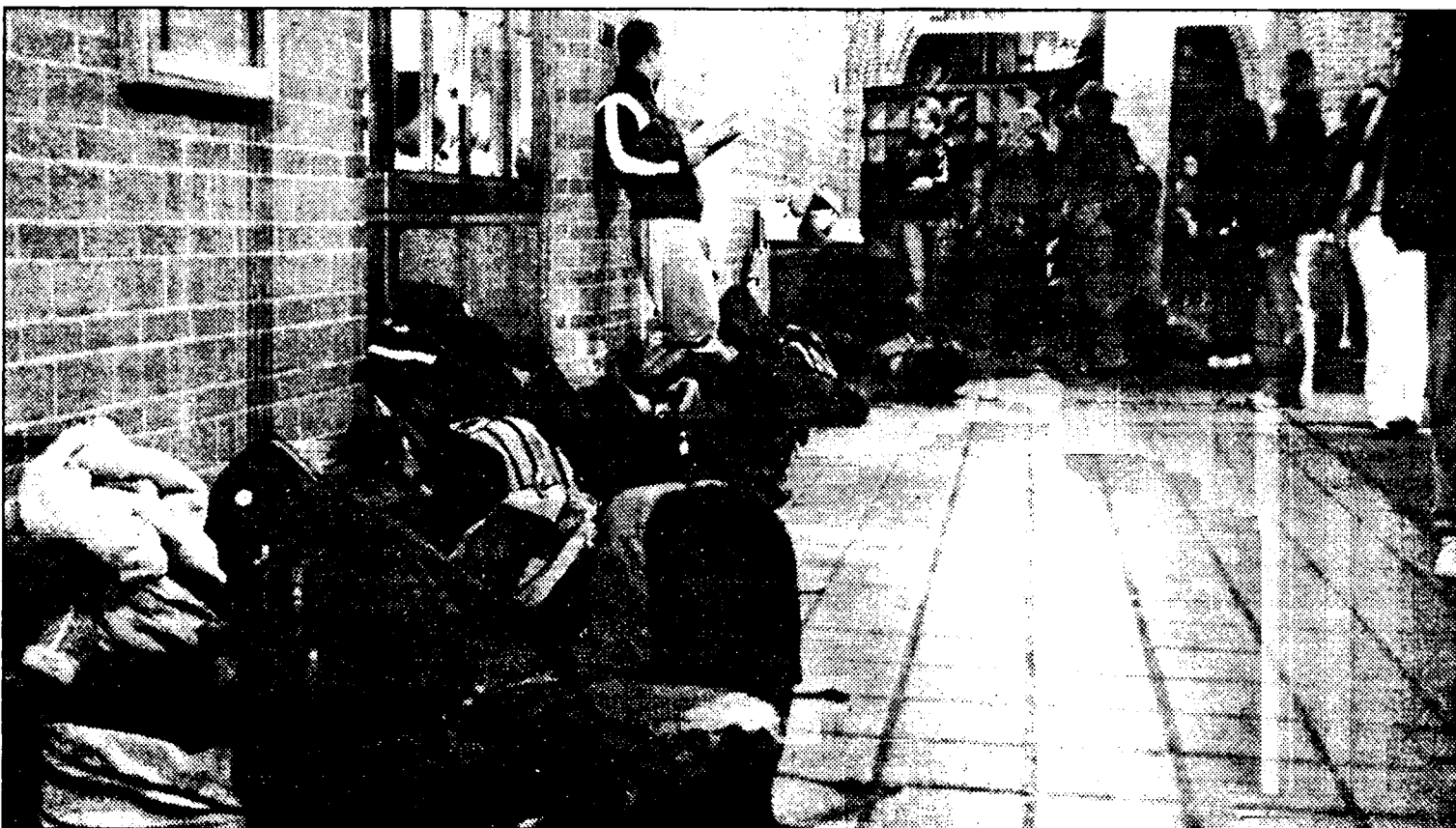
Titled "Celebrate Your S.H.A.P.E.," which stands for Spiritual gifts, Heart, Abilities, Personality and Experience, the week includes an array of activities designed to offer information, support and resources to students who suffer from eating problems.

The events begin tonight, when junior Sarah Anderson will detail her personal experiences in a lecture called "Experiencing Eating Disorders From the Inside Out." The talk will begin at 6:30 p.m. in 303 Haggard Hall.

On Tuesday, writer, poet and activist Sonia Sanchez will speak in Carroll Auditorium at 7 p.m.

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## NDSP reports wave of thefts



CHUY BENITEZ/The Observer

Backpacks and coats line the lobby of South Dining Hall. Notre Dame Security/Police has reported a wave of thefts of unattended personal belongings, including backpacks.

By SHEILA FLYNN  
News Writer

The Notre Dame campus has fallen victim to a wave of thefts since students returned from winter break, University security officials said last week.

On four separate dates, beginning Jan. 25 and continuing through February, students have reported stolen belongings

from the Hesburgh Library and the South Dining Hall lobby, said Chuck Hurley, assistant director of Notre Dame Security Police.

"These thefts are occurring while students are leaving book bags unattended while using the restroom or [visiting] vending machines," Hurley said of the library thefts, and the items robbed from South Dining Hall have disappeared while unat-

tended in the lobby.

He said no thefts have been reported from dorms or at North Dining Hall, where students are allowed to bring personal items with them into the dining area.

"We'll talk to the dining halls and see what they can help with," said Rex Rakow, director

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## Banned cab driver's license revoked by city

South Bend suspends taxi license of driver accused of rape

By MEGHANNE DOWNES  
News Editor

The city of South Bend has revoked the license of a Yellow Cab Company taxi driver who had already been banned from the Notre Dame campus due to allegations that he raped a female passenger.

The Mishawaka cab driver, Piara Singh, 30, was banned from campus last week after allegations surfaced that he participated in the confinement and rape of a female passenger Feb. 8.

The notice of license revocation, issued Thursday by the South Bend Department of Law, stated the Mishawaka Police Department was investigating an allegation that Singh and two other people in the Yellow Cab took a woman to an apartment to rape and confine her. The notice also stated that Singh drove the woman to various other loca-

tions to confine and molest her.

Notre Dame issued a no trespassing order to Singh last week due to concern for student and employee safety, University spokesman Matt Storin said. The woman Singh is accused of raping is not a Notre Dame or Saint Mary's student.

Singh faces charges of rape, criminal confinement and criminal deviate conduct.

The notice stated, "It has been determined that your license should be revoked because you willfully violated several state statutes related to the license of a taxi cab by using a Yellow Cab to further a serious crime against a person."

It also described Singh's conduct as a "breach of the peace and a menace to the health, safety and welfare of the public."

Singh has until 4:30 p.m. today to submit a written request for a hearing to appeal the revocation.

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## INSIDE COLUMN

Banner  
envy

I have found the problem.

Yes, I know the problems of our sporadic men's basketball team have already been well documented by editors, experts, propagandists, pundits and all the talking heads you could ever ask for. Blame has been passed around like the team like the residents of

**Matt Mooney**

*Sports Writer*

Cavanaugh (I kid, I kid...). Chris Thomas is a favorite target, but on the plus side, at least no one keys his Hummer. Perhaps Mike Brey is to blame for not reinforcing a porous defense or not developing an offense that exists inside of 25 feet from the basket. Maybe I could try the more simplistic/insensitive approach of Gary Barnett and just write the team off as just "terrible. There's no other way to say it."

No, the problem is at a much higher level than all of these. Much higher. About one hundred feet higher. I didn't realize the problem until I pinched a nerve in my neck trying to see the top of a random blow-up Godzilla at the JPW Gala. I was pointing out to my junior parent-father the banners that hang from the ceiling above the basketball court. Big East championships were listed proudly in gold. The women's basketball 2001 national championship was among the most prominent. Even the men's appearance in the 1978 basketball Final Four was notable. These are all good and well. But as we moved down the line, the banners became less and less noteworthy. "Sweet 16 Appearances" were followed by "NCAA Tournament" berths.

While I agree that it is an achievement to make the NCAA Tournament, I defy anyone to find a banner that lists NCAA Basketball Tournament appearances at the likes of Kansas, Michigan State, UNC or Duke. There isn't enough room on Dick Vitale's forehead for all those banners.

Meanwhile, our team has decided to celebrate mediocrity. And why not? Those banners take up space and gives the alumni that warm, "I'd like to donate" feeling. I'll tell you why not. Would our football team list years of any and all bowl game appearances under the Play Like a Champion Today sign? Well, even if the Toilet Bowl is all we can hope for the current team, the answer is still a resounding "no." The Notre Dame football team measures itself by championships (or so I'm told).

If Mike Brey is so intent on establishing Notre Dame basketball as a consistent national power, his first move should be to gut the Joyce of those status-quo banners. The Final Four is banner worthy. And until we get there again, I don't want to see anything hanging from the rafters unless it's a noose around that stupid blow-up Godzilla.

*The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Matt Mooney at mmooney@nd.edu*

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## QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT WILL YOU WEAR ON THE FIRST DAY OF WARM WEATHER?



**Chelsea Mason**  
*Sophomore McGlinn*

*"Something bright."*



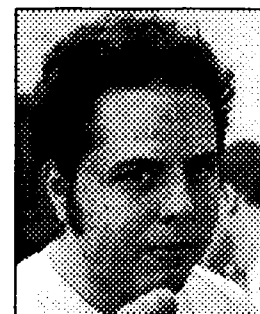
**Caitlin Kennelly**  
*Sophomore Welsh Family*

*"I need to go to the mall to get an outfit."*



**Deacon Bruno**  
*Junior O'Neill*

*"Flip-flops, dude."*



**Eric Houston**  
*Junior off-campus*

*"Footie pajamas."*



**Glig Drzalac**  
*Junior P.E.*

*"Something made entirely out of dining hall cookies."*



**Rob Shelley**  
*Junior Knott*

*"My pirate suit."*



CHUY BENITEZ/The Observer

**An Inflatable Godzilla towers over juniors and their parents at Friday night's "Star-Studded Premiere" Gala, a semiformal event held in the Joyce Center to kick off Junior Parents Weekend.**

## OFFBEAT

## Topless coffee shop reconsidered

MADISON, Maine — A businessman who hoped to open a topless coffee shop is having second thoughts.

Normand St. Michel said he was taken aback Thursday by the opposition that surfaced at a hearing before the Planning Board.

"I was all for it when I came here but now I am split down the middle," he said, adding that his wife also was opposed to his plan.

Despite all the criticism, board members concluded that the proposal did not require their approval and

that St. Michel could go forward as long as he met state and federal requirements.

St. Michel said he had been in similar establishments that were well-run and clean. He said the topless aspect was just a marketing ploy. "Go in and eat and the waitresses would be topless, that's all," he said.

## 'American Idol' reject idolized on web

BERKELEY, Calif. — The "American Idol" judges said William Hung bombed with his gotta-see-it-to-believe-it rendition of Ricky Martin's "She Bangs."

But rejection turned out to have a silver — maybe even platinum — lining. In the weeks since he got booted by the TV talent show, the 21-year-old Hung has become an insta-Net celebrity, sought after by talk shows, record producers and Idol dreamers everywhere.

By now, you've probably seen Hung in action — arms waving over his head, hips following the beat of an entirely different drummer as he cheerfully attacks Martin's song.

*Information compiled from the Associated Press.*

## IN BRIEF

Discuss the positions of Catholics and Muslims in the world today from 9:15 to 10:30 p.m. in the Coleman Morse Center lounge. The open forum will be cosponsored by the Department of Theology and the Notre Dame Center for Ethics and Culture.

Vote for your class council representatives today between 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., at <https://apps.nd.edu/elections>.

Enjoy an afternoon of free food, relaxing massages and a raffle for prizes sponsored by UBWELL2. Participate in activities to challenge your own and our culture's idea of beauty from 1 to 2 p.m. in the Sorin Room of LaFortune. Prizes include a free massage from Emerald Cut, a Panera Gift Certificate and an ND Bookstore Gift Certificate.

Sign up for the Notre Dame Encounter, a 3-day retreat that allows students to explore more deeply the meaning of their relationship with God and their commitment to living the Christian life. Signups will be open today in 114 Coleman Morse.

Come listen to Real Women Have Curves, a lecture promoting healthy body images for women, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. in the Coleman Morse Center lounge.

Participate in the Junior class service project when Rice Bowls are distributed on South Quad all day today.

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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# ND researchers study effects of ballast water

*Professor, Ph.D candidate publish groundbreaking work in marine biology*

By ANDREW THAGARD  
Associate News Editor

In a study slated to debut in Britain next month, Notre Dame researchers John Drake and David Lodge analyzed the biological effects of ballast water from ships, identifying global hotspots and offering suggestions to combat the problem.

The study will premiere in print form in the "Proceeding of the Royal Society," a publication from a British scientific academy.

As cargo ships distribute goods across the world, they take on and later dump thousands of tons of sea water — and microbes, small invertebrates and the eggs and larva of various marine species — in order to main-

tain balance and preserve the vessel's structural integrity. Although the pumping process and hostile environment of the ships' hulls kill the vast majority of these organisms, the sheer quantity of water cycling through each year worldwide — three to five billion tons, according to the Global Ballast Water Management Programme — means some will survive transport and disrupt the ecosystems where they are dumped.

The introduction of European zebra mussels to the Great Lakes and an Asian species of kelp into the waterways of South Australia, for example, has displaced native species. The invasion of a type of North American jelly-

fish in the Black Sea has resulted in the collapse of some commercial fisheries in

the region.

Perhaps more frightening is the threat that invading microbes bring — causing cholera outbreaks and spreading red tide.

"It's a practical problem that needs to be solved," said Drake, a Ph.D. candidate who worked with Lodge, a biology professor, on the project.

"[This discharged water] is responsible for hundreds of nuisance species around the world. Ballast water is also a concern because it moves around human pathogens."

The researchers sifted through data from over 28,000 ship arrivals collected at 243 ports around the world. The information they gathered was used to construct a simulation of ship traffic that also relied on

gravity models to assess water movement.

Mathematical manipulation of the data allowed Drake and Lodge to estimate the rate of port to port invasions and determine which areas face the greatest danger.

The results, Drake said, were surprising. While places like the Great Lakes and San Francisco Bay area often receive more attention, the true global hotspots for ballast water invasion are located in Asia and parts of Europe.

Part of the reason for increased attention to certain areas, Drake said, is that wealthier countries like the United States have more resources to study the problem while their less affluent counterparts typically overlook it.

"I think the correct interpretation is that more intensely sampled areas

aren't [necessarily] hot spots," he said. "There's a lot of bias on where the problems are being reported."

The study also looked at possible ways of dealing with the problem beyond today's preferred method of dumping it into the open ocean — a solution that is not effective. All the eliminated water can endanger the ecosystems of islands located "down stream."

Drake's and Lodge's findings suggest eliminating the threat of biological invasions from ballast water at key ports by constructing processing plants to dispose of it would not significantly address the problem. The best solution, the researchers said, may be to install treatment methods aboard ships that kill the organisms using ultraviolet light or other means.

"We found far and away that implementing the on-board technology is a better strategy," Drake said.

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*"[This discharged water] is responsible for hundreds of nuisance species around the world."*

John Drake  
researcher

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## ROTC

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low due to our receiving the news of our extension literally only a few days before Christmas," Brzsznicki wrote. "I am hoping that you might be able to send to the men of my platoon letters of encouragement or whatever ND athletic souvenirs you can spare. I don't need anything as the Dome is always in my heart and my girlfriend has already sent me a lovely 'Play Like a Champion Today' towel that sustains me through many tough moments."

Robinson and the rest of the service organization worked to write letters to and put together care packages for the 18 members of Brzsznicki's platoon, even collecting donations at the ROTC's dining-in event. The final product contained everything from Notre Dame shirts to saltines and was sent out last

week.

As service overseas stands just a few years away, the project took on special significance for Robinson and his fellows.

"Honestly, it's just one of those things where, from our position in ROTC, we could be in their same situation a few years from now," he said. "It's nice to know they have support back home, so that we will too someday."

Student senator and member of the Army ROTC Drew Sandstrum presented the letter at last Wednesday's Senate meeting, requesting that his fellow senators start letter-writing campaigns in their dorms.

"If anyone knows anyone overseas with the Army, we can get their mailing address through the Army Knowledge Online database," Sandstrum explained. "This would be a great way to show support for Domers in the military."

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## Crime

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of Notre Dame Security/Police. He said discussions would most likely take place after Junior Parents Weekend because most directors and staff members were kept busy with the scheduled events and preparations.

Such crime waves have occurred before, and Hurley said that, in the past, investigations into the thefts have indicated that people outside of the University have been responsible. In this most recent situation, there is no evidence to indicate whether the culprit is working from inside or outside of the Notre Dame community.

"I would like to think that it's not an internal problem, but I have no evidence to qualify my

statement," Hurley said.

And if the problem is internal, Rakow said, it is harder to spot. "The officers ... know the reports and what the trends are," Hurley said, and "they certainly look out for what's happening."

But if items are being stolen by members within the community, however, it is more difficult for officers to identify them as the thieves, Rakow said.

"Students look like students," he said.

Both Rakow and Hurley stressed diligence on the part of members of the University community until the security department establishes, if possible, more efficient measures or apprehends those responsible.

"I think students need to be diligent and aware of who's messing around with book bags and who looks out of place,"

Rakow said.

Despite the recent theft trend, however, students remained unconcerned in South Dining Hall Sunday.

"I haven't had any problems," sophomore Jessica Voss said, adding that the only item of value she leaves in the lobby of South is her calculator.

Freshman Justin Smith echoed Voss's opinions.

"I, personally, don't keep anything valuable in the stuff I leave here," he said.

He said it would be nice if students did not have to worry about their belongings disappearing while they ate, but Voss expressed a more resigned view.

"People steal everywhere," Voss said.

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## Indiana residents greet returning Guard unit

Associated Press

EVANSVILLE, Ind. — Relatives of 66 members of an Indiana National Guard unit wept and cheered Sunday as the guardsmen returned home after a year-long tour of duty that included seeing combat in Iraq.

Jo Barrett of New Concord, Ky., grew emotional as she waited Sunday at the Vanderburgh 4-H Center for her son, Specialist Donald Garrett of the 1st Battalion of the 163rd Field Artillery of the Indiana National Guard.

"There are no words to explain it. It's like him being lost in a crowd and suddenly finding him. That's just the joy I feel," she said.

Barrett was one of hundreds of family and friends who gathered to welcome the 66 members of the field artillery battalion. They

arrived on two buses and were greeted with cheers, "Welcome Home" signs and the release of red, white and blue balloons.

The returning guardsmen served as Fisters, or forward observers, for the 293rd and 152nd Indiana National Guard infantry regiments in Iraq. In that role, they kept watch for tanks and other dangers ahead of advancing infantry.

If necessary, they could call for planes or other support to attack the threats.

Sunday's homecoming featured a rally organized by a family support group and included presentations of commemorative gifts to the troops and remarks by Specialist Jamie Brown — the most seriously wounded of the 1-163rd. Brown received the Purple Heart and Presidential Coin.

## SMC

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Sanchez's most recent work, a collection of emotional poems and powerful affirmations called "Shake Loose My Skin," was published in 1999. The Women's Studies Department and the Center for Women's Intercultural Leadership are co-sponsoring her visit to Saint Mary's.

More personal activities will also be included in the

week. Firsthand nutritional information will be distributed on handouts in the Noble Family dining hall on Wednesday, and confidential screenings for eating disorders will take place on Thursday. The screenings will be open from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the center for Career and Counseling Development.

Also Thursday, the movie "Real Women Have Curves" will be shown in Carroll Auditorium at 7 p.m. Door prizes will be given out and

refreshments will be served.

Eating Disorder Awareness Week will conclude Friday with more confidential screenings, which will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. in the center for Career and Counseling Development.

The week is sponsored by the Saint Mary's Career and Counseling Development Center and the Office of Multicultural Affairs.

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## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

### Red Cross meets with Saddam

BAGHDAD, Iraq — The international Red Cross visited Saddam Hussein in jail for the first time Saturday, and the ousted dictator wrote a letter to his family that will be delivered once the United States confirms it does not contain any hidden messages to his followers.

The announcement of the visit came after the U.S. administrator in Iraq, L. Paul Bremer, cited U.N. estimates that it may take 15 months to arrange elections — far longer than demanded by leading Iraqi politicians.

The two-member International Committee of the Red Cross delegation, which included a doctor, spoke to Saddam privately at an undisclosed location in Iraq, spokeswoman Nada Doumani said. The announcement dispelled rumors the Americans had spirited Saddam out of the country following his Dec. 13 capture in a hole near Tikrit.

### Albanians march on capital

TIRANA, Albania — Thousands of protesters marched past Albania's heavily fortified government headquarters on Saturday, demanding the prime minister resign over corruption allegations and his failure to improve living conditions in one of Europe's poorest nations.

International observers estimated between 6,000 and 20,000 people participated in the march, organized by former President Sali Berisha's Democratic Party and nine other opposition groups. The groups have joined forces in their bid to unseat Prime Minister Fatos Nano and his Socialist-led government.

## NATIONAL NEWS

### S.F. mayor defends gay marriages

SAN FRANCISCO — He's been called a renegade and a rogue, a thorn in the side of the Democratic Party's presidential ambitions.

Yet what really matters to Mayor Gavin Newsom is what they're saying in the neighborhoods of San Francisco — that his decision to buck California law and grant marriage licenses to gay and lesbian couples makes him a hero.

"At the end of the day I sleep well, and in life there is nothing more important than that," Newsom said Saturday during an interview at City Hall, where nearly 3,200 same-sex couples have taken vows in the last 10 days.

### Edwards demands more debates

ST. PAUL, Minn. — John Edwards sought to make the case Saturday that his presidential campaign represents a fight for change that sets him apart from John Kerry. He also kept up pressure on the front-runner to have more debates.

Edwards and Kerry accepted an invitation to a debate on Feb. 29 in New York. Edwards called Friday for 29 debates before March 2, when 10 states hold contests. Kerry rejected that idea, although he has committed to the New York event and a long-scheduled debate in California Thursday.

## LOCAL NEWS

### Woman arrested in mom's death

MUNSTER — An 81-year-old woman was fatally stabbed and her body left in her home for at least four days before police officers entered and arrested the woman's daughter, authorities said.

Police had received a tip that Margaret Jansky was dead inside her town house in the town just south of Hammond and found her body on Friday.

Officers arrested 54-year-old Margaret Church, whom neighbors said is legally blind and lived with her mother.

Church was being held on a preliminary charge of murder. Diane Poulton, a spokeswoman for the Lake County prosecutor's office, said additional information would not be released until formal charges could be filed Monday.

# Nader enters presidential race

Democrats, still stinging from Gore loss, condemn independent's campaign

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Consumer advocate Ralph Nader announced Sunday he is running again for president, this time as an independent, and rejected claims that a longshot candidacy would merely siphon enough votes from the Democrats to ensure President Bush's re-election.

But Nader's decision was greeted with a chorus of condemnation from Democrats, longtime friends and former supporters who blame him for Al Gore's loss four years ago. They suggested that Nader would not pull close to the 2.7 percent of the vote he won before without the backing of an established party and some of his past supporters.

Republicans resisted the temptation to gloat as party chairman Ed Gillespie proclaimed that Bush would win a second term no matter who runs. Mississippi Gov. Haley Barbour, a former Republican National Committee chairman, said, "It will make less difference than the Democrats fear, but I know they're very nervous about it."

In getting into the White House sweepstakes, Nader declared that Washington has become "corporate occupied territory" and he accused both Democrats and Republicans of being dominated by corporate lobbyists who "care little" about the needs of ordinary Americans.

"It's a question between both parties flunking," Nader said on NBC's "Meet the Press," where he chose to make his announcement. He asserted that "it's time to change the equation and bring millions of American



Independent presidential candidate Ralph Nader, left, is interviewed by host Tim Russert on NBC's "Meet the Press" Sunday. Nader, who ran a spoiler campaign in 2000, announced he will run for president in the 2004 elections.

people into the political arena."

Nader said he will mount a national campaign as an independent to highlight issues he claims the major parties are ignoring, including universal health care, rising poverty and environmental concerns.

Democratic National Committee chairman Terry McAuliffe, who personally urged Nader not to run, called the decision "unfortunate."

"You know, he's had a whole distinguished career, fighting for working families, and I would hate to see part of his legacy being that he got us eight years of George Bush," McAuliffe said on CBS's "Face the Nation."

Gov. Bill Richardson of New Mexico minced no words. "It's a total act of ego," he said.

Liberal Vermont Rep. Bernie Sanders, the only independent in the House

and a longtime Nader friend, called Nader's decision "counterproductive." Even the Green Party, whose banner Nader carried four years ago, chose to focus on its own priorities.

"Our midterm goal is the creation of a multiparty political system and the participation of a strong Green Party in that system," said Ben Manski, the party's co-chairman.

But Nader dismissed his critics among "the liberal intelligentsia," and called the spoiler moniker "contemptuous."

"It shows how hostage they are to the antiquated electoral system and how unwilling they are to oppose and change it," he said in an interview with The Associated Press. "I would urge them to calm down, start reflecting, be tolerant of democracy and freedom and watch events unfold since we're all on

the same page of wanting to retire our supremely elected president, George W. Bush."

Nader predicted he would get more net votes from conservatives and liberal Republicans dissatisfied with Bush's record than from registered Democrats.

Democratic officials on Sunday claimed that Nader has promised not to criticize the Democratic nominee but, rather, focus his ammunition on the Bush administration. Nader acknowledged the pledge but said it does not mean he will refrain from criticizing Democrats if they attack him. "I'm not going to avoid responding," he told The AP.

Nader, who scheduled a news conference Monday to discuss his issues, said he plans to begin campaigning this week on Bush's home turf of Texas, where he will focus on Bush's record.

## HAITI

# Rebels take major city in uprising

Bertrand Aristide.

Aristide supporters commandeered a plane from the airport, and witnesses said those who fled on it included seven police officers and former Aristide lawmaker Nawoum Marcellus, whose Radio Africa had been inciting violence against opponents.

"We came in today and we took Cap-Haitien; tomorrow we take Port-au-Prince" the capital, boasted Lucien Estime, a 19-year-old who joined the popular rebellion from the hamlet of Saint Raphael, south of Cap-Haitien.

"Our mission is to liberate Haiti," he said.

The victory leaves more than half of Haiti beyond control of the central government. As that reality set in, panic began spreading Sunday in Port-au-Prince.

Sources close to the government told The Associated Press that several Cabinet ministers were asking friends

for places to hide in case the capital is attacked.

On the highway leading into Port-au-Prince from the north, Aristide partisans set up flaming barricades Sunday to block any rebel advance.

In Cap-Haitien, thousands shouting "Aristide fini!" — Aristide is finished — marched along with about 40 rebels in commandeered cars.

"We're free!" people shouted, ripping Aristide posters off walls.

Some looted Marcellus' radio station. Then rebels shot up a building and set it ablaze, to applause from the crowd.

Reporters saw three bodies on the streets, and doctors said a 12-year-old-girl also was shot and killed. At least one rebel was wounded.

Earlier, about 10 armed men stormed the police station and freed about 250 prisoners. The police fled and the prisoners armed themselves, witness Ordil Jean said.



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<b>AMEX</b>	1,234.80	-8.77
<b>NASDAQ</b>	2,037.93	-8.03
<b>NYSE</b>	6,676.71	-38.58
<b>S&amp;P 500</b>	1,144.11	-2.95
<b>NIKKEI(Tokyo)</b>	10,720.69	0.00
<b>FTSE 100(London)</b>	4,515.00	-0.60

COMPANY	%CHANGE	\$GAIN	PRICE
INTEL CORP (INTC)	+0.37	+0.11	30.00
CISCO SYSTEMS (CSCO)	-2.07	-0.49	23.19
MICROSOFT CORP (MSFT)	+0.42	+0.11	26.57
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APPLIED MATL (AMAT)	-1.72	-0.38	21.75

Treasures			
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10-YEAR NOTE	+1.14	+0.46	40.98
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Commodities			
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PORK BELLIES (cents/lb.)	+1.575		97.25

Exchange Rates			
YEN			108.9
EURO			0.7991
POUND			0.5376
CANADIAN \$			1.337

## IN BRIEF

### Consumer index jumps in Jan.

WASHINGTON — The Consumer Price Index, the government's most closely watched inflation gauge, rose by 0.5 percent, more than double December's 0.2 percent increase, the Labor Department reported Friday. Much of the January jump was blamed on sharply higher energy prices, reflecting a cold snap in parts of the country, strong global demand and tight supplies, economists said.

Excluding energy and food prices, which tend to swing widely from month to month, the core rate of inflation increased by a mild 0.2 percent in January, up from a 0.1 percent increase in December but suggesting that prices for many goods and services remain fairly stable.

### Microsoft fights back in lawsuit

SEATTLE — Microsoft Corp. argued Friday that its conduct in breaking into the digital media field "constitutes permissible competitive activity," and accused rival RealNetworks of using an antitrust lawsuit to gain market share.

The Redmond-based software giant was responding to an antitrust lawsuit that Seattle-based RealNetworks filed last December in U.S. District Court in San Jose, Calif.

Microsoft's response, filed Friday, indicated — as expected — that the software giant would vigorously defend itself.

### Boeing to cut jobs in Air Force row

CHICAGO — Boeing Co. said Friday it is reducing efforts to convert its 767 planes for use as Air Force refueling tankers as a result of government reviews into the controversial program — a move that will result in as many 150 job cuts at its plants in Wichita and Seattle.

CEO Harry Stonecipher said 600 Boeing employees at those locations will be shifted to other work as the company slows development on a delayed Air Force project that has been costing it about \$1 million a day.

The cutback comes after the Pentagon ordered three additional reviews into Boeing's plan to lease and sell 100 jets to the Air Force for use as refueling tankers.

## WIRELESS SERVICES

# 'Merger mania' goes wireless

Investment banks jockey for position after Cingular buyout of AT&T Wireless

Associated Press

NEW YORK — There are other ways to measure a cell phone company other than size.

With the taste of freshly spilled banking fees churning the waters, Wall Street's sharks are already preaching the lucrative gospel of "bigger is better" to the presumably hapless "little" guys like Sprint Corp., Nextel Communications Inc. and T-Mobile.

In reality, since Nextel and T-Mobile were already contending with a rival three times their size in Verizon Wireless, many strategists are not so convinced that the emergence of a competitor four times their size suddenly means they'll need to find their own merger partners to survive.

And months before the AT&T Wireless auction began in January, Sprint Communications, industry sources familiar with the overture have told The Associated Press on condition of anonymity. Again, while the Cingular deal promises to change the competitive landscape, not all industry observers would contend that Sprint needs to go rushing back into Verizon's arms.

Sprint, T-Mobile and Nextel have adamantly maintained they can still go it alone. So has U.S. Cellular, a feisty player in smaller cities which has less than a tenth of the 46 million customers that a combined Cingular and AT&T Wireless can boast.

## Cell phone giant



The proposed merger between Cingular and AT&T would push Verizon into second place among U.S. cell service providers.

Total U.S. subscribers In millions, as of Dec. 31, 2003

Verizon	37.5
Cingular	24
AT&T Wireless	22
Sprint	16
T-Mobile	13.1
Nextel*	12.3
Other	29.4

\*As of Sept. 30, 2003

Total subscribers (all companies): 154.3 million

Source: The Yankee Group; Graphic by Chicago Tribune

If the AT&T Wireless-Cingular merger goes through, the combined company will become the largest U.S. wireless carrier, with about 46 million subscribers. Industry analysts have speculated the deal will lead to a round of consolidation in the highly competitive wireless industry.

"When you define heft you've got to be careful," said Jack Rooney, president and chief executive of U.S. Cellular, which recently launched service in Chicago, its biggest market yet. "In five of the major markets where we've been for a number of years, we are the dominant carrier. In the sixth, we're tied for number one."

"We're up against five or six [of the national wireless carriers] in every market, so we've been very successful competing with these guys."

No doubt, there are advantages to corporate heft. By joining forces, Cingular and AT&T Wireless can spread the

monumental costs of operating a single wireless business across a far larger customer base.

But Bruce Greenwald, professor of economic strategy at Columbia Business School, cautioned that heaviest costs of a wireless business are concentrated on the local level. Geographic size can be a disadvantage if a company's customers are too spread out, a problem he sees with the Cingular-AT&T Wireless combination.

"The guys who are profitable dominate local markets. It's all local economies of scale," said Greenwald.

There will be savings in combining customer service, network and back office

operations, eliminating the need for thousands of workers. Stores can be closed on streets and in malls where both companies have outlets.

Then there's added purchasing power with suppliers of cell phones and network equipment. And, having spent well more than half a billion dollars each on advertising in 2003, the companies can choose to save substantial amount in marketing a single brand.

Despite those benefits, there are mantras other than size in the telecommunications industry — bundled services, advanced features and specialization being among the most popular.

## CORPORATE SCANDAL

# Martha tries to get charges tossed

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Lawyers for Martha Stewart and her former stockbroker will try to persuade a federal judge Monday to throw out some of the charges in their stock-trading trial.

U.S. District Judge Miriam Goldman Cedarbaum will hear an hour of arguments — 20 minutes each for Stewart, broker Peter Bacanovic and prosecutors — on whether any of the five counts each against them should be dismissed.

The judge on Friday appeared particularly interested in whether to strike the securities fraud count against Stewart. It accuses her of deceiving investors in her media conglomerate, Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia.

Cedarbaum referred to that charge as "the most problematic" of the counts but indicated it was highly unlikely she would dismiss all the counts.

Besides securities fraud, the remaining counts relate to whether Stewart and Bacanovic tried to cover up the true reason Stewart sold 3,928 shares of ImClone Systems stock on Dec. 27, 2001, just before it took a dive.

The government contends Bacanovic sent word to Stewart that ImClone founder Sam Waksal was frantically trying to sell his shares. Stewart and Bacanovic claim they had a standing agreement to unload the ImClone shares when the stock price hit \$60.

The securities fraud count refers to three statements Stewart and her lawyers made in June 2002 in which they insisted she sold because of the \$60 agreement.

Prosecutors say the statement was a deliberate ploy to prop up the stock price of Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia. Stewart stood to lose \$30 million for every dollar the stock in her company fell.

In a brief argument on the charge

Friday, Cedarbaum pressed prosecutor Karen Patton Seymour to prove Stewart intended to defraud investors.

Seymour responded by pointing to a speech Stewart gave at an investor conference on June 19, 2002 — an appearance she was not required to make — in which she tried to calm investor worries by claiming her ImClone sale was proper.

"She knew and she hoped investors would rely on her word," Seymour said. "She didn't just say it for no reason. She said it purposefully."

Stewart's lawyer Robert Morvillo said Stewart was simply trying to clear her name against a rumor that eventually proved to be false — speculation that she had advanced word that the government would reject an application to review ImClone's cancer drug.

The government never criminally accused Stewart of knowing about the report, only that Waksal was trying to sell.



# Governors to hold meeting with Bush

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Despite the rising tensions and rhetoric of a presidential race, the nation's governors are looking to President Bush and his administration for more support on education, health care and job-producing road spending.

Bush was to sit down Monday with governors, along with his Cabinet officials, for a wide-ranging discussion on the most pressing issues facing the states.

Republican and Democratic leaders of the National Governors Association, at their annual four-day annual meeting here, urged consensus. But others said that was unlikely.

"I don't think you can count on the national governors as being an effective lobbying force. It's an election year," said Democratic New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson. "I suspect the meeting with the president will be a little contentious. Respectful, but contentious."

Bush welcomed the governors and their spouses to a formal dinner at the White House Sunday night, sitting himself at a table with California GOP Gov.

Arnold Schwarzenegger and others. He thanked the governors for their efforts on homeland security.

"We're still at war," Bush said. "The war on terror is a new kind of war in which every American is threatened and every level of government must work together."

Earlier in the day, governors met privately with the top National Guard general and Homeland Security chief Tom Ridge to express their concerns about the increasing demands on Guard units in the fight against terrorism.

"It's not that we're not supportive of the war on terrorism and the war in Iraq," said Republican Gov. Mike Huckabee of Arkansas. "We have to kind of step back and rethink the whole picture." Like other governors, he said part-time soldiery has seen a transformation in recent years.

National Guard and Reserve soldiers make up about 22 percent of the forces in Iraq. That level is expected to rise to nearly 40 percent as a result of force rotations in the coming months.

*"We have to kind of step back and rethink the whole picture."*

**Mike Huckabee**  
Arkansas governor

# Biotech wheat last hurdle for industry

Associated Press

WICHITA, Kan. — More than 10,000 years after nomadic hunters first harvested stands of wild wheat, researchers are working on genetically engineering mankind's oldest crop in what may become the last stand in the battle over biotech foods.

With a genome five times the size of the human genome, wheat is so complex that it is one of the last major crops to undergo genetic manipulation. The staple food has become the center of the fight over genetically modified organisms.

Genetically modified wheat won't be released to farmers until it is approved by the Environmental Protection Agency, Food and Drug Administration and the U.S. Agriculture Department.

"For the non-GM people this is their last fight on a major crop," said Harold Trick, a wheat researcher and assistant professor at Kansas State University. "If this fails, it will be hard for them to come back from that."

Consumers in Europe and parts of Asia worry that genetically modified foods are unsafe and could harm the environment.

The battle lines on biotech wheat are being drawn in North Dakota, where opponents are proposing a ballot measure that would give the state agriculture commissioner power to decide whether farmers may plant the crop.

What worries growers most is whether they will be able to export genetically modified wheat.

More than half of the spring wheat grown in the United States is exported, and about 47 percent of those exports are now going to countries that have said they won't accept genetically modified wheat, according to the Center for Agricultural Policy and Trade Studies at North Dakota State University.

But the furor over transgenic wheat has yet to flare up in Kansas, the nation's biggest wheat grower.

Kansas grows winter wheat varieties. The introduction of biotech wheat will begin with spring wheat — which is grown primarily in North Dakota, Montana, South Dakota and Minnesota.

St. Louis-based Monsanto Co. says it is developing a genetically modified spring wheat that, within six years, would enable farmers to spray weed killer without killing the wheat.

Such a trait is of far less interest to winter wheat growers, who plant their crops in the fall and harvest them in early summer before most weeds have a chance to take hold, said David Frey, administrator of the Kansas Wheat Commission.

The Kansas Wheat Commission — a grower-funded advocacy group whose mission is global wheat marketing — is funding much of the genetic research at Kansas State University.

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## NIGERIA

## Islamic state protests polio vaccination

Associated Press

KADUNA — A northern Islamic state in Nigeria that is at the heart of a spreading Africa polio outbreak declared Sunday it would not relent on its boycott of a mass vaccination program that it has called a U.S. plot to spread AIDS and infertility among Muslims.

"Kano state will not participate in tomorrow's polio campaign. Our team made the discovery of contaminants first, remember," state government spokesman Sule Ya'u Sule told The Associated Press, referring to tests the state says its scientists conducted on the polio vaccine last year.

"Unless we are convinced by our committee [of health experts] that the oral polio vaccines are safe, the exercise remains suspended in Kano state," Sule said.

U.N. aid agencies insist the door-to-door drive to inoculate 63 million children in 10 west and central African countries,

including Nigeria, is critical to stemming a growing polio outbreak spreading out from Nigeria's predominantly Muslim north.

Globally, the World Health Organization says the standoff endangers a massive effort that had worked toward stamping out polio entirely. The 16-year-old public health project has reduced the number of cases worldwide from 350,000 in 1988 to fewer than 1,000 last year.

Nigerian officials had hoped to resolve the controversy by dispatching a team of scientists, politicians and Islamic religious leaders to observe a battery of tests on the vaccines in South Africa and India earlier this month.

Nigeria Health Minister Eytayo Lambo would not divulge the outcome of the visit, which he said ended last week. He gave no explanation of why the results were not being revealed — saying only that Nigeria's government

would forge ahead with the campaign regardless of opposition.

"We are not going to be bothered" by the boycott, Lambo told The Associated Press, without elaborating. "The immunization is going ahead as planned. We have got our results and we are going ahead with the immunization."

Mukhtar Sirajo, state government spokesman for Kaduna, another of the northern states where vaccinations had been blocked last year, told the AP that his state will allow Monday's emergency immunization campaign. But Sirajo did not rule out the possibility of the ban being reintroduced if Kaduna decided the results of the latest tests cast new doubts on vaccine safety.

Immunization efforts "will not be stopped," he said. "But it is only fair that we hear from all the stakeholders."

There was no immediate word Sunday whether

Zamfara, the third northern state that had banned the vaccine, would now allow the emergency immunization campaign.

Kano had been expected to deny permission for the emergency campaign.

In October, similar door-to-door drives were blocked entirely in Kano, Zamfara and Kaduna.

Residents in other northern states where volunteers tried to administer the oral vaccine house-to-house to toddlers and infants were frequently turned away by residents. Homeowners at times reportedly set dogs upon the volunteer health workers.

The boycott by Kano, where 89 cases since January 2003 made it the epicenter of the outbreak, "puts more children at risk from being crippled by polio, not only in Nigeria but also in the region," said Gerit Beger, spokesman for the United Nations Children's Fund in Abuja.

## SOUTH KOREA

## U.S., allies discuss nuke crisis

Associated Press

SEOUL — Efforts to resolve the North Korean nuclear crisis intensified Sunday as the United States and Asian allies met in Seoul to forge a common stance ahead of crucial six-nation talks.

U.S. Assistant Secretary of State James Kelly and Japanese Foreign Ministry Director General Mitoji Yabunaka arrived in Seoul on Sunday to hammer out details with their South Korean counterpart Deputy Foreign Minister Lee Soo-hyuck.

The United States, Japan and South Korea agree that North Korea's alleged uranium-based atomic weapons program must be addressed in the upcoming negotiations.

But South Korea and Japan have recently focused on North Korea's offer to freeze its nuclear activities as a first step to resolving the standoff, in return for economic concessions from the United States. But Washington has demanded that North Korea first start dismantling its nuclear programs.

Wednesday's six-way meeting in Beijing between the United States, the two Koreas, China, Russia and Japan will try to make progress on those issues.

South Korean Foreign Minister Ban Ki-moon said Sunday that any North Korean nuclear freeze must also allow inspections.

"On the assumption that nuclear inspections should follow, North Korea's freeze of its nuclear weapons programs must be the first step toward the ultimate abolition of them, including the one based on highly enriched uranium," Ban told South Korea's Yonhap News Agency during a trip to Saudi Arabia.

North Korea has said it would allow inspections, if a deal is brokered. But it is unclear how much freedom any outside inspectors would have in the tightly controlled country.

Earlier Sunday in Tokyo, Japanese Foreign Minister Yoriko Kawaguchi said "everything depends" on North Korea at the upcoming talks.

"On the one hand, they could break down in a day," she said of the talks. "On the other, in a best-case scenario, North Korea would acknowledge possessing enriched uranium, agree to give up all its nuclear activities and invite inspections."

North Korea's alleged uranium-based nuclear program could be a key stumbling block in the Beijing talks. The nuclear crisis flared in late 2002 when U.S. officials said North Korea acknowledged having the program in violation of a 1994 agreement.

North Korea has since denied having a secret uranium program, in addition to its plutonium-based one, and on Saturday called the U.S. accusation a "whopping lie."

China has annoyed the United States by accepting North Korea's denial concerning a uranium program.

## AFGHANISTAN

## One dead in attack of private U.S. helicopter

Associated Press

THALOQAN — A lone attacker sprayed a U.S. military's helicopter with gunfire as it prepared to take off from a southern Afghan village Sunday, killing the Australian pilot and seriously wounding at least one American passenger.

Four foreigners and an Afghan interpreter had come in the helicopter to inspect the construction of a health clinic in the village of Thaloqan, about 40 miles southwest of the provincial capital, Kandahar.

The group was about to leave when a man armed with a Kalashnikov assault rifle attacked the helicopter and then fled, said Khalid Pashtoon, spokesman for governor of Kandahar province.

The Australian pilot was killed and an American woman who was helping set up health clinics in the region was seriously wounded, a U.S. Embassy spokesman told The Associated Press on condition of anonymity.

Officials said the helicopter belonged to The Louis Berger Group Inc., an engineering firm based in East Orange, N.J. that oversees infrastructure projects in southern Afghanistan.

Mike Staples, a public relations official for Louis Berger in Kabul, refused to comment.

Afghan forces were searching house-to-house for the suspect in the area, where rebels of the former ruling Taliban regime are active. Pashtoon said the village was home to the Hezb-e-Islami group of renegade warlord Gulbuddin Hekmatyar, a key Taliban ally.

After Sunday's shooting, about 100 U.S. troops and 100 Afghan forces cordoned off the site as a U.S. military heli-

copter hoisted the bullet-riddled helicopter away.

In a statement, the U.S. military condemned the shooting as a "senseless and violent criminal attack," and urged tribal elders and other locals to hand over the assailant.

A man claiming to speak for the Taliban, Abdul Samad, telephoned the AP in Kabul about six hours after the attack and said the hard-line Islamic militia was responsible.

That claim could not be independently confirmed, and Samad's description of the shooting — which he said involved eight guerrillas — was at odds with witness accounts.

A U.S. military quick reaction force evacuated the injured personnel to a military hospital at Kandahar airfield, said military spokesman Lt. Col. Bryan Hilforkes.

Insurgent attacks in lawless southern and eastern Afghanistan have become commonplace over the past year despite continuing efforts to hunt down the Taliban and their allies, including al-Qaida.

U.S. military officials say the rebels have started going after "soft" civilian targets after incurring heavy losses in battles with coalition forces last summer.

The attacks appear aimed at undermining the U.S.-backed government of President Hamid Karzai and reconstruction efforts in the country, which is struggling to emerge from a quarter-century of war.

Pashtoon complained that the local authorities had not been given prior notice that the foreigners were visiting Sunday.

"They had not informed us. They had not asked us about security. They had no coordination with us," he said.

## IRAN

## Hard-liners dominate parliamentary elections

Associated Press

TEHRAN — The profile of Iran's new parliament took shape Sunday, with an outcome that the opposition had said was all but preordained: a hard-line core, even in the liberal bastion of Tehran.

There were fewer women and apparent gains for lawmakers holding atomic science backgrounds. One conservative leader said the new parliament may try to play a more prominent role in foreign policy and the nuclear sphere as the Islamic state confronts suspicions that it is trying to develop nuclear weapons.

The results from the Friday election had been widely expected after hard-liners barred more than 2,400 candidates, many of them reformers, from participating. Liberals had called for a nationwide voting boycott to spoil the conservatives' victory.

Turnout appeared to hover at around 50 percent, Interior Ministry sources said on condition of anonymity. More than 67 percent of voters turned out in the last parliamentary elections in 2000 in a pro-reform landslide.

The conservative bloc — a mix of hard-liners and others considered loyal to the ruling clerics — had won at least 135 seats in the 290-member chamber, according to Interior Ministry figures. In Tehran, previously a liberal stronghold, the conservatives were firmly in the lead. Reformers and self-described independents had about 65 seats overall.

That put conservatives on the threshold of the 146 seats needed to claim a majority. The final tally was not expected until at least Monday.

The nuclear questions could be the first serious test of the

restored bonds between the leadership and parliament.

The United States suspects Iran of conducting a secret program to build nuclear weapons. Iran denies the accusations and insists it seeks only energy-producing reactors.

U.N. nuclear investigators also are looking into the extent of Iran's weapons-making capabilities and past links with Pakistan's nuclear pioneer, Abdul Qadeer Khan, who has admitted selling technology and know-how.

The main conservative faction poised to dominate parliament has brought several nuclear specialists into its ranks. The move by the Abadgaran Iran-e-Islami, or Developers of Islamic Iran, could be an effort to gain a greater voice in the nuclear talks.

Currently, nuclear issues are directed by the Islamic regime led by Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei.

Abadgaran leader Gholamali Haddadadel, who has been assured a seat in the new parliament, told The Associated Press that he hopes the legislature can develop "a more credible voice" on issues such as nuclear development and foreign policy.

Haddadadel, whose daughter is married to Khamenei's son, also said his party will use its nuclear experts and others to speak against "U.S. pressure" on the IAEA. The United States accuses Iran of pursuing nuclear weapons.

Iranian lawmakers have very little room to make independent policies or initiatives. But the liberals will be denied an important forum to challenge the non-elected clerical establishment that has final say in almost all affairs.

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## Election 2004: Choosing the path of America's future

Years from now, most people will remember George Bush's 2000-04 presidency as a time when America took on the world.

Republicans will think back to the days when Bush, our courageous general, warned renegade governments and militant groups that oppression and terrorism would no longer be tolerated and then followed through on his vow.

Democrats will recall a vision of President Bush as a cowboy, whose foolish foreign policy alienated our country from the rest of the world. Many other issues are important when it comes to our current president, but I believe that for most of us, our like or dislike of Bush primarily comes down to this single issue of unilateralism.

Should the United States take actions that we deem to be appropriate, when other nations around the world disagree? This question is the legacy of the Bush term so far. Do we need the United Nations or a system of international courts? Will our movements be blocked if the international community rises against us? What matters more — the support of foreign governments or the support of foreign populations themselves?

To be completely honest, unilateralism has very real benefits, as well as dangerous costs. First, actions such as the war in Iraq demonstrate to hostile groups that they no longer have any room for error. The U.N. passed resolution after resolution, but prior to our military action against Saddam Hussein, tyrants and oligarchies were able to feel relatively safe that these demands were nothing but hollow threats. Saddam, in essence, tried to call Bush's bluff, thinking that America would not dare move before garnering more popular support.

He was wrong.

Saddam used to have palaces, riches and power; he has been reduced to cold meals in a high-security jail cell. Whether the war itself was justified or not, it cannot be denied that this unilateral action will be a very effective deterrent for leaders who would dare challenge the sincerity of America's warnings in the near future. From this point, these leaders know exactly what will happen if they cross the line, and will be extremely careful not to do so.

It will take some time to determine just how pervasive this deterrent really is. Under pressure from the United States in December, Libya announced that it was giving up all hopes for nuclear arms and opening its doors to U.N. weapons inspectors. Dr. El-Baradei, director general of the International Atomic Energy Agency, seemed convinced when he said, "Libya has shown a good deal of cooperation, a good deal of openness."

Soon after, Syria requested that the U.N. pass a resolution calling for a ban on all nuclear, biological and chemical weapons in the Middle East. Granted, it was in part a move against Israel, Syria's enemy and the only state in the region known for certain to have operational nuclear weapons. However, the nature of the request suggests also that some of the most aggressive nations in today's world have decided that the costs of pursuing nuclear weapons have become too great to bear. I think it is safe to conclude this is at least partially because no leader wants to find himself in the cell next to Saddam.

On the other hand, the United States, too, must pay up, in a way, for acting unilaterally. Officially, we moved against Iraq because it possessed weapons of mass destruction that put our nation in imminent danger. Yet no such weapons have been found, and experts report it is unlikely that they ever will be.

To a critical observer, this makes the Bush administration's decisions highly manipulative and devious. A government that knows there is insufficient physical evidence and therefore must "sell" the case, like a used car salesman, cannot be tolerated. More importantly, it creates an international understanding that we will do whatever we want to do, regardless of how other nations feel about it. In such a world, nations will not be quick to come to our aid.

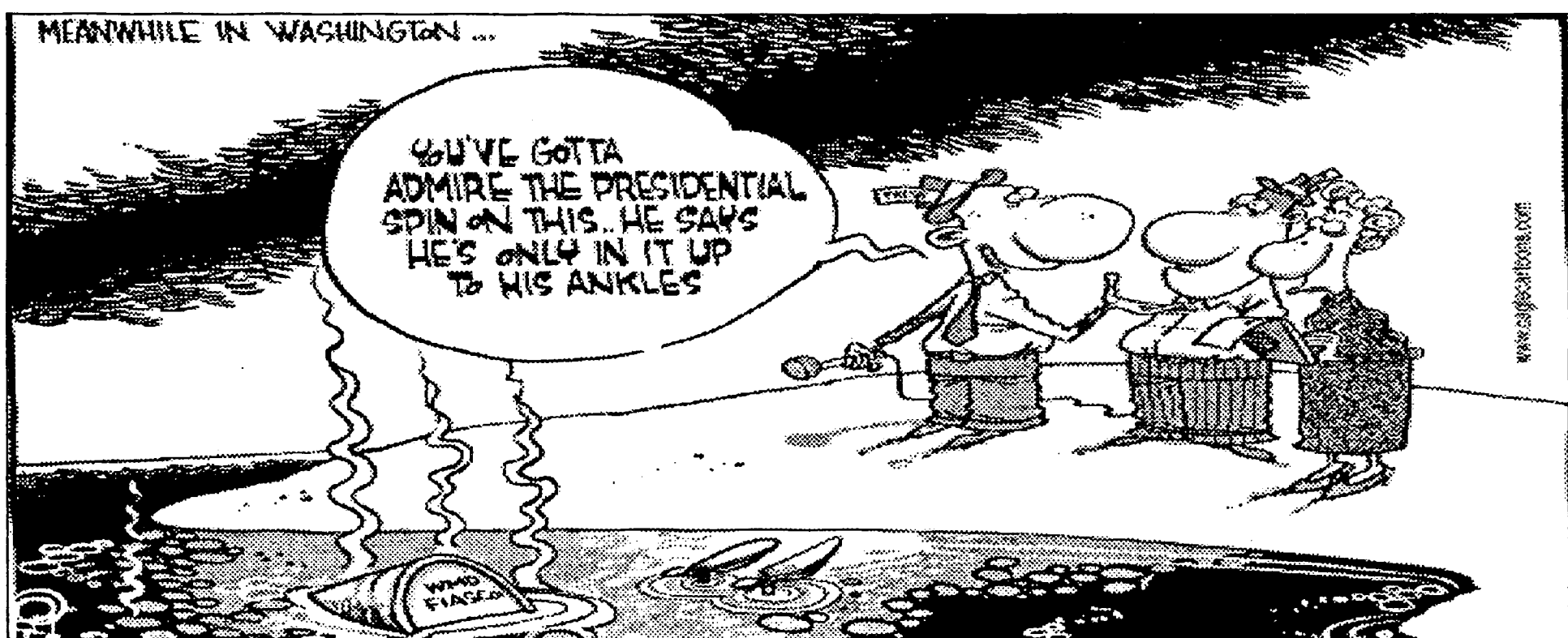
This is a dangerous road to be following. Perhaps today, we are strong enough to exist without much international support. However, the system will evolve, and one day, we will not be so powerful. It is foolish and naïve to think that of all the great civilizations formed throughout history, ours is somehow different and will be the first one to be invincible. It may seem that we can alienate foreign governments now, but history suggests that such arrogance will only speed our fall, not prevent it. Furthermore, as globalization brings the world ever closer, the value of international cooperation and support is only going to increase.

Consider this issue above all the others when thinking about the presidential candidates this year. If Bush retains the presidency, America's hard line against our enemies may indeed keep our borders safer, especially in the short term. If a Democrat takes office, expect an attempt to rebuild the international relations that are currently in a state of disarray. One of these paths will be America's future. Choose wisely.

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### QUOTE OF THE DAY

"The future is the worst thing about the present."

Gustave Flaubert  
French novelist



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

# Defending the decision to drink

*Consumption of alcohol present throughout ancient Greece, the Bible*

I am writing in response to Ryan Iafigliola's Feb. 20 column expressing his opinion that the wickedness of alcohol makes it difficult for non-drinkers to survive on this campus. I don't know what kind of parties Ryan has attended, but the vast majority of parties I've been to on campus have been comprised of both people who drink and those who do not — those who go, instead, simply to socialize with others. I do not see this clear-cut divide of the student population, of those who drink and those who do not, as Ryan described.

Ryan, I have read the Bible and Plato. One of the most well-known stories from the Bible is the Wedding at Cana, an event at which Jesus miraculously produced more wine for the wedding guests when it had been depleted due to a lack of supply. If Jesus was associated with wine, why can't we be? We don't attend a Catholic university, where wine is offered daily at Mass. Truly this is not regarded as being evil, but rather a pivotal part of communion with God.

The ancient Greeks, such as Plato, were wine connoisseurs as well. They not only viewed wine as a form of ambrosia, but also maintained that being drunk elevated them to the status of the gods. Any CORE student can attest to this, having read "The Bacchae" by Euripides V. Furthermore, drinking played a pivotal role in decision-making in ancient Greece. It was the custom for groups to converse, debate and reach a decision while drunk. While sober, they would do the same. If the decision was the same in both instances, it was deemed wise and carried out.

Additionally, Plato certainly did not condemn inebriation. One of his dialogues on Socrates, "The Symposium," is set at a dinner party flowing with wine, where the attendees, comprised of the great Greek poets, playwrights and philosophers, eloquently praise the virtues of love and the "sweet nectar" we call wine.

One of the flaws of Ryan's column is that he over-generalized the characteristics he attributes to drunken people. Many of them belong not to inebriated individuals, but to alcoholics. The drinkers I know do not drink because they dislike themselves, nor because they want to escape themselves.

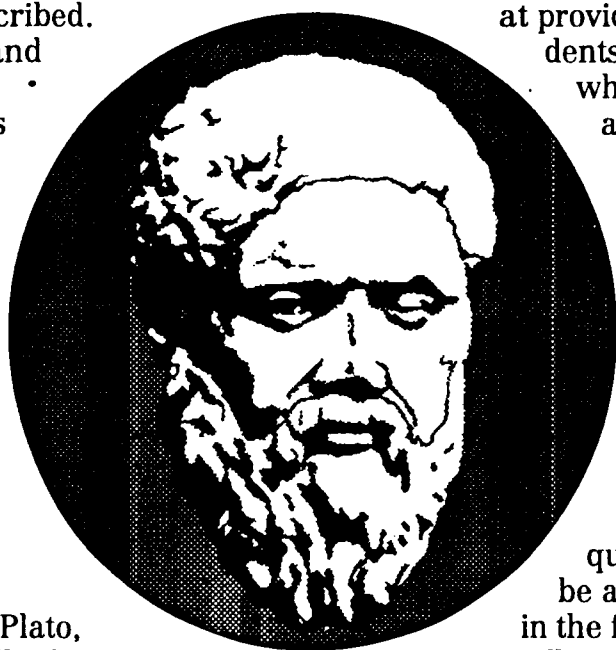
This school certainly does not encourage drinking. It has and enforces many alcoholic policies, such as the banning of hard alcohol in dorms. My question to Ryan is this: You claim that this school offers too few opportunities to non-drinkers, but what more could you possibly expect from our University? I look all around and see many events, especially on weekends, that this campus offers. Since it is obvious that we do not live in a college town, I feel that Notre Dame has done its best at providing many opportunities for students to partake in on campus, all of which are non-alcoholic. One can attend plays, musicals, SUB

movies, concerts, Flipside events and other such activities without even leaving the confines of Notre Dame. Who really wants to go to the gym to work out at midnight on a Saturday night? Other places, such as Reckers and Legends, stay open much later to provide a place for students to socialize.

As for the statistics that were quoted, of course there is going to be a larger number of non-drinkers in the freshman class compared to the overall student body, as many juniors and seniors are 21 or over. Furthermore, not all drinkers are binge drinkers who constantly drink to their edge; instead, most are fairly moderate. Drinkers do not think that non-drinkers have a social defect. Drinking should not define a person or his/her personality. Abstaining from drinking may be the path that some choose to follow for various reasons. This abstention certainly does not mean that one is morally superior than one who chooses to drink. It is merely a personal choice. Alcoholism, on the other hand, is a dangerous vice. Drinking moderately and socially does not make one lose one's integrity or reflect bad character.

Realize that we do not live in a puritanical society. Alcohol is not the devil, nor is it inherently evil. If you expect drinkers to respect your choice not to drink, then you should also respect their choices to drink.

Caitlin Smith  
sophomore  
Farley Hall  
Feb. 20



## Requesting mutual respect

After reading "The other minority," I decided a brief response was necessary. To be honest, Ryan Iafigliola's column was thoroughly offensive, especially when I read that apparently I, as a drinker, am "not good enough as myself," so I drink to feel better.

That is an incredibly judgmental thing for someone who references the Bible in the same paragraph to say. Try this Bible lesson on for size: Love others; don't judge others. At the end of your letter you accuse drinkers of assuming you and other nondrinkers stay in at the library all night. Guess what, Ryan? I don't. I don't know you and I don't judge you or your actions. Please extend the same courtesy to the students you attacked Friday.

Apparently, you also believe that our school is more alcoholic than other schools. Have you visited other schools or do you form opinions based on random statistical samplings you find online? Perhaps the administration is willing to trade that five percent difference you referenced for the difference in drug usage between other schools and Notre Dame.

Next, you mention that the amount of nondrinkers dropped from 27 percent first semester of freshman year to 12 percent in the student body. I don't know if you thought of this, but as students become upper-classmen they turn 21 — the legal drinking age.

Also, you believe closing the gym and The Huddle early on weekends promotes drinking? And here, I thought the weekends were for relaxing, whether with alcohol or not. How about this, Ryan: You work The Huddle on Friday and the gym on Saturday so people can go.

You also accuse Notre Dame of promoting drinking by providing no opportunities for students wishing to abstain from alcohol? One word: Flipside. This is a group that promotes a fun, alcohol-free atmosphere instead of sitting on a pedestal and judging, condemning and complaining about people that choose to drink.

So, what is my point? To you Ryan, not all nondrinkers on campus, stop acting like drinkers have some sort of social defect and maybe you will get the same treatment.

Matthew Wormington  
sophomore  
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Feb. 21

# Football solution flawed

Following a 10-win season in 2002, Notre Dame's football team struggled to a 5-7 mark in 2003 against one of the toughest schedules in collegiate football history. While many Irish fans remain optimistic about the possibility of a Re-Return to Glory in 2004, a group of frustrated (and, I must add, more distinguished) alumni have expressed disappointment with the program via a letter to the University's Board Of Trustees.

Mike Marchand

The letter was sent to the Board before their winter meetings earlier this month. When the Board didn't respond or address any of the issues, the independent Web site NDNation (whose members were the authors) posted it and invited other alums to sign it. Although critical, sometimes harshly so, of the direction of the program, in their final analysis, the writers make three suggestions which have little to do with the on-field play: making football the preeminent focus of the Athletic Department, giving the Athletic Director more control over the coach-hiring process and appointing a layperson to the Executive Vice President position. These are reasonable, principled proposals, and I agree heartily with their implementation.

Only, I didn't sign the letter.

I have absolutely no problem with the plans, only the manner in which they were presented. First, the letter states that winning football, along with academic distinction and Catholic values, represent "the three pillars on which the University was built." Although I agree that football has helped Notre Dame "hold its unique place among American universities," the "pillar" analogy is still flawed. For one, I highly doubt Father Sorin arrived at the lakes in 1842 and envisioned the University he created to be fundamentally supported by a sport that hadn't even been invented. Also, as vitally important as football is, Notre Dame was, is, and always will be a scholastic university with a football program, not the other way around. Equating football with learning and Catholicism is a disservice to the latter two. The football program is best seen as the vehicle by which hundreds of thousands of young men (and eventually, women) came to recognize how wonderful Our Lady's University is. At best, to refine the analogy, it buttresses the other two pillars.

Second, while the authors explicitly claim that the letter "is not a call to fire Tyrone Willingham," the underlying intent is clear that the writers desire his removal. Willingham is the only person associated with the program to even be mentioned by name in the letter, and considering that the authors argue that the program is in marked decline, especially recently, to only name Willingham is a subtle note that they believe his leadership to be distinctively inadequate. They also believe (as per their second recommendation) that Willingham's employment was the result of "ineffective and unaccountable" hiring practices and the latest in "a series of mediocre and poorly vetted coaching hires."

My third quail is with some of the people who've gone on record as agreeing with the letter's intent, specifically certain members of NDNation.com. While intelligent people (obviously, considering their alma mater) and possessing the best of intentions for both the football program and the University, these are not the people I wish to see issuing judgments. For example, in an exposition called "Hard evidence that the ACP has fully infiltrated the student body," one message board poster claims that "[Father Edward] Malloy is succeeding in his effort to jade the student body with persistently piss poor football in order to fully instill his culture of indifference." By the way, "ACP" stands for "Ass Clown Posse," a term which, near as I can figure, is used on just about anybody who has any sort of disagreement, including most members of the NDToday.com message boards, who are mostly students and young alumni.

The "Hard evidence" thread was a specific response to NDToday, and it wasn't pretty. Some brief excerpts: "[T]he majority of posters there are geeks to the highest degree"; "They should have just enrolled someplace else. They really should have. They are a disgrace to the history of our University"; "[P]seudo-intellectual losers"; "These people have no SOUL!"; and "[P]hilosophical troglodytes." One person even came after me, because I either 1) bought a book, Alan Grant's Return To Glory: Inside Tyrone Willingham's Amazing First Season At Notre Dame, 2) said they were "stupid," or 3) mentioned that the alumni were the ones who sold out the team on Sept. 9, 2000, creating the "Sea Of Red" for the game against Nebraska.

So far, the online version of the letter has gathered 2,000 alumni signatures, according to NDNation. I'm only one alumni, and my platform is much smaller, but this ass clown wishes to state that he agrees with the letter, but with reservations too substantial to affix my name to it.

Go Irish.

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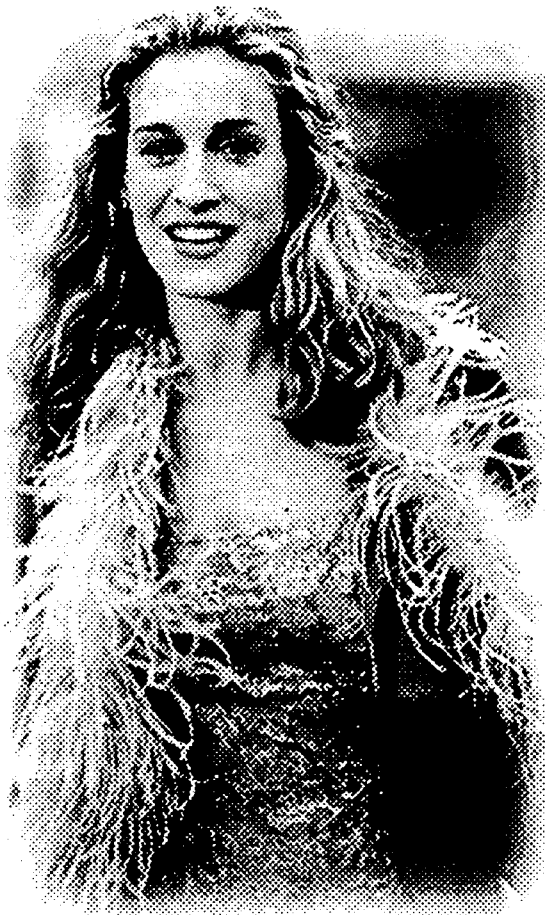


in any more bad dates. I would rather be home alone than out with some guy who sells socks on the internet. Your good friend has just taken a piece of

cake out of the garbage and eaten it. You will probably need this information when you check me into the Betty Crocker Clinic.

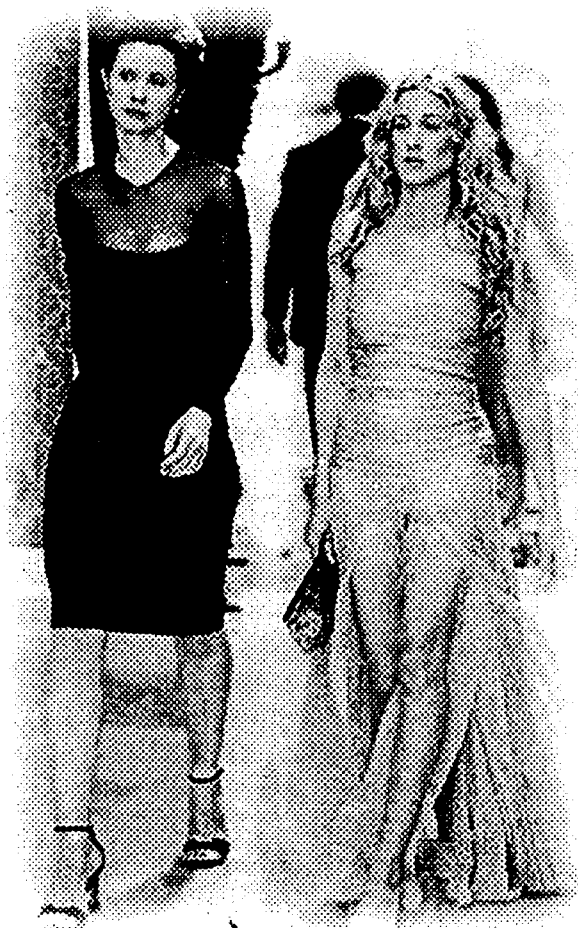
Oh my God, she's fashion roadkill!

Who cares what you are? Just enjoy it!



## Season 1

Carrie arrives for a rendezvous with her new French love interest in a floral metallic lace dress by Ozbek, a hot pink ultrasuede topper and a lush maribou boa.



## Season 2



## Season 3

Samantha and Carrie, on vacation in Los Angeles, search for discount knockoff purses. Samantha wears a Katayone Adeli camisole and cropped Roberto Cavalli jeans. Carrie dons a peasant top by D&G.

# SEX AND THE CITY

I didn't know about the hit HBO drama "Sex and the City" until last year. HBO isn't provided in the dorms, and I had spent my sophomore year abroad in Spain. So by my junior year, I was somewhat out of the loop about the controversial and groundbreaking show that has tried to portray women's sexuality.

Granted, "Sex and the City" does not portray every woman's sexuality, or every American woman's sexuality, or every married woman's sexuality or sexuality for women of every age. It does, however, strive to dispel old stereotypes, such as that women don't talk about sex or that women don't want sex as much as men.

Inspired by the writings of Candace Bushnell, the show's stars, Sarah Jessica Parker, Kim Cattrall, Kristin Davis and Cynthia Nixon are fabulous as Carrie Bradshaw, Samantha Jones, Charlotte York and Miranda Hobbes. They are four single women who live in

Kristin Cordova

Scene Columnist

Manhattan. They are independent thirty-somethings with successful careers. They are women fed up with bad relationships.

In the very first episode, Carrie laments with another dumped girlfriend and makes a claim which provides the framework for Sex and the City.

"No one had told her about the end of love in Manhattan," Carrie said. "Welcome to the age of un-innocence."

Women have always been taught and programmed to believe that love is what they want, but now that it has "flown the co-op," what is left? They can only conclude that what is left is sex. It is left to be seen, however, whether the women of New York will trade in love for the power of sex or turn to despair.

"They are four single women who live in Manhattan. They are independent thirty-somethings with successful careers. They are women fed up with bad relationships."

This is what "Sex in the City" is all about. What makes the show interesting is the way these women work out their ideas on sex, love and relationships in a society where women like this have never existed.

As Samantha said in the first episode, "This is the first time in the history of

Manhattan that women have had as much money and power as men. Plus, the equal luxury of treating men like sex objects."

These two facts give women choices and possibilities that women before our time in history have never had.

Ideas like this have created the controversy and mystique that surround the show and contribute to its success. Traditionally, women have not always had personal independence, let alone sexual freedom.

Many women in the world still don't, especially in countries where women can be stoned to death or murdered by family members for having sex outside of marriage. But whether or not people agree with sex outside of marriage, they must admit that women should at least have equal rights to sexual freedom as men. Even in the United States, where women are technically equal to their male counterparts, there still remains a huge stigma that stains female sexuality today. This is apparent in the age old double-standard, which tells us to consider a man who has sex with numerous women culturally acceptable and label

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Carrie Bradshaw  
Sex and the City

To be in a couple, do you have to put your single self on a shelf? After all, computers crash, people die, relationships fall apart. The best we can do is breathe and rel



or are we forever haunted by the spirits of relationships past? Life is not all about sex. I don't think she's a lesbian. I think she just ran out of men.

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him a "playboy," whereas we ostracize women who do the same with words like "slut" and "easy."

Many women love "Sex and the City" because it portrays both women and men as sexual objects and aggressors. It follows the story of these four friends as they navigate the stormy New York dating waters and struggle to position their own attitudes and expectations about relationships within that environment. Despite their often pessimistic musings, I don't believe the four women ever give up hope on love. The show tries to point out how difficult it is for these women to reconcile their need to be sexual and their desire to find meaningful, loving relationships.

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"Sex and the City" will be sorely missed now that it is ending. The show allowed people to hear the sexual voice of women. It brought together the neurotic girl-next-door, embodied by Charlotte, and the sex goddess, embodied by Samantha, balanced by the brainy lawyer, Miranda, and the spunky columnist, Carrie. The show allowed them to share

their common experiences in relationships and sex. By associating the women with certain "typical" sexual personalities, Sex in the City was able to universalize its message and relate to the experiences of women across the board who confront similar issues.

The show also allowed women to have fun while confronting those issues. I'm sure anyone who is a fan of the show has favorite episodes and seasons. For me, it's season three, the first one I watched. Carrie and Mr. Big are still entangled, Charlotte marries Trey, and the girls head to Los Angeles. Not to mention the fabulous clothes they wear throughout the series. In the first season, Carrie wears "the dress," i.e. the "naked" dress she wears for a promotional picture on the side of a bus. Or season four, when Carrie models a pair of sparkly underwear in a New York fashion show. It's definitely a show for women, but much more accessible than cheesy Lifetime television.

"Sex and the City" has broken through many cultural stereo-

types about women's sexuality by asking the questions no one wanted to ask. In the first episode, Carrie asks herself whether it's possible for women to have sex like men, "without feeling." From hindsight, we know that over the next five seasons, Carrie, Samantha, Charlotte and Miranda will answer "yes."

They also discover, however, that having sex like men is not satisfying or what they want. What they really want is to have sex "like women," according to their own standards, not according to standards set by society or men or religion.

The words of Mr. Big come back to me: "Oh, I get it. You've never been in love." Carrie's

breath catches in her throat, and she knows it's the truth. Maybe after sex and the city have both faded away, Love will be the only answer

*"This is the first time in the history of Manhattan that women have had as much power as men. Plus, the equal luxury of treating men like sex objects..."*

Samantha Jones  
Sex and the City

that's left.

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Carrie goes from a date with Big to a delivery with Miranda in Michael Kors pleated georgette and lace dress, a rainbow-metallic brocade MoMo Falana coat, and ruffle cascade Christian Louboutin stilettos.



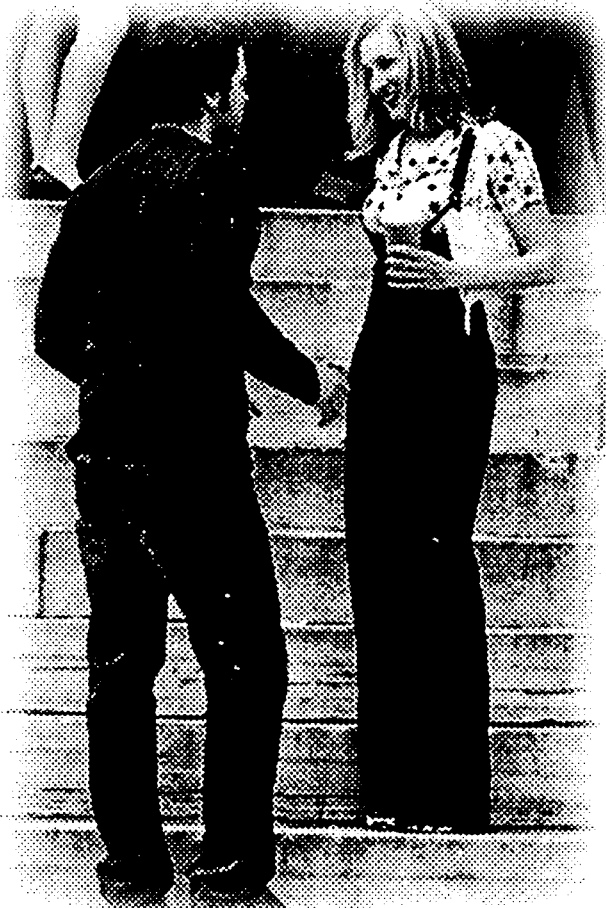
## Season 4



Carrie goes casual in a Sex Pistols "Anarchy in the UK" top from punk couture matriarch Vivienne Westwood's infamous King's Road boutique "Seditionaries."

## Season 5

Carrie, ready for jury duty, talks to Jack Berger in a pair of pinstripe high-waisted Jean Paul Gaultier pants, a vintage polka dot shirt and City Hall style suspenders. Red Miu Miu shoes peek out from her trousers.



## Season 6

When a relationship dies do we ever really give up the ghost? How long do we want it to be just the two of us? There's one room in every marriage that forces the question, "How long do we want it to be just the two of us?"

boot. Can you really forgive if you can't forget? When men attempt bold gestures, generally it's considered romantic. When women do it, it's often con-



## NBA

# Duncan and Spurs defeat Timberwolves 94-92

Associated Press

In front of a hostile, sellout crowd, San Antonio's quiet man helped lead his team to victory at the foul line.

Tim Duncan, a notoriously bad free-throw shooter, made 7 of 8 foul shots in the fourth quarter to finish with 25 points, and Tony Parker had 26 as the San Antonio Spurs beat the first-place Minnesota Timberwolves 94-92 on Sunday.

Hedo Turkoglu had 13 points — all in the second half — and a career-high 14 rebounds, and Manu Ginobili added 11 points as the Spurs snapped Minnesota's five-game winning streak and pulled to within three games of the Wolves in the Midwest Division.

The Spurs also wrapped up a season-high seven-game road trip at 6-1. Their one loss was 89-87 at Cleveland on Friday night.

"It's huge to end the trip this way," Duncan said. "We knew it was important because they had four games on us, and we might see them again in the playoffs."

San Antonio's win gives each team one victory in the season series. The division rivals play two more games next month.

In a game featuring two of the NBA's premiere post players and leading MVP candidates — Duncan and Kevin Garnett — Duncan, who entered the game shooting 58 percent from the free-throw line, helped win the game at the line in the final seconds.

Duncan was 2-for-6 from the line before the fourth, but he calmly sank two crucial foul shots with 18.1 seconds left to give San Antonio a 92-88 lead in front of a record Target Center crowd of 20,347.

It was a good reminder of why Duncan is the reigning MVP.

"He's our heart and soul just like Kevin is Minnesota's heart and soul," Spurs coach Greg Popovich said.

Garnett, who led Minnesota with 28 points and 10 rebounds, answered the free throws with a quick layup and Duncan was fouled on the ensuing inbound.

This time, Duncan made only one of the free throws. The Wolves then opted for Sam

Cassell's mid-range jumper with 8.8 seconds left instead of trying a 3-pointer for a tie. Cassell hit the shot, and the Spurs got the inbound to Ginobili, who was fouled with 8 seconds to go.

Minnesota had one more chance when Ginobili missed the second foul shot. Cassell found Latrell Sprewell on the wing, but Ginobili played him tight and the clock expired.

Cassell said it was a busted play.

"We just had a miscommunication about which side we wanted to run the play," he said. "I chose one way, Sprewell went the next way. It happens, you know what I'm saying? You can't blame the game on one possession."

Cassell, who got into foul trouble in the third quarter, had 24 points, and Sprewell added 15 for the Wolves.

San Antonio outrebounded Minnesota 49-42, including 11 from former Wolves player Rasha Nesterovic. The Spurs also scored 12 points off 15 Minnesota turnovers.

"That's how we win, is making stops," Parker said. "We were mad that against Cleveland we didn't make stops down the stretch."

Said Garnett: "They're not just a good defensive team. They're a good team period. But like every loss, we've got to learn from it."

Parker hit his first five shots and scored 11 points in the first quarter to give the Spurs an early lead. His 3-pointer at the 6:16 mark broke a 10-all tie and sparked a 16-8 run to give San Antonio a 26-18 advantage.

The Wolves pulled back to within five before the Spurs had a 9-2 spurt to go up 37-25 in the second quarter.

Sprewell hit a 3-pointer and a 13-footer in the final minute to pull Minnesota to 48-41, but Parker hit a driving layup with 5.7 seconds left and San Antonio had a nine-point halftime lead.

## Kings 96, Raptors 81

The Sacramento Kings bounced back in the second half after their worst first half of the season.

Peja Stojakovic scored 27 points and Mike Bibby had 21 to

lead Sacramento past the short-handed Toronto Raptors 96-81 Sunday.

The Kings, the NBA's highest scoring team, had a season-low 39 points in the first half and trailed Toronto, the lowest scoring team, by eight. However, Bibby got Sacramento going in the third quarter, scoring 12 of his 18 second-half points.

"It was because of the time difference," Stojakovic said. "It was early in Sacramento. The start of game is usually when we wake up. It was just about energy. We approached the game kind of lax. We thought it was going to be easy."

Chris Bosh had 20 points for the Raptors, who tied a season-high with their fifth straight loss. Toronto is in danger of falling out of the playoff race after losing Vince Carter and Jalen Rose to injuries.

Sacramento won for the sixth time in seven games despite playing without injured center Brad Miller, suspended forward Chris Webber and injured guard Bobby Jackson.

"We needed to change our attitude in the second half," Divac said.

Sacramento coach Rick Adelman wasn't happy with the effort.

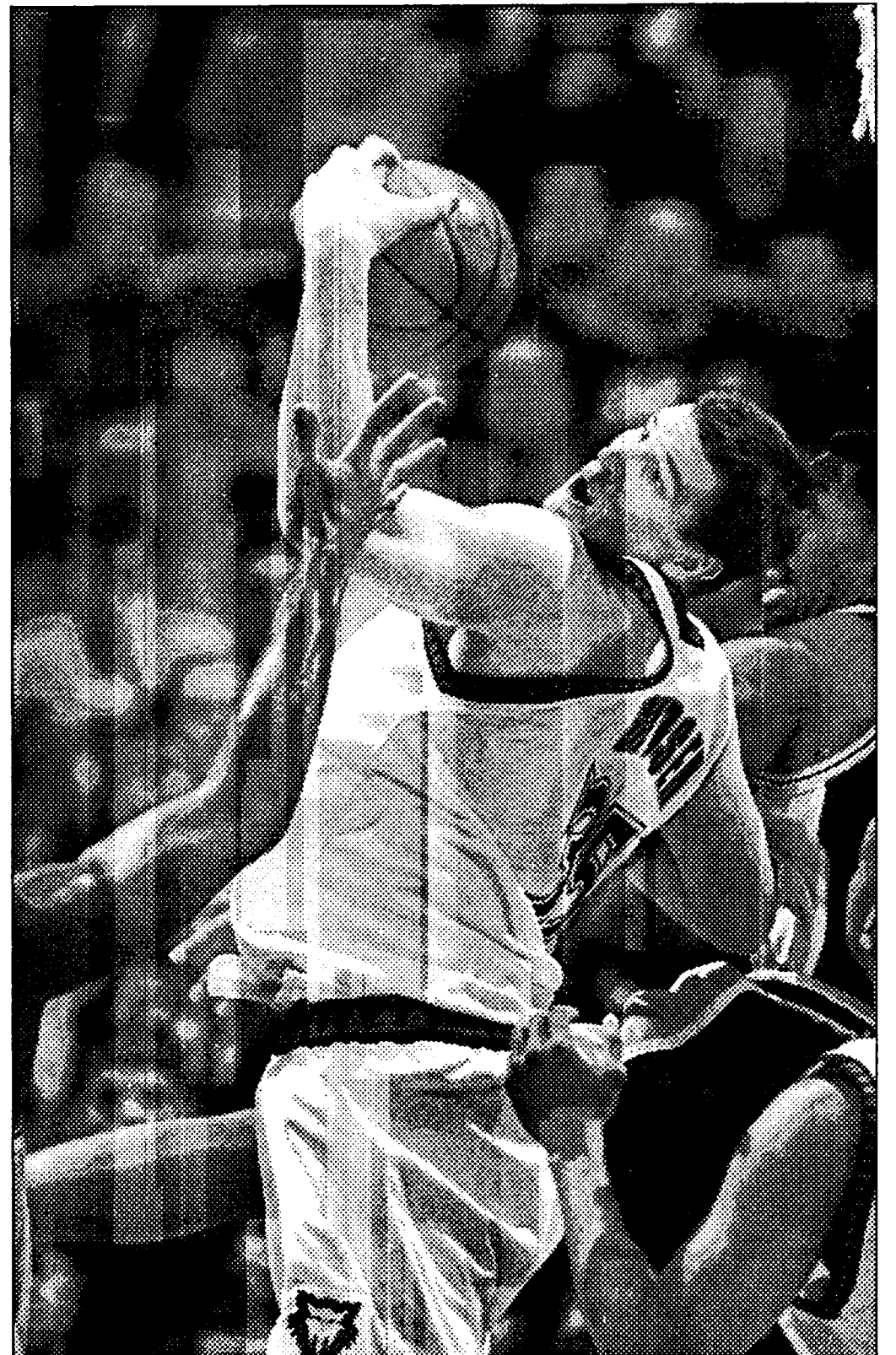
"We were playing with no intensity at all in the first half. It was almost like we expected to win," Adelman said. "Offensively, we were totally out of it. We didn't run anything."

Alvin Williams' jumper gave Toronto a nine-point lead early in the third, but Bibby sparked a 17-2 run with a 3-pointer, and capped it with a fastbreak layup to give the Kings a six-point lead.

Sacramento started the fourth quarter on a 16-4 run, including two 3-pointers by Stojakovic. Darius Songaila capped it with a jumper for an 85-71 lead.

Songaila, recently inserted into the starting lineup, had 15 points and 10 rebounds, while center Vlade Divac had 13 points and 12 rebounds.

"They are better than us. That doesn't mean you give up, but the reality is they are better," Toronto's Michael Curry said. "They shot 31 percent in the first half and that was the rea-



Mark Madsen of the Minnesota Timberwolves grabs the offensive rebound from Spurs player Malik Rose at the Target Center in Minneapolis on Sunday night as the Spurs prevailed 94-92.

son we were up."

Bosh, guarded by Songaila, had 14 points in first half and Jerome Moiso, who has barely played this season, had all of his 10 to help Toronto build its half-time lead.

## Cavaliers 92, Knicks 86

LBJ at MSG was A-OK for the Cleveland Cavaliers.

LeBron James scored 22 points in his first game at Madison Square Garden, where the fans turned on the home team Sunday as the New York Knicks fell behind by 23 points

in the fourth quarter of a 92-86 loss.

Whether they were booing or chanting the name of the departed Keith Van Horn, the matinee crowd let it be known that they weren't happy seeing the Knicks play so poorly. The loss was the fourth in five games for New York, which now embarks on a four-game Western road trip.

James didn't have his flashiest or most productive game, stepping aside to let center Zydrunas Ilgauskas carry most of the offensive load.

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## PGA

## Despite late struggles, Weir holds on to win Nissan Open

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Mike Weir wanted to prove he could win with the lead.

By the time he won the Nissan Open on Sunday, it felt like

another one of his great come-backs.

A seven-shot lead disappeared in a span of 12 holes. Shigeki Maruyama was charging hard, knocking down the pin with a 3-iron at No. 15 and catching Weir

on the next hole with a 6-iron that never left the flag.

Then the came rain, hard and steady, making the decisive, 475-yard 18th hole at Riviera play even longer.

"You have to dig deep," Weir

said. "I was able to do that."

Right when it seemed as through he was going to let a big one get away, the gutsy Canadian answered with the best chip of an immaculate week with the wedge. From the side of a grassy hill, Weir nearly holed the 45-foot chip and tapped in for par and a one-stroke victory.

The Masters champion, who had won his previous six PGA Tour events from behind and was 0-for-5 with a 54-hole lead, closed with an even-par 71 and became the first back-to-back winner at Riviera since Corey Pavin in 1994-95.

He finished at 17-under 267 and earned \$864,000.

"If you'd have told me at the beginning of the week I'd be tied on the 17th hole, I'd be happy with that," Weir said. "It wasn't maybe what I was expecting at the beginning of the day, but that's the reality now. I just needed to bear down a little bit."

Maruyama, who trailed by seven when Weir chipped in for birdie on No. 3, injected some excitement with one great shot after another that made Weir wipe his brow even before it started raining.

Maruyama's chances ended when he missed the 18th fairway, couldn't reach the green and hit a 50-yard chip 12 feet past the hole. His par putt to force a playoff slid by on the

right.

"The last hole I was trying to hit the ball farther because it started raining," Maruyama said. "That was the biggest mistake of my whole week. I'm still not good at playing in the rain. I start practicing in the shower tonight."

It was his only bogey in a final-round 67.

Stuart Appleby got within three shots of the lead on the back nine, but finished with six straight par for 66 and was three shots back.

John Daly, coming off his first PGA Tour victory in nine years, made six birdies on his final 12 holes for a 67 and finished fourth. He only had two top 10s all of last year, and this will allow him to climb even higher in the world ranking as he tries to get into the Masters.

Tiger Woods is now 0-for-6 as a professional at Riviera, the only PGA Tour course he has played so often without winning. For the second straight year, he saved his best round for when it didn't matter — a career-best 64 at Riviera that moved him up 37 spots into a tie for seventh.

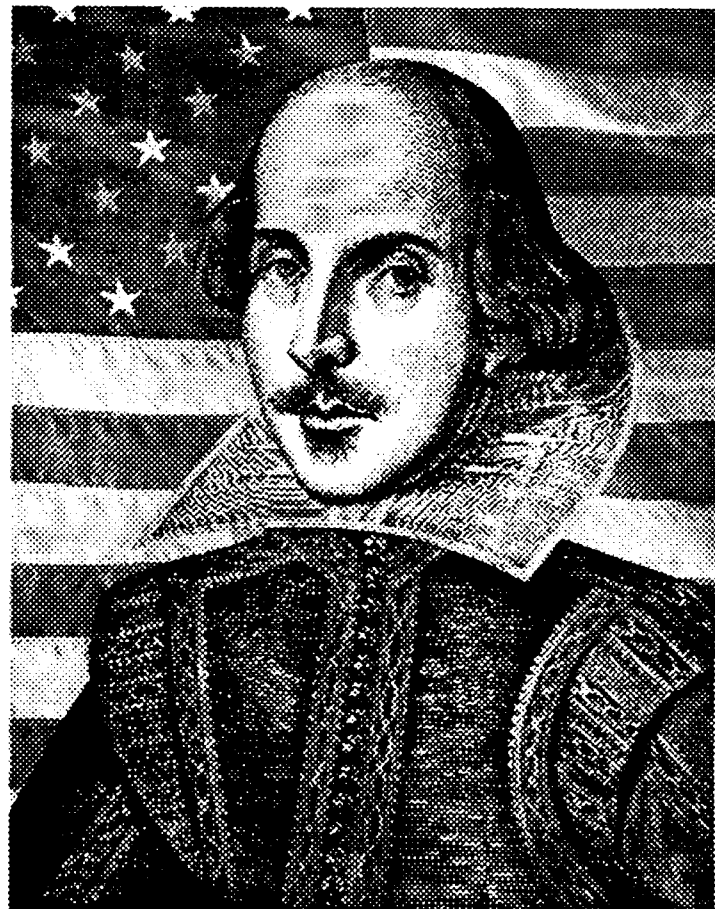
"You have to play good for all four days, and I haven't done that," Woods said.

Weir started the round with a five-shot lead, although it sure didn't look that way. He was grinding from the first hole, playing like he was tied for the lead coming down the 18th.

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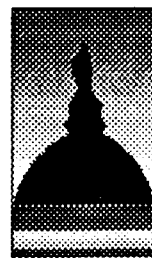
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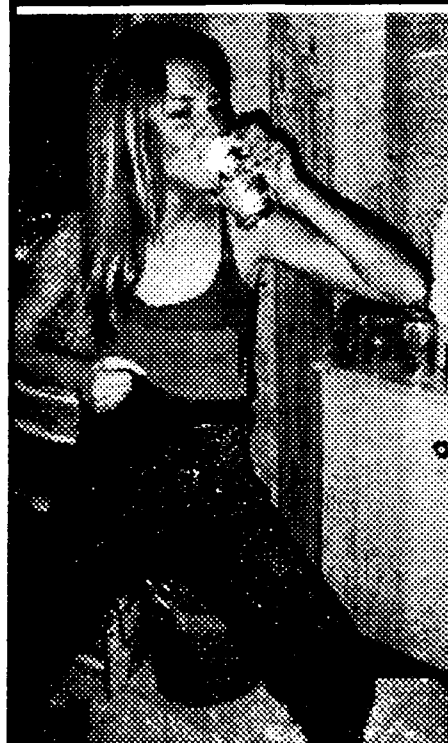
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## SMC SWIMMING

Belles earn  
7th place at  
MIAA meetBy DAN TAPETILLO  
Sports Writer

Despite the overall finish, the Belles are still smiling.

After finishing seventh at the MIAA Championships this season, Saint Mary's still came away from the meet with several strong performances.

As expected, Hope College won the conference title, collecting 587 points. Hope easily defeated its closest challengers, Calvin and Kalamazoo, to finish in second place.

Poised to challenge conference rivals, Saint Mary's performed well following Thursday's portion of the competition ending the day in sixth place. However, the Belles never surpassed that rank and finished seventh after Friday's portion of the meet.

Great performances by several of the team's swimmers are not accurately depicted just by glancing at times, such as how senior Megan Ramsey and sophomore Sarah Nowak both qualified for the finals in all three of their individual events.

Ramsey earned a second place finish in the 500-yard freestyle with a time of 5 minutes, 14.22 seconds. She also finished fourth in the 100-yard butterfly and sixth in the 200-yard butterfly.

"During the first day of competition, she [Ramsey] had a great feeling and took it out very well," Saint Mary's swimming coach Gregg Petcoff said.

Nowak, after taking a semester abroad during the fall, swam in her first championship meet and earned the title of performer of the meet. She took third in the 200-yard breaststroke, fourth in the 100-yard breaststroke and eighth in the 200-yard individual medley.

"[Nowak] hit great times this meet and even broke the school records in the 200-yard breaststroke and the 200 individual-medley," Petcoff said. "She has just been a gift to have on this team."

Several other individuals swam competitive times, earning them a trip to the finals. Senior Maureen Palchak finished 11th in the 100-yard freestyle and senior Katy Lebiecz took 11th in the 200-yard breaststroke and ninth in the 100-yard breaststroke.

Lebiecz's younger sister, Bridget, also placed 10th in the 200-yard butterfly and ninth in the 100-yard butterfly.

The only other swimmer to reach the finals was Julie McGranahan, who finished ninth in the 200-yard butterfly and 10th in the 100-yard butterfly.

As the season came to a close for Saint Mary's swimming, Petcoff had only one word to describe the team's overall emotions — bitter-sweet.

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## MLB

## Oswalt named opening day starter

Associated Press

KISSIMMEE, Fla. — Roger Clemens and Andy Pettitte had just arrived at spring training Sunday when Houston Astros manager Jimmy Williams announced that neither one would start on opening day.

But the decision to go with Roy Oswalt came as no surprise to the ex-Yankees.

"Jimmy and I talked about it a couple of weeks ago and that's how we talked about it," Clemens said. "To me, all the guys are deserving. We've all had our opportunities to start opening day."

Oswalt, one of three holdovers from last year's rotation along with Wade Miller and Tim Redding, is one of the best young pitchers in baseball. But he was hampered by chronic groin injuries in 2003 and had surgery in the offseason to correct the problem.

Clemens and Pettitte were the Astros' two big offseason acquisitions, but Williams decided to go with Oswalt against Barry Bonds and the San Francisco Giants in Houston on April 5.

"He has come through the [farm] system and he was injured ... three times with his groin, and basically could have packed it in," Williams said. "He could have said, 'I'm injured, I need an operation, I might hurt myself if I try to continue pitching.'"

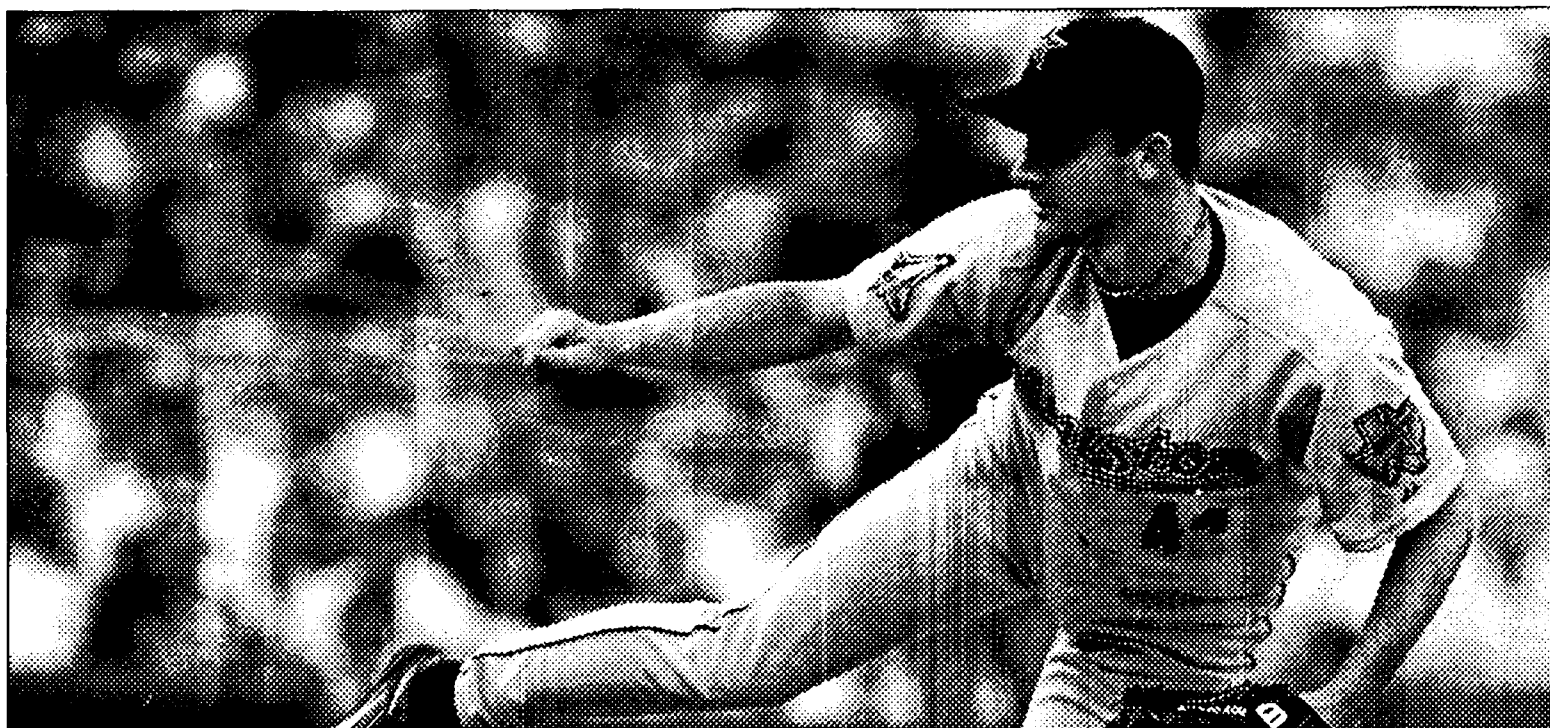
Pettitte will go second in the rotation, followed by his pal Clemens. Miller, the club's opening day starter in 2002, will pitch fourth, and Redding is No. 5.

"He's got a lot of pitching over there," Yankees manager Joe Torre said in Tampa.

He would know.

Setting up the starting rotation two weeks before exhibition games begin gives the pitchers time to prepare their throwing routines in February, a luxury Pettitte said he and Clemens never had in New York.

"Usually that's top secret where we come from," said Pettitte, who shares famously



Houston Astros pitcher Roy Oswalt pitches in a game against the New York Yankees last season. Oswalt was named the starter for Houston's opening game of the upcoming season.

rigorous workout habits with Clemens. "For us, this is great."

Oswalt, a 19-game winner in 2002, was on the disabled list three times last season. But he returned to the mound and won four games down the stretch as Houston's bid to catch the Chicago Cubs in the NL Central

fell just short.

"If I go first or I go third it doesn't matter," Oswalt said. "It's an honor, so of course it's special, but I don't see [the others] behind me. I see them with me."

Despite constant pain and limited action, Oswalt, 26, went

10-5 with a 2.97 ERA in 21 starts last year. His 2.92 ERA the last three seasons is better than either Clemens or Pettitte.

Williams' decision was partly to reward Oswalt, and to position the left-handed Pettitte between the team's top right-handers.

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## MEN'S SWIMMING AND DIVING

# Irish place second at Big East Championship

*Notre Dame breaks eight school records, but finishes behind No. 16 Pittsburgh*

By MATT PUGLISI  
Sports Writer

Records are made to be broken.

The Irish cracked eight school records and posted an all-time Big East Championship high of 584 points en route to a second place finish behind No. 16 Pittsburgh at the conference championships in East Meadow, N.Y., this weekend.

The runner-up finish snaps a streak of three consecutive fourth-place finishes at the annual meet for the Irish.

"We had a lot of great swims and broke a lot of school records this weekend," freshman Tim Kegelman said. "Our ultimate goal was to win to the meet, but we just couldn't overcome Pittsburgh's diving."

Kegelman piloted the attack on the Irish record book with a pair of all-time

marks in the 200-yard individual medley and the 100-yard butterfly.

"We do a lot of different training in a lot of different areas, which helped with the individual medley," Kegelman said. "The [butterfly] record just came from training."

*"We had a lot of great swims and broke a lot of school records this weekend."*

**Tim Kegelman**  
Irish freshman

In addition to Kegelman, freshman Ted Brown (500-yard freestyle), sophomores Doug Bauman (100-yard backstroke and 200-yard backstroke), Steve Shomberger (200-yard backstroke) and a trio of relay teams — 200-yard freestyle, 200-yard medley and 800-yard freestyle relays — all claimed school records.

In recognition for guiding the burgeoning Irish from fourth to second place at the Big East Championships, Welsh was named the Big East Coach of the Year.

"He's really a great motivator and gets the teams focused on what we need to

do," Kegelman said. "He keeps the attitude positive and is very encouraging."

Behind a couple of third-place performances by Kegelman (200-yard individual medley) and Brown (500-yard freestyle) and a trio of fourth place finishes by sophomore Jaime Lutkus (200-yard individual medley), freshman Scott Coyle (three-meter board) and the 200-yard freestyle relay team (Kegelman, freshman Tim Randolph, sophomore Doug Bauman and junior Frank Krakowski), the Irish found themselves in third place with 169.5 points, behind both Pittsburgh (234) and Virginia Tech (191.5), at the end of action Thursday.

Kegelman's record was set in the 200-yard individual medley preliminaries while both Brown's and the 200-yard freestyle relay team's came in the event finals.

The strong performance

continued for the Irish Friday as a one-two finish in the 400-yard individual medley by sophomore Jaime Lutkus and junior David Moisan, respectively, helped catapult Notre Dame into second place, 112 points behind the Panthers and 21.5 points ahead of the Hokies.

In addition, Kegelman finished second in the 100-yard butterfly, the 800-yard freestyle relay team (Brown, freshman Brian Freeman, junior Matt Bertke and senior co-captain Matt Obringer) took third, and the 200-yard medley relay squad (Kegelman, Randolph, Bauman and Krakowski) and Obringer (200-yard freestyle) claimed fourth.

The record-breaking whirlwind touched down once again Saturday as both Bauman and Shomberger eclipsed the school mark in the 200-yard backstroke to finish second and fourth,

respectively. Sophomores Patrick Davis (1,650 freestyle) and Tyler Grenda (200-yard breaststroke) each chipped in as Davis finished second and Grenda came in fifth.

The fight for second place between the Irish and the Hokies came down to the 400-yard freestyle relay with the Irish needing only a ninth place finish to clinch second place. The relay squad (Krakowski, Obringer, freshman Louis Cavadini and junior Drew Pittman) delivered, finishing sixth and securing a second place finish for Notre Dame for the first time since 1999.

As is the case with the women, the future for the Irish remains somewhat hazy. While Coyle will compete in the NCAA Zone C diving meet March 12-13 in Bloomington, Ind., the Irish are unsure if any of their three potential NCAA Championships participants — Kegelman, Brown and Obringer — will be invited. A decision should come in the next two weeks.

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## NBA

### Eastern Conference, Atlantic Division

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
New Jersey	34-20	.630	10-0	-
New York	26-31	.456	6-4	9.5
Miami	25-32	.439	5-5	10.5
Philadelphia	23-33	.411	4-6	12
Boston	23-34	.404	1-9	12.5
Washington	16-38	.296	3-7	18
Orlando	16-42	.276	3-7	20

### Eastern Conference, Central Division

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Indiana	41-15	.732	8-2	-
Detroit	34-24	.586	2-8	8
New Orleans	30-25	.545	4-6	10.5
Milwaukee	29-26	.527	4-6	11.5
Toronto	25-30	.455	4-6	15.5
Cleveland	22-34	.393	5-5	19
Atlanta	18-37	.327	4-6	22.5
Chicago	16-40	.286	3-7	25

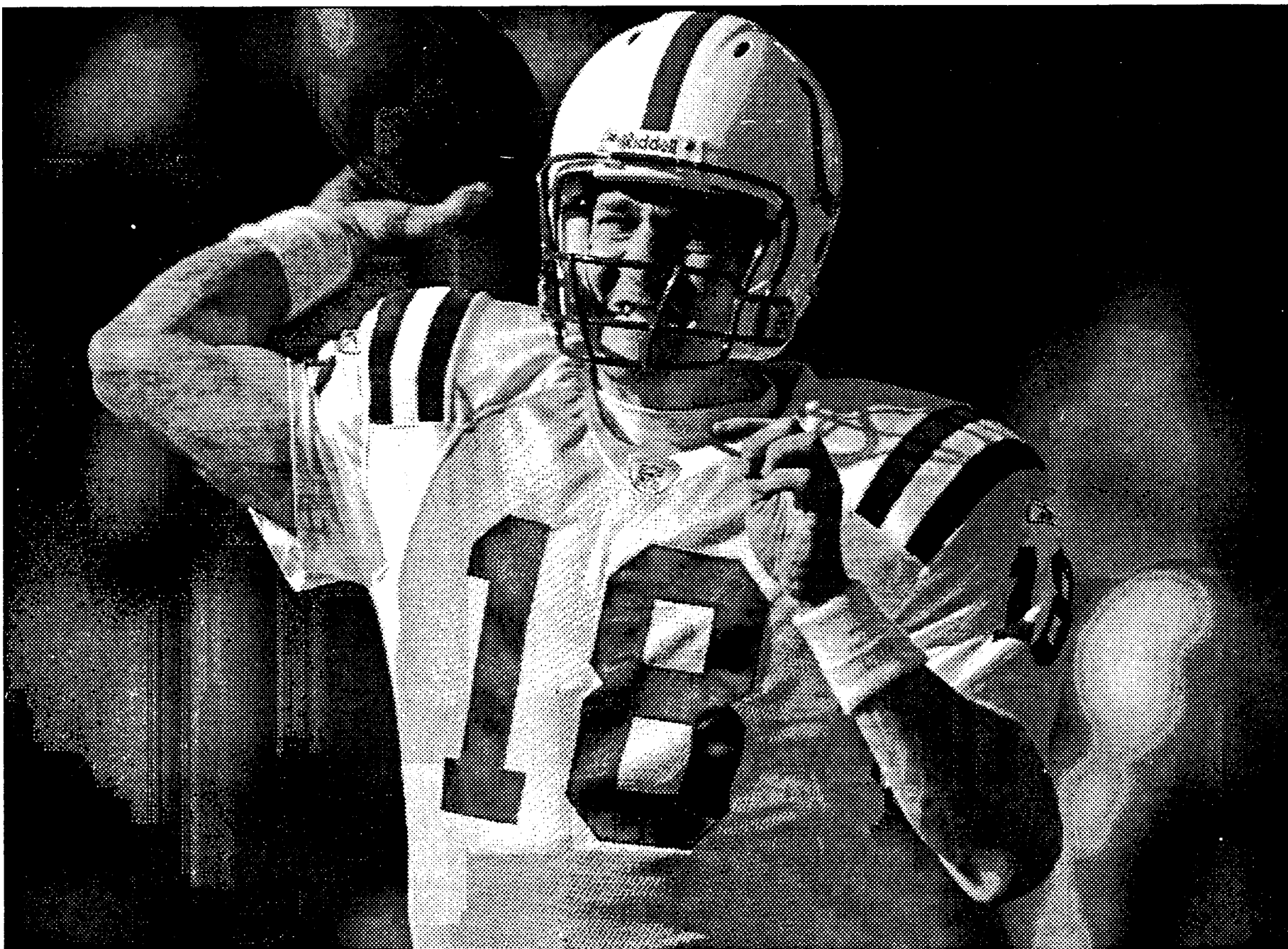
### Western Conference, Midwest Division

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Minnesota	40-16	.714	7-3	-
San Antonio	37-19	.661	8-2	3
Dallas	35-20	.636	6-4	4.5
Memphis	33-22	.600	8-2	6.5
Houston	31-23	.574	5-5	8
Denver	32-25	.561	6-4	8.5
Utah	27-30	.474	3-7	13.5

### Western Conference, Pacific Division

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Sacramento	40-14	.741	8-2	-
LA Lakers	35-19	.648	7-3	5
Portland	27-28	.491	6-4	13.5
Seattle	25-29	.463	3-7	15
LA Clippers	24-30	.444	5-5	16
Golden State	24-30	.444	5-5	16
Phoenix	18-40	.310	1-9	24

## NFL



Indianapolis Colts quarterback Peyton Manning fires a pass in a 29-27 victory over Tennessee on Dec. 7, 2003. The Colts will designate Manning a franchise player to prevent him from becoming a free agent.

## Colts to place franchise tag on Manning

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — The Indianapolis Colts are expected to designate Pro Bowl quarterback Peyton Manning their franchise player Monday, a move that will cost a league-record \$18.4 million.

President Bill Polian promised Sunday to tag Manning, the league's co-MVP, preventing him from hitting the free-agent market March 3.

"There is no question whatsoever," Polian said at the NFL combine. "The only question is what he'll be lined up with."

Manning's contract expired after last season.

NFL rules require teams to pay a "franchise" player the average of the top five players at the position or 120 percent of the player's salary cap number from the previous year, whichever is higher. Manning counted more than \$15 million against the team's salary cap last year.

Teams could still sign Manning to an offer sheet but the Colts would have an opportunity to match it. If Indianapolis chose not to, it would receive two first-round draft picks as compensation.

Manning's agent Tom Condon said he expected the move.

"That's what Bill told me the last time we met," Condon said.

Condon would not discuss the status of the negotiations although Polian said he expected to meet with Manning's agent again soon.

The move could force significant roster changes for the Colts, who reached the AFC championship game last year for the first time since 1995. Indianapolis lost to eventual Super Bowl champion New England 24-14.

But the Colts must be in compliance with next year's salary cap, \$80.5 million, by March 3.

The Colts have already restructured the contracts of about a half-dozen players to free up space under the salary cap, and they can clear an additional \$15 million by releasing offensive lineman Adam Meadows, defensive lineman Chad Bratzke and backup quarterback Brock Huard.

Indianapolis could free up more money, possibly to re-sign Meadows, Bratzke and Huard, if they reach a deal with Manning before March 17. That would allow them to remove the franchise designation and likely lower Manning's cap number.

## Baseball America's College Rankings

	team	record	previous
1	Rice	2-1	1
2	Louisiana State	2-1	2
3	Miami	2-1	3
4	Stanford	3-0	4
5	Georgia Tech	2-0	5
6	Texas	3-0	6
7	South Carolina	3-0	7
8	Long Beach State	2-1	9
9	Tulane	2-0	10
10	Auburn	3-0	12
11	Clemson	0-0	11
12	Baylor	2-1	13
13	Arizona	2-1	15
14	Cal State Fullerton	1-2	8
15	Wichita State	0-0	14
16	Arizona State	2-1	16
17	North Carolina	0-0	17
18	Mississippi	0-0	18
19	NOTRE DAME	0-0	19
20	Florida	1-2	20
21	Texas A&M	3-0	21
22	Florida Atlantic	4-0	22
23	Nebraska	0-0	23
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## IN BRIEF

### Dolphins, Eagles working on deal for Feeley

INDIANAPOLIS — The Miami Dolphins and Philadelphia Eagles were working on a trade Saturday night that would send reserve quarterback A.J. Feeley to Miami.

Dolphins coach Dave Wannstedt confirmed the trade talks, but said no agreement had been made.

"All we can say is no trade has been made," he said at the NFL scouting combine. "We are talking to Philadelphia and we're in the midst of talks."

No deals can be made official until the offseason trading period begins March 3.

It's likely the Eagles would receive an undisclosed draft pick in 2005 in exchange for Feeley.

Feeley, a restricted free agent, served as Philadelphia's third-string quarterback last season behind Donovan McNabb and Koy Detmer.

A 2001 fifth-round draft choice from Oregon, Feeley showed promise

in his second season when he won four consecutive games while McNabb and Detmer were sidelined with injuries.

The Dolphins are trying to upgrade the quarterback position, which hasn't been the same since Dan Marino retired after the 1999 season.

Injury-prone quarterbacks Jay Fiedler and Brian Griese split time last season, but both could be gone this season.

### Rodriguez and Jeter face strained relationship

TAMPA, Fla. — Alex Rodriguez watched a practice grounder skip through his legs, tossed his glove to the grass and picked up another mitt. New to third base, he'll need time to learn the position.

Repairing his relationship with Derek Jeter will take a while, too.

On Sunday, Rodriguez acknowledged their friendship had deteriorated in recent years. Once best buddies — they kidded on the field and

crossed paths on the dating scene — the new Yankees teammates have never been the same since A-Rod criticized Jeter's skills and leadership in early 2001.

"When we came up, we were kind of tied at the hip," Rodriguez said. "We haven't been as tight the last three years."

Trace the bad hop between the star shortstops to remarks Rodriguez made shortly after signing his \$252 million, 10-year contract with Texas.

First, he said Jeter was unlikely to get such a salary "because he just doesn't do the power numbers and defensively he doesn't do all those things."

Then, talking about a player whose team had won three straight World Series championships, Rodriguez said of Jeter: "He's never had to lead. He can just go and play and have fun. He hits second — that's totally different than third or fourth in a lineup."

Immediately, Rodriguez knew Jeter was stung by the comments.



## WOMEN'S TENNIS

## Irish defeat Brigham Young

By ANN LOUGHERY  
Sports Writer

What a difference.

The No. 26 Irish defeated No. 20 Brigham Young 6-1 Friday to extend their winning streak to five matches.

"It was exciting," sophomore Kristina Stastny said. "We really played well and I think this weekend proved that we have the potential to be a top-15 team."

In building on their own success this spring, the Irish broke the Cougars' four-match winning streak.

"This weekend was definitely a confidence booster," sophomore Lauren Connelly said. "It

showed us that we can play with any team."

Throughout the season, coach Jay Louderback has emphasized the importance of winning the doubles point each match. In the season-opening match against Michigan, the Irish lost the doubles point and ended up losing the match 4-3.

The Irish proved this point resoundingly, first earning the doubles point and then claiming five of the six singles matches for the win.

No. 39 Lauren Connelly and senior Alicia Salas came off the courts first with an 8-4 defeat of the Cougars' Sofia Holden and Lauren Jones.

The duo is now 7-0 in dual matches and 13-2 overall. In the clinching win for the Irish, freshmen Catrina and Christian Thompson edged out H a d l e y McFarlane and

Barbora Zahnova 8-5.

Connelly remained undefeated this season contributing the first win in singles 6-1, 6-0 against Olga Boulytcheva at No. 4 singles.

"Lauren has been playing amazing tennis this spring," Stastny said.

Stastny followed Connelly's lead, besting McFarlane 6-2, 6-0 at No. 4 singles. Salas, ranked No. 14 in singles, ensured an Irish victory, with a clinching win at No. 1 singles over No. 43 Barbora Zahnova 6-3, 6-3.

"Alicia has really led by example," Stastny said. "She's really on a roll this spring."

At No. 3 singles, Catrina Thompson added to the team's success, knocking off Jones 6-3, 6-4. Christian Thompson sealed the team's fate in the final match, edging out Holden in a tiebreaker 6-3, 3-6, 1-0 (10-6) at No. 2.

The Irish are set to host No. 36 Indiana Sunday at 1 p.m.

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*"I think this weekend proved that we have the potential to be a top-15 team."*

**Kristina Stastny**  
Irish sophomore

## MEN'S LACROSSE

## Irish make up for sloppy start, beat Dennison 15-2

By DAN TAPETILLO  
Sports Writer

Despite a slow start for the second straight exhibition game, the Irish were able to rebound and defeat Dennison 15-2 Sunday at the Loftus Sports Center.

Notre Dame needed to bounce back in the second half after only leading 3-1 lead in the first quarter. The Irish know sluggish starts could be detrimental against future opponents.

"We just realized that we can't get off to slow starts against good teams," Irish sophomore Pat Walsh said. "The best teams in the country will take advantage of it and not look back."

Dennison was Notre Dame's last preseason opponent and third consecutive exhibition win. Notre Dame defeated Mercyhurst 22-4 and the Boston Cannons of Major League Lacrosse 14-11 earlier this month.

This was the team's second consecutive "scare" as Notre Dame slipped past the Cannons after overcoming a 7-2 deficit.

The team's slow starts can be attributed to nerves.

"Being the wrap of the pre-season, I think everyone was just a little anxious and looking forward to starting the season," Walsh said.

Although Dennison was an unranked opponent, it took the Irish until halftime to

finally realize the key to take control of the game.

"We just need to focus on the basics," Walsh said. "Instead of trying to play our game, we just let them dictate the game for the first half."

During halftime, Irish coach Kevin Corrigan reiterated what the team's focus needed to be. Corrigan told the Irish they needed to finish the exhibition season 3-0 and get back to the way the team played in the previous two games.

"He didn't have to say more than that to get the team going," Walsh said. "It wasn't a tough thing to spot, because everyone knew what was going on."

Goals from Matt Howell, Dan Berger and Pat Walsh let the Irish turn the game around at the beginning of the second half.

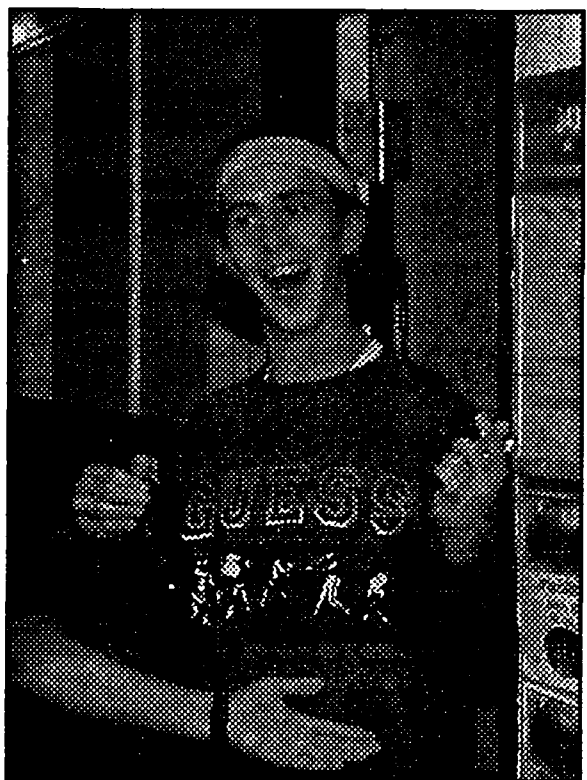
Notwithstanding the slow start, the Irish were content with the victory and are optimistic as the regular season nears.

"Everyone was pretty satisfied because we got out of it what we wanted," Walsh said. "It showed that we could bounce back in a game that was not going well, and it showed our character."

The Irish begin the regular season Sunday at Loftus against No. 17 Penn State.

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# Champs

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1- and 3-meter boards en route to being named Most Outstanding Diver.

Despite a record-breaking victory by Carroll in the 200-yard individual medley — the freshman broke both the Notre Dame and Big East Championship mark — and first place finishes by Perry-Eaton (1-meter board) and the 200-yard freestyle relay team (Carroll, freshman Rebecca Grove, junior Katie Eckholt and senior Danielle Hulick), the Irish found themselves in second place, trailing Rutgers by five points at the end of action on Thursday night.

"We've been behind a number of times in the past and were able to come back," Weathers said. "The first day has traditionally been a weaker day for us. We had a lot of girls that didn't swim [Thursday]."

The Rutgers lead wouldn't last long as Carroll (100-yard breaststroke) and Perry-Eaton (3-meter board) each won their second event in as many days to propel the Irish to a commanding 503.5-419 advantage over the Scarlet Knights at the end of the meet's second day.

Senior Marie Labosky also claimed an event victory for the Irish in the 400-yard individual medley and on the 800-yard freestyle relay team (Carroll, Ellen Johnson, Ann Barton and co-captain Lisa Garcia) broke the second oldest Irish swimming record to

conclude Friday's action.

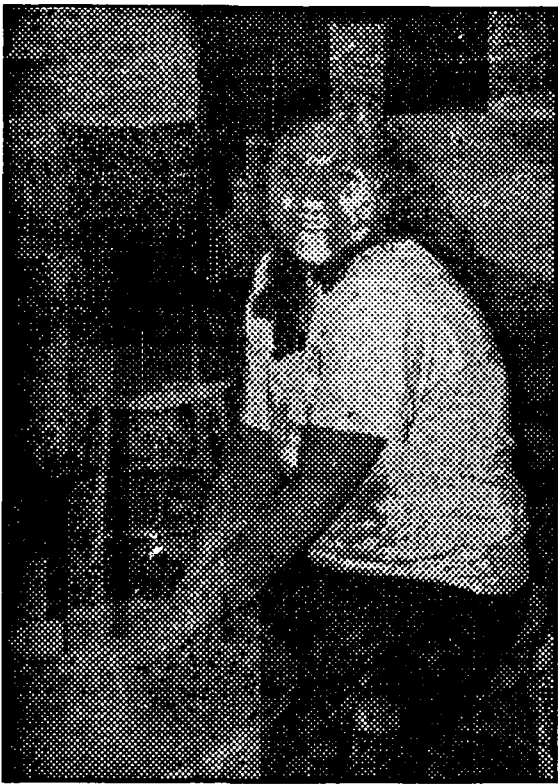
The meet's results were hardly in doubt by the final day as Carroll finished off her tri-fecta with a victory in the 100-yard freestyle and the Irish coasted to their eighth straight conference championship.

What's next for the Irish remains somewhat of a mystery. Notre Dame is currently scheduled to participate in the Gopher Invite in Minneapolis Sunday in a so-called "last-chance" meet. The Irish are also considering competing in a meet at Purdue in place of the Gopher Invite.

Perry-Eaton will compete in the NCAA Zone C diving meet March 12-13 in Bloomington, Ind., as she attempts to return to the NCAA Championships in College Station, Texas, March 18-20. However, seven other Notre Dame swimmers — Barton, Garcia, Grove, Hulick, Johnson, Labosky and Courtney Choura — in addition to four relay teams (200 freestyle, 400 freestyle, 800 freestyle and 400 medley) could receive invites to the meet.

"I think Meghan has a great chance to qualify in diving," Weathers said. "We won't know about the others for a few weeks, but I hope we will qualify a couple more girls."

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"When I'm drunk you can stick anything in my mouth!"  
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Happy 21 Lauren!  
♥, The Gang

## TRACK & FIELD

# Irish perform well at Big East's

By MIKE GILLOON  
Sports Writer

The Irish men's and women's track and field teams came close to sweeping the team titles at this weekend's Big East Indoor Championships. Instead, both teams placed second in the conference meet held at the Carrier Dome in Syracuse, N.Y.

The Irish men won the conference title last year and came within seven points of a repeat championship. However, Connecticut came out on top scoring 160 team points to Notre Dame's 153.

Just as they did in last year's conference indoor meet, the Irish women finished behind a tough Miami squad, 179-111.

The Irish had many outstanding individual performances on both sides. Selim Nurudeen was the sole individual champion for the men as the junior set the Big East and Carrier Dome record in the 60-meter hurdles with a time of 7.78 seconds.

Nurudeen continued his successful weekend by finishing third in the 60-meter dash in a time of 6.86 seconds and second in the 1,600-meter relay. The relay team finished in 3:13.71 seconds and consisted of junior Trevor McClain-Duer, freshman Jordan Powell, senior Thomas Dwayne and Nurudeen.

Senior Godwin Mbagwu was second in the triple jump with a distance of 15.16 meters. He also placed third in the long jump with a leap of 7.04 meters. Fellow senior Juan Alba placed second in the weight throw as he tossed the 35-pound weight a distance of 18.06 meters.

Sophomore Ryan Postel placed

a close second to Seton Hall senior Obra Hogans in the 400-meters. Postel finished in 47.66 seconds, 0.47 seconds behind Hogans.

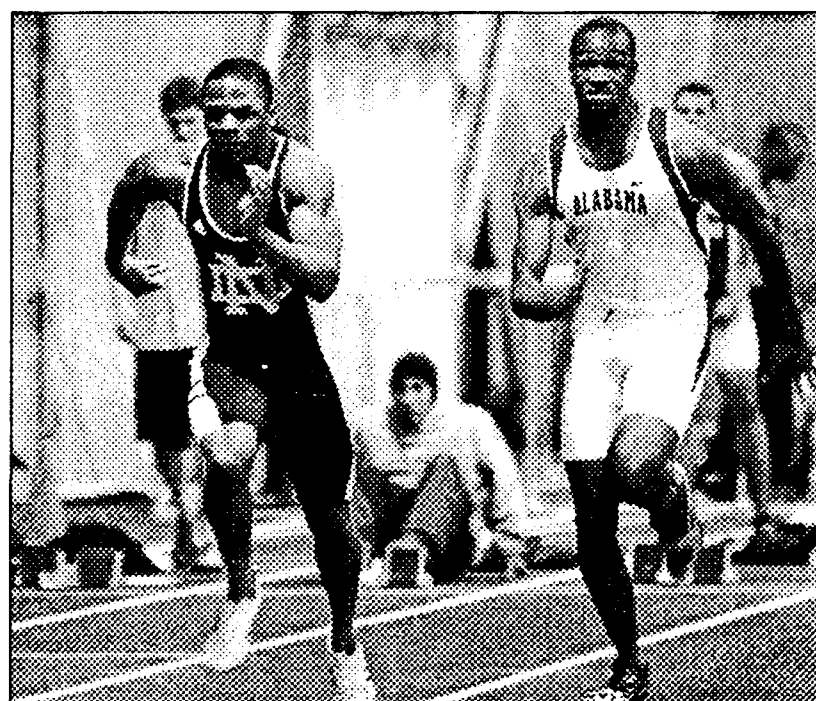
The mile saw Irish runners finish in second and third place. Freshman Kurt Benninger beat out his junior teammate Eric Morrison as the two finished in 4:08.74 and 4:09.16 respectively.

The Irish also had someone finish second in the men's high jump as junior Chris Staron cleared 2.01 meters. Junior Ryan Mineburg and freshman Christopher Jacques finished fifth and sixth respectively.

On the women's side junior Lauren King repeated as conference champ in the mile run finishing in 4:53.95. Senior Megan Johnson was right behind King in second place with a time of 4:55.57.

The 1,600-meter relay team finished in first place as senior Kristen Dodd, junior Tiffany Gunn, junior Tricia Floyd and freshman Okechi Ogboukiri scorched to a time of 3:45.23.

Dodd was also second in the 400-meters with a time of 54.76 seconds while Floyd placed seventh in 57.42.



CHUY BENITEZ/The Observer  
Dwight Ellick pulls away from his Alabama opponent in the 60-meter race on Feb. 7.

Senior Ayesha Boyd placed fifth in the 60-meter dash with a time of 7.65 seconds while Dodd finished seventh in 7.74 seconds.

Molly Huddle turned in yet another impressive effort, as the sophomore was one of three runners to break the Big East 3,000-meter record of 9:13.11. The extremely fast race was won by Providence junior Kim Smith who demolished the record by running in a time of 8:55.88. West Virginia senior Megan Metcalfe finished second and Huddle finished third in 9:09.34.

Stacey Cowan led the way for the Irish women in the field events. The sophomore cleared 1.82 meters in the high jump to finish in second place. Her senior teammate Jennifer Kearney took sixth as she jumped 1.64 meters.

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# Huskies

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It seemed as if every loose ball and every rebound ended up in the hands of a Connecticut player. No Irish player had more than five rebounds, while four Huskies had more than six. Connecticut's top two rebound-

ers — Okafor and forward Josh Boone — combined for three more rebounds than the entire Irish squad, and the Huskies had nearly as many offensive rebounds (23) as Notre Dame had total rebounds (30).

That meant the Irish would have to shoot their way past the Huskies' tough defense. But Notre Dame only connected on 25 percent of their 20 3-point

attempts. And in the face of an inspired Connecticut defensive performance that shut down the potent Irish offense, that wasn't enough to win.

## NOTRE DAME 50, CONNECTICUT 61 at HARTFORD

NOTRE DAME (13-7, 6-2)  
Cornette 1-6 0-0 3, Jones 1-5 4-4 6, Timmermans 3-6 0-0 6, Thomas 6-23 0-

0 13, Quinn 4-13 0-2 9, Cornett 1-6 1-2 3, Falls 3-5 2-3 10.

## BOSTON COLLEGE (14-5, 4-4)

Boone 5-6 2-3 12, Brown 3-8 5-6 12, Okafor 6-13 2-5 14, Gordon 1-9 3-4 5, Brown 1-9 1-2 3, Villanueva 1-3 1-2 3, Armstrong 0-2 0-0 0, Tooles 0-0 0-0 0, Anderson 4-9 2-2 12.

	1st	2nd	Total
NOTRE DAME	19	31	50
BOSTON COLLEGE	31	30	61

3-point goals: Notre Dame 5-20 (Falls 2-4, Cornette 1-3, Thomas 1-6, Quinn 1-6, Timmermans 0-1), Connecticut 3-12 (Anderson 2-5, Brown 1-2, Villanueva 0-1, Gordon 0-4). Fouled out: None. Rebounds: Notre Dame 27 (Cornett 5), Connecticut (Okafor 22). Assists: Notre Dame 8 (Thomas, Quinn 3), Connecticut 12 (Brown 6). Total fouls: Notre Dame 17, Connecticut 14.

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# Winning

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Schaechterle in a 6-3, 6-4 decision.

The Irish were down early after the doubles point. Although D'Amico and Ryan Keckley defeated Perrin/Justin Hoeveler 9-8 (9-7), Haddock and Scott fell 8-6 and Bass and King lost 8-5.

"It says a lot for our conditioning that 16 hours later, we were able to come back and play like this," Bayliss said of the quick turnaround between matches.

The Irish were comfortable before an energetic home crowd on Sunday.

"You come into this place, you better bring your lunch, because you're in for a fight," Bayliss told his team in the locker room after the match.

The Irish again lost in doubles, with No. 1 D'Amico and Keckley falling to Johan Brunstrom and Henrik Soderberg 8-2. Haddock and Scott defeated Gwinyai Chingoka and former Notre Dame player Paul McNaughton 8-3, but Bass and King lost to Peter Oredsson and Alex Skrypko 9-8 (7-2).

After the doubles point, King left the courts with an injured arm. He is expected to play Thursday but was replaced in the lineup by Langenkamp. Keckley, who had not finished a singles match this season due to recurring ankle injuries, took

the No. 6 spot.

The first match completed was an injured Haddock at No. 1, who lost to Brunstrom 6-1, 6-2. With the Mustangs up 2-0 and leading in two other matches, the outcome looked grim for the Irish.

The Mustangs, however, could not prepare for the ferocity of D'Amico's play against McNaughton, a former teammate. Despite a nagging shin injury, D'Amico took the point in straight sets with a score of 6-4, 7-5.

Keckley then regained focus after a challenging second set and defeated Oredsson 6-4, 1-6, 6-2 at No. 6.

Bass displayed his usual tenacity, beating Alex Skrypko 6-3, 5-7, 6-2 at No. 4. He improved to 6-0 in three-set matches this year.

The attention then focused on Scott, who had lost the first set to Chingoka 6-3. Scott's precision placing of the ball proved to be the difference in an emotional match-clinching 3-6, 7-5, 6-3 victory.

Langenkamp defeated Fede Murgier 4-6, 6-2, 6-4 to rally at No. 5.

"We've been playing some good tennis," Bayliss said. "It's not always pretty but we're able to step up when it matters most."

The Irish will travel to No. 1 Illinois Thursday. The defending national champions have last lost at home since losing to Notre Dame in 2002.

## NOTRE DAME 5, NORTHWESTERN 2 at the COMBE CENTER

### SINGLES

No. 1: Luis Haddock (ND) d. Tommy Hanus (NU) 4-6, 6-1, 6-4  
No. 2: #68 Matthew Scott (ND) d. Chuck Perrin (NU) 6-2, 6-3  
No. 3: Brent D'Amico (ND) d. Christian Tempke (NU) 4-6, 6-1, 6-2  
No. 4: Stephen Bass (ND) d. Willy Lock (NU) 5-7, 7-6 (7-4), 1-0 (10-8)  
No. 5: Barry King (ND) d. Matt Christian (NU) 6-2, 6-2  
No. 6: Adam Schaechterle (NU) d. Eric Langenkamp (ND) 6-3, 6-4

### DOUBLES

No. 1: D'Amico/Ryan Keckley (ND) d. Perrin/Justin Hoeveler (NU) 9-8 (9-7)  
No. 2: Hanus/Tempke (NU) d. Haddock/Scott (ND) 8-6  
No. 3: Christian/Schaechterle (NU) d. Bass/King (ND) 8-5

## NOTRE DAME 5, SOUTHERN METHODIST 2 at the ECK PAVILLION

### SINGLES

No. 1: #91 Johan Brunstrom (SMU) d. Luis Haddock (ND) 6-1, 6-2  
No. 2: #68 Matthew Scott (ND) d. #40 Gwinyai Chingoka (SMU) 3-6, 7-5, 6-3  
No. 3: Brent D'Amico (ND) d. Paul McNaughton (SMU) 6-4, 7-5  
No. 4: Stephen Bass (ND) d. Alex Skrypko (SMU) 6-3, 5-7, 6-2  
No. 5: Eric Langenkamp (ND) d. Fede Murgier (SMU) 4-6, 6-2, 6-4  
No. 6: Ryan Keckley (ND) d. Peter Oredsson (SMU) 6-4, 1-6, 6-2

### DOUBLES

No. 1: #39 Brunstrom/Henrik Soderberg (SMU) d. D'Amico/Keckley (ND) 8-2  
No. 2: Haddock/Scott (ND) d. Chingoka/McNaughton (SMU) 8-3  
No. 3: Oredsson/Skrypko (SMU) d. S. Bass/Barry King (ND) 9-8 (7-2)

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# Hoops

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ish with nine points.

Notre Dame started the second half on a 10-0 run, capped off by a Batteast lay-up. They extended that lead to 55-41 with 16:01 left before Pittsburgh started chipping away. The Panthers took advantage of solid contributions from Jennifer Brown and Katie Histed in the comeback. Brown scored all 12 of her points in the second half and Histed finished with 11.

Pittsburgh had a promotion before the game called "Pack the Peterson" where they sold all tickets to the game for just \$1. All 12,000 seats sold out, but fewer than 8,000 showed up — which was still larger than the typical Pittsburgh crowd.

Notre Dame has Miami, Rutgers and Syracuse remaining before the Big East Tournament. The Irish beat the Hurricanes 59-50 in Coral Gables Jan. 28. Miami is 20-4 and 9-4 in the conference.

Rutgers is 16-9 overall, 8-5 in the Big East and 5-1 at home this season. Notre Dame travels to face the Scarlet Knights Saturday. The Irish then finish the season at home against a Syracuse team they beat 64-35 Jan. 21.

## NOTRE DAME 72, PITTSBURGH 68 at the PETERSON CENTER

### NOTRE DAME (17-8, 10-3)

Batteast 7-13 3-9 17, Borton 2-3 0-0 4, Severe 2-3 3-5 7, Joyce 5-8 0-0 16, Duffy 0-6 3-4 3, Hernandez 0-1 0-0 0, Gray 1-2 0-0 2, Flecky 0-0 1-2 1, Erwin 3-3 3-4 9, LaVere 6-7 1-2 13.

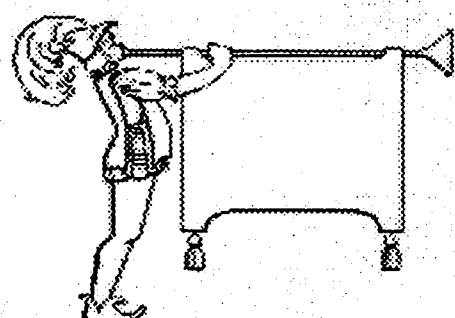
### PITTSBURGH (6-18, 2-12)

Kincaid 9-17 6-7 24, Stifflet 1-3 0-0 2, Morris 1-2 0-0 2, Kunich 2-9 0-0 6, Histed 4-15 0-0 11, Brown 5-8 2-3 12, Hughes 1-2 0-0 3, Moore 4-5 0-0 8, Taylor 0-1 0-0 0.

	1st	2nd	Total
NOTRE DAME	40	32	72
Pittsburgh	37	31	68

3-point goals: Notre Dame 5-12 (Joyce 5-8, Duffy 0-3, Batteast 0-1), Pittsburgh (Histed 3-9, Kunich 2-6, Hughes 1-1 Stifflet 0-1). Fouled out: Kincaid. Rebounds: Notre Dame 30-12 (Batteast 8), Pittsburgh 32-17 (Brown 9). Assists: Notre Dame 18 (Severe 6), Pittsburgh 15 (Kunich 5). Total fouls: Notre Dame 15, Pittsburgh 23.

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30 Burden

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35 Reception with open arms

39 Was a passenger

41 Play on the radio

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43 Tidy Lotto prize

48 Mary \_\_\_\_\_ cosmetics

49 Sweet Spanish dessert

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51 Railroad stop: Abbr.

52 Once-fashionable card game

55 PanAm rival

57 Doctors' org.

58 Scarce consolation

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69 Slaughter of the 1940's-50's Cardinals

70 \_\_\_\_\_fatty acid

71 Taking the blue ribbon

72 Fall mo.

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Answer: Where the student ended up when he completed the sailing course — AT "C" LEVEL

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EUGENIA LAST

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Peter Fonda, Sylvia Chase, W.E.B. DuBois, Georg Frederic Handel

Happy Birthday: You'll be open, receptive and prepared to take on the world. This will be a time of expansion for you. You will be far more willing to present your ideas and to work in unison with others. Your need to succeed will be the driving force that will help you get to where you want to go. Your numbers: 4, 9, 27, 31, 36, 48

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Friendship opportunities are present if you can get involved in worthwhile groups. Relatives may be able to shed some light on a personal situation. \*\*\*\*

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Emotional upset will result in confrontations if you aren't extremely careful in your verbal interactions. You must remain objective if you wish to resolve your personal situation. \*\*\*

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Use your creativity in your pursuits. Your reputation will be at stake if you say things unjustly about other people. Be precise in your conversation to avoid being misinterpreted. \*\*\*

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You can expect to have problems with your lover today if you have been somewhat nagging. Confrontations could lead to isolation. Spending sprees will be damaging to the bank book. \*\*

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You can make profitable investments if you have ready cash on hand. Social activity will lead to new friendships. You can make favorable physical changes if you get into fitness. \*\*\*\*

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Property investments will be lucrative. Changes will be to your advantage. You need new surroundings. Help others with their legal or financial problems. Your suggestions will be valued. \*\*\*\*

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Self-improvement projects will bring you into contact with new friends. Don't allow your adventurous mood to get you into trouble. Don't procrastinate when it comes to exercise. \*\*\*

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Romance will surface if you follow your educational desires. Your communicative talent will result in support. Group involvement will lead to a leadership position. \*\*\*\*

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Don't take risks. The temptation to gamble will result in frustration, not to mention losses. Get involved in physical activities that will tire you out and get you back into shape. \*\*\*

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You can help those less able to help themselves if you make concessions. You will receive praise for your unselfish efforts. Satisfaction will come if you're relentless in your pursuits. \*\*\*\*

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Loneliness will result in depression. Don't give in to emotional blackmail. You need to spend time with close friends who will boost your morale and give you positive support. \*\*

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Your excellent bedside manner will allow you to help a friend who hasn't been feeling well. Take care of any pending legal matters or overdue bills. Look into long-term investments. \*\*\*

Birthday Baby: You've got what it takes to make your parents proud. You're sensitive, caring and at the same time determined, practical and stable. What a package you are -- always wanting to please, but never starting things that you know you can't complete. You're always willing to lend a helping hand to the ones you love.

Need advice? Try Eugenia's website at [www.eugenialast.com](http://www.eugenialast.com)

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## WOMEN'S SWIMMING

# Irish win 8th straight Big East championship

By MATT PUGLISI  
Sports Writer

The Irish have a love-eight relationship with the Big East Championships.

For the eighth consecutive year, the No. 20 Irish (8-2) walked into New York,

stomped on the competition and strolled out with a conference title as Notre Dame (725.5) rode outstanding performances from freshman Katie Carroll and senior Meghan Perry-Eaton to a 173.5-point victory over second place Rutgers (551).

"I think we'd have liked to

swim a little faster," coach Bailey Weathers said. "We swam well in some events, but we should have swum faster in others."

Carroll became only the fourth freshman and third Notre Dame swimmer in Big East Championship history to win three races at the meet,

triumphing in the 200-yard individual medley, 100-yard freestyle and 100-yard breaststroke. Carroll took home the Big East Championship's Most Outstanding Swimmer award in recognition of her impressive performance.

"Katie is just extremely versatile," Weathers said. "She

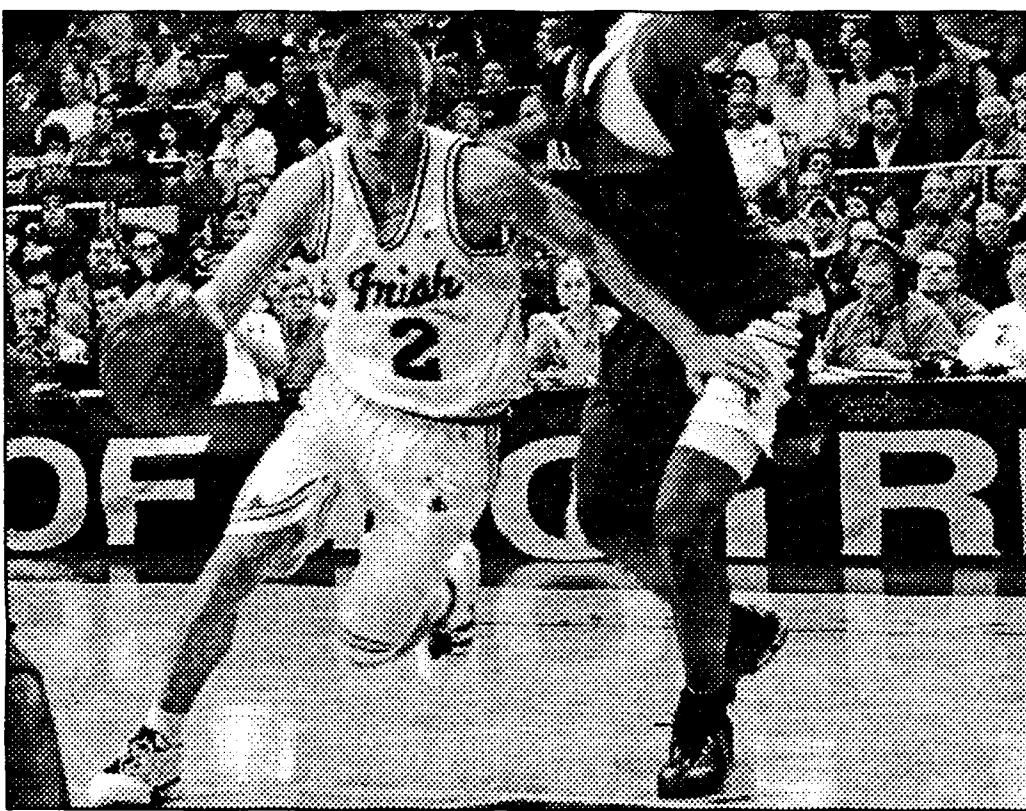
won a stroke event, an individual medley and a sprint, which is pretty unusual."

Perry-Eaton, the 2003 Big East Diver of the Year, continued her season-long dominance as the senior swept the diving events, winning both the

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## MEN'S BASKETBALL

# Okafor, Huskies' defense stifle Irish in 61-50 loss



Guard Chris Quinn drives to the basket against Seton Hall at the Joyce Center on Feb. 14.

By ANDREW SOUKUP  
Sports Writer

When Connecticut coach Jim Calhoun walked into the interview room after his team lost to Notre Dame on Feb. 9, he criticized his team's lack of composure and inability to contain the Irish offense.

No such criticism was needed Saturday, not after his Huskies unleashed a stifling defense against Notre Dame by holding the Irish to a season-low 29.7 field goal percentage. Combine Notre Dame's scoring woes with the Huskies' dominant rebounding advantage, and No. 8 Connecticut (21-5, 9-3 in the Big East) avenged its loss to the Irish two weeks ago with a 61-50 win that snapped a three-game Notre Dame (13-10, 7-6)

win streak.

With Torin Francis sidelined for the third straight game, the Irish had no answer for the Huskies' Emeka Okafor, who finished with 14 points, a career-high 22 rebounds and seven blocks. He anchored a Connecticut defense that pressured the Irish all afternoon, out-rebounded the Irish 59-30 and rarely gave Notre Dame an open look at the basket. Only Chris Thomas, who finished with 13 points, made more than five field goals.

A relentless Connecticut defense never really gave the Irish offense a chance to get going. Notre Dame didn't score its first points until Jordan Cornette drained a 3-pointer with 13:35 left in the first half (ending a 10-0 Huskies run to start the game), and only two

players reached double-digits — Thomas and freshman Colin Falls, who finished with 10 points. Notre Dame made just two of its first 17 shots and ended the first half with a season-low 19 points.

Despite their offensive woes, the Irish were never completely out of the game. Although the Irish trailed by as much as 15 points, they closed the deficit to within four points three times in the second half, the last time coming on Thomas' jumper with 8:49 left to make the score 46-42.

But the Huskies then went on an 11-2 run to put the game out of reach, and after Thomas' jumper Notre Dame only made three field goals the rest of the way.

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## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

# Irish avoid Panther upset

By JOE HETTLER  
Sports Editor

When lowly Pittsburgh thought of an upset, two Notre Dame seniors took over.

LeTania Severe stole a pass and made two free throws with 4.7 seconds left to clinch the win, and Jeneka Joyce had her third consecutive career-high performance as the Irish survived 72-68 over Pittsburgh Saturday.

Joyce had 16 points on five 3-pointers and Severe finished with seven points to help Notre Dame improve to 17-8 and 10-3 in the Big East.

The Irish have struggled on the road all season, and did so again Saturday before 7,814 at the Peterson Center. They led 40-37 at halftime and extended that advantage to as many as 14 in the second half, before seeing Pittsburgh crawl back to take a one-point lead with 2:18 remaining. The

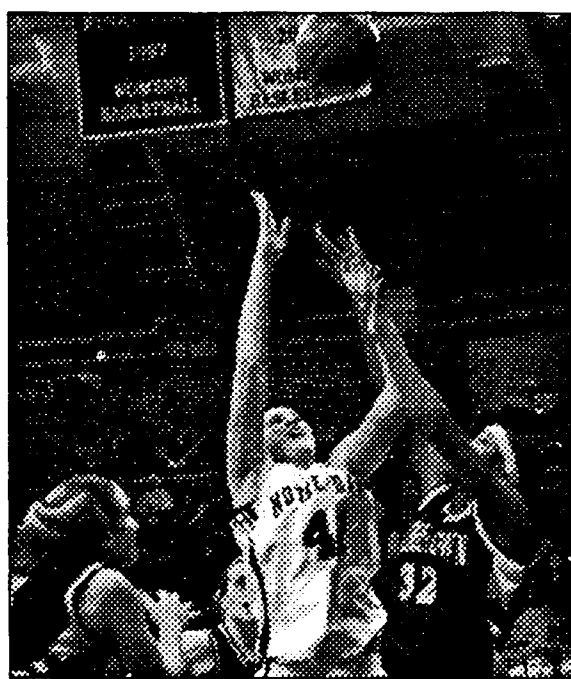
Panthers' LaToya Kincaid led all scorers with 24 points on 9-of-17 shooting. She also grabbed six rebounds in 34 minutes of play.

"Pittsburgh played hard, with a lot of emotion, Notre Dame coach Muffet McGraw said. "And we had no answers for Kincaid."

Notre Dame was led by forward Jacqueline Batteast who had 17 points, eight rebounds, three assists, three blocks and two steals. She did miss six of nine free throws as the Irish converted just 15-of-28 from the line. Courtney LaVere added 13 points on 6-of-7 shooting in just 18 minutes.

Notre Dame shot 56.5 percent from the field for the game.

The Irish trailed 35-32 with 1:58 left in the first half before Joyce drained back-to-back 3-



Sophomore forward Courtney LaVere goes up for a rebound against Georgetown on Feb. 4.

pointers. Forward Crystal Erwin added a lay-up giving Notre Dame a 40-35 lead late in the half. Erwin made all three of her field goals to fin-

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## MEN'S TENNIS

# Irish knock off two high-ranked foes in weekend

By KATE GALES  
Sports Writer

Bobby Bayliss, Notre Dame's normally stoic coach, threw his clipboard in the air as his tennis players mobbed him following a tight match at Northwestern Saturday.

The usually composed senior tri-captain Matthew Scott pumped his fists in the air and bent backwards with exhilaration after clinching the victory against Southern Methodist Sunday.

The Irish have been on fire lately. But this weekend's key victories over No. 37 Northwestern and No. 40 Southern Methodist have shown that No. 50 Notre Dame has the spark to take the team to the next level.

"They were very similar matches," Bayliss said. "We lost a disappointing doubles match and

came back in singles — the script is the same."

Senior tri-captain Luis Haddock was instrumental in the victory over Northwestern.

"He showed so much poise," Bayliss said of Haddock who battled a groin injury but defeated Tommy Hanus 4-6, 6-1, 6-4.

"He was out there on one leg — literally," Bayliss said. "The only way for him to win was to hit first serves."

Scott registered a 6-2, 6-3 victory over Church Perrin and junior tri-captain Brent D'Amico defeated Christian Tempke 4-6, 6-1, 6-2. Freshman Stephen Bass beat Willy Lock 5-7, 7-6 (7-4), 1-0 (10-8) and classmate Barry King easily defeated Matt Christian 6-2, 6-2.

Eric Langenkamp suffered his first loss in this year's dual-match play to Adam

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## SPORTS AT A GLANCE

### TRACK & FIELD

The men and women both placed second in the Big East tournament this weekend.

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### WOMEN'S TENNIS

Notre Dame 6  
BYU 1

The Irish posted a thrashing of No. 20 BYU on Friday.

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### MEN'S LACROSSE

Notre Dame 15  
Denison 2

The men's lacrosse team finished preseason competition with a win against Denison.

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### MEN'S SWIMMING

The men placed second in this weekend's Big East championship, behind No. 16 Pittsburgh.

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### PGA TOUR

Nissan Open

Mike Weir survived several late rallies by his opponents to win the Nissan Open.

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### NBA

Timberwolves 92  
Spurs 94

The Spurs rallied behind Tim Duncan to beat the Timberwolves in Minneapolis.

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