

THE OBSERVER

The Independent Newspaper Serving Notre Dame and Saint Mary's

VOLUME 39 : ISSUE 69

THURSDAY, JANUARY 13, 2005

NDSMCOBSERVER.COM

Financial aid changes won't hurt ND

University will still meet all student need

By CLAIRE HEININGER
News Editor

Notre Dame students who receive federal financial aid will not suffer as a result of recent changes to the government formula that determines aid eligibility, according to University administrators.

The changes, which will take effect in the 2005-06 academic year, will mean

reduced federal aid for some college students in many states, particularly New York, Delaware, Massachusetts, Michigan, South Carolina, Virginia and Wisconsin. But because Notre Dame is committed to meeting 100 percent of each student's demonstrated need, the University will make up for any cuts in federal aid, said Joseph Russo, director of the Office of Financial Aid.

"The impact in our mind is relatively modest," Russo said. "We're very blessed here that we do have resources, and we

can make those commitments."

Approximately one-third of all Notre Dame undergraduates receive some federal financial aid — types of which include Pell Grants, college work-study, federally subsidized Stafford Loans, Perkins Loans and Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants — but not all will see their eligibility affected, Russo said.

Depending on a student's individual circumstances, the University will compensate for any reduced eligibility for one

form of aid with aid from other sources, Russo said.

And while he didn't want to belittle students at other universities who will be hurt by the changes, he said speculation about the decrease has been "blown way out of proportion."

"It's somewhat of a political issue ... and I do think it's been totally exaggerated," he said. "It is not going to change the [national] demographics of who's going to college."

The cuts' impact on Notre

see AID/page 4

Early 2009 applicants impress

Ethnic minority numbers constant

By CLAIRE HEININGER
News Editor

With its Dec. 31 application deadline past, the Office of Admissions now turns its attention to shaping the Notre Dame Class of 2009 — which, thanks to 2,800 early action applicants, is already coming into focus.

That number is 200 applicants lower than last year, but this year's early action group is academically stronger than past applicant pools, Director of Admissions Dan Saracino said.

And while the admissions office is still counting regular decision applications, he said, and therefore still "guessing" what the final applicant pool will look like, early action offers a preliminary picture.

Of the 1,362 applicants who were admitted under early action — the remaining 1,438 were denied or deferred to the regular decision pool — 17 percent are ethnic minorities, Saracino said.

"That should transfer into a total of 22 or 23 percent when the dust settles come May," he said, which is consistent with the Class of

see EARLY/page 4

SENATE

Meal plan option dominates discussion



Siegfried senator James Leito, right, speaks to Residence Life Committee chair Sarah Bates, far left, and University Affairs Committee chair Sarah Boyle at Wednesday's meeting.

Members debate idea of 'Flex 10'

By AMANDA MICHAELS
Assistant News Editor

At the first Senate meeting of the new calendar year, members revived old resolutions and issues, including one for a third, "Flex 10" meal option, in addition to the current 14 and 21 meal plans.

Chief Executive Assistant Dave Baron started the meeting with an update on the SafeBus proposal's status.

"We've been in contact with South Bend's Transpo, and

see SENATE/page 6

Notre Dame grad's Purple Heart revoked

By MADDIE HANNA
News Writer

U.S. Marine and 2000 Notre Dame graduate 1st Lt. Dustin Ferrell wants the process used to award Purple Hearts to change.

Ferrell, 27, knows from personal experience. On Dec. 14, Ferrell received a letter from the U.S. Department of the Navy stating that the Purple Heart awarded to him March 31, 2003 would be revoked — nearly two years after he received the prestigious military decoration.

"I feel that this has been handled very poorly. I don't want it to happen to anyone else," Ferrell said.



Ferrell

According to Ferrell, he was originally awarded the medal for combat-related injuries suffered in southern Iraq the night of March 22, 2003.

"It was the third day of the war," he said of the event. "We were speeding north [in a Humvee] going 60, 70 miles per hour."

Ferrell, who doesn't remember the actual accident, was told that a rocket-propelled grenade had hit his vehicle, killing the driver and wounding Ferrell and the two other passengers.

"I broke most of the bones in my face, lost 14 teeth, shattered my jaw," Ferrell said.

After the event, he had a tracheotomy and was flown to Kuwait for two days that he spent in an induced coma, then to Germany after being stabilized.

Several months after returning to his home in Vacaville, Calif.,

see IRAQ/page 4

CSC moves up break deadline

Seminar applications due 2 weeks earlier

By TRICIA de GROOT
News Writer

Due to a request by the Office of the Registrar, the deadline for applications to Center for Social Concerns service learning seminars has been moved up two weeks compared to past years.

The change was made to simplify the registration process for these one-credit courses, said Angela Miller-McGraw, director of the Appalachia Program and Educational Immersions for the CSC.

"Students will be able to register by special permission within the registration period, which will reduce paperwork for the Registrar's Office and the CSC, and we will also be able to finalize details with

see TRIPS/page 6



MICHAEL KELLEY/The Observer

Notre Dame students participate in a Center for Social Concerns service learning seminar last semester.

INSIDE COLUMN

Get out your Eagles green

You should be pleased to know that we are entering the approximately third best time of the year. The first is in fall, when South Bend is warm and the NFL is wide open and the Irish are free of embarrassing gridiron losses and baseball is starting to get really interesting, although my beloved Phillies are usually eliminated around this time. The second is March, when college basketball is the passion of every sports fan and the baseball season is a beautiful vision where one can believe that the Phillies have a stellar rotation and deep bullpen.

Kate Gales

Assistant Sports Editor

But it's a new year right now, a new semester and new beginnings, where the slate is wiped clean and every student sees dean's list honors and 4.0 grades. This is the time where conference play is starting in the always interesting Big East basketball conference and spring break plans are being made and most importantly, I am strengthening my soul to endure another round of the playoffs.

There are a lot of religious people in my part of eastern Pennsylvania, but most of us are devout Eagles fans the way the Amish are devout Christians. It's a subject we never tire of, because there's always something new to discuss. When Terrell Owens burst onto the scene before this season began, we had a new set of antics to dissect over the dinner table. Andy Reid's brilliant management of the salary cap, a surprisingly dominant secondary and the Campbell's Soup commercials featuring Donovan McNabb and his mother mean that there's never a dull moment in Eagles country.

By November, it looked like a straight shot to the Super Bowl against the much reviled Steelers from the dirtier, less civilized western part of the great state of Pennsylvania. Like Eagles fans everywhere, I was allowing myself dreams of the big dance that has eluded my beloved team for the past three straight years. I couldn't have written a better script with a happier ending.

And then came Dallas to ruin everything. Okay, all is not lost. But suddenly the NFC is a wide-open gambler's nightmare. And with the barely .500 Vikings upsetting the Packers, I feel like anything can happen-not my favorite feeling. When Owens went down against Dallas, a little piece of my heart died inside.

So come this weekend, I'll adjust the completely ghetto antennae on our television, put all fragile object far out of reach and tune into the NFL playoffs like the mildly obsessed fan that I am. Because in a weird way, the fact that the Eagles are almost an underdog makes me want to cheer that much harder. There are at least 81 reasons to love the Eagles right now and not all of them are relegated to rehab for leg injuries. I encourage you to throw your emotional support behind the infinitely lovable and yet utterly fearsome Eagles during this NFL playoff series. After all, this is one of the best times of the year. Let's make it one that Eagles fans can remember with jubilation.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

Contact Kate Gales at kgales@nd.edu

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT'S THE WORST PLANE FLIGHT YOU'VE BEEN ON?



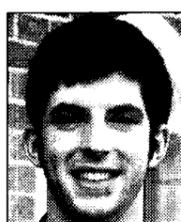
Mike O'Connor
Carroll freshman

"The one that got cancelled that was supposed to take me home for Thanksgiving."



Carrie Lett
off campus senior

"The one that I missed."



Dan Bradley
freshman Alumni

"Well I've only been on one plane flight, but the lady I sat next to smelled like salami."



Jackie Carter
freshman Pangborn

"I got stuck between two fighting siblings."



Dan Keough
sophomore O'Neill

"My luggage got lost and I had to sit next to two fat guys."



KELLY HIGGINS/The Observer

Saint Mary's students discuss the upcoming inauguration of new College president Carol Mooney scheduled for Friday.

IN BRIEF

Campus Ministry will sponsor a mass for victims of the Asian tsunami today from 5:15 to 6:15 p.m. in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart. Collections will also be taken to support relief efforts.

The film "Motorcycle Diaries" will be shown today and Friday at two times, 7 and 10 p.m., in the Browning Theater of the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center.

The Notre Dame women's swimming team will take on Michigan and Illinois Friday from 6 to 8:30 p.m. in Rolfs Aquatic Center.

The DeBartolo Performing Arts Center will sponsor a preview of the movie "The Choir" Friday at 7 and 10 p.m. in the Browning Theater. The film won a Golden Globe award and will be shown in French with English subtitles. Tickets must be reserved in advance through DPAC.

The men's tennis team will play Toledo Saturday from 9 to 11 a.m. in the Eck Tennis Pavilion.

The men's basketball team will compete against St. John's Saturday from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Joyce Center Arena.

Saint Mary's will celebrate the inauguration of new president Carol Mooney on Friday, with events planned throughout the day.

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

OFFBEAT

Bank discards loaded cash machine

OSLO, Norway — Arild Tofte and Kaare Heggdal know that recycling pays, but they weren't quite prepared for the jackpot that a scrapped cash machine contained. It was still full of cash. Enough to buy a house and take a luxury vacation.

The two Norwegians run a recycling company in the western Norway town of Aarodalen, and had been hired by the Sparebanken Moere bank to remove an outdated automatic teller machine, or ATM, from a gas station, media reported Wednesday.

Tofte, 30, said the woman on duty at the gas station was more than a little skeptical when two men showed up with a trolley and a truck, wanting to remove her ATM.

"She calmed down when I explained that the machine was empty and that we had a contract to pick it up," Tofte told the local Romsdals Budstikke newspaper.

Arkansas cops use taser to subdue nude jogger

WEST MEMPHIS, Ark. — Officers have finally arrested a man for making late-night runs in the nude along Airport Road in West

Memphis.

Fate Patterson, 39, of West Memphis was apprehended Monday night, West Memphis police said Wednesday. Officers had to use a taser to subdue Patterson, who had dodged police for six months or so.

The jogger was arrested after he ran past a police car and failed to stop when he was ordered to do so by officers on location. After his capture, Patterson was charged with indecent exposure, fleeing and resisting arrest.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

CORRECTIONS

Due to a reporting error, an article in the Jan. 12 edition of The Observer said that International Student Services and Activities confirmed no Notre Dame students or professors were among those hurt or killed in the recent tsunami. The ISSA does not track professors and only confirmed students' well-being.

Due to a reporting error, an article in the Jan. 12 edition of The Observer said that Hammes Mowbray Hall was officially dedicated Jan. 4. There was actually a small informal event that day, and the official dedication will be a University event at a later date. The Observer regrets these errors.

| | TODAY | TONIGHT | FRIDAY | SATURDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY |
|---------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| LOCAL WEATHER | | | | | | |
| | HIGH 44 LOW 17 | HIGH 20 LOW 17 | HIGH 23 LOW 15 | HIGH 24 LOW 01 | HIGH 16 LOW 12 | HIGH 26 LOW 16 |

Atlanta 74 / 62 Boston 70 / 49 Chicago 64 / 48 Denver 65 / 42 Houston 83 / 67 Los Angeles 78 / 72 Minneapolis 80 / 62 New York 70 / 49 Philadelphia 75 / 48 Phoenix 56 / 40 Seattle 61 / 48 St. Louis 71 / 58 Tampa 88 / 68 Washington 75 / 49

Returning students face airline problems, delays

By STEVE KERINS
News Writer

For Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students traveling home or for vacation over winter break, airport hassles in South Bend, Chicago and elsewhere caused delays and frustration.

Numerous incidences of severe weather, increased volume at major airports due to holiday travel and logistical issues combined to produce increased delays and cancellations.

Airports and airlines began to experience increased problems during Christmas week, causing US Airways and Comair to ground dozens of flights.

The airlines also cited increased sick calls from staff and crew and computer troubles as causes. Also, a prolonged cold snap and heavy snows slowed air travel throughout the Midwest.

Heavy rains and snow in California and other areas of the Southwest over the past several days have caused major and minor travel delays at airports nationwide.

"I had one [flight] cancelled because the plane broke down and another one [was cancelled] because of snow in Nevada," said freshman Jessica Badger, who was traveling back to Notre Dame from her hometown, Carson City, Nev.

"We took an orchestra tour to

California," said sophomore Patrick Wood. "[We] flew [back] to O'Hare. We were delayed by an hour. It was a couple days after they shut down the airport, so they overcompensated."

Freshman Louis Gularte flew from San Francisco to Chicago's O'Hare airport, where his United flight to South Bend was cancelled.

"There was no South Bend flight that I really could have gotten on," he said, noting that there were too many stand-by passengers for too few remaining flights. "I took the bus back."

Other students experienced problems due to airport issues.

"I was going from Los Angeles to South Bend, with a stopover in Cincinnati," sophomore Liz Clifton said. "The elevators at LAX were broken, and I had to wait an hour and a half to get to the gate. My flight was delayed for two hours because of equipment malfunctions."

In Cincinnati, Clifton found more delays.

"The flight to South Bend was delayed seven hours and full from stand-by. I would have had to stay overnight, so I eventually got off in Cincinnati and had my husband Mark drive me to South Bend," she said

Contact Steve Kerins at skerins@nd.edu

Astronaut, ND alum returns

Special to The Observer

Astronaut and Notre Dame graduate James D. Wetherbee has retired from NASA to pursue other interests. He flew six times aboard the space shuttle and is the only U.S. astronaut to command five space flights.

Most recently, Wetherbee, 52, served as the space shuttle lead in the Independent Technical Authority at NASA's Johnson Space Center (JSC). His earlier positions included service as techni-

cal assistant to the director of JSC's Safety and Mission Assurance Directorate, two years as director of Flight Crew Operations at JSC, and five years as the deputy director of JSC.

"Jim is a true expert in space operations, who has dedicated his life to space exploration," said Director of Flight Crew Operations Ken Bowersox. "His engineering sense and relentless attention to detail were critical to the success of all his space missions. Those same skills will

serve our country well, as Jim moves on to new challenges."

Wetherbee was selected to the astronaut corps in 1984 and served as pilot on his first space flight in 1990. He was the commander on missions in 1992, 1995, 1997, 2001 and 2002, and his flights included the first rendezvous by a shuttle with the Russian Mir Space Station, a docking mission to Mir, and two flights to the International Space Station.

Woman charged in child's death

Associated Press

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. — A woman was charged Wednesday in the death of a 3-year-old boy who was allegedly raped and slain by a 12-year-old. Relatives and a friend said the woman was the mother of the older boy, who also has been charged.

District Attorney William Bennett said Marisol Alverio, 28, was arrested Wednesday afternoon on charges of murder and reckless endangerment of a child. She will be arraigned Thursday.

Earlier Wednesday, the 12-year-old was ordered held without bail following his arraignment on rape and murder charges; the juvenile court hearing was closed.

"The evidence gathered indicates that Marisol Alverio acted with malice in failing to protect the victim from someone whom she knew was abusing (the victim) and in failing to seek medical attention for an obviously injured 3-year-old child," the prosecutor said.

Bennett did not reveal

the relationship between Alverio and the 12-year-old, whose name was not released because of his age.

However, the victim's aunts and a male friend of Alverio said she was the older boy's mother.

They said she was a family friend who had been caring for the preschooler while his parents were in Puerto Rico on family business.

Bennett would say only that the caregiver was not a member of the victim's immediate family.

And still we rise...

UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME

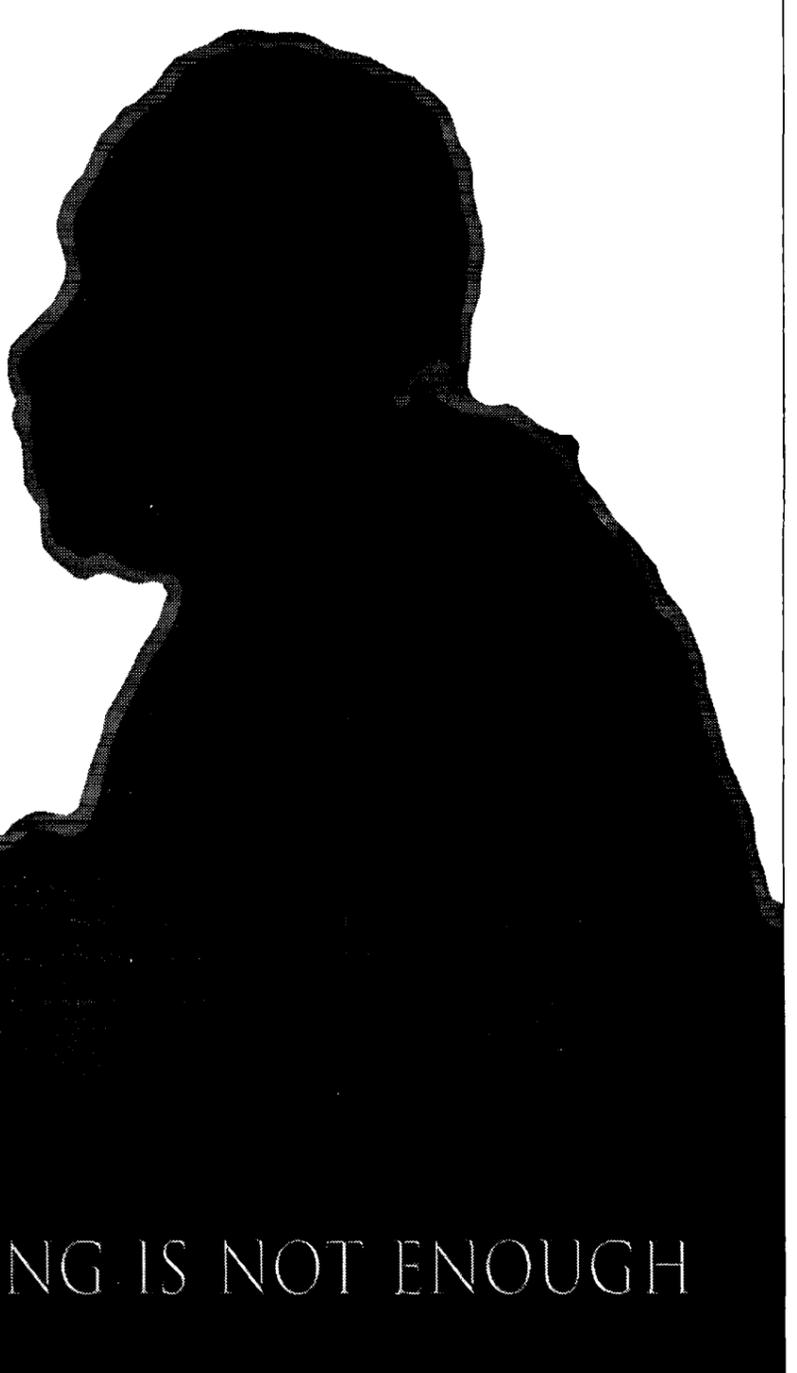
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. HOLIDAY CELEBRATION

TUESDAY, JANUARY 18: TOWN HALL MEETING

7:00-8:00 PM

COLEMAN-MORSE CENTER

REMEMBERING IS NOT ENOUGH



Iraq

continued from page 1

Ferrell found out from his battalion that the event was actually an accident.

"But their understanding was that I still merited the award, according to Purple Heart criteria," he said.

However, according to the letter Ferrell received from the Department of the Navy, a copy of which was obtained by The Observer, his injuries were purely accidental and did not merit the medal.

"Although your injury occurred during a combat operation, your command verified that your injury was the result of a vehicle accident and was not caused directly or indirectly by enemy action," the letter stated.

According to U.S. military guidelines that govern who receives the award, the medal is "awarded to members of the armed forces of the U.S. who are wounded by an instrument of war in the hands of the enemy and posthumously to the next of kin in the name of those who are killed in action or die of wounds received in action."

Ferrell said that according to his knowledge, 10 other servicemen who were in Iraq also recently had their Purple Hearts revoked, including the other two passengers in his vehicle.

"I don't want my own medal reinstated. It would be odd for me to wear it after all this," Ferrell said.

But Ferrell has been working with U.S. Rep. Peter Visclosky, D-Ind., to get the medals reinstated for some of the others.

"One [situation] that kind of got

me going was a guy that got run over by a tank and had his medal taken away," Ferrell said, noting that Purple Hearts are awarded in cases of friendly fire but not in an accident such as this.

"They need to make sure that they know what they're doing before they hand these things out," Ferrell said.

Ferrell said his main goal is to raise awareness of the problem faced by him, and the 10 others who lost their Purple Hearts, clarifying the criteria used to award the medal and changing the award process, if need be.

"I don't know what's going to come of this, but I'm going to keep fighting," Ferrell said.

Ferrell, who participated in ROTC while at Notre Dame, said the school greatly affected his life.

"Growing up at a place like Notre Dame really helped make me a better officer, a moral decision maker," Ferrell said, adding that he converted to Catholicism in 1999.

Ferrell never expected that war might break out and that the military would send him to Iraq.

"War was the furthest thing from my mind," he said. "You kind of get complacent."

Although Ferrell feels that after having his Purple Heart taken away he "might as well have been in a tough accident at home," he doesn't regret going to Iraq.

"I know that it's a possibility I might not have come home, and I'm very lucky," he said.

Ferrell now has a non-combat job as an assistant operations officer at Base Camp Lejeune in North Carolina.

Contact Maddie Hanna at mhanna1@nd.edu

Aid

continued from page 1

Dame's student demographic goals

will likely be negligible, said Dan Saracino, director of the Office of Admissions.

Because the core financial aid promise remains the same, the changes "are not going to hurt us in our efforts to increase and maintain socioeconomic diversity at Notre Dame," he said.

"The only way it could impact us would be indirectly, if the public reads in the press about this big cut, they may just honestly say there's no way I can afford Notre Dame now and they won't apply," Saracino added. "But if they talk with anyone [at the University] who knows about admissions and financial aid, they'll realize that it isn't going to stop their ability to come to Notre Dame."

The government expects to save \$300 million in the 2005-06 academic year as a result of the adjustments, which will cause at least 1.3 million students nationwide to receive smaller Pell Grants. Though the formula is supposed to be updated annually, Russo said, the legislative changes will be the first in 18 months.

"The political dynamic delayed it last year ... no one wanted to be the bad guy," he said. "[But] the adjustment has to happen, and we don't believe it's a show-stopper in terms of ... students changing

Contact Claire Heining at cheining@nd.edu

Early

continued from page 1

2007's 21 percent and the Class of 2008's 22 percent ethnic minority representation.

Like the regular decision group, distinctions such as ethnic minority status stand out in the early applicant pool, where a solid academic record alone may not be enough, Saracino said.

"We kind of raise the bar a little bit with early action," he said.

Only about 200 of those who cleared that bar this year have decided to attend Notre Dame, Saracino said. But that figure is typical for this early stage in the admissions cycle, he said, adding that a rush of confirmations usually takes place when financial aid packages are offered in late March.

"The students who are going to confirm with us before April 1 are the students [for whom] money's not a big concern — ROTC scholarships, athletes," Saracino said.

Like regular decision applicants, early action applicants have until May 1 to confirm enrollment.

The luxury of more time

to decide on a college — more than four months, since they are informed whether or not they will be offered admission by Dec. 20 — is one advantage early action applicants enjoy, Saracino said.

That service to students is the reason Notre Dame has always offered non-binding early action instead of binding early

decision, he said, and will not convert to early action-single choice, a new option offered by Harvard, Yale and Stanford Universities beginning last year.

"They're saying, basically, 'look, if we're going to go through

the trouble of reading your file in November when it's really, really busy, we don't want to go through the trouble unless you're telling us we're your first choice," Saracino said. "And my feeling is kind of, well, tough. So, you have to work a little harder to review files ... Notre Dame is fortunate in that doing the right thing [by offering open early action] is, to me, a no-brainer."

Maddie Hanna contributed to this report.

Contact Claire Heining at cheining@nd.edu

"Notre Dame is fortunate in that doing the right thing [by offering open early action] is, to me, a no-brainer."

Dan Saracino
director of admissions

Free
Sandals.
This
Friday.

Visit
www.nd.edu/~legends
for details.

Thursday

Student Stand-up Comedy (10pm)
Brew & View: Pulp Fiction (Midnight)

Friday

Roots Rock Society - Live Reggae Band (10pm)
Beach Party w/ DJ lil'John (Midnight)

Saturday

The Argument - sponsored by SUB (10pm)
Nightclub w/DJ Kim -Jong-illmatic (Midnight)

LEGENDS
OF NOTRE DAME

All Shows Free | ND, SMC, HCC ID Required

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Car bombs on the rise in Iraq

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Car bombs echo across Baghdad and a constellation of cities around Iraq nearly every day, inflicting slaughter and billowing oily smoke, a reminder to all who see or hear them that the country's insurgents can strike almost anywhere.

Vehicles packed with explosives, often detonated by suicide attackers, have become one of the insurgency's most lethal weapons. An Associated Press tally shows there have been at least 181 of them since Iraq's interim government took over June 28 — just a handful at first but surging to a rate of one or more a day in recent months.

Aids rapidly spreading in Russia

MOSCOW — HIV/AIDS is spreading at a devastating pace in Russia, with a new study showing an estimated 1 million people infected — three times the number officially reported — U.S. and Russian experts said Wednesday.

A recently released 90-page report by Murray Feshbach and Cristina Galvin of the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars urged Russian authorities to take aggressive steps to fight the epidemic. The study was sponsored by U.S. Agency for International Development.

According to official statistics, Russia has some 300,000 HIV-positive people. But Feshbach, as well as Russian experts, said the true number is closer to 1 million. The study estimated the number of AIDS deaths in Russia at 13,000, almost three times the official figure of 4,800.

If officials ignore the problem, "the consequences will be devastating to the society, family formation, to the military, labor productivity" within two to three years, Feshbach said by telephone from Washington.

NATIONAL NEWS

Supreme Court makes changes

WASHINGTON — A splintered Supreme Court threw the nation's federal sentencing system into turmoil Wednesday, ruling that the way judges have been sentencing some 60,000 defendants a year is unconstitutional.

In ordering changes, the court found 5-4 that judges have been improperly adding time to some criminals' prison stays.

The high court stopped short of scrapping the nearly two-decade-old guideline system, intended to make sure sentences do not vary widely from courtroom to courtroom.

Instead, the court said in the second half of a two-part ruling that judges should consult the guidelines in determining reasonable sentences — but only on an advisory basis.

Washington governor inaugurated

OLYMPIA, Wash. — Democrat Christine Gregoire, winner of one of the closest governor's races in U.S. history, was inaugurated Wednesday amid a legal challenge that could undo her election.

A roar of approval went up from fellow Democrats as Gregoire raised her hand and took the oath of office before a joint session of the Democrat-controlled Legislature.

Republicans, who had battled unsuccessfully to delay her inauguration, gave her a frosty reception.

LOCAL NEWS

Midwest weather causes crashes

ALAIEDON TOWNSHIP, Mich. — At least two people died and 25 others were injured when about 100 vehicles crashed Wednesday in thick fog on a Michigan highway, police said.

One person also was killed in Indiana when at least 20 vehicles piled up amid heavy fog on a highway east of South Bend. Numerous others were injured.

The National Weather Service had issued a dense fog advisory for the area, saying visibility could be less than a quarter of a mile.

Weapons search finally over

Two-year multimillion dollar effort by inspectors in Iraq fails to yield results

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The White House acknowledged Wednesday that its hunt for Iraqi weapons of mass destruction — a two-year search costing millions of dollars — has closed down without finding the stockpiles that President Bush cited as a justification for overthrowing Saddam Hussein.

Bush's spokesman said the president had no regrets about invading Iraq.

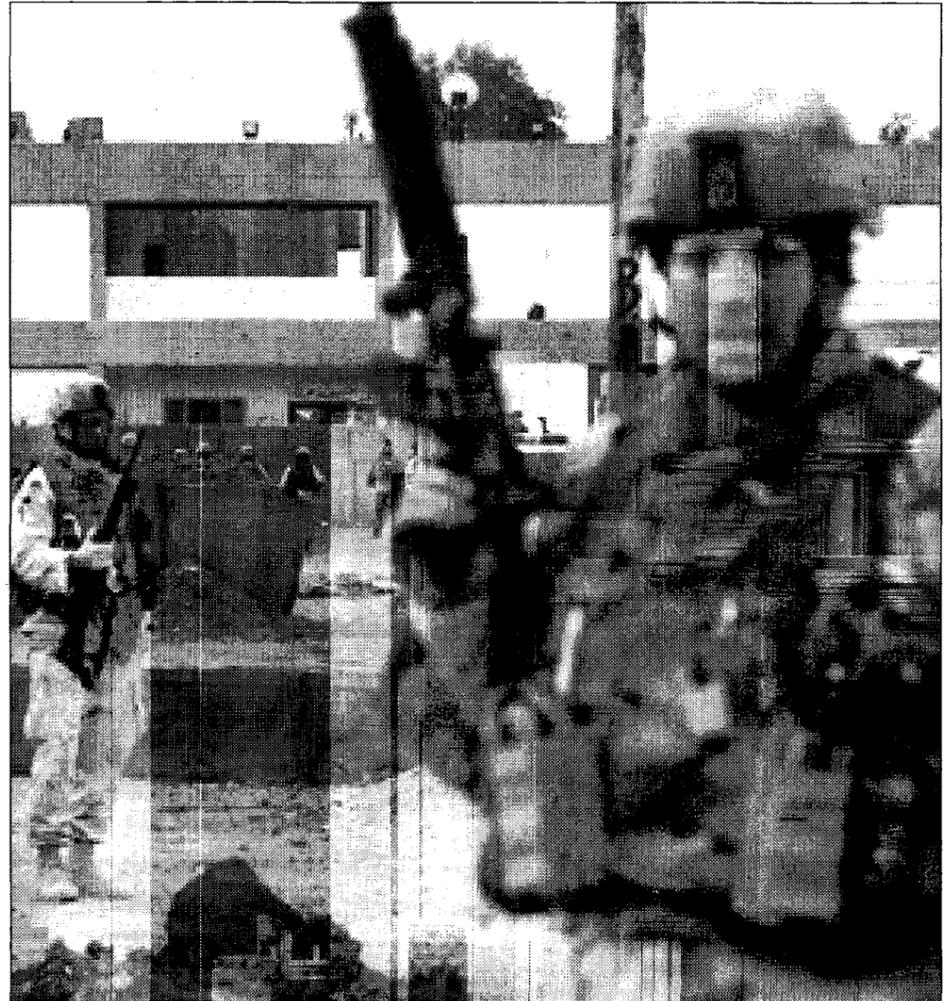
"Based on what we know today, the president would have taken the same action because this is about protecting the American people," said Press Secretary Scott McClellan.

The Iraq Survey Group — made up of as many as 1,500 military and intelligence specialists and support staff — is ending its search of military installations, factories and laboratories where it was thought that equipment and products might be converted to making weapons.

McClellan said the active search had virtually ended. "There may be a couple, a few people that are focused on that," he said, adding that they would handle any future reports that might come in.

At a meeting last month, McClellan said Bush thanked the chief U.S. weapons inspector, Charles Duelfer, for his work. A special adviser to the CIA director, Duelfer will deliver a final edition of a report on Iraq's weapons next month. McClellan said it is not expected to fundamentally differ from the findings of a report last fall.

Duelfer said then that Iraq had no weapons of mass destruction and had not made any since 1991. However, he said the government harbored intentions of recreating its weapons programs and had gone to great lengths



U.S. troops arrived in Iraq with the belief that Iraq was home to weapons of mass destruction. On Wednesday, the White House made it clear this is not the case.

to manipulate the U.N. oil-for-food program.

At the time, Bush strongly defended his decision to invade Iraq. Saddam "retained the knowledge, the materials, the means and the intent to produce weapons of mass destruction, and he could have passed that knowledge on to our terrorist enemies," Bush said in October.

On Wednesday, House Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi of California said, "Now that the search is finished, President Bush needs to explain to the American people why he was so wrong, for so long, about the reasons for war."

The end of the weapons hunt comes as the Bush administration struggles with a dangerous security

situation in Iraq leading up to Jan. 30 elections.

Meanwhile, other countries — notably Iran and North Korea — are suspected of developing covert nuclear weapons programs.

When asked whether the failure to find weapons of mass destruction in Iraq would damage U.S. credibility in handling future threats, McClellan said the president would continue to work with the international community, particularly on diplomatic solutions. He said pre-emptive military action was "the last option" to pursue.

"We are acting to make sure we have the best possible intelligence," McClellan said, adding that a number of changes have

been made since the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks.

Almost one year ago, Bush formed a presidential commission to investigate U.S. intelligence capabilities on weapons of mass destruction, focusing not only on Iraq but on how well the intelligence community understands the threat from other countries and terror networks. Its report is due March 31.

The closing down of the weapons search was first reported in the Washington Post on Wednesday.

David Kay, who headed the Iraq Survey Group until stepping down last January, said he was not surprised the group was concluding its efforts without finding any major weapons stockpiles.

Sharon fends off latest challenge

Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Prime Minister Ariel Sharon fended off the latest challenge to his Gaza withdrawal plan on Wednesday, winning a parliamentary vote that had threatened to bring down his new moderate government.

But hard-liners in his Likud Party said they will topple Sharon if he doesn't put his pullout plan to a national referendum — a step he has ruled out.

The political crisis revolved around Sharon's 2005 state budget, which must pass three votes by March 31. Otherwise, the government must resign and new elections would be scheduled, putting the Gaza pullout in

jeopardy.

Sharon this week formed a new government with the dovish Labor Party and a small ultra-Orthodox Jewish party. The alliance, with the occasional backing of several opposition parties, gives Sharon a solid majority in favor of the Gaza withdrawal, despite objections from 13 Likud lawmakers.

Without the hard-liners' support, however, Sharon doesn't have enough votes to push his budget through parliament. Some of the opposition parties backing the withdrawal oppose Sharon's 2005 spending plan.

Just before Wednesday's vote, the Likud rebels said they would temporarily support the budget. But they

threatened to oppose the budget in subsequent votes if Sharon does not hold a referendum on the pullout plan.

"It was decided unanimously to support the budget until the second and third readings," Yehiel Hazan, one of the hard-liners, said before the 64-53 vote. "We call on the prime minister to reconsider holding a referendum."

Sharon has rejected a referendum as a stalling tactic. Sharon's spokesman, Asaf Shariv, said after the vote that the prime minister's opinion hasn't changed.

Sharon was expected to court the ultra-Orthodox Shas Party to shore up support for the budget.

Trips

continued from page 6

our site partners earlier in the semester," Miller-McGraw said.

The Center for Social Concerns offers one-credit service seminars that allow students to examine various social issues during fall, winter and spring breaks.

Traditionally, the deadline for the spring service seminars has been at least two weeks after students return from winter break, but this year, after a series of earlier conversations between the Office of the Registrar and the CSC's site partners, the deadline was moved to today, the third day

of spring semester classes, said Miller-McGraw.

The CSC is offering six seminars for the March 5-12 spring break this year. The Appalachia Seminar, at 225 students, is the largest.

The early deadline prompted concerns about fewer applicants compared to previous years.

However, Miller-McGraw said the number of applicants remained high, but the Appalachia Seminar still had open spaces. She would not provide specific numbers about how many people had applied as of Wednesday compared to the numbers of applications received by the CSC on the day before the deadline of previous years.

The CSC was also not able to

accept all applicants to the smaller seminars, like the Migrant Experiences Seminar and the Children and Poverty Seminar, due to limited funding and site accommodations.

"It may take some time for students to adjust to the earlier application process now that it coincides with the regular registrations period, but I do not think it will have a significant affect on the programs," Miller-McGraw said.

The deadline for applications is today, but there may be a grace period for students unaware of the changed deadline if spaces are still open in the Appalachia program, Miller-McGraw said.

Contact Tricia de Groot at pdegroot@nd.edu

Senate

continued from page 1

they've already started offering a discounted student pass of \$25 for 31 days of rides. And we're still talking about late-night routes," Baron said. "Now we've taken a different approach and are talking directly to the bar owners to encourage transportation from that end."

The Committee on Residence Life, chaired by Sarah Bates, brought up an issue first proposed two years ago. Christian Hoeffel, a non-Senate member of the committee, presented a resolution calling for Food Service's serious consideration of adding a "Flex 10" option to the two existing meal plans.

"Flex 10" would restrict students to 10 meals in the dining hall per week, but proportionally increase the number of FlexPoints granted to them each semester. A survey done by the Committee on Residence Life found that over 50 percent of respondents favored such a plan - a number upwards of 60 percent if freshmen were factored out.

"We're not saying everyone wants it [Flex 10], but there's a definite need, and students deserve it," Hoeffel said. "They're not using all their meals, and over 70 percent of students surveyed said they ran out of FlexPoints."

Student body president Adam Istvan pointed out that, as the Flex 14 currently stands, Food Services assumes that students will only eat 10 meals a week.

"So what it comes down to is us asking for more FlexPoints, because the Dining Halls are going to project supply and demand the same way," Istvan said.

Debate became focused on the plan's feasibility, but Bates emphasized that the resolution was intended to be a broad statement of support of a general idea, in hopes that it would stir Food Services to establish a more intense debate of the details so that it could be officially sanctioned or ruled out.

The motion passed, and a copy of the resolution will now be sent to both the Campus Life Council and Food Services.

"We're not saying everyone wants [Flex 10], but there's a definite need."

**Christian Hoeffel
Committee on
Residence Life
member**

Contact Amanda Michaels at amichael@nd.edu

Research office appoints director

Special to The Observer

Michael Edwards, currently director of technology transfer in Notre Dame's graduate school has been named assistant vice president and director of the Office of Research. The appointment is effective Jan. 28.

Edwards succeeds Howard Hanson, who is retiring after serving in the Office of Research for 15 years, the last five as assistant vice president and director.

The Office of Research helps faculty members obtain and manage the funding they need

to support their research and scholarship.

"The doubling of sponsored research at Notre Dame over the last few years requires us to provide new levels of administrative support and service to faculty and students at the University," said Jeffrey Kantor, vice president for graduate studies and research. "I'm looking forward to working with Mike to meet this challenge."

"I'm privileged to have this opportunity," Edwards said. "Howard Hanson, with the support of Jeff Kantor and the leadership of the Graduate School, has created a culture of

outstanding support to the faculty. With the assistance of the superb staff in the Office of Research, I intend to maintain that culture and continually seek ways to improve it."

Edwards came to Notre Dame in 1986 as an assistant professor of military science. He returned in 1997 as a professor and chair of the Army ROTC program and was named director of technology transfer in 2000.

Prior to coming to Notre Dame, Edwards served on active duty in the U.S. Army for 24 years, retiring with the rank of lieutenant colonel.

GOTUSED

SHOP ONLINE & SAVE
ON OVER 1,000,000,000
USED & NEW TEXTBOOKS

• COME AND CHECK US OUT ONLINE •

GOTUSED .COM

MARKET RECAP

| Stocks | | | |
|------------------|------------------|---------------|---------------------------------|
| Dow Jones | 10,617.78 | +61.56 | |
| Up: 1,933 | Same: 155 | Down: 135 | Composite Volume: 1,560,313,472 |

| | | |
|-------------------------|-----------|--------|
| AMEX | 1,396.98 | +4.31 |
| NASDAQ | 2,092.53 | +12.91 |
| NYSE | 7,075.64 | +31.53 |
| S&P 500 | 1,396.98 | +4.31 |
| NIKKEI(Tokyo) | 11,453.39 | 0.00 |
| FTSE 100(London) | 4,783.60 | -35.10 |

| COMPANY | %CHANGE | \$GAIN | PRICE |
|---------------------------|---------|--------|-------|
| INTEL CP (INTC) | +2.75 | +0.62 | 23.16 |
| SIRIUS SATELLITE R (SIRI) | +2.79 | +0.17 | 6.27 |
| MICROSOFT CP (MSFT) | +0.19 | +0.05 | 26.78 |
| CISCO SYS INC (CSCO) | +1.56 | +0.29 | 18.93 |
| APPLIED MATERIALS (AMAT) | +2.35 | +0.38 | 16.53 |

| Treasuries | | | |
|--------------|-------|-------|-------|
| 30-YEAR BOND | -0.31 | -0.15 | 47.71 |
| 10-YEAR NOTE | -0.19 | -0.08 | 42.36 |
| 5-YEAR NOTE | -0.22 | -0.08 | 37.03 |
| 3-MONTH BILL | -0.43 | -0.10 | 22.92 |

| Commodities | | | |
|--------------------------|-------|--------|--|
| LIGHT CRUDE (\$/bbl.) | +0.12 | 46.65 | |
| GOLD (\$/Troy oz.) | +4.20 | 422.40 | |
| PORK BELLIES (cents/lb.) | -1.65 | 95.53 | |

| Exchange Rates | | | |
|----------------|--|----------|--|
| YEN | | 102.4600 | |
| EURO | | 0.7542 | |
| POUND | | 0.5289 | |
| CANADIAN \$ | | 1.2015 | |

IN BRIEF

Billionaire to start free newspaper

DENVER — A media company owned by billionaire investor Philip Anschutz said Wednesday it will launch a free, six-day-a-week newspaper in the Washington, D.C., area on Feb. 1.

The Washington Examiner, a tabloid, will replace three suburban newspapers that Anschutz's Clarity Media Group bought from Journal Newspapers Inc. last year for an undisclosed sum.

The Examiner will be published Sunday through Friday and will tailor some news and opinion pages for residents in the District, suburban Maryland and northern Virginia.

The company said home delivery will also be available in parts of Washington, a rarity for a free newspaper in a big media market. It is planning an initial daily circulation of about 260,000.

McKesson will repay shareholders

SAN FRANCISCO — Health services giant McKesson Corp. said Wednesday it has agreed to repay shareholders \$960 million to settle a class-action lawsuit related to an accounting scandal that has resulted in criminal convictions of several former executives.

The case consolidated several class-action lawsuits brought on behalf of McKesson's shareholders burned by the financial shenanigans that occurred when the company bought software maker HBO & Co. in 1999.

The company said Wednesday it would establish a \$1.2 billion reserve for the payout and future claims stemming from 16 still-unresolved shareholder lawsuits.

The expense will saddle San Francisco-based McKesson with a net charge of \$810 million, or \$2.70 per share, in its quarter just completed in December.

The settlement "represents a significant step toward fully resolving the uncertainty related to this unfortunate chapter in the company's history and allows us to focus once again only on the future," said McKesson Chairman John H. Hammergren.

McKesson has been fighting dozens of lawsuits since an internal investigation concluded that HBOC had been fabricating revenue in the years leading up to its \$12 billion sale.

Trade deficit hits record high

Reliance on foreign oil and a record import of foreign food cause increase

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The U.S. trade deficit hit an all-time high of \$60.3 billion in November as American appetites for foreign oil and even imported food reached record levels.

The Bush administration urged other countries to help fix the problem, but analysts said the yawning deficit won't be so easily solved.

The Commerce Department reported Wednesday that the shortfall between what the United States sells abroad and what it imports increased 7.7 percent from the previous record — the October deficit of \$56 billion.

That was a surprise given that oil prices had come down during the month. Analysts said it served to underscore the seriousness of the country's trade situation.

The deficit through November totaled \$561.3 billion and is expected to top \$600 billion once December's figures are tallied, far surpassing last year's record of \$496.5 billion.

"We now have the Grand Canyon of trade deficits," said Joel Naroff, head of a Holland, Pa., forecasting firm. "Actually, deficit is really a misnomer. Chasm, gorge, black hole, infinitely deep well all fit the description better."

Democrats, who sought to make the widening trade and budget deficits issues in the presidential campaign, contended that the November shortfall was further evidence that President Bush's trade policies are not working. They note that the country lost 2.7 million manufacturing jobs over the past four years as companies moved production facilities to low-wage countries.

"A trade deficit of \$60 billion a month is a crisis and it needs to be addressed, not ignored," said Sen. Byron Dorgan, D-N.D., who



Treasury Secretary John Snow recognizes the need for domestic growth in the U.S. Reliance on foreign products has left the country a record trade deficit.

called on Bush to convene an emergency meeting of key government policy-makers.

But administration officials said foreign countries are not growing fast enough to stimulate domestic demand that would help boost U.S. exports. Treasury Secretary John Snow told reporters in New York that finance officials from the world's seven wealthiest countries would focus on ways to promote global growth when they meet in London in early February.

"We want to create more engines of world growth," Snow said, contending that Europe and Japan need to do more to stimulate growth.

Snow said the administra-

tion has not changed its policy favoring a strong dollar, but currency traders believe the administration really wants the dollar to decline further to lower the trade deficit by making U.S. exports cheaper on foreign markets and making imports more expensive for Americans.

News on the deficit sent the dollar sharply lower in trading Wednesday against major currencies including the euro and the British pound. Stocks, however, took the ballooning deficit in stride. The Dow Jones industrial average finished the day up 61.56 points at 10,617.78 as investors chose to focus instead on strong earnings news from Intel Corp.

While the dollar is down significantly against the euro over the past three years, it has declined much less against Asian currencies. China has refused administration pleas to stop linking its currency directly to the dollar, a practice that U.S. manufacturers contend has made the yuan as much as 40 percent undervalued, giving Chinese companies a huge competitive advantage.

Former Michigan Gov. John Engler, who heads the National Association of Manufacturers, said the administration needs to keep up the pressure on China not just on the currency issue but on other unfair trade practices as well.

Engineered crops remain a success

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Farmers around the globe planting genetically engineered crops enjoyed another bumper harvest last year even as political and financial pressure mounted from skeptical consumers in Europe and pockets of the United States, an industry-supported group said Wednesday.

Eight million farmers in 17 countries grew engineered crops on 200 million acres last year, a 20 percent increase over the 167 million acres in 2003, according to a report released by the International Service for the Acquisition of Agri-Biotech Applications. The report was paid for

by two philanthropic groups, including the Rockefeller Foundation.

In 1996, the first year genetically modified crops were commercially available, about 4.3 million acres were under biotechnology cultivation.

"The technology is probably poised to enter a new era of growth," said the group's founder and chairman, Clive James. The group promotes use of the technology in poor countries.

James estimated that the number of biotech crop acreage could double by 2010, spurred on by China's expected approval to grow genetically engineered rice as soon as this year.

The most popular biotechnology

crops contain bacteria genes that make the plants resistant to either bugs or weed killers.

James and other biotechnology proponents argue that genetically modified plants will help alleviate poverty and hunger in developing nations by improving crop yields and cutting expenses through less use of pesticides.

Edwin Paraluman, a farmer in the Philippines who joined James on a conference call with reporters Wednesday, said the planting of genetically engineered corn last year yielded him 40 percent more crop than usual.

"The benefits for the small farmer are great," Paraluman said.

Campus Ministry

Coleman-Morse Center
574-631-7800
ministry.1@nd.edu campusministry.nd.edu



what's happening

Main Office (CoMo 319) & Retreats Office (CoMo 114), Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
CM Welcome Center (room 111) Sunday through Thursday 4 p.m. to Midnight.

friday 1.14

Law School Retreat
Friday-Saturday
Sacred Heart Parish Center

Sign Up for Retreats!!!
NDE #84 (Feb 4-6)
Deadline: Fri, Jan 14 @ Noon
NDE #85 (Feb 25-27)
Deadline: Mon, Jan 31
Freshman Retreat #57
(Jan 28-29)
Applications are available in
114 CoMo or online at
campusministry.nd.edu.

saturday 1.15

Solemn Mass of the
Blessed Virgin Mary
Every Saturday - 9:00am
Alumni Hall Chapel

monday 1.17

Eucharistic Adoration
12:00 noon - 7:00pm
Every Monday - Thursday
Coleman-Morse Chapel

tuesday 1.18

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr
Celebration -
Town Hall Meeting
7:00 - 8:30pm
CoMo Student Lounge

Basilica Lector Training
8:00pm
Welsh Family Hall Chapel

Basilica Eucharistic Minister
Training & Commissioning
9:00pm
Welsh Family Hall Chapel

wednesday 1.19

Four:7 Christian Prayer &
Music
10:00pm ~ All are welcome!
CoMo Student Lounge

considerations...

Here's How We Help

by Greg Ruehlmann
Campus Ministry Intern

On the day after Christmas, a single catastrophe on the other side of the world killed over 150,000 human beings.

So what are we going to do about it?

A related question: How could we, who probably spent December 26th gleefully enjoying our Christmas gifts, in any way ease the suffering of some Sri Lankan woman whose home and husband were swallowed by the Indian Ocean?

We, after all, study and work at a university thousands and thousands of miles from the epicenter of the underwater earthquake. Tidal waves, the stuff of bad disaster movies, have never in our lifetime sprung up along St. Mary's Lake. The banks of the St. Joseph have never paid a visit to our doorsteps. At Notre Dame, our grounds are watered with million-dollar sprinkler systems, not tsunamis.

So maybe the best thing to do, way out here in South Bend, Indiana, is just to continue our strict regiment of watching the disaster footage on CNN and feeling sorry for people, right? Wrong.

It seems that at this place of extreme privilege, the greatest temptation is not to act wrongly, but rather to do nothing at all. The proverbial bubble that students joke about is almost palpable, arching above campus and enclosing us in apathy. And to varying degrees, we are *all* guilty of playing the part—we fret more about ND football than the homeless men and women who endure the cold without shelter, literally right down the street from us. We book trips to Cancun with our friends for Spring Break, opting for sun over service in Appalachia.

Yet despite the easy insulation we find under the Dome, the number of us involved in service is truly inspiring. For every selfish choice, there is always somebody who selflessly opts for others, who gives generously in the name of the Gospel.

We Domers might find very little similarities between ourselves and the ravaged people of Southeast Asia. But the Gospel points us to one common trait that overcomes all else: our humanity. Because these innocents share our humanity, we are called to share their suffering. Their situation demands our prayers and active assistance. *This* is the one unified Body of Christ the Church speaks of.

How then do we help? The first and greatest way to aid victims is by praying for them. Masses are being celebrated across campus, notably this Thursday at 5:15 in the Basilica. Second, we support our brothers and sisters through remembrance. In a few weeks, this news item from Asia will become the stuff of page two, then slowly slip out of view altogether. It is our Christian duty not to forget the people of these ravaged nations. Finally, opportunities for much-needed financial donations abound; all money collected this weekend in the Basilica will go directly to Catholic Relief Services. Special collections at dorm Masses will do the same. In such desperate times, so soon after Christmas, we are called to give what we have received. It's time to place our hearts amidst the troubles on the other side of our earth. And, it's time to put our money where our heart is—indeed, where our Lord is—and these days He walks amidst that far-off devastation.

The
Office of Campus Ministry
*wishes to offer a warm
"Welcome Back!" to all
Notre Dame students.
We've missed you!
For those students departing for
study abroad, may God bless your
travels and all your new experiences!*

mass schedule

Basilica of the Sacred Heart

Saturday, January 15
5:00 pm Vigil Mass
Rev. Thomas Gaughan, csc

Sunday, January 16
10:00 am Sunday Mass
Rev. Thomas Gaughan, csc
11:45 am Sunday Mass
Rev. John Conley, csc

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Around Campus (every Sunday)

1:30 pm
Spanish Mass
St. Edward's
Hall Chapel

5:00 pm
Law School Mass
Law School Chapel

7:00 pm
MBA Mass
Mendoza COB
Faculty Lounge

Sunday's Scripture Readings

1st: Isaiah 49:3, 5-6

2nd: 1 Corinthians 1:1-3

Gospel: John 1:29-34

PAKISTAN

Renegade tribes force gas plant shutdowns

Associated Press

QUETTA — More than 2,000 troops took control of one of Pakistan's major natural gas plants and shut it down after renegade tribesmen fired hundreds of rockets, blowing up a pipeline and triggering clashes that have killed eight people in the last five days, officials said Wednesday.

Tribesmen frequently target security forces and gas facilities to demand higher royalties from gas extracted from their territory, according to the government.

Since Friday, attackers have fired 14,000 rounds of small arms fire, 435 mortars and up to 60 rockets at the plant in Sui, where about 22 percent of the natural gas supplied to Pakistan comes from, Interior Minister Aftab Khan Sherpao told a news conference in Islamabad.

Soldiers were dispatched Tuesday after armed tribesmen stormed the gas plant and "started damaging it," senior government official Abdul Samad Lasi said. About 2,000 soldiers took control of the plant and captured at least five suspected attackers.

"The situation is now under

control, and more paramilitary forces are expected to arrive in Sui today," Lasi said.

Sherpao said an army operation was not immediately planned in Sui, 220 miles southeast of Quetta, the capital of Baluchistan province.

"As far as army action is concerned, it is for the provincial government. ... If they have the matter under control the federal government will not intervene, but if they ask the federal government, then necessary steps would be taken," Sherpao said.

Eight people, three of them security personnel, were killed and another 33 people, mostly civilians, were wounded in five days of shootouts between assailants and government forces, officials said.

"The civilians suffered casualties when rockets fired by attackers hit their homes," Lasi said.

Authorities had to shut a gas plant and suspend some supplies because of the damage caused to a pipeline, said Abdur Rasheed Lone, an official with the Sui Northern Gas Pipelines Ltd., which operates the Sui gas field. He said he hoped supplies would be restored within 24 hours.

INDONESIA

Affected regions' debt suspended

Associated Press

BANDA ACEH — The U.S. military faced tighter restrictions Wednesday as the Indonesian government sought to reassert control over foreign troops, relief workers and journalists in the tsunami-devastated region, which also has been the site of a rebel insurgency.

In Paris, the world's wealthiest nations said they support a moratorium on debt repayments by countries stricken by the Dec. 26 disaster that has killed more than 150,000 people.

The moves by the Indonesian government, aimed primarily at U.S. troops, underscore the nationalistic country's sensitivities at having foreign military forces operating there — even in a humanitarian effort. They also come amid warnings from the Indonesian military that areas of tsunami-battered Aceh province may not be safe for aid workers.

Hundreds of from troops from Australia, Singapore, Germany and other nations are also helping the relief mission. The Indonesian military is providing security for all of them.

The aircraft carrier USS Abraham Lincoln, which is leading the U.S. military's relief effort, steamed out of

Indonesian waters Wednesday because the U.S. Navy only has permission from the Indonesians to fly aircraft into its airspace that are directly supporting the humanitarian operation, said Lt. Cmdr. John M. Daniels, spokesman for the Lincoln carrier strike group. Helicopters will still deliver aid to Sumatra's devastated coast, however.

Indonesia declined to let the ship's fighter pilots use its airspace for training missions. Under U.S. Navy rules, pilots of carrier-based warplanes cannot go longer than 14 days without flying or their skills are considered to have degraded too far. Since the Abraham Lincoln has been stationed off Sumatra since Jan. 1, the carrier moved out of Indonesian waters so its pilots could conduct their training flights in international airspace.

Indonesian Vice President Jusuf Kalla said foreign troops would be out of the country by March 31.

"A three-month period is enough, even the sooner the better," Kalla said.

The government also

ordered aid workers and journalists to declare travel plans or face expulsion from Aceh as authorities moved to reassert control of the rebellion-wracked area.

The White House said Wednesday it has asked the Indonesian government to explain the restrictions on aid workers and journalists.

"We'll seek further clarification from Indonesia about what this means," White House spokesman Scott McClellan. "We hope that the government of Indonesia and

the military in Indonesia will continue the strong support they have provided to the international relief efforts so far."

At a Paris meeting Wednesday, a French official said the world's wealthiest nations, including the United States, believe a temporary suspension of billions of dollars in debt repayments by tsunami-devastated countries will provide a necessary "breath of oxygen" for recovery and reconstruction from the disaster that killed more than 150,000 people across southern Asia.

"A three-month period is enough, even the sooner the better."

**Jusuf Kalla
Indonesian vice president**

SUB PRESENTS



THURSDAY
JANUARY 13TH
8:00 PM
LAFORTUNE
BALLROOM

COME AND ENJOY THE FREE MOVIE
AND FREE CHINESE CUISINE



sub.nd.edu
brought to you by the student union board.

Journalist prisoner takes his fourth stand

Associated Press

LAKE CHARLES, La. — Forty-four years and three overturned convictions after he killed a bank teller on a lonely rural road, Wilbert Rideau took the stand Wednesday in hopes of winning his freedom by convincing jurors his actions fell short of murder.

Rideau, who became an award-winning journalist behind bars, has never denied his guilt.

His defense team hopes his fourth jury issues a verdict no worse than manslaughter, making him eligible for release because of the time he has already served.

"You killed Julia Ferguson, didn't you?" defense attorney Julian Murray asked Rideau.

"Yes," he answered, in the silent, packed courtroom.

Rideau, 62, insisted the robbery-murder was unplanned, and took shape as he reflected, at 19, on his poverty and lack of prospects as a black man in segregated Lake Charles.

"To say I was unhappy is an understatement," Rideau said. "I was miserable, I was desperate for change. I felt trapped. I made the mistake of feeling sorry for myself. I felt I needed a new life. Go someplace, start all over. Different world, world where I might matter."

Under questioning from Murray, Rideau said nothing that had happened to him justified what he did to Ferguson in 1961.

Prosecutors say that despite the renown he has received as a journalist, Rideau is a cold-blooded killer undeserving of release.

They used testimony from earlier trials and Rideau's own words in arguing for a fourth murder conviction and a life sentence.

Originally sentenced to death for Ferguson's murder, Rideau was spared in the 1970s when the Supreme Court declared the death penalty unconstitutional. Meanwhile, he made a name for himself as part of a team that earned critical acclaim for the state penitentiary's prison magazine, "The Angolite."

His first two convictions were overturned on appeal. His third stuck until 2000, when a federal court said he was entitled to a fourth trial because blacks were excluded from the grand jury that indicted him.

State pardon boards have recommended clemency four times. But Rideau's bid for clemency from a no-parole life sentence has been denied by two governors in the face of stiff opposition from the victim's family and Lake Charles authorities.

Mudslide leaves man grieving

Associated Press

A CONCHITA, Calif. — Jimmie Wallet went out for ice cream, and when he got back, everyone and everything he had left behind were gone.

On Wednesday, he identified the bodies of his wife and three of his daughters, pulled from a tangle of homes smashed by a mudslide.

No one lost more than Wallet in Monday's mudslide, which has killed at least 10 people in this ocean-side community. And, driven by the frantic hope of finding his family, no one was as quick to claw through the debris and help pull out survivors.

Wallet dug for hours in the rain around where he thought the family might be. He helped rescue two people before he stopped and waited, smoking cigarettes as friends stopped by to embrace him. Early Wednesday, after 36 hours, his wait ended.

His wife, Mechelle, was the first to be found. Around 2

a.m., firefighters and several of Wallet's friends carried her to the makeshift morgue at the town's gas station. Wallet went in and identified her, then returned to the porch of a peach stucco house where he had been staying, put up his feet and sat without a word.

Two hours later, his youngest daughter, 2-year-old Paloma, was taken out on a stretcher. Her sister Raven, 6, was next, soon followed by 10-year-old Hannah.

The three girls were found next to each other, apparently sitting on a couch when the slide broke apart their house, pushing it for about 100 yards and covering it in muck.

"They never had a chance to get out," said Scott Hall, a battalion chief with Ventura County Fire Department.

His fourth daughter, a 16-year-old, had been in nearby Ventura when the slide happened.

At least three people were missing. The number of missing slowly dropped Wednesday as more bodies were found and residents on the missing list either showed up at a town meeting or got in touch with authori-

ties.

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger viewed the damage by helicopter Wednesday, and declared a state of emergency in the county.

"It's extraordinary the way people have come together here from the moment the mudslides hit," he said.

The rainstorm that triggered the slide continued to bedevil the West, causing floods that destroyed houses in Arizona in Utah, washed out roads and forcing dozens of people from their homes. No serious injuries were reported, but one man was missing in Utah.

Crews using dogs, cameras and microphones intended to keep searching for survivors in La Conchita and then reassess the rescue operation on Thursday night.

The massive mound of mud covered several blocks and stood 30 feet high in some spots.

Scattered in the mud were a variety of household items, including surfboards, dish towels, golf clubs and canceled checks.

A pickup truck looked like it had been in an explosion. Other cars and mobile homes were crushed.

"It tears these cars up like they're toys." Los Angeles County fire Capt. Greg Cleveland said.

"It tears these cars up like they're toys."

Greg Cleveland

**fire captain
Los Angeles County**

straight out of West Virginia. . .

Legends 10pm free

open only to ND, SMC, and HCC students

the Argument www.theargument.net

.. unique sound comparable to Train and Ben Folds

January 15

sub.nd.edu

brought to you by the student union board

Gates gives libraries nearly \$11 million

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The philanthropic organization established by Microsoft Chairman Bill Gates and his wife is giving nearly \$11 million to public libraries in 37 states and the District of Columbia to buy computers and software and pay for faster Internet connections.

The cash grants from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, expected to be announced Thursday, were being matched partially with other money from state and federal sources.

The grants were intended to ensure that public libraries, frequently squeezed by tight budgets, can continue offering patrons free access to technology.

As many as 14 million Americans use the Internet at public libraries, including a disproportionately high number of blacks, Indians and Hispanics, according to U.S. government figures.

Use of computers at libraries is especially pronounced in poor neighborhoods.

In California, computer users in libraries include seniors sending e-mails to relatives, children working on homework and tourists sending messages home.

"We are the first resort for Internet access, particularly in low-income areas," said Susan

Hildreth, the state librarian in California, which got \$416,800 from the Gates Foundation. "People expect computers to be available at the library, at the highest technological level."

The foundation established by Gates, the billionaire software pioneer whose earliest technology experiences took place in school computer labs, gave "Staying Connected" grants last year to states that included the 13 not in this year's giving.

Since 1998, the foundation has given an estimated \$250 million to buy 47,000 computers at 11,000 public libraries across the country, said Martha Choe, director of the organization's Global Libraries project.

The grants do not require libraries to buy any technology associated with Microsoft products.

Robert Reed Jr., who was paralyzed in a car accident, visits his library in Ontario, Ore., every day it's open to work on college classes online toward his science degree.

Reed said that his home computer and its Internet connection are too slow for the work and that library computers — paid for by the Gates Foundation — make it largely unnecessary for him to travel 60 miles to his college campus in Boise, Idaho. Reed, 53, said he expects to graduate in March 2006.

Hacker reads confidential e-mails

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A hacker broke into a wireless carrier's network over at least seven months and read e-mails and personal computer files of hundreds of customers, including the Secret Service agent investigating the hacker, the government said Wednesday.

The hacker obtained an internal Secret Service memorandum and part of a mutual assistance legal treaty from Russia. The documents contained "highly sensitive information pertaining to ongoing ... criminal cases," according to court records.

The break-in targeted the network for Bellevue, Wash.-based T-Mobile USA, which has 16.3 million customers in the United States. It was discovered during a broad Secret Service investigation, "Operation Firewall," which targeted underground hacker organizations known as Shadowcrew, Carderplanet and Darkprofits.

Nicolas Lee Jacobsen, 21, of Santa Ana, Calif., a computer engineer, has been charged with the break-in in U.S. District Court in Los Angeles. Investigators said they traced the hacker's online activities to a hotel in Williamsport, N.Y., where Jacobsen was staying.

Jacobsen, who was arrested

in October in California, has been released on a \$25,000 bond posted by his uncle, who was ordered to keep his own personal computer locked up so Jacobsen couldn't use it.

The hacker was able to view the names and Social Security numbers of 400 customers, all of whom were notified in writing about the break-in, T-Mobile said. It said customer credit card numbers and other financial information never were revealed.

"Safeguarding T-Mobile customer information is a top priority for the company," said a spokesman, Peter Dobrow. He said T-Mobile discovered the break-in late in 2003 and "immediately took steps that prevented any further access to this system."

Court records said the hacker had access to T-Mobile customer information from at least March through October last year.

An online offer in March 2004, traced to Jacobsen, claimed hackers could look up the name, Social Security number, birth date and passwords for voice mails and e-mails for T-Mobile customers, court records said.

The Secret Service said its agent, Peter Cavicchia, should

not have been using his personal handheld computer for government work. Cavicchia, a respected investigator who has specialized in tracking hackers, was a T-Mobile customer who coincidentally was investigating the T-Mobile break-in, according to court documents and a Secret Service spokesman, Jonathan Cherry.

Cavicchia, who won the Secret Service's medal of valor for his actions in the

Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks, resigned to work in the private sector. He told The Associated Press he was not asked to leave and said he was cleared during an internal investigation into whether he

had improperly revealed sensitive information or violated agency rules.

The case against Jacobsen was first reported by the Web site Security Focus, which is owned by Symantec Corp.

Cherry, the Secret Service spokesman, said the agency's own e-mail servers were not affected by the T-Mobile break-in. "The account was a personal account of a Secret Service agent that was for a time compromised," Cherry said.

"Safeguarding T-Mobile customer information is a top priority for the company."

Peter Dobrow
T-Mobile spokesman

The Observer

is currently accepting applications for the

2005-06 Editor-in-Chief

Applicants must submit BOTH a resume and at least an 8-PAGE proposal explaining their interest in the position and their plans for running the newspaper.

Applications are due Monday, January 17 by 5 p.m.

COMPLETED APPLICATIONS CAN BE SUBMITTED TO
THE OBSERVER'S OFFICE
IN THE BASEMENT OF SOUTH DINING HALL.

Contact Editor-in-Chief Matt Lozar
at 1-4542
for more information.

THE OBSERVER VIEWPOINT

THE OBSERVER

The Independent, Daily Newspaper Serving Notre Dame and Saint Mary's

P.O. Box Q, Notre Dame, IN 46556
024 South Dining Hall, Notre Dame, IN 46556

EDITOR IN CHIEF
Matt Lozar

MANAGING EDITOR: Meghanne Downes
BUSINESS MANAGER: Mike Flanagan

ASST. MANAGING EDITOR
Joe Hettler

NEWS EDITOR: Claire Heininger
VIEWPOINT EDITOR: Sarah Vabulas
SPORTS EDITOR: Heather Van Hoegarden
SCENE EDITOR: Maria Smith
SAINT MARY'S EDITOR: Angela Saoud
PHOTO EDITOR: Claire Kelley
GRAPHICS EDITOR: Mike Harkins
ADVERTISING MANAGER: Carrie Franklin
AD DESIGN MANAGER: Kelly Nelson
SYSTEMS ADMINISTRATOR: Mary Allen
CONTROLLER: Michael Landsberg

OFFICE MANAGER & GENERAL INFO
(574) 631-7471

FAX
(574) 631-6927

ADVERTISING
(574) 631-6900 obscad@nd.edu
EDITOR IN CHIEF
(574) 631-4542

MANAGING EDITOR
(574) 631-4541 obsmc@nd.edu
ASSISTANT MANAGING EDITOR
(574) 631-4324

BUSINESS OFFICE
(574) 631-5313

NEWS DESK
(574) 631-5323 obsncws.1@nd.edu
VIEWPOINT DESK
(574) 631-5303 viewpoint.1@nd.edu

SPORTS DESK
(574) 631-4543 sports.1@nd.edu

SCENE DESK
(574) 631-4540 scene.1@nd.edu

SAINT MARY'S DESK
smc.1@nd.edu

PHOTO DESK
(574) 631-8767 photo@nd.edu
SYSTEMS & WEB ADMINISTRATORS
(574) 631-8839

THE OBSERVER ONLINE
www.ndsmcobserver.com

POLICIES

The Observer is the independent, daily newspaper published in print and online by the students of the University of Notre Dame du Lac and Saint Mary's College. Editorial content, including advertisements, is not governed by policies of the administration of either institution. The Observer reserves the right to refuse advertisements based on content.

The news is reported as accurately and objectively as possible. Unsigned editorials represent the opinion of the majority of the Editor in Chief, Managing Editor, Assistant Managing Editor and department editors. Commentaries, letters and columns present the views of the authors and not necessarily those of The Observer.

Viewpoint space is available to all readers. The free expression of all opinions through letters is encouraged. Letters to the Editor must be signed and must include contact information.

Questions regarding Observer policies should be directed to Editor in Chief Matt Lozar.

POST OFFICE INFORMATION

The Observer (USPS 599 2 4000) is published Monday through Friday except during exam and vacation periods. A subscription to The Observer is \$100 for one academic year, \$55 for one semester.

The Observer is published at:
024 South Dining Hall
Notre Dame, IN 46556-0779
Periodical postage paid at Notre Dame and additional mailing offices.

POSTMASTER
Send address corrections to:
The Observer
P.O. Box 779
024 South Dining Hall
Notre Dame, IN 46556-0779

The Observer is a member of the Associated Press. All reproduction rights are reserved.

TODAY'S STAFF

| | |
|------------------|-----------------|
| News | Sports |
| Claire Heininger | Pat Leonard |
| Jen Rowling | Chris Khorey |
| Peter Leahy | Steve Coyer |
| Viewpoint | Scene |
| Sarah Vabulas | Kenyatta Storin |
| Graphics | Illustrator |
| Kelly MacDonald | Katie Knorr |

South shores, bears and automobiles

My, how quickly December passed us by. When I was a kid there was no month I looked forward to more than the twelfth one. My holly-jolly month of celebration started with a bang on the Dec. 6 when Saint Nicholas' Day came around.

Bob Masters

I Fall on the Floor and I Laughing

St. Nick, the Catholic saint upon whom the legend of Santa Claus is based, was the son of wealthy devout Christians. After his parents died during his youth, St. Nicholas gave away his entire inheritance to aid the needy. He was especially known for his love of children, his devotion to the sick and suffering and for his tendency to secretly leave bags of gold coins in needy homes, tossing them — it is said — into shoes and stockings left near open windows. The practice of giving gifts during the Christmas season is largely based on the many legends of St. Nicholas which celebrate his uncommon generosity.

Of course, I didn't know any of this when I was a boy. What I knew was that if I left my boots by our front door and went to bed, when I woke up there would be mountains of candy inside of them. There'd be gold coins, too, but not of the monetary kind. No, for this young boy there was something much more important than money: milk chocolate.

My sugar high would wear off around another December milestone: my youngest brother's birthday. As nice as this day was for him, it was even better for me. Invariably, he would receive gifts that would, by hook or crook, become community property. This particularly applied to video games and movies which always had a way of making their way out of his private stock into the hands of his two older brothers.

By the approach of Christmas Break, my December bliss was at a fever pitch. It was just a hop, skip and jump to Christmas Day, where I quickly unwrapped and discarded boxes of sweaters to get to toys, toys, toys.

As it's been said, all things change. Over the past four Decembers here at Notre Dame, I've spent most of the month hiding away high up in the stacks of the Hesburgh Library. My boots filled with candy became notebooks filled with Jonathan Swift and Alexander Pope, neither of whom is nearly as delicious. Since I've been away my little brother has gotten much stronger and can easily fend off my attempts at gift piracy. And on Christmas Day these days I quietly unwrap and discard toys to get to sweaters, sweaters, sweaters.

But rather than dwell on what used to be and what might have been, I'd rather pass along a simple December story.

My brother and I were invited to a Chicago Bears game on the first Sunday of Christmas Break by a dorm-mate and friend of ours. We hopped on the South Shore and we were immediately greeted with an hour long delay in Michigan City. When the electric train lost power, producing the holdup, we laughed. It was like a scene out of one of my favorite holiday films, "Planes, Trains and Automobiles." We were a real-life Steve Martin and John Candy and we'd have a good story to tell when we got back.

But life wasn't finished imitating art. As we stood outside of Solider Field after the game waiting in the dark for

our train home on a night with heavy snowfall and a high temperature of five degrees, I experienced something much more painful and humiliating than the Bears' 24-5 loss.

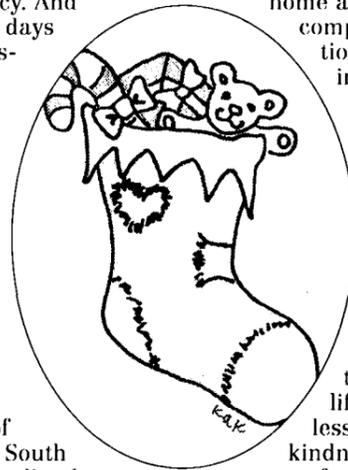
The South Shore, our trusty and safe ticket back, sped right past us. As I stood there feeling hopelessly alone and panicking as to how we'd get home, my brother's cell phone rang. It was our friend and his dad. They had seen our predicament and were ready to drive us back to South Bend. We were certainly not expecting such an uncommon act of kindness and it proved even more extraordinary when we ended up driving most of the way home at 35 miles per hour in complete white-out conditions.

In a lifetime of living in the Midwest, I had never seen driving conditions so poor. What our friend's dad saw, however, was two boys who needed to get home.

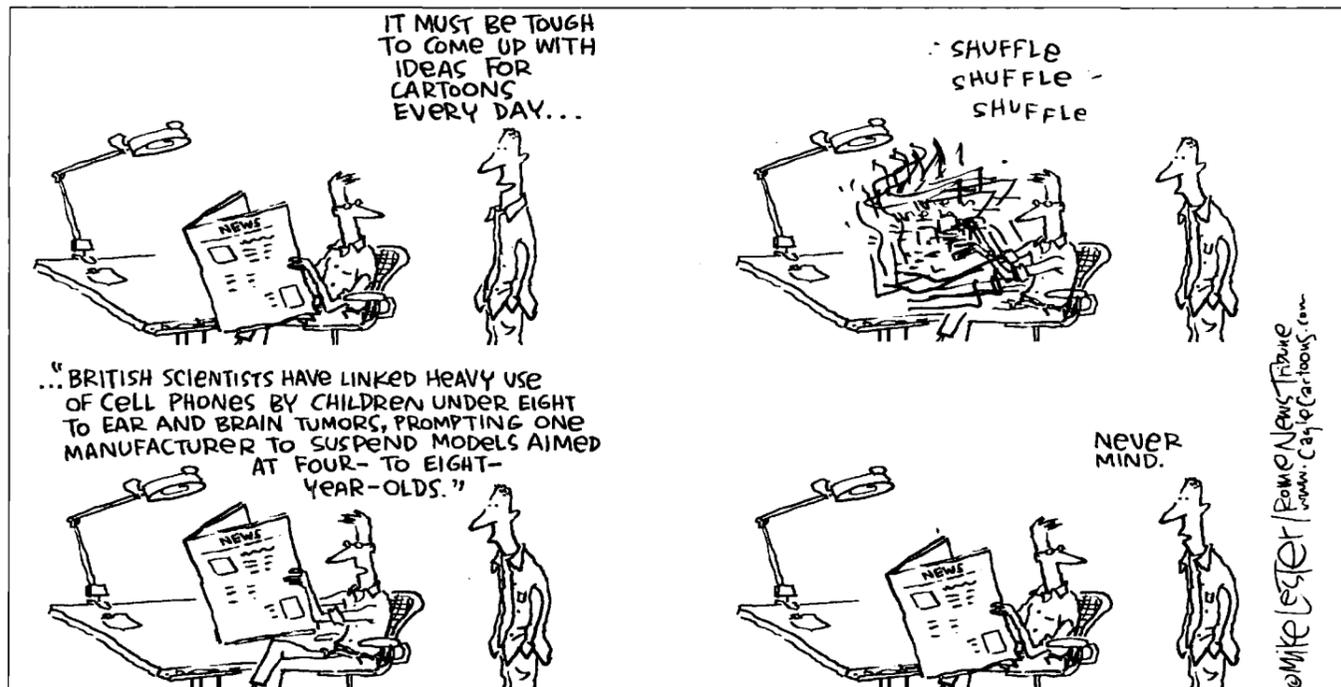
It may seem like a simple story — a straightforward act of charity — but the English poet William Wordsworth said that the best part of a man's life are his "little, nameless, unremembered acts of kindness and love." At the core of every seemingly simple kindness like this is a wealth of great love. Saint Nicholas knew that. This past month my brother and I witnessed it first hand.

Bob Masters is a senior English major and co-president of the Humor Artists club. He can be contacted at amasters@nd.edu.

The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.



EDITORIAL CARTOON



OBSERVER POLL

What are you planning to do to aid the tsunami victims?

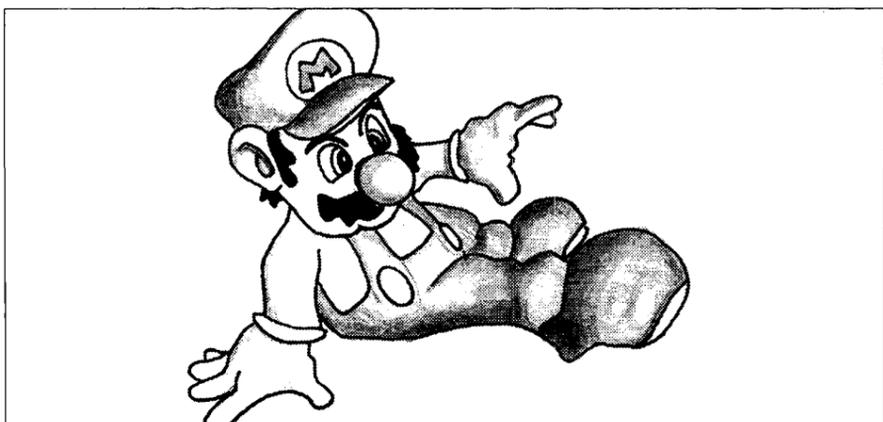
Vote by today at 5 p.m. at
www.ndsmcobserver.com

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Colleges hate geniuses, just as convents hate saints."

Ralph Waldo Emerson
poet

What Mario wrought



A recent conversation with a friend who is kind enough to read my column, or at least courteous enough to pretend to, revealed that he had imagined that the night before a column is due I sit down at my desk in a state of hypercaffeinated delirium and simply type the first 800 words that pop into my head. Because my friend may not be alone in thinking this, I'd like to take the opportunity to set the record straight.

Now, as it happens, I do write these columns the night before they're due, after consuming an epic quantity of coffee — the precise dosage is known to caffeine cognoscenti as a "defibrillator." But this isn't how the columns are created; it's how they are finished. Each installment of Englishman Abroad is the culmination of weeks of painstaking research. Sometimes I even play video games.

To be a truly successful cultural analyst, one's writing must be grounded in a thorough knowledge of what one is writing about. And so, this Christmas, after finishing Star, Pamela Anderson's roman à clef, I celebrated the birth of Christ with some good old fashioned simulated violence.

I won't go into the specifics. At the time the game was very absorbing, but only a few weeks later I find that I have already forgotten most of the details, although I do remember saving the world, possibly the universe.

(You're welcome.)

It had been many years since I last engaged in any serious gaming — I'm not even sure whether "game" was a verb back then. So the first thing that struck me was the production values. The game looked like a movie, which made it a lot more entertaining than the movies that play like video games. Resident Evil: Apocalypse looked as if they had shot the whole thing in slow motion and used special effects to speed up the scenes with talking. They needn't have bothered, but the dialogue still sounded like David Mamet compared to the script for the film adaptation of Tekken, in which one of the characters actually says "Why are you so angry? Is it because your father threw you off that cliff?", a line that's so stupid it glows in the dark.

But the inanity of modern movies is a subject for another day, and the technological advances of video games are only a superficial development compared to the most important change, which is their audience. That's the real new thing; video games for grown-ups.

By the time I was in my mid-teens video games already felt like something I should have put behind me, moving on to more mature (and hence girl-attracting) pursuits, such as practicing the electric guitar and writing angst-ridden unmelodies for a band with a name like "Ennuu."

When people talk about recent changes in adolescence they usually focus on its beginning. Literally, an adolescent is someone who is in the process of becoming an adult (a social, not a biological category). As sociologists have recently begun to notice, kids are getting older younger (the sociologists are, as usual, about a decade behind the better funded market researchers who by now have abbreviated the phenomena to KGOY).

"Tweens" is now the accepted term for the increasing number of 10-year-olds who ape the sophisticated clothing and entertainment of 16-year-olds. It used to be said that the definition of a conservative is a liberal with a teenage daughter; these days, thanks to tweens, the witticism is out date.

We are still waiting for the vocabulary to describe the fact that adolescence is also being extended in the other direction; if 10 is the new 16, then 30 is the new 20.

The strange thing about men in their mid-20s playing video games is that these days there isn't anything strange about it. Men's magazines such as FHM ("lifestyle" is the accepted euphemism for the category) contain pictures of pneumatic celebrities and video game reviews and see nothing odd about placing them side by side.

Video games are still dominantly, if not exclusively, a male pursuit, but there are other common juxtapositions which suggest that matters are similar for men and women. It isn't at all unusual for women to have fluffy toys on their bed and an issue of Cosmopolitan beside it. The magazine will probably be promising, in large capital letters, to reveal the secrets of its new multiple-orgasm-weight-loss plan, which will be to all intents and purposes indistinguishable from the one it offered the previous month, and the month before that (every purchase of Cosmopolitan is, as Samuel Johnson said of remarriage, a triumph of hope over experience).

Dean Inge speculated that when our first parents were driven out of paradise, Adam said to Eve, "My dear, we live in an age of transition." Well, we too live in an age of transition, and if we weren't so close to these changes it would be easier to see how remarkably rapid they have been. It will be a long time however, before we know for sure what their impact will be or whether this new arrangement is even sustainable.

Now, if you'll excuse me, I have to save the world.

Peter Wicks is a graduate student in the Philosophy Department. His new year's resolution is to become a being of pure energy and to rule over the universe with justice and mercy. Peter can be contacted at pwicks@nd.edu. This evening he will be hosting the student stand-up comedy show at Legends.

The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

Peter Wicks

Englishman
Abroad

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Leprechaun Legion shows pride

This past Monday's men's basketball game should have been a truly eye-opening experience.

I am not only referring to the fact that the Irish competed well in a tough fought battle against one of the best teams in the nation. More importantly, I want to bring attention to the state of our students' spirit.

The blame for this loss does not mainly rest with the referees, the coaches, or the players. Monday night the Fighting Irish exhibited the greatest amount of heart and hustle so far this year. Instead, the brunt of the blame rests with the Passive Irish — the students.

So far this year the student section at the men's games has been pitiful at best. The turnout for the recent game against the Orange was easily the best so far this year. Even more "impressively," the entire student section was standing for the whole game. These facts, though, should be given for every game.

Although there were plenty of students at the game wearing green, how many were truly supporting their school and team being the best Irish fan possible?

Supposedly the ideal Notre Dame fan is one on the floor in the true Leprechaun Legion. This bunch surely was on a level above the rest of the student section, but that should not be taken as too high of a compliment. Everyone who is down there should be constantly jumping, pounding on the risers, and cheering nonstop whether the Irish are up or down by an incredible margin.

It is inconceivable as to why some-

one would wait outside the JACC spending an entire day freezing out in the cold simply to stand by idly, arms folded, and remain utterly silent as the Irish give their all battling on the hardwood.

The Legion should not be scrutinized alone, but the entire student section is accountable for the lack of spirit. Every student in attendance should be hoarse and sweating after the first minute of play due to excessive cheering.

During the entire game the JACC should be deafening. It is an embarrassment when a handful of visitors clad in orange who are shoved up in the rafters can silence the student section.

The most saddening display of all, though, is the masses of students that leave before the final note of the alma mater has been played, only further demonstrating the true nature of such alleged Notre Dame fans.

All of this, however, does not need to remain as it is. We should not be placing blame elsewhere until we look at ourselves. The JACC should be one of the most feared and hated arenas for visiting teams not only because of the talented Fighting Irish, but even more so because of its spirited student section.

Hopefully the student section will undergo a vast improvement by this Saturday and show St. John's how intimidating Irish fans can be.

Lee C. Regner
junior
O'Neill Hall

Jan. 12



Want to be a Viewpoint
copy editor?
Clever enough to write
a Viewpoint column?

Contact Sarah Vabulas
at viewpoint.1@nd.edu

ALBUM REVIEWS

Kelly Clarkson breaks into pop rock

By BECCA SAUNDERS
Assistant Scene Editor

Move over Avril and Ashlee, there is a new pop rock princess on the scene. Kelly Clarkson is a name everyone has heard, unlike most of her songs, which until now were not really worth listening to. In her second album "Breakaway," Clarkson reveals a new side of herself and a greater depth in her musical ability as an artist. The former wannabe pop princess has increased her breadth as she tackles songs with much harder rhythms and a darker side of her unquestionably strong voice.

Clarkson, the winner of the first "American Idol" contest, released a platinum album after the finale of "American Idol" in 2002. The album, called "Thankful" certainly had fans, but Clarkson's true talent and musical persona was still greatly called into question. "Breakaway" is an answer to the cynics who did not believe Clarkson

to be a true "Idol." In "Breakaway" Clarkson proves that she is a mature musician who has sufficiently stretched herself and her music in her second album, and the results are nothing less than impressive.

The first two singles from "Breakaway" sum up the content of the album in a couple of ways. While the singles, "Breakaway" and "Since U Been Gone" are both great songs, they are very different from one another. "Breakaway," which was featured in "The Princess Diaries 2," is a ballad backed by a strong melody that showcases the diva side of Clarkson's powerful voice. Written by Avril Lavigne, "Breakaway" pretty much sounds like a slow track from an Avril Lavigne album, but with a much more powerful voice that was meant to sing ballads. The song talks about a dreamer that "grew up in a small town" and eventually leaves to pursue her dreams. Singing of the difficulty of leaving to do so Clarkson sings, "I'll spread



Photo courtesy of mtv.com

On her new album, "Breakaway," Kelly Clarkson reveals a greater depth in her musical ability as an artist

my wings / And I'll learn how to fly / Though it's not easy / To tell you goodbye / I gotta take a risk, take a chance make a change / And break away." The lyrics are cheesy, but any slight fan of the pop genre cannot help but get caught up in the emotion of this song. There are a handful of ballads backed by strong keys with Clarkson belting out huge notes and crescendos on the album.

Conversely, there are also a handful of songs like "Since U Been Gone," which is a guitar driven rock song with a pop flavor. Hardly sentimental, "Since U Been Gone" is a song about newfound freedom after being dumped by a boyfriend. The song's energy is undeniable; "Since U Been Gone" is certainly one of the strongest songs on the album.

The new direction of Clarkson most likely has something to do with her choice of writing partners

and producers for "Because of You" and "Addicted," that being the former members of Evanescence Ben Moody and Dave Hodges. This also may explain why in "Because of You" and especially in "Addicted" it is hard to tell if you are listening to Amy Lee or Kelly.

Overall, "Breakaway" is a good album that shows great potential for Kelly Clarkson. However, Clarkson's true music style is not clear after listening to "Breakaway" as so many different paths are explored throughout the album. "Breakaway" is precisely what the title suggests for Clarkson, a break from the world of pop and into the world of rock, but how much farther is Clarkson going to travel? Only album three will tell.

Contact Becca Saunders at
rsaunders@nd.edu

Breakaway

Kelly Clarkson

RCA

GTA music better suited for game

By MARIA SMITH
Scene Editor

Fans of "Grand Theft Auto: San Andreas" have eagerly awaited the release of its official soundtrack and the more inclusive box set. The soundtracks from "Grand Theft Auto: Vice City" were received enthusiastically, and it was hoped that the new soundtrack would

reach the same heights.

The smaller official soundtrack condenses highlights from the hit video game into a two-disc set with an eclectic mix of hip-hop, funk, country and other genres. The collection of older hits from Rage Against the Machine, 2Pac, Public Enemy and others is obviously designed to take fans back to the rough streets of Los Angeles in the early 1990s when the artists were in

their heyday. The expanded box set, with eight CDs with songs from the radio stations of the fictional Los Santos, is aimed at the real fans of the game that want as much of the music as they can get.

Many of the songs on the official soundtrack are excellent in their own right. This is inevitable with a soundtrack that has picked its material from the artists who have already stood the test of the past decade or longer and remained popular. The problem is that the collection isn't really good enough to justify buying the soundtrack instead of investing in entire CDs by the acclaimed artists it features, nor does it carry the bragging rights of owning the box set. Fans of the game could certainly make a worse purchase, but it isn't a classic.

The box set offers a wider selection of less common music, which might be good for people who want to delve into more obscure music, but many of the tracks are not of the same quality as the hits on the condensed soundtrack. The discs also include imitation radio commercials and station identifications, which probably entertain some people but will be extremely irritating to others. Fans will be disappointed to learn that many of the songs featured in the game are not included in the box set. Some of the harder hip-hop has been removed, along

with several others songs probably removed to save space, and other songs included are not actually the same versions featured in the game.

Anyone who buys the set will probably not like at least some of the featured genres, and will end up paying for music they will never really want to hear. Most fans have one or two favorite stations, and will not be likely to listen to the others much. Radio Los Santos modern hip-hop is a common favorite but has been cut to a mere five songs for the box set, while K-Rose country is likely to irritate anyone who is not a determined country fan. Annoying radio stations of various genres are readily available in most places for free, and people who spend the \$50 to buy the box set will probably have to admit they only bought it for the sake of owning it and not for the quality of the music.

The songs chosen for "Grand Theft Auto: San Andreas" work well within the context of the game. However, as with many soundtracks, they do not stand as well on their own, especially considering the substandard quality of several discs in the box set. Leave the box set on the shelf and save your money for the next big game.

Contact Maria Smith at
msmith4@nd.edu

**Grand Theft Auto:
San Andreas**

Various Artists

Interscope

Soundtrack:

Box Set:

ALBUM REVIEWS

Mario shows promising future

By COURTNEY WILSON
Scene Music Critic

R&B songster Mario is back with a new look and a fresh style. His sophomore album, appropriately titled "Turning Point," represents a maturing not only in his style, but his musical ambitions as well. At the age of 15, Mario released his first album, and gained a squad of teen followers with the remake of rapper Biz Markie's "Just a Friend." Now, at the age of 18, Mario attempts to extend his young fan base for a slightly older market.

"Let Me Love You," the album's first single, reflects somewhat of a progression from his previous songs about puppy love to a more mature, relationship kind of love. The new song has already dominated radio airwaves nationwide, pushing record sales sky high, and allowing the single and the album to climb their way up the Billboard charts.

Seeking the help of Scott Storch, the ever-popular producer of such recent hits

as Beyonce Knowles' "Baby Boy" and Fat Joe's club favorite "Lean Back," Mario has succeeded in creating an inspired album with soulful vocals and infectious beats.

Great things can be expected from the R&B, semi Hip-Hop star. Often compared to leading songster Usher Raymond, Mario makes reference to these similarities on the CD's first track, "18," featuring J-Record label friend Cassidy. In it, he explains that he still has time to catch up to the older star, who coincidentally scored his first hit song at the same age of 15. If you insist on comparing the two stars, however, it must be said that "Boom," track number three of the record, is a pale comparison to the Usher favorite, "Yeah!" that it seeks to reproduce. "Boom" attempts to pick up on the same clubby like sound of "Yeah!" by featuring the same Lil Jon as well as the Ludacris-ly comparable rapper Juvenile. Between the three artists, however, none bring enough capacity to save the song.

Also featured on the CD is a remix of "Let Me Love You," which offers an equally



Photo courtesy of mtv.com

Mario's sophomore album is clearly meant to extend his young fanbase to a slightly older one.

enjoyable party-like version featuring Jadakiss and T.I. Besides these few songs, Mario does not need much help in the making of this record. His smooth and soulful vocals are enough to carry the album, but nostalgic lyrics and catchy beats are what make this record an obvious hit.

In addition to "Let Me Love You," which is easily the best song on the entire CD, songs like "How Could You," and the reggae beat "Girl I Need" recall an Usher-like sentiment to which many can easily relate. "How Could You" is reminiscent of a romance gone awry by what Mario refers to as a "ghetto karma sutra." "Like Me Real Hard" is fun with lyrics that repeat, "You don't have to love me, just like me real hard."

The CD undeniably sets out for a love-like theme, but maintains its youthful appeal with songs like "Couldn't Say No" and "Nike's Fresh Out the Box." You know

Mario is not going to get too serious on you when he compares a new love interest to the feeling of opening a fresh pair of kicks.

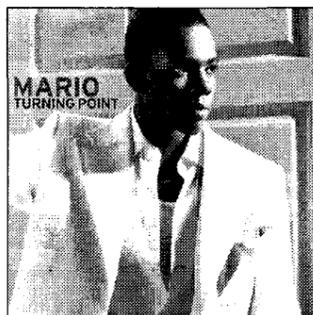
Mario has come a long way from the young cornrowed kid we have seen on previous music videos such as "Braid My Hair." In fact, the first scene of the "Let Me Love You" video shows him trading in his boyish cornrows for a more mature short cut, which in a way reflects the change in his music. Starting from a young age, Mario has successfully paved his way from belting out karaoke tunes with his mom and impromptu performances at the local barbershop, to a lucky break with music mogul Clive Davis. Mario surpasses his debut album "Just a Friend 2002," and brings a superior thirteen track CD chock full of head hopping hits on "Turning Point."

Contact Courtney Wilson at
cwilson6@nd.edu

Turning Point

Mario

J-Records



Architecture an elfin delight

By MATTHEW SOLARSKI
Scene Music Critic

Once-adorned pine trees lie dead on the sides of suburban roads, the snow has taken on a loathsome muddy hue, and Target is hawking "Xmas 2004" stationary at 90 percent off — yes, the holidays are over. Now the big question on everyone's mind should of course be: what are the elves to do? Why, sing, surely! During the off-season, however, the elf who calls for another round of "Carol of the Bells" is fixing to get socked in his little elf nose. And so, the elves must venture to create new sounds, utilizing, naturally, the bevy of leftover musical instruments that never made it into Santa's sack. While these post-yuletide confections have yet to grace the ears of a soul south of the Pole, chances are

they sound a lot like Architecture in Helsinki.

With elfin voices and childlike whimsy, the eight boys and girls of Architecture in Helsinki have pieced together an exceptional debut album. Each song on "Fingers Crossed" plays out like a pre-school classroom vignette starring delicate elf children, who have culled their vast imaginations for quirks and melodies sure to mollify even the most peevish of listeners. From the irresistible one-two punch of synthesizer and handclaps on the groovetastic opener "One Heavy February," to the austere closing organ chords on "Vanishing," this record is an absolute charmer.

Architecture employ a smattering of instruments to create their inspired magipop, including glockenspiel, clarinet, recorder, tuba, and quite possibly several of the convoluted hybrid musical toys popular among the Whos in Whoville. The



Photo courtesy of trifekta.com.au

Architecture in Helsinki use a number of different instruments, including the glockenspiel, clarinet, recorder and tuba.

songs are relatively short and cater to those with even shorter attention spans, often consisting of several tiny "movements" within a single two-and-a-half-minute track. Architecture caps off this sugary recipe with fragile, pixie-like female vocals, and a male vocalist who is clearly the Will Ferrell among the elves, sounding more like a boy in the throes of puberty. While in certain contexts this would surely spell disaster, in the case of Architecture it gels surprisingly well.

If the arrangements are somewhat child-ish, the lyrics are wildly precocious. In "Souvenirs," the vocalist muses melancholically, "We've got souvenirs, so yesterday can't mean too much." The record's centerpiece, the riotous "The Owls Go," contains a lyrical transformation worthy of the finest wordsmiths, as "finding a

replacement with a heart sedated, I'll forget you" later morphs into "attic in a basement with a knife serrated, I'll protect you." A bizarre breed of elf children these are.

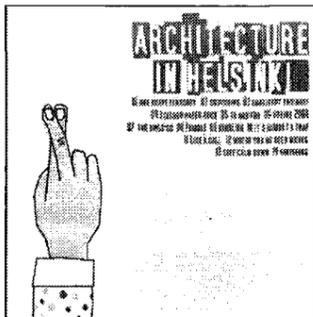
Although their name might lead one to assume otherwise, Architecture reside far from wintry Finland — and even further from the North Pole, as it were — hailing from Australia, of all places. The octet has garnered comparisons to several of indie-pop's finest collectives, including Belle & Sebastian and Broken Social Scene. With a brand new record set to arrive in March, Architecture in Helsinki is poised to enter the hearts of America's youth well before they go a-caroling once more.

Contact Matthew Solarski at
msolarsk@nd.edu

Fingers Crossed

Architecture in

Bar/None



NCAA BASKETBALL

Texas A&M upsets No. 10 Texas at home, 74-63

Aggies move to 12-1, their best start since the 1959-60 season

Associated Press

COLLEGE STATION, Texas — When Billy Gillispie took over as head coach at Texas A&M in March, he found a team lacking size, experience and depth.

He soon found out, however, that the Aggies did have some talent despite their woeful record from the previous season.

Acie Law, one of those talented leftovers, had 24 points and six assists, freshman Joseph Jones added 13 points and 10 rebounds and A&M ended an 18-game Big 12 losing streak with an upset of No. 10 Texas on Wednesday night.

"It's about having the right guys," Gillispie said, smiling. "It's no magic formula. The story is not about me ... it's about those guys in the white jerseys. The sky's the limit on what you can achieve."

Gillispie has the Aggies achieving way beyond what many thought was possible at a school that has always treated basketball as a distraction after football season. A&M has finished last in the Big 12 three of the past four seasons.

The Aggies (12-1, 1-1) are off to their best start since 1959-60, and Gillispie has made the debut in school history.

Before a school-record crowd of 12,811, A&M ended the Longhorns' 10-game winning streak in College Station and improve its record at Reed Arena to 12-0 this season.

The Aggies also knocked off their first Top Ten foe, and fourth overall, since beating Texas in 1982.

"It feels real good to get the first Big 12 victory," said Law, a sophomore point guard who suffered through last season's 7-21 record. "A Top Ten team comes in ... that's a perfect opportunity to show everyone what we can do."

P.J. Tucker led the Longhorns (12-3, 1-1) with 18 points and eight rebounds and freshman LaMarcus Aldridge added 12 points and eight rebounds.

Despite getting off to such an impressive start, A&M had generated little attention mostly because of a nonconference schedule that included games against Prairie View A&M, Texas-Permian Basin and Trinity, a Division III school.

No. 1 Illinois 90, Penn St. 64

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. — Luther Head's eyes lit up as soon as he saw Penn State was playing zone defense.

He finished with five of top-ranked Illinois' school-record 15 3-pointers and scored 19 points in a victory that tied the school record for consecutive wins at 17.

Dee Brown also has five 3s and finished with 15 points for the Illini (17-0, 3-0 Big Ten).

The record-winning streak was set by the 1988-89 team that was the last from Illinois to reach the Final Four. Illinois also became the 15th Division I school to reach 1,500 victories.

"When teams play zone, there's always open shots for me, Dee and Deron (Williams)," Head said. "We just like to step up and try to show these teams that we are good shooters."

The Illini took control with a 16-0 first-half run, built their lead to 16 points at halftime and were up 90-60 with 1:57 to go.

Penn State (6-10, 0-3) lost its fourth straight game. Coach Ed DeChellis left without talking to reporters so his team could beat a line of thunderstorms out of town.

No. 2 Kansas 71, Iowa St. 66

AMES, Iowa — Wayne Simien came back just in time to keep Kansas perfect.

Keith Langford scored 18 points and Simien returned from a four-game absence to make some big plays that helped the second-ranked Jayhawks escape with a victory over Iowa State.

"We did what we had to do," Simien said. "Losing here last year, we had a long bus ride home and that was hard."

Simien, a preseason All-America, hadn't played since

undergoing surgery on his left thumb Dec. 20. Earlier in the week, coach Bill Self had rated Simien's chances of playing at 1 percent. But he was the first player out when the starting lineups were introduced, wearing a soft cast to protect the thumb.

Just having him on the floor would have been a boost for the Jayhawks (12-0, 2-0 Big 12), but Simien did more than just show up against a team that rarely loses at home. He scored 13 points in 37 minutes, grabbed nine rebounds and sparked an 8-0 run that put Kansas ahead to stay after Iowa State had rallied from eight down to take a 54-52 lead.

"It felt great," Simien said. "It

was almost a game-time decision whether I would play. They tried different casts and the referees approved the one I wore. It was a bit bulky, but shooting-wise, I was fine."

No. 3 North Carolina 91, No. 8 Georgia Tech 69

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. — North Carolina shot only 41 percent, had 19 turnovers and failed to reach 100 points for the first time in four games. Coach Roy Williams described the effort as "ugly," and most of his players concurred.

Imagine how Georgia Tech felt.

Jawad Williams led a balanced attack with 18 points and the third-ranked Tar Heels rolled to another impressive victory over No. 8 Georgia Tech.

"Today wasn't the prettiest game," Roy Williams said. "It was one of those ugly games, where you've got to score more points than the other team."

Marvin Williams had 14 points and Rashad McCants and Sean May each added 12 for North Carolina (14-1, 3-0 Atlantic Coast Conference), which has won 14 straight since an opening loss to Santa Clara. Point guard Raymond Felton was suspended for that game because he played in a non-sanctioned summer league game, and with him on the court, the Tar Heels have had few challenges.

"I feel like I'm the leader of the team," Felton said. "I feel like I'm the one that gets everybody going. I'm the floor general."

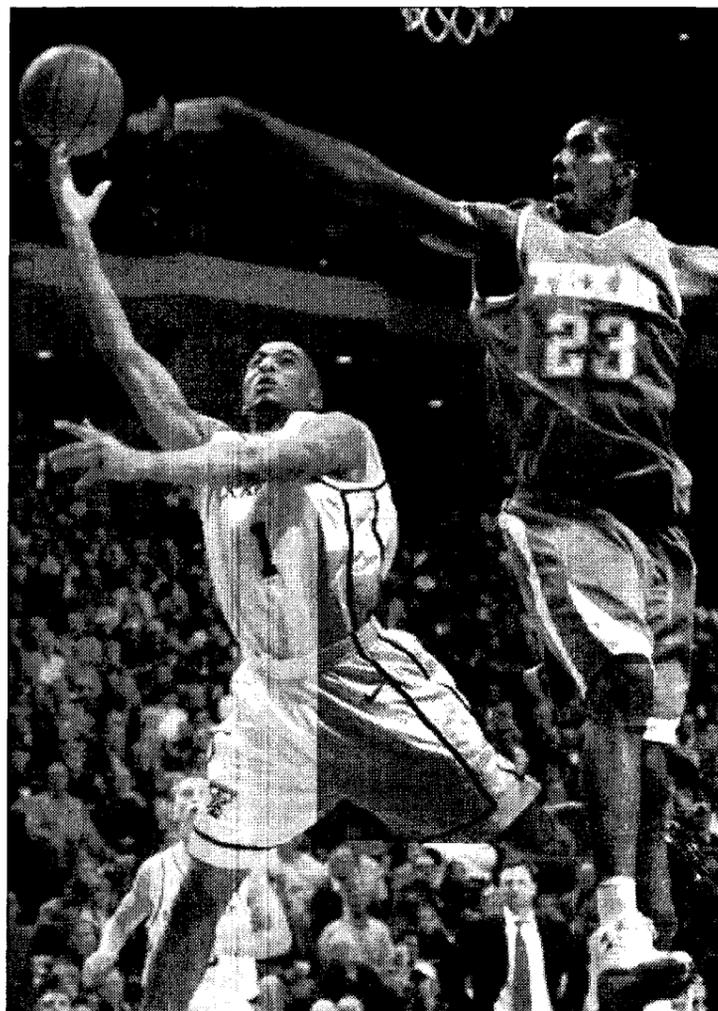
The Yellow Jackets (11-3, 2-1) certainly didn't provide much of a test. Playing without injured guard B.J. Elder for the third straight game, Georgia Tech led only at 1-0, quickly fell behind and never recovered. Jarrett Jack had 24 points and Luke Schenscher finished with 13.

"They're an outstanding team, maybe the best team in the country," Yellow Jackets coach Paul Hewitt said. "But we had some guys not play as well as they're capable of playing. It's one of those things."

With one matchup against a Top Ten opponent out of the way, North Carolina can turn its attention to Saturday's game at No. 4 Wake Forest. It will be the first meeting ever with both teams in the top five.

"I'm going to enjoy this one," Roy Williams said. "Georgia Tech is a big-time freakin' team."

Felton and the other starters had plenty of help from the bench in this one, led by Marvin Williams. In the first half, the Tar Heels' reserves outscored



Texas A&M guard Acie Law IV goes to the basket against Texas forward LaMarcus Aldridge in a 74-63 Aggies win.

their counterparts 21-0, and it was much the same after the break until both coaches cleared the benches.

A 10-0 run that was capped by Felton's 3-pointer put North Carolina ahead 17-5, its first double-digit lead of the game.

"We started off the first couple of possessions fine, but every know you have to play the whole game," Jack said. "That's the one thing we didn't do, we didn't play hard for 40 minutes."

No. 18 Cincinnati 84, East Carolina 78

GREENVILLE, N.C. — This was not the way Bob Huggins wanted Cincinnati to head into a difficult stretch of the schedule.

Jason Maxiell had 24 points and eight rebounds to help the 18th-ranked Bearcats hold off East Carolina, a win that saw the Bearcats alternate between dominant and disinterested while nearly blowing a 20-point second-half lead.

Eric Hicks added 12 points for the Bearcats (14-1, 3-0 Conference USA), who have won three straight since losing to top-ranked Illinois. Jihad Muhammad also had 12 points and several key plays to help

the Bearcats turn away rallies by East Carolina (5-10, 0-3).

Corey Rouse had 21 points and 13 rebounds for the Pirates, who fell to 0-7 all-time against the Bearcats. Mike Cook added 19 points.

The Bearcats have to hope this was an aberration heading into Saturday's game with No. 19 Louisville. That opens a three-game homestand that includes Charlotte — a conference opponent that made the NCAA tournament last year — and No. 4 Wake Forest.

"I didn't want to have to go back and try to fix things two days before we play Louisville," said Huggins, who declined to elaborate. "I was hoping that the light had come on, that we knew what we had to do, but that's apparently not the case."

"When you have to spend your time fixing things, that takes away from your time to prepare."

Cincinnati needed a bit of time to take control of the game, with the Pirates — thanks partly to a rowdy home crowd — hanging in for most of the first half. But once their defense stepped up, the Bearcats had several transition scores to build a double-digit lead.

CLASSIFIEDS

The Observer accepts classifieds every business day from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Notre Dame office, 024 South Dining Hall. Deadline for next-day classifieds is 3 p.m. All classifieds must be prepaid. The charge is 5 cents per character per day, including all spaces. The Observer reserves the right to edit all classifieds for content without issuing refunds.

WANTED

Interested in a lucrative career in Pharmaceutical Sales?
www.beapharmarep.com

FOR SALE

Complete working computers \$125
574-286-3295.

FOR RENT

2-6 bedroom homes for 05-06
Walking distance from ND.
MMMRentals.com 532-1408

House for rent across from ND.
Avail now and for 2005-06 school
yr. Call 232-0875.

2-6 BDRM HOMES. NOW &
2005/6.
272-6306

CORBY PROPERTIES 2-3-4-5 bedroom homes near campus.
Furnished, security systems, W/D, newer appliances, phone, cable, utilities included. \$400/per student.
Call Eric at 315-3215.

CORBY PROPERTIES 5 bedroom home available second semester.
Call Eric at 315-3215.

HOUSES FOR RENT: 3-5 BEDROOM HOMES. GOOD CONDITION. CLOSE TO CAMPUS. Call Sean 532-1895.

1 bdrm apt 1/2 mile to ND.
\$550/mo. Laundry incl. Call 283-0325

3 bdrm north of campus, ample parking, partially furnished, many extras. Call 412-478-5192 for the details.

New 4-bdrm, 3-bath home. Avail 8/05. Cathedral ceiling, fireplace, deluxe kitchen, skylights, 2-car garage, family room, 10x20 deck. Safe area. Call 574-232-4527 or 269-683-5038.

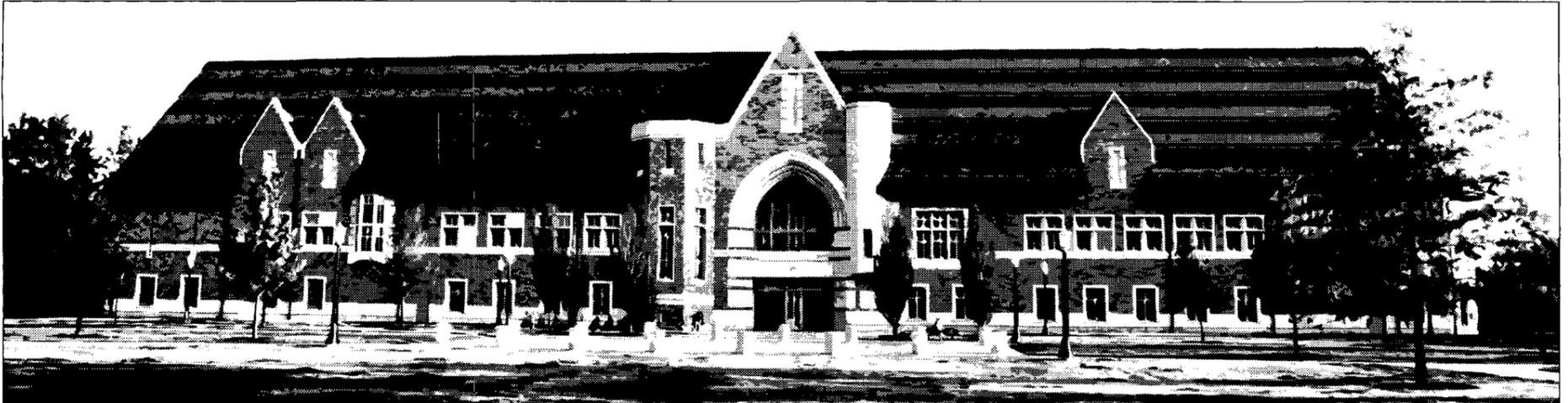
PERSONALS

Spring Break 2005 with STS, America's #1 Student Tour Operator. Hiring campus reps. Call for group discounts.
Info/Reservations 1-800-648-4849
www.ststravel.com

FREELANCE ONLINE TUTORS
Instruct 3-12 grad stdnts; internet connex reqd; tutor/teach exp. prefrrd
jobs@brainfuse.com

Bahamas Spring Break Cruise 5 Days \$299! Includes Meals, Celebrity Parties! Panama City, Daytona \$159! Cancun, Jamaica, Acapulco, Nassau \$499! Award Winning Company!
SpringBreakTravel.com 1-800-678-6386

Fly Eagles Fly, on the road to victory. Fight Eagles Fight, score a touchdown 1-2-3. Hit 'em low. Hit 'em high, and watch our Eagles fly. Fly Eagles Fly, on the road to victory. E-A-G-L-E-S. EAGLES.



T I C K E T S O N S A L E N O W

N D P R E S E N T S : B A L L E T A T T H E M O R R I S



Thursday, January 13 at 8 p.m.
The Morris Performing Arts Center,
downtown South Bend

Founded over a quarter of a century ago, the St. Petersburg State Ballet Theatre is one of the most distinguished classical companies in Russia. The younger sibling of the Kirov and Bolshoi ballet companies, the St. Petersburg Ballet has presented its rich, varied performances to sold-out audiences in more than 50 countries. As part of Notre Dame's ND Presents: Live at the Morris series, the ensemble will present Sergei Prokofiev's dramatic and passionate Romeo and Juliet, choreographed by Serge Vikulov. Based on Shakespeare's famous tragedy, this very accessible three-act ballet enchants audiences with its combination of delicacy, pageantry, and lyrically sweeping melody and movement.

Tickets: Orchestra/Mezzanine: \$38, \$30
faculty/staff, \$25 all students

Main Floor Rear/Boxes/First Balcony: \$33, \$26
faculty/staff, \$22 all students

Second and Third Balconies: \$28, \$22
faculty/staff, \$20 all students

To purchase tickets, call the Morris Performing Arts Center Box Office at 235-9190, or visit www.MorrisCenter.org.

T H E A T R E



Late Nite Catechism 2
Presented by The Broadway Theatre League
Decio Mainstage Theatre

This sequel to the hit comedy Late Night Catechism explores the concept of Catholic guilt through the character of "Sister," an old-school nun who accepts no excuses and takes no prisoners.

Tuesday, January 11 at 7 p.m.
Wednesday, January 12 at 7 p.m.
Thursday, January 13 at 7 p.m.
Friday, January 14 at 8 p.m.
Saturday, January 15 at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.
Sunday, January 16 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.
Tuesday, January 18 at 7 p.m.
Wednesday, January 19 at 7 p.m.
Thursday, January 20 at 7 p.m.
Friday, January 21 at 8 p.m.
Saturday, January 22 at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.
Sunday, January 23 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Tickets: \$30, \$27 seniors, \$15 all students

Special: \$5 student tickets on Tuesday, January 11; Wednesday, January 12; and Thursday, January 13 only

M U S I C

Music for Two Gambas and Organ
A NOTRE DAME FACULTY PERFORMANCE
Reyes Organ and Choral Hall
Friday, January 14 at 8 p.m.
Tickets \$10, \$8 faculty/staff, \$6 seniors,
\$3 all students

John Blacklow Recital
A NOTRE DAME FACULTY PERFORMANCE
Leighton Concert Hall
Wednesday, January 19 at 8 p.m.
Tickets \$10, \$8 faculty/staff, \$6 seniors,
\$3 all students

Organist Craig Cramer
A NOTRE DAME FACULTY PERFORMANCE
Opening Recitals on the Fritts Organ
Reyes Organ and Choral Hall
Thursday, January 20, 8 p.m.
Friday, January 21, 8 p.m.
Saturday, January 22, 8 p.m.
Sunday, January 23, 4 p.m.
Tuesday, January 25, 8 p.m.

These performances are open to the public and free, but tickets must be obtained through the DeBartolo Box Office.

The Marian Anderson String Quartet
Presented by The Fischhoff National Chamber Music Association
Decio Mainstage Theatre
Thursday, January 27 at 7:30 p.m.

These performances are open to the public and free, but tickets must be obtained through the DeBartolo Box Office.

F I L M

BROWNING CINEMA
Tickets \$6, \$5 faculty/staff,
\$4 seniors, \$3 all student

Tickets go on sale each Monday before the screenings.

Motorcycle Diaries (2004)
Thursday, January 13 at 7 p.m. and 10 p.m.

In 1952, two young Argentines set out on a road trip to discover the real Latin America. The diverse geography they encounter begins to reflect their own shifting perspectives. As they arrive at a leper colony, the two are beginning to question the value of progress as defined by economic systems that leave so many people beyond their reach. Their experiences at the colony awaken within them the men they will later become.

Les Choristes (The Chorus) (2004)
Special FREE Sneak Preview of this soon-to-be-released Miramax film
Friday, January 14 at 7 p.m. and 10 p.m.

Set in 1948, a professor of music, Clement Mathieu, becomes the supervisor at a boarding school for the rehabilitation for minors. What he discovers disconcerts him — the current situation is repressive. Through the power of song, Clement tries to transform the students.

Notre Dame Student Film Festival
Thursday, January 20 at 7 p.m. and 10 p.m.
Friday, January 21 at 7 p.m. and 10 p.m.
Saturday, January 22 at 7 p.m. and 10 p.m.
Monday, January 24 at 7 p.m. and 10 p.m.
Tuesday, January 25 at 7 p.m. and 10 p.m.
Wednesday, January 26 at 7 p.m. and 10 p.m.



DEBARTOLO
PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

More event information available at <http://performingarts.nd.edu>

Call (574) 631-2800 for tickets and more information

Discounted tickets are underwritten by the Marie P. DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts. There are a limited number of student discounts available.

CBA

Williams to play again 3 years after conviction

Former Nets star forward to join Idaho Stampede

Associated Press

BOISE, Idaho — Jayson Williams signed a contract with the Idaho Stampede of the Continental Basketball Association, and was set to play Wednesday night.

The former NBA All-Star, who faces reckless manslaughter charges related to a 2002 shooting at his New Jersey mansion, has said he hopes to use the CBA as a springboard for his return to the NBA.

The 6-foot-10 forward turns 37 next month.

He quit professional basketball in 2000 because of knee problems.

"Interested NBA teams want assurances that I am fully recovered and can withstand the rigors of daily competition," Williams said in a statement Wednesday. "The very competitive CBA will provide me with this opportunity."

Williams was expected to play in the Stampede's game against the Yakima Sun Kings Wednesday evening.

The Stampede signed

Williams to improve its rebounding and wasn't deterred by his legal difficulties, said general manager John Brunelle. "The best case scenario would be that he performs really well, we win ball games, and the NBA makes him the third call up from the Stampede this season," Brunelle said.

Williams was acquitted in April of aggravated manslaughter in the Feb. 14, 2002, shooting death of a limousine driver, Costas "Gus" Christofi. He convicted on four counts stemming from a failed bid to conceal the shooting.

His retrial on a charge of reckless manslaughter is due to begin in March.

Williams, who called the shooting an accident, won't be sentenced on the four cover-up convictions until the remaining charge is settled. Possible sentences run from probation to about five years in prison. The reckless manslaughter charge carries a possible 10-year sentence.

Williams played nine seasons for the New Jersey Nets, and Philadelphia 76ers. He averaged ten or more rebounds per game in his final four NBA seasons.



Jayson Williams sits with lawyers during his 2002 trial for manslaughter. The former NBA player is attempting a comeback with the Idaho Stampede of the Continental Basketball Association.

#1 sportsbar

Bookmaker's PUB

Great Food! Great Fun!

#1 Sports Bar in South Bend
2046 South Bend Ave - Across from
Martins Plaza
272-1766

TUES: COLLEGE NIGHT - DJ & SPECIALS (STARTING AT \$1.00)
Wed: Live TRIVIA Night - Bring your teams - Prizes
THURS: DJ - Penny Night - 1¢ Specials starting at 9:00PM

SBC

Win an iPod!

Complete a short On-Line survey and be eligible to

SBC family of companies and the University of Notre Dame are interested in providing the best communication services possible to students, and are conducting a research study to better understand your needs and perceptions of the current communication offerings. We would appreciate your participation by responding to a brief online survey. To thank you for your time, you will be asked to submit your name for a drawing for an iPod. Don't miss this opportunity to provide your opinions and a chance to win an iPod.

Access the following link to complete the survey and submit your name for the drawing.
www.mindwaveresearch.com/nd
The survey will be available Jan. 11th through Jan. 13th.
Sweepstakes official rules will be posted in the Sorin Conference room located in the Fortune Student Center beginning January 11th through January 13th.

©2005 SBC Knowledge Ventures, L.P. All rights reserved. SBC, and the SBC logo and other product/service names are trademarks of SBC Knowledge Ventures, L.P. and/or its affiliates.

WHERE WILL YOU BE FRIDAY NIGHT?

IF YOU'RE LUCKY, YOU MAY WALK AWAY WITH A...

FREE TELEVISION, DVD PLAYER, MP3 PLAYER, OR GOLF BAG

SEE THE
FRIDAY PAPER
FOR DETAILS!

LATE NITE @ LAFORTUNE

Pray for the victims of the tsunami--



Thursday, January 13

5:15 pm Mass

Basilica of the Sacred Heart

Fr. John Jenkins, C.S.C., President-elect, will preside and preach.
Music provided by the Notre Dame Liturgical Choir.

A collection will be taken up at the Mass to assist the relief efforts.

**This Sunday, January 16,
collections will be taken up at all the
Masses offered on Campus.**

Members of the faculty and staff are invited to join us in this
Campus-wide effort. Donations can be set to:

Tsunami Relief, 114 Coleman-Morse Center

All monies will be forwarded to Catholic Relief Services which "provides
food, water, shelter, medicine and household necessities through their
on-site staff and local partners."

See www.crs.org

Contributions to the tsunami relief made before January 31, 2005 are tax deductible for the 2004 tax return
for those who itemize. Alternately, this deduction can be applied to the 2005 tax return.



NBA

Bryant returns to a familiar state

Lakers star plays against Nuggets in Colorado, where rape allegations surfaced

Associated Press

DENVER — Kobe Bryant has spent more time in Colorado than he would have liked the past two years, flying in and out dozens of times for hearings in the sexual assault case against him.

On Wednesday, the Los Angeles Lakers star returned to the Rocky Mountain state for the first time since the case was dropped.

"[It's] not a big deal to me," Bryant said Monday in Minnesota. "[I'm] done with it. Not a big deal to me, bro."

What Bryant went through during the past 18 months certainly was a big deal.

Bryant was accused of sexually assaulting a woman in his room at a Vail-area hotel where she worked in June 2003.

The case was about to go to trial when prosecutors dropped the felony sexual assault charge last Sept. 1 because the woman said she would no longer participate.

Bryant avoided a possible prison term, though he still faces a civil suit and repairing a severely tarnished image.

It was an experience that forced Bryant to take a deep look at himself and his priorities.

"When I think about last season, I think about what a blessing it was to go through something like that," Bryant said. "I don't look at it as a curse. I look at it as a blessing. It got me close to God."

"God helps you and he carries you through many days."

"It feels like a burden, but

there are many people in this world who have bigger crosses to bear. My wife's healthy, my daughter's healthy, my family's healthy. You've got to keep that in perspective."

Bryant has shown he can shake off outside distractions.

Last season, he played four times after spending the day in the courtroom and was stellar each time, hitting a game-winning shot at the buzzer to beat the Denver Nuggets and contributing a 42-point effort in the playoffs against San Antonio.

Bryant also shrugged off a media frenzy and plenty of boos last season in his first trip to Denver after he was accused of sexual assault, finishing with 27 points.

Then again, Bryant always seems to play well against the Nuggets, no matter where they play.

He set the Pepsi Center record with 51 points in February 2003, a night after scoring 42 points against the Nuggets in Los Angeles, and

started off this season with 25 points in an opening win against Denver.

Last week, Bryant scored the first 14 points of the fourth quarter and 42 overall to lead the Lakers to a 99-91 victory.

In that game, Nuggets interim coach Michael Cooper reportedly told DerMarr Johnson to "lock him up" with in earshot of Bryant, and later said he felt the Nuggets had done a good job keeping the Lakers star in check.

Bryant responded by telling The Los Angeles Times: "If that's keeping me in check, wait until next time."

Even without the extra incentive, the Nuggets know it isn't going to be easy.

"Kobe is a great player," Johnson said. "You can't guard him by yourself."

"[It's] not a big deal to me. [I'm] done with it."

**Kobe Bryant
Lakers guard**



AUDITIONS!!

THE LARAMIE PROJECT

by Moises Kaufman

&

ARCADIA

by Tom Stoppard

Thursday, January 13, 7:00PM

Friday, January 14, 7:00PM

Callbacks: Saturday, January 15, 11:00AM

LOCATIONS:

THE LARAMIE PROJECT
Auditions in Philbin Studio Theatre
Callbacks in Sound Stage

ARCADIA
Auditions in the Sound Stage
Callbacks in Philbin Studio Theatre

SIGN UP FOR AN AUDITION TIME IN THE FTT OFFICE, Room 230,
Marie P. DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts, 631-7054

BUY YOUR TEXTBOOKS AT HALF.COM

AND SAVE UP TO 40% OFF* THE LIST PRICE.

How great is this? Find great savings on new or used textbooks you need this semester. Go to half.com and enter the titles or ISBN numbers. That's it!

Save an additional **\$5**

on a purchase of \$50 or more.
Redeem this coupon by entering this code:
NOTREDAME2005
at half.com

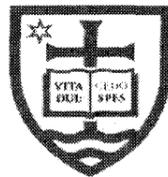
half.com™
by eBay®

For a limited time, first-time buyers only. See conditions below.**

*Claim based on comparison of average selling price (excluding shipping and handling) for top 10% of textbooks (by unit volume) sold on Half.com from August 1st-September 11, 2004 and listed as "brand new" by the seller, with list price for same title. Textbooks are defined as undergraduate and graduate textbooks and exclude reference books and novels/literature

**Offer valid for \$5 off a purchase of \$50 or more at Half.com only. Offer valid for first-time buyers only. Offer value must be a minimum of \$50.00 before the discount is applied and does not include shipping, handling, taxes or insurance. This coupon cannot be combined with any other coupon, discount, gift certificate, or promotion. Any potential refund will not include the coupon or its redemption value. Void where prohibited. Open only to U.S. residents 18 years of age or older. Promotion subject to change without notice. Offer expires on March 31, 2005 at 11:59:59 EST

© 2004 eBay Inc.



2005-2006

RESIDENT ASSISTANT

APPLICATIONS

Available in the

Office of Student Affairs

316 Main Building

Applications are also available for downloading at:
<http://osa.nd.edu/>

Completed applications must be submitted
by January 19, 2005

Want to write sports? Call Heather at 1-4543!

BOXING

Controversial King sues ESPN for \$2.5 billion

Promoter contends a 'SportsCentury' segment lied and insulted him

Associated Press

NEW YORK — For once, Don King kept quiet.

Instead of pontificating, the boxing promoter stood stiffly in the background as his lawyer discussed a defamation suit King filed Wednesday against ESPN. The attorney said King is entitled to damages of more than \$2.5 billion.

The lawsuit says a "SportsCentury" segment aired last May accused King of being "a snake oil salesman, a shameless huckster and worse," claimed the flamboyant promoter underpaid Muhammad Ali by \$1.2 million and claimed King — convicted in a 1967 beating death and acquitted in a 1954 killing — "killed

not once, but twice." Most of the material in the program had been printed or broadcast earlier about King, who has spent much of his career in court, but the wild-haired promoter said he had just had enough.

"I just felt that this was the straw that broke the camel's back and I can't take it anymore, and I'm going to fight back," King said at a news conference. "I seek justice."

King, wearing a garish American flag tie and two flag lapel pins, then quietly stepped back and let lawyer Willie Gary answer questions.

Gary called the SportsCentury segment "a story designed to orchestrate and create an impression that is not

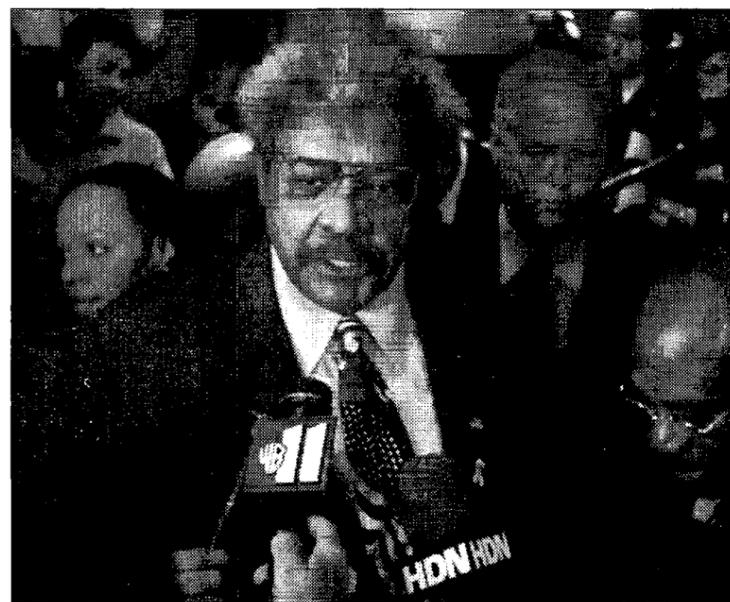
there," and said the network had refused to retract parts of the program that offended King.

The suit, filed in state court in Broward County, Fla., names ESPN and its parent company, Walt Disney Co., among the defendants. Also named are Disney-owned ABC Cable Networks and Advocate Communications, a Florida-based cable and satellite system.

"We have not seen a copy of the lawsuit, so we are not in a position to comment on it," said Mike Soltys, ESPN's vice president of communications. "However, SportsCentury is a Peabody- and Emmy-award winning series of more than 250 biographies that is widely respected for its journalistic quality and

"I just felt this was the straw that broke the camel's back. I can't take it any more and I'm going to fight it."

Don King
boxing promoter



Don King addresses reporters after a recent news conference. King is suing cable sports station ESPN for defamation.

integrity." The suit also says SportsCentury accused King of threatening to break the legs of heavyweight Larry Holmes and of cheating boxer Meldrick Taylor out of \$1 million from a fight and then threatening to have Taylor killed.

"It was slanted to show Don in the worst way from day one," Gary said. "Don is a strong man, but he has been hurt by this."

King has represented fighters from Ali to Mike Tyson, and has been sued by several of them — including a \$100 million law-

suit filed against him by Tyson. King paid \$7.5 million to former middleweight champion

Terry Norris in late 2003 to settle a suit. King sued former heavyweight champion Lennox Lewis for libel.

King also has beaten federal charges, including tax evasion and

fraud. He served nearly four years in prison for the 1967 beating death of a man who owed him money. In 1954, he killed a man who was robbing a numbers house he operated, but it was ruled self-defense.

"It was slanted to show Don in the worst way. ... Don is a strong man, but he has been hurt by this."

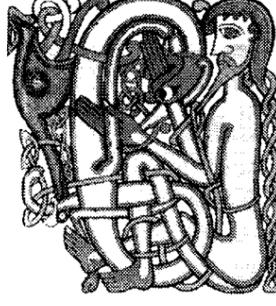
Willie Gary
lawyer



The Development Phone Center gratefully acknowledges the following businesses which support our student caller INCENTIVES PROGRAM:

Notre Dame ANNUAL FUND

| | |
|--|--|
| <p>Gold</p> <p>Beacon Bowl, Inc. Blackthorn Golf Club Carriage House Chick-Fil-A College Football Hall of Fame Famous Dave's Hacienda Mexican Restaurant</p> <p>Silver</p> <p>Atria Salon Barnaby's Between the Buns Bonnie Doon Ice Cream Honkers K's Merchandise</p> <p>Bronze</p> <p>Broadway Theatre League Doc Pierce's Drive and Shine Fun Tan, Inc. Golden Dragon Majerek's Hallmark</p> | <p>NICTD (South Shore) Quality Dining/Burger King Hooters of Mishawaka South Bend Silver Hawks South Bend Orchestra Studebaker National Museum Wal-Mart</p> <p>Patricia Ann Florist Quality Dining/Chili's/Papa Vino's Rocco's Restaurant South Bend Regional Museum Ten Thousand Villages Tippecanoe Place Restaurant</p> <p>Martin's Supermarket Ritter's Frozen Custard South Bend Civic Theatre Wendy's of South Bend Wing, Etc. Restaurant & Pub Ziker Cleaners</p> |
|--|--|



Fiddler's Hearth

South Bend's Only Authentic Irish Pub

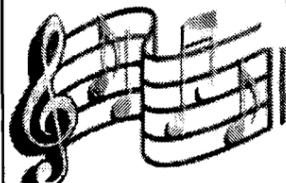
25% off on Food & Soft Drinks with Valid Student ID

Join us at The Hearth for ...

Fair Trade Coffee — Fresh ground with every pot
Live Music Mon, Wed, Thu, Fri & Sat Nights
And during Sunday Brunch noon-2pm

Board Games ♦ Breakfast All Day Every Day ♦ Minors Welcome
Now forming board game & euchre tournaments

127 N. Main Street (between Colfax & Washington)
(574) 232-2853 ♦ www.fiddlershearth.com ♦ Open Daily Lunch & Dinner




Do you play a musical instrument?



Do you want to be a part of Irish hockey?

If so, you can join the

Irish Hockey Travel Band

for **1/22 vs. Wisconsin** in Chicago and/or **2/18 vs. Michigan** in Fort Wayne!

FREE FOOD - FREE TICKETS TO THE GAME - FREE TRANSPORTATION

You can be part of the Irish Hockey Travel Band! For more information, please contact ND Sports Marketing and Promotions at 1-8393.



NFL

Illness keeps Jets' QB Pennington off field

New York prepares for second-round playoff game against top seed Pittsburgh

Associated Press

HEMPSTEAD, N.Y.— All of a sudden, the New York Jets have issues at quarterback.

Chad Pennington missed practice Wednesday with a stomach virus, while backup Quincy Carter went home to Georgia to be with his ailing mother. Pennington may not be able to practice Thursday, but coach Herman Edwards is confident his franchise player will be ready for Saturday's playoff game against Pittsburgh.

"He'll play," Edwards said. "I would be shocked if he didn't." Pennington called Edwards on Tuesday night to say he was sick.

He came to Jets headquarters Wednesday and tried to practice, but Edwards took one look at him and sent him inside to get some rest.

Carter went home Tuesday, so No. 3 quarterback Brooks Bollinger took the snaps with the first-team offense at practice.

Edwards said he did not know when Carter would return. That means Bollinger would be the backup for game, not exactly the ideal situation for the Jets, who need Pennington at his best to have a shot at beating the Steelers.

Pennington, who got sick from his wife and son, had intravenous fluids to help him get better. Edwards was not worried about Pennington.

"Generally when guys get sick they have good games," said Edwards, who also is under the weather. "I thought one time Michael Jordan got sick and he had, what, 100 points or something like that? Maybe that's a good sign when guys get sick."

Pennington is coming off his best game since straining his right rotator cuff in November, throwing for 279 yards in a 20-17 overtime wild-card win over San Diego.

"If anything, it rests his arm another day," Edwards said. "There's always a positive in everything in life if you look at it that way. Now you can spin it the other way and say this glass is empty, but I've still got some water in it."

Pennington had one of his worst games of the season in the first meeting with Pittsburgh, throwing three interceptions and finishing with a quarterback rating of 33.6. It was his second game back since the injury, so he looked a little rusty. But against the Chargers, Pennington threw long and short, and looked to be back to his old self.

"I think that's the only way we win, with Chad playing the way he did," Curtis Martin said earlier this week. "We need Chad to be the MVP of the playoffs for the New York Jets in order for us to win. It can take us all the way."

"Chad is the leader of this

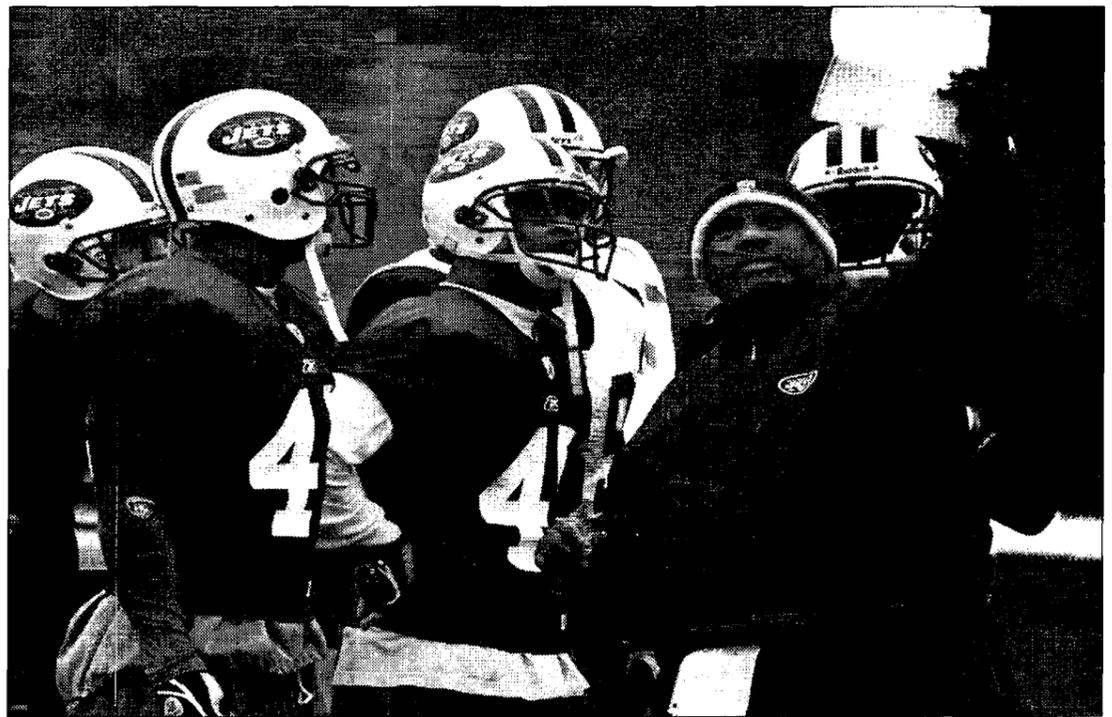
team. His play takes this team to a whole other level. When he's on point, a lot of other things can go wrong and we still seem to get the job done. We need that."

Missing a few days of practice could disturb his rhythm and his preparation for the biggest game of the season. Meanwhile, defensive end John Abraham also is questionable with a sprained right knee and practiced Wednesday and would be a game-time decision.

But injuries to his two biggest players will not deter Edwards.

"I don't get hung up on all that stuff, I really don't," Edwards said. "I learned a long time ago you coach the players that are avail-

able."
"When they get back to practice, they get back to practice."



Defensive coordinator Donnie Henderson discusses plays with the Jets' secondary. New York was without starting quarterback Chad Pennington for Wednesday's practice.

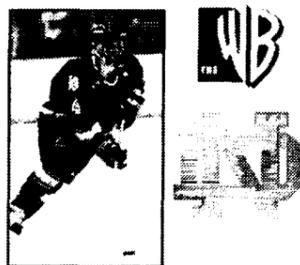


Irish BE THERE! Weekend



Fri., Jan. 14 @ 7:35 PM
Hockey VS
#12 Ohio State

*The first 1000 fans receive a hockey promo mask courtesy of The WB and Meijer.



meijer

Saturday January 15

Basketball @ 2PM
VS St. John's

*Early arriving fans will receive Current Player Trading Cards giveaway sponsored by Champion Window
*Come out to see the Coca-Cola Bear in person
*Amazing Rope Warrior half-time show!



Hockey @ 7:05 PM
VS #12 Ohio State

*The first 500 fans receive a set of Leprechaun Stacking Dolls courtesy of Notre Dame Federal Credit Union



Sun., Jan. 16 @ 5PM
Women's Basketball
VS Purdue

*Quick Change half-time show!
*Jackie Batteast Photo Basketballs to the first 1,000 fans
*Gold Game: First 200 Fans receive shirt courtesy of



Visit www.notredamepromotions.com for all the latest promotional information

QUECHUA



THE LANGUAGE OF THE INCA

New course for Spring 2005!

BEGINNING QUECHUA: CONVERSATION & CULTURE

Instructor: G. Maldonado

MWF 9:35-10:25 am, T 9:30-10:45 am

LLRO 101 | The principal aims of this beginning-level Quechua language course are to encourage the development of competency and proficiency in listening, speaking, reading, writing, and to generate cultural understanding through a communicative approach to second language acquisition. Songs, role-playing and other related activities will also be incorporated. This course will be taught in Spanish.

Professor Gina Maldonado is a native Quechua speaker from Cuzco, Peru with long experience of teaching her people's language and culture to students from all over the world.

For more information regarding this course, please contact Prof. Maldonado at ginamaldonado@terra.com or Prof. Sabine MacCormack at sgm@nd.edu

AROUND THE NATION

Thursday, January 13, 2005

COMPILED FROM THE OBSERVER'S WIRE SERVICES

page 23

NBA

Eastern Conference, Atlantic

| team | record | perc. | last 10 | GB |
|--------------|--------|-------|---------|-----|
| New York | 17-18 | .486 | 4-6 | - |
| Philadelphia | 15-18 | .455 | 5-5 | 1 |
| Boston | 16-20 | .444 | 4-6 | 1.5 |
| Toronto | 14-22 | .389 | 5-5 | 2 |
| New Jersey | 12-22 | .353 | 4-6 | 4.5 |

Eastern Conference, Central

| team | record | perc. | last 10 | GB |
|-----------|--------|-------|---------|-----|
| Cleveland | 21-12 | .636 | 7-3 | - |
| Detroit | 20-14 | .588 | 8-2 | 1.5 |
| Indiana | 17-16 | .515 | 5-5 | 4 |
| Chicago | 14-18 | .438 | 7-3 | 6.5 |
| Milwaukee | 12-20 | .375 | 6-4 | 8.5 |

Eastern Conference, Southeast

| team | record | perc. | last 10 | GB |
|------------|--------|-------|---------|------|
| Miami | 27-10 | .730 | 7-3 | - |
| Washington | 20-13 | .606 | 6-4 | 5 |
| Orlando | 18-15 | .545 | 4-6 | 7 |
| Charlotte | 8-23 | .258 | 2-8 | 16 |
| Atlanta | 6-26 | .188 | 4-14 | 18.5 |

Western Conference, Northwest

| team | record | perc. | last 10 | GB |
|-----------|--------|-------|---------|------|
| Seattle | 25-8 | .758 | 7-3 | - |
| Minnesota | 17-16 | .515 | 2-8 | 8 |
| Portland | 15-19 | .441 | 3-7 | 10.5 |
| Denver | 14-20 | .412 | 1-9 | 11.5 |
| Utah | 12-24 | .333 | 1-9 | 14.5 |

Western Conference, Pacific

| team | record | perc. | last 10 | GB |
|--------------|--------|-------|---------|------|
| Phoenix | 31-4 | .886 | 9-1 | - |
| Sacramento | 22-11 | .667 | 6-4 | 8 |
| LA Lakers | 18-14 | .563 | 5-5 | 11.5 |
| LA Clippers | 16-17 | .485 | 5-5 | 14 |
| Golden State | 11-24 | .314 | 4-6 | 20 |

Western Conference, Southwest

| team | record | perc. | last 10 | GB |
|-------------|--------|-------|---------|----|
| San Antonio | 28-8 | .778 | 8-2 | - |
| Dallas | 22-10 | .688 | 8-2 | 4 |
| Houston | 17-17 | .500 | 6-4 | 10 |
| Memphis | 18-18 | .500 | 7-3 | 10 |
| New Orleans | 4-30 | .118 | 2-8 | 23 |

MIAA Conference Basketball Standings

| team | MIAA | overall |
|--------------|------|---------|
| Albion | 6-0 | 14-1 |
| Calvin | 5-1 | 11-2 |
| Hope | 5-1 | 2-2 |
| Kalamazoo | 2-3 | 7-7 |
| Olivet | 2-3 | 7-6 |
| Adrian | 1-4 | 4-8 |
| Alma | 1-4 | 6-5 |
| SAINT MARY'S | 1-4 | 6-8 |
| Tri-State | 1-4 | 4-10 |

MLB



Major League Baseball commissioner Bud Selig pauses during a news conference on August 19. Baseball players and owners have reached an agreement on a tougher steroid-testing program and plan to announce it today.

Baseball reaches new steroid agreement

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Baseball players and owners have reached a new agreement on steroid testing and plan to announce it Thursday. The Associated Press has learned.

The agreement will include penalties for first-time offenders, an AL player said on condition of anonymity. Other details, such as the frequency of tests, were not immediately available.

Baseball and union officials were preparing an announcement, and commissioner Bud Selig and union executives intended

to discuss the agreement Thursday after an owners' meeting in Scottsdale, Ariz., players said.

"I'm glad we could come to an agreement," said Chicago Cubs pitcher Mike Remlinger, who was briefed on the deal Wednesday. "It was the right thing to do. I think it was something that needed to be done, and I think players understand it needed to be addressed."

The sides spent the past month negotiating the deal after the union's executive board gave its staff approval to pursue an agreement on a more rigorous testing program.

Some in Congress threatened to take action unless baseball reached an agreement on its own.

"I think it's going to entail more testing, some out-season testing, yes, more in-season random testing and stiffer penalties," said New York Mets pitcher Tom Glavine, a senior member of the union.

Bob DuPuy, baseball's chief operating officer, said he anticipated confirmation of a deal by the end of the owners' meeting.

"It will be wonderful once it's done, but I don't want to pre-empt any announcement, and I certainly don't want to pre-

empt all the work the commissioner has done on this, so I'll reserve my comments until after it's announced," he said.

Selig declined comment Wednesday. Gene Orza, the union's chief operating officer, also declined comment.

Players and owners agreed to a drug-testing plan in 2002 that called for survey-testing for steroids the following year. Because more than 5 percent of tests were positive, random testing with penalties began last year. Each player was tested for steroids twice over a single five- to seven-day period.

IN BRIEF

Baseball hopes to find new owner for Nationals

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — Major League Baseball still is targeting April for finding an owner for the Washington Nationals, now that the new home of the former Montreal Expos has been determined.

"I would expect that we would start the diligence with the prospective buyers within a week to 10 days," baseball's chief operating officer Bob DuPuy said Wednesday during a break in the owners' meeting. "We've got materials assembled in New York, and we'll be inviting groups in, and we'll go from there."

Asked if six to eight prospective ownership groups were expected, DuPuy said, "a little higher than that, and my guess is it will sort itself out over time."

Ownership of the Washington, Oakland and Milwaukee franchises were to be discussed during the two-day session at a north Scottsdale resort.

Agassi sets up meeting with Roddick

MELBOURNE, Australia — A sleeker, fitter Andre Agassi beat Olympic gold medalist Nicolas Pietrangeli of Chile 6-1, 7-6 (4) in the first round of the Kooyong Classic on Wednesday to set up a match with Andy Roddick.

Roger Federer beat Gaston Gaudio 5-7, 6-1, 6-4, closing with an ace and a sharp forehand to tune up for his defense of the Australian Open title.

Second-ranked Roddick advanced in the exhibition tournament with an easy 6-1, 6-4 win over Croatia's Ivan Ljubicic — a late replacement for injured Paradorn Srichaphan.

Agassi and Roddick will meet Thursday in the eight-man promotion-relegation format, while Federer next plays Friday against Tim Henman, who had a 6-1, 7-5 win over Argentina's David Nalbandian.

Agassi, who will be looking for his fifth Australian Open title, trimmed down to about 163 pounds from 176 after concentrating on strength and

fitness instead of tennis technique. Diamondbacks add Estes, trade Hillenbrand

NEW YORK — The retooling Arizona Diamondbacks made two more deals Wednesday, finalizing a contract with pitcher Shawn Estes and trading infielder Shea Hillenbrand to Toronto.

Arizona's moves came one day after it sent Randy Johnson to the New York Yankees and acquired Shawn Green and Javier Vazquez in separate trades.

Estes turned down a two-year offer for more money from the Washington Nationals. He and his wife, Heather, and their sons, 16-month-old Jackson and 3-month-old Cody, live in Paradise Valley, about a 20-minute drive to Bank One Ballpark.

He becomes the third new starting pitcher on a Diamondbacks roster that has been dramatically overhauled after the team lost 111 games last season. Arizona also signed free agent Russ Ortiz.

around the dial

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Duke at N.C. State 7 p.m., ESPN

NBA

New Jersey at Houston 8 p.m., TNT

Cleveland at Los Angeles 10:30 p.m., TNT



Weis Cutcliffe Haywood Ianello Latina Lewis Minter Oliver Parmalee Polian

Assistants

continued from page 28

to find the guys who I respect the most with X's and O's," he said. "And I think I was fortunate enough to come up with a nice combination of the two."

The members of Weis' new staff are Cutcliffe, Haywood, Lewis, receivers coach/recruiting coordinator Rob Ianello, offensive line coach John Latina, defensive coordinator/linebackers coach Rick Minter, defensive line coach Jappy Oliver, tight ends/special teams coach Bernie Parmalee and assistant defensive backs/special teams coach Brian Polian.

Cutcliffe was fired as the head coach of Ole Miss following a 4-7 record this season. In his six years at Ole Miss, Cutcliffe amassed a 44-29 record including a 10-3 mark in the 2003 season. Prior to his time at Ole Miss, Cutcliffe served as offensive coordinator for Tennessee's 1998 undefeated national championship team.

Cutcliffe has helped coach several players who have gone on to succeed in the NFL, including this year's MVP

Peyton Manning (Tennessee), Giants quarterback Eli Manning (Ole Miss) and Saints running back Deuce McAllister (Ole Miss).

"Dave Cutcliffe, who can argue with his past success? I mean, his successes with the Mannings alone, both at Tennessee and at Ole Miss," Weis said. "I mean, when you get ... guys with that ability to come and join your staff, if you don't get them, then you're the one making the mistake by not trying to get them."

Latina, who served as Cutcliffe's offensive coordinator all six years at Ole Miss, will join Cutcliffe on Weis' Notre Dame staff.

Minter is another member of Weis' staff with previous ties to Notre Dame, after spending the 1992 and 1993 seasons as defensive coordinator under Lou Holtz. In 1994 he was hired as head coach at the University of Cincinnati and

held that job until 2003. In 2004, Minter again served as a defensive coordinator for Holtz, this time at South Carolina.

In 1992, Minter's defense was the fourth best nationally against the run, and three of his players earned all-America honors — free safety Jeff Burris, cornerback Bobby Taylor and tackle Bryan Young.

Haywood, a four-year letter-winner at Notre Dame (1982, 1984-86), has served as running backs coach and co-special teams coordinator at Texas since the 2003 season. In 2004, he was promoted to recruiting coordinator.

Under Haywood's tenure as an assistant coach at LSU prior to leaving for Texas, he helped coach LaBrandon Toefield and Domanick Davis into third round NFL draft picks. Davis is currently the starting running back for the Houston Texans.

Current Texas running back Cedric Benson, who Haywood also coached, is almost guaranteed to be a high draft pick.

"What I found with Mike Haywood and Rick Minter, who happen to be the coordinators, you bring in a head coach with Notre Dame ties, an offensive coordinator with Notre Dame ties, and a defensive coordinator with Notre Dame ties, I think you're on the right track to get going," Weis said.

Lewis has been the defensive nickel package coach for the NFL's Miami Dolphins since 1996. Under Lewis' guidance, the Dolphins have finished in the top eight of passing defense six of the last seven seasons, including a second-overall ranking in 2004 at 162 yards per game.

Parmalee will also move to Notre Dame's staff from the Dolphins, where he was the team's tight ends coach in 2004.

Ianello has served the past two years as tight ends coach at Wisconsin following nine years at Arizona. In 1998, with Ianello as offensive coordinator, Arizona finished with a 12-1 record and finished the season ranked No. 4 in the nation.

Oliver will join Notre Dame's

staff after leaving South Carolina, where he served as defensive line coach for the Gamecocks the past two seasons.

Polian is one of the youngest members of Weis' staff, with only eight years collegiate experience.

Polian served as running backs coach/recruiting coordinator at Central Florida in 2004 under George O'Leary.

Contact Justin Schuver at jschuver@nd.edu



Observer File Photo
Weis worked on his staff just after addressing his hiring.

"Dave Cutcliffe, who can argue with his past success? I mean, [look at] his successes with the Mannings alone, both at Tennessee and at Ole Miss."

Charlie Weis
Irish head coach



Are you unstoppable?

adidas and Finish Line invite you and your friends to participate in the adidas a³ Megaride College Challenge



Stop by



Located in the University Park Mall
6501 N Grape Road, Mishawaka, IN

www.finishline.com

WIN great prizes from adidas!

- \$600 shopping spree at your university bookstore!
- \$100 gift certificate to Finish Line!
- a³ Megaride sneakers!
- All participants will receive a free a³ Megaride t-shirt!

Saturday, January 15th
12pm - 6pm

Sunday, January 16th
2pm - 6pm

SMC BASKETBALL

Belles defeat Adrian in conference matchup

By KEVIN BRENNAN
Sports Writer

Starting at a 6-8 record, Saint Mary's discovered composure and poise at the perfect moment.

In the second half of a highly contested, must-win game, the Belles came up with all the right plays at the right times to secure a 66-61 victory over the Bulldogs of Adrian College on Wednesday night.

"It definitely wasn't easy," Belles coach Suzanne Bellina said. "We really gutted this one out."

Saint Mary's jumped out to an early 13-3 advantage and led for the entire first half. Freshman guard Allison Kessler hit a lay-up as time expired to give the Belles a 30-22 intermission lead. Senior forward Emily Creachbaum had 12 points and five rebounds in the first half.

In the second period, the Bulldogs slowly chipped away at the Saint Mary's lead. Adrian applied full-court pressure and developed the offensive rhythm it was missing in the first half. Freshman forward Amanda Rainsberger led the Adrian charge, finishing with 19 points and eight rebounds.

With 11:22 remaining in the

game, Rainsberger hit a turnaround jumper in the lane and was fouled by Belles center Maureen Bush. Rainsberger hit the free throw to make the score 39-37. But Creachbaum immediately responded on the other end with a layup, extending the Saint Mary's lead back to four.

This marked the beginning of a second-half trend. Time and time again, Adrian pulled within one basket of the Belles, only to have Saint Mary's immediately score on its next possession. Creachbaum, Bush, Kessler and Bridget Boyce all had clutch baskets that kept the Bulldogs out of striking distance.

"We really did a great job of staying calm and making the plays when they needed to be made," Bellina said.

With 1:10 left, Adrian guard Jesse Borowiak hit a baseline jumper to bring the Bulldogs to within one point. Saint Mary's responded as it had throughout the second half. On the next possession, the Belles went to Creachbaum, who coolly sank two foul shots to push the lead to 60-57.

The Belles closed out the game with flawless free throw shooting down the stretch. Creachbaum, Boyce and Bridget Lipke combined to go 6-of-6 from the line in the

final minute, ensuring the win. Creachbaum led Saint Mary's in the winning effort. The Belles' leading scorer on the season had 24 points and 10 rebounds. The forward carried Saint Mary's offensively, making up for the fact that the team shot only 33 percent from the field.

"[Creachbaum] is so solid and consistent," Bellina said. "She just always gets the job done."

With the win, Saint Mary's moves to 7-8 overall and 2-4 in the MIAA. Bellina stressed the importance of the victory as the Belles try to make up ground in the conference.

"We were playing the top teams for the past week or so," she said. "This stretch, starting tonight, is so important for us."

Four of the bottom teams in the conference were 1-4 heading into tonight. We wanted to start a drive back to the middle of the pack with a win tonight."

Saint Mary's will look to continue to move up in the standings on Saturday with a road contest against Alma College.

**SAINT MARY'S 66,
ADRIAN 61
at the ANGELA ATHLETIC
CENTER**

SAINT MARY'S (7-8, 2-4)
Kessler 2-8 6-7 10, Lipke 0-8 4-4 4, Boyce



Kelly Higgins/The Observer

Belles senior Emily Creachbaum sets for a three-point shot against Anderson Dec. 9. Saint Mary's won the game, 69-54.

4-13 2-2 10, Bush 4-11 6-8 14, Creachbaum 9-16 6-6 24, Mullen 0-2 1-2 1, Mangan 1-2 1-2 3
ADRIAN (4-9, 1-5)
Roose 2-8 0-0 5, Helldobler 3-6 2-2 8, McCall 3-9 1-2 9, Rainsberger 7-14 5-6 19, Borowiak 3-6 0-0 7, Hart 4-10 2-4 11, Blazejewski 0-0 0-0 0, Steele 0-2 0-0 0, Psuate 1-4 0-0 2

3-point goals: Saint Mary's 0-12 (Kessler 0-2, Lipke 0-3, Boyce 0-4, Bush 0-1, Creachbaum 0-2), Adrian 5-25 (Roose 1-4, Helldobler 0-2, McCall 2-7, Rainsberger 0-4, Borowiak 1-3, Hart 1-3, Steele 0-1, Psuate 0-1). Fouled out: None. Rebounds: Saint Mary's 43 (Creachbaum 10), Adrian 38 (Rainsberger 8). Assists: Saint Mary's 10 (Kessler 4), Adrian 13 (Helldobler 4). Total fouls: Saint Mary's 11, Adrian 20.

| | 1st | 2nd | Total |
|--------------|-----|-----|-------|
| SAINT MARY'S | 30 | 36 | 66 |
| ADRIAN | 22 | 39 | 61 |

Contact Kevin Brennan at kbrenna4@nd.edu

Recruits

continued from page 28

ing most of his career at Valley Forge Military Academy in Wayne, Penn., Turkovich

will move down the line and play offensive tackle for Notre Dame. The three-star prospect gained 50 pounds in order to play tackle during his senior year at Valley Forge after three years as a tight end.

"I committed because of the

education and I believe in what coach Weis is going to do," Turkovich said to Irisheyes.com. "I believe in him. I think very good things are on the way for Notre Dame."

Neither player will be com-

mitted officially to the Irish until they sign their national letters of intent in early February.

Duncan is successful off the field as well, carrying a 3.4 GPA and a 1090 SAT. His choice came down to Notre Dame and Duke. LSU was in the running for him until Nick Saban resigned to coach the Miami Dolphins.

Turkovich had his prospective schools narrowed down to Boston College, Wisconsin and Notre Dame before his commitment to the Irish.

"He's quick footed and a really solid player," Frank said.

A handful of prospects will be making their college choices known this weekend at half-

time of the Army All-America Bowl in San Antonio. Among these high school stars will be wide receiver D.J. Hord from Rockhurst High in Kansas City. The 10-ranked player at his position according to Scout.com, Hord has narrowed his list to Kansas State and Notre Dame.

"It was so much fun," Hord said to ESPN.com's Tom Lemming about his recent visit to Notre Dame. "I met a lot of players, Coach Weis was a really nice guy. I finally got to meet him face to face with my family. Overall, it was a really great experience."

Contact Mike Gilloon at mgilloon@nd.edu

2005

Life Sciences Business Plan Competition

Over \$ 147,000
in Prize Money & Services

Purdue University, in collaboration with the founding sponsor Roche Diagnostics, seeks entrants for its 3rd annual Life Sciences Business Plan Competition. Entries should describe the commercialization of products and services in the life sciences industry.

Important Dates

Entry Form and Executive Summaries - **January 28, 2005**

Complete Business Plan due - **March 7, 2005**

Competition - **April 20, 2005**

For more information or to register, go to:
www.purdue.edu/discoverypark/lifesciencescompetition

Associate Sponsors
Clifton Gunderson LLP - Indiana Health Industry Forum - Baker & Daniels
- Aventor - Bio Crossroads

University of Notre Dame Department of Music Presents

MUSIC FOR TWO GAMBAS AND ORGAN

Mary Anne Ballard, viola da gamba
Elizabeth MacDonald, viola da gamba
Craig Cramer, organ

Music by

JOHANN SCHENCK
AUGUST KÜHNEL
DIETERICH BUXTEHUDE
JAN PIETERSZOOM SWEELINCK

8:00 p.m.
Friday, January 14, 2005

Reyes Organ and Choral Hall
Marie P. DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts

General admission \$10; faculty/staff \$8; seniors \$6; students \$3
phone 574-631-2800 for tickets

Hoops

continued from page 28

McGraw said. "They didn't do that today."

Connecticut freshman forward Charde Houston led four Huskies in double figures with 19 points, while Ashley Battle added 15 off the bench. Notre Dame had just one player, Crystal Erwin, in double figures. She finished with 11, while a trio of players had eight points each.

"I thought Houston played really well," McGraw said. "We just had a lot of trouble guarding her. She was really a tough match-up for us."

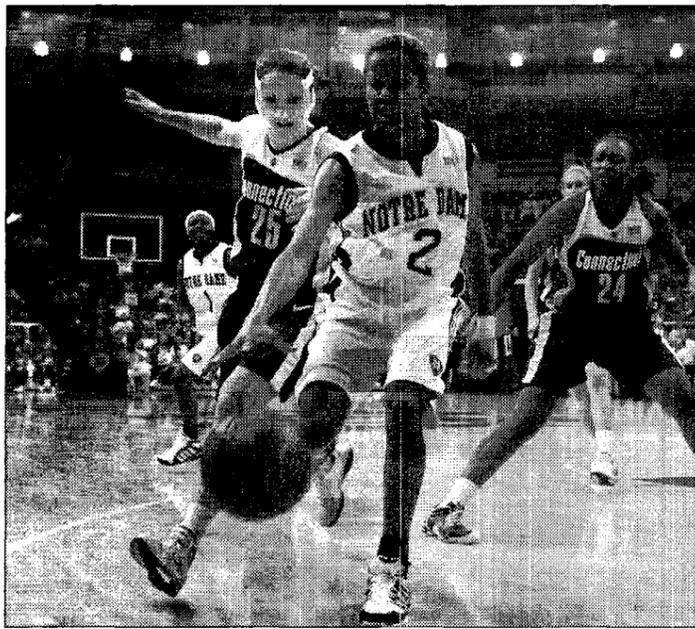
The Irish never got into a rhythm throughout the game, and they lost All-American Jacqueline Batteast temporarily just over five minutes before halftime to an ankle injury. Batteast played just 14 minutes in the first half but did return to play 18 minutes in the second half. She finished the game with eight points on 2-of-12 shooting.

The Huskies took over in the second half by winning the battle inside. Connecticut used its quickness on defense to deflect and intercept Notre Dame passes to the interior and outrebounded the Irish 17-14 on the offensive boards.

"In the second half, they really went inside and we just seemed like we couldn't get a defensive rebound," McGraw said. "They really controlled the boards. They had 17 offensive rebounds. That's been our Achilles heel all year, and it's something we've got to get better at."

Notre Dame started the second half on a 7-0 run to take a 33-31 lead. The two teams exchanged leads until Connecticut pulled away by six, 45-39, with 8:59 on a Battle field goal. The Huskies extended their lead to 51-41 when Mel Thomas sank a pair of free throws with 7:27 left.

"We were a little quicker than they were inside," Connecticut coach Geno Auriemma said. "That was the difference in the second



CHUY BENITEZ/The Observer

Irish guard Charel Allen fights for a loose ball with Huskies guard Mel Thomas during Wednesday night's game.

half. If you're going to beat Notre Dame, you've got win in the lane."

Battle said the Huskies played a complete second half on both ends of the court.

"Our defense was better in the second half," Battle said. "We buckled down and made shots when we needed to."

The Irish shot 48 percent in the first half but took just 25 shots and trailed 31-26 at the intermission after Strother drilled a 3-pointer with 1 second left. Connecticut was just 35 percent from the field in the first half, but it made 5-of-13 3-point attempts. The Huskies finished the game 5-

of-20 from beyond the arc. Notre Dame scored the first four points of the game before Connecticut responded with a 10-2 run to lead by four with 14:56 in the first half.

Forward Willnett Crockett fouled out with 11:21 remaining in the game, and Erwin fouled out for Notre Dame at the 4:13 mark.

**NO. 16 CONNECTICUT 67,
NO. 7 NOTRE DAME 50
at the JOYCE CENTER**

NOTRE DAME (13-3, 2-2)
Batteast 2-12 4-4 8, Erwin 3-6 5-6 11,
Borton 3-5 1-3 7, Duffy 3-9 0-0 6, Gray 1-
5 0-0 2, Gaines 0-2 0-0 0, Allen 4-6 0-0 8,
LaVere 4-7 0-0 8

CONNECTICUT (9-4, 2-0)
Houston 8-15 3-7 19, Strother 4-17 2-2
13, Moore 4-9 0-0 8, Valley 0-3 0-0 0,

Wolff 0-1 2-2 2, Swanier 0-1 0-0 0, Sadig
0-0 0-0 0, Battle 6-8 3-6 15, Crockett 0-1
0-0 0, Thomas 3-7 2-2 10

| | 1st | 2nd | Total |
|-------------|-----|-----|-------|
| NOTRE DAME | 26 | 24 | 50 |
| Connecticut | 31 | 36 | 67 |

3-point goals: Notre Dame 0-3 (Batteast 0-2, Duffy 0-1) Connecticut 5-20 (Strother 3-12, Valley 0-3, Wolff 0-1, Thomas 2-4). **Fouled out:** Erwin, Crockett. **Rebounds:** Notre Dame 11-33 (Borton 9), Connecticut 15-32 (Moore 9). **Assists:** Notre Dame 14 (Duffy 9), Connecticut 17 (Strother 7). **Total fouls:** Notre Dame 18, Connecticut 13.

Contact Joe Hettler at jhettler@nd.edu

Bad Loss

continued from page 28

weren't. Not this time.

And so the Irish watched as Connecticut dominated inside.

They watched Huskies freshman Charde Houston score 15 points in the second half, good for 19 on the game.

They saw Ashley Battle, who averages seven points a game, put up 15 points. They watched as they were beaten by a team with less talent.

Sure, All-American Jacqueline Batteast hurt her ankle with five minutes to play in the first half.

Sure, she shot just 2-of-12 from the field. If this happened last year, Connecticut would have blown out Notre Dame.

But this year's Irish team is good enough to win despite those numbers by Batteast. What killed Notre Dame were turnovers, offensive rebounds and a lack of intensity.

"Rebounding was the problem in the second half," forward Crystal Erwin said. "We also didn't play with nearly enough energy."

Notre Dame committed 17 turnovers, including seven by point guard Megan Duffy. No matter who you play, it's tough to win when you turn the ball over 17 times.

Battle, the Connecticut senior, called the win the "turning point of the season." She

said it was the first time the Huskies played the way they could.

And so they got the upset, unlike a year ago.

Geno Auriemma, who boasts a career .835 winning percentage, said it the best.

"The win was incredibly important," he said. "At some point, we needed to win a game like this so our team could be reminded of who we are."

Wait, Connecticut, having to reaffirm who they are?

A team who has won the last three national championships and four of the last five?

Well, thanks to Notre Dame, Connecticut knows who they are again. That's what Wednesday's game did.

But on the other side, Notre Dame has to regroup.

Batteast must get healthy, Duffy has to take care of the ball and defensive rebounding needs to improve. In the meantime, the Irish have to deal with another upset, their third loss of this young season.

"I think they expect to be one of the better teams in the league, and they certainly act like it and they play like it," Auriemma said.

Just not on Wednesday.

The views in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

Contact Heather Van Hoegarden at hvanhoeg@nd.edu

"We were a little quicker than they were inside. That was the difference in the second half."

**Geno Auriemma
Huskies head coach**

Time for a change?

"Change the cat box? That's the cat's problem."

PROBLEM PILES UP

PROPERTY VALUES GO DOWN

For more info on why you need a change, go to: <http://oit.nd.edu/passwords>

STRONG PASSWORD

TIME FOR A CHANGE

UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME
Office of Information Technologies

Rolfs Sports

Dance Exhibition and Information Session

SWING JAZZ LATIN BALLET BRAZILIAN

**Sunday, January 16, 2005
1:00 P.M.**

Rolfs Sports Recreation Center

ALL INSTRUCTORS WILL BE PRESENT

Dance is great exercise. If you have a curiosity about any of these dance genres come and see what they're all about.

Write sports. Call 1-4543.

DILBERT

SCOTT ADAMS



PEANUTS

CHARLES SCHULZ



JUMBLE

HENRI ARNOLD
MIKE ARGIRION

JUMBLE

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

RINED



BICCU



BOAMEA



MERCOH



A: " [] [] [] [] [] [] [] [] " THE [] [] [] [] [] [] [] []

Yesterday's Jumbles: RUSTY TRIPE SUPERB FALLOW
Answer: When her purse was snatched, the turnpike oasis became a — "WREST" STOP



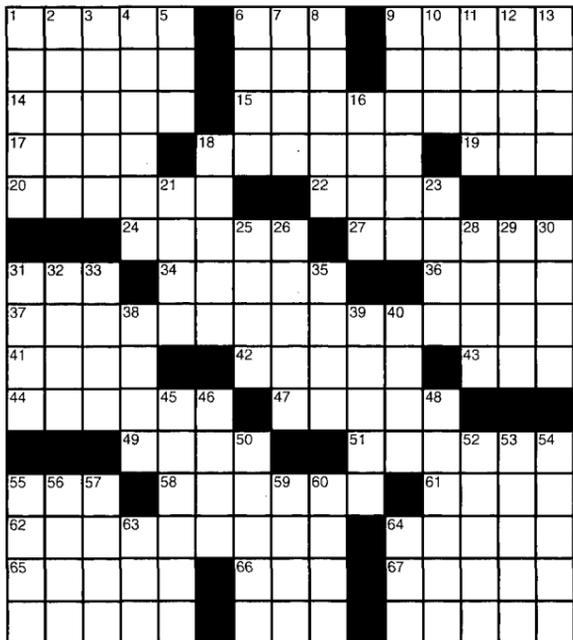
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

CROSSWORD

WILL SHORTZ

- ACROSS**
- 1 Mexican dish
 - 6 Cheese
 - 9 Gamblers' holdings
 - 14 Creatures able to regenerate lost limbs
 - 15 Lose by design
 - 17 Barely passing grades
 - 18 Plowless planting method
 - 19 After-dinner serving
 - 20 Guarantee
 - 22 "The Secret of _____" (1982 film)
 - 24 Stickpin head
 - 27 Writer who said "I am not a speed reader. I am a speed understander"
 - 31 Big shiner
 - 34 Protective cover?
- DOWN**
- 1 Informal interview
 - 2 1997 film "_____ Gold"
 - 3 Cary of "The Princess Bride"
 - 4 Starts to rise from bed
 - 5 Commercials
 - 6 Palindromic guy
 - 7 Crux
 - 8 Satirical novelist Stanley
 - 9 Whence the line "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet"
 - 10 Anomalous
 - 11 Make winter wear, maybe
 - 12 Overhang
 - 13 Mother of Zeus
 - 16 "Last Essays of _____," 1833
 - 18 Writer Zora _____ Hurston
 - 21 Employee entrance location
 - 23 Sledding spot
 - 25 Iranian coin
 - 26 1980's-90's ensemble drama
 - 28 Fashion
 - 29 Of higher rank than
 - 30 Sacred Hindu book
 - 31 Figure
 - 32 "That's a lie!"
 - 33 Claudius's successor
 - 35 Defamatory statement
 - 38 Shaggy-dog story



- Puzzle by Patrick Berry
- 39 Dirty look
 - 40 It follows "Repeat after me"
 - 45 Marius _____, "the father of classical ballet"
 - 46 100 cents
 - 48 One stocking stockings
 - 50 Coloring
 - 52 Keats's "La Belle Dame Sans _____"
 - 53 Fur-trimmed garment
 - 54 Line of poetry
 - 55 Eye piece
 - 56 From the States: Abbr.
 - 57 1992-93 heavy-weight champ
 - 59 1939 movie setting
 - 60 Patron saint of Norway
 - 63 Medicinal amt.
 - 64 File holders, for short

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



For answers, call 1-900-285-5656, \$1.20 a minute; or, with a credit card, 1-800-814-5554. Annual subscriptions are available for the best of Sunday crosswords from the last 50 years: 1-888-7-ACROSS. Online subscriptions: Today's puzzle and more than 2,000 past puzzles, nytimes.com/crosswords (\$34.95 a year). Share tips: nytimes.com/puzzleforum. Crosswords for young solvers: nytimes.com/learning/xwords.

HOROSCOPE

EUGENIA LAST

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Andy Lawrence, 17; Melanie Jayne Chisholm, 31; Rob Zombie, 39; Joe Frazier, 61

Happy Birthday: You are creative in a way that spells money no matter how you look at it. You should be able to convince others to put money behind you. This can be a great year if you are confident, work hard and follow through on your promises. Your numbers are 3, 19, 25, 30, 31, 47

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You'll have plenty of energy and a do-it-now attitude. A lot can be accomplished if you do your homework first. Someone will take an interest. ****

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Don't let anyone get to you today. Be strong and steadfast. Emotional upset can be expected; someone will try to hold you back. **

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): A creative idea will interest someone you talk to. Don't sell yourself short -- you are the one to oversee your ideas. Love is in the picture. ****

CANCER (June 21-July 22): If you try to work at home, someone will bother you. Don't let snide comments get to you. It's not up to you to do someone else's work. ***

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): There is plenty happening around you. Get out and mix and mingle with people who are doers. Call in favors from your peers. You can prosper if you react. ***

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): The more unique you are, the further you will get today. Your ideas will get everyone around you thinking. You can take a leadership position. ***

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Love should be penciled in. If you are single, accept a blind date or attend an event geared toward people looking for partners. Lots can happen if you are a participant. ****

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You may be questioning your current personal situation. A move or alterations to your living quarters may be required. Talk to a trusted friend. **

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Money and how you make it may be on your mind but it's the research you do that will clarify what you should be doing. Put in a few calls or sign up with a headhunter. ****

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You have probably taken on too much and made too many promises. Backtrack if you don't want to risk losing out financially. You have to run a tight ship. ***

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Listen to yourself for a moment and then begin again. You have to shake off negativity and back away from anyone who brings you down so you can move forward and make progress. ***

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Getting involved in a group can be a good thing from a social standpoint. However, look for hidden costs in any group, organization or deal you get involved in. ***

Birthday Baby: You have a good mind and a vivid imagination. You have wonderful ideas and can be a strong influence in any group you join. You are a contributor and a participant.

Check out Eugenia's Web sites at astroadvice.com and eugenialast.com.

THE OBSERVER

Published Monday through Friday, The Observer is a vital source of information on people and events in the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's Community.

Join the more than 13,000 readers who have found The Observer an indispensable link to the two campuses. Please complete the accompanying form and mail it today to receive The Observer in your home.

Make checks payable to:
and mail to:

The Observer
P.O. Box Q
Notre Dame, IN 46556

- Enclosed is \$100 for one academic year
- Enclosed is \$55 for one semester

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____

ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Fumbled opportunity

Huskies dominate second half as Irish lose second straight Big East contest

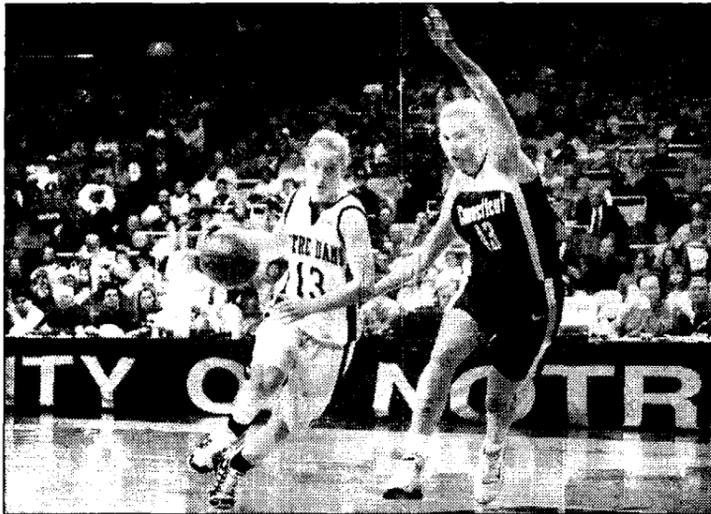
By JOE HETTLER
Sports Writer

Connecticut proved Wednesday it isn't ready to roll over, despite a rocky start to the Huskies season. Notre Dame, on the other hand, now sees its chances of a Big East title slowly slipping away.

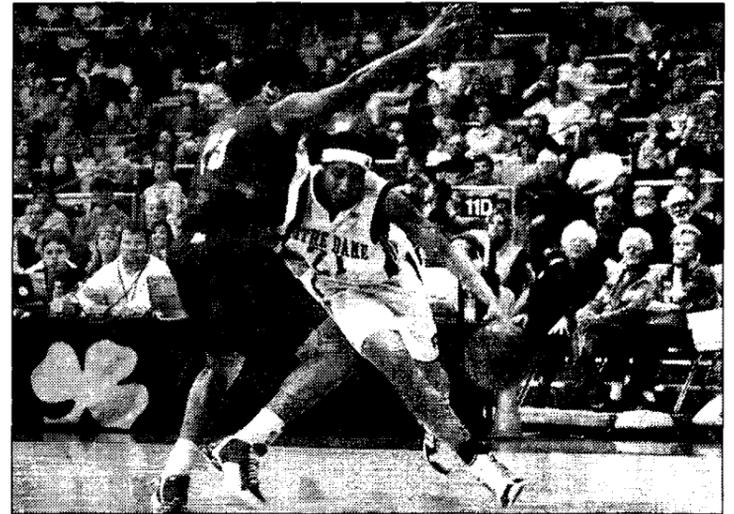
With an 8-4 Connecticut team in town and an opportunity to rebound at home after its first Big East loss against Villanova on Sunday, Notre Dame came out at the Joyce Center and got completely dominated in the second half by the Huskies in a 67-50 loss. The Irish dropped to 13-3 and 2-2 in Big East play, while Connecticut improved to 9-4 and 3-0 in the conference.

"We have a game like this, and we expect our veteran players to step up and play well," Irish coach Muffet

see HOOPS/page 26



Megan Duffy and the Irish struggled in the second half.



Jacqueline Batteast struggled on 2-of-12 shooting Wednesday.

Irish fell apart against a weaker Connecticut team

The defending national champion Connecticut Huskies found their game Wednesday night at the Joyce Center, and No. 7

Heather Van Hoegarden

Sports Editor

Notre Dame lost its own. Connecticut dominated the Irish in the second half en route to a 67-50 win.

The Huskies rebounded better, played better defense and most of all wanted the win more than the Irish.

For Notre Dame, it was a bad loss.

But wait, a loss to Connecticut — a national powerhouse — a bad loss?

Yes, that's right, a bad loss.

This year's Huskies are not last year's team. They have

struggled all season, losing games to Arizona State, Michigan State and Tennessee, games the Huskies of old would have won. It took overtime for Connecticut to beat South Florida at home. Wednesday's win over the Irish was the Huskies' first win over a ranked opponent this season.

And so Notre Dame is left

with a two-game losing streak and a mediocre 2-2 Big East record.

"We have a lot of work to do," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said.

The Irish struggled most of the game. They played as if they were the underdogs of just a year ago. But they

see BAD LOSS/page 26

FOOTBALL RECRUITING

Linemen give their word

Paul Duncan and Michael Turkovich commit verbally

By MIKE GILLOON
Sports Writer

Notre Dame received a verbal commitment from one of the top high school quarterbacks in the country this summer. Six months later, the Irish have found some players



Paul Duncan is rated No. 20 among offensive linemen.

to protect him.

Offensive linemen Paul Duncan and Michael Turkovich are the ninth and 10th additions to Charlie Weis' first Irish recruiting class after making their verbal commitments during a visit to campus this past weekend.

Notre Dame quarterback recruit Evan Sharpley was excited by the decision of his future teammates.

"They're a couple of big dudes," Sharpley said. "They should really be able to help our team out."

Duncan, from East Paulding High School in Dallas, Ga., is rated the 20th-best lineman in the nation and has earned a four-star rating from Scout.com. Standing 6-foot-6 and weighing 288 pounds, he is projected to play offensive tackle for the Irish.

"What I like about Notre Dame is the tradition they have and the academics that are so strong," Duncan said on Scout.com. "I feel that



Photo Courtesy of Rivals.com

Michael Turkovich covered from tight end to lineman.

Notre Dame can get back to what it once was and the excitement involved in that is pretty enticing."

Mike Frank of Irisheyes.com believes Duncan is a promising player.

"He was wanted by a lot of big-time schools like Oklahoma and LSU," Frank said. "He is a huge pick-up for Notre Dame."

After playing tight end dur-

see RECRUITS/page 25

FOOTBALL

New assistants bring experience, specialty

Weis adds football minds and recruiters to Irish staff

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Associate Sports Editor

Even with his current team trying to win its third Super Bowl in four years, new Notre Dame head coach Charlie Weis has done his homework in assembling a new coaching staff for the 2005 season.

Weis' staff includes former head coaches like quarterbacks coach David Cutcliffe, Notre Dame alumni like offensive coordinator/running backs coach Michael Haywood and even current NFL assistants like defensive backs coach Bill Lewis.

"Well, the first thing I wanted to do, I wanted some people with Notre Dame ties as part

of the staff," Weis said at a press conference Jan. 9. "I thought that that was one thing coming in."

"When I was assembling the staff, I wanted to find a few people at least with Notre Dame ties ... [that] was one of the premises, one of the foundations of my thought process."

Another important factor in Weis' choice of his staff was to balance the new group of coaches between two key strengths — knowledge of fundamentals of the game and recruiting. Haywood, who comes to Weis' staff after spending the 2004 season on the staff of Texas coach Mack Brown, is one such highly touted recruiter.

"I wanted to go out there and find the guys who had the best foundations in recruiting, and at the same time I wanted

see ASSISTANTS/page 24

SPORTS AT A GLANCE

SMC BASKETBALL

Saint Mary's 66
Adrian 61

Emily Creachbaum scored 24 points as the Belles earned an important conference win.

page 25

NFL

Pennington sits
out practice

The New York Jets did not practice their quarterback Wednesday due to illness.

page 22

BOXING

King sues ESPN

Famous boxing promoter Don King is suing for \$2.5 billion after he believed ESPN defamed his name.

page 21

NBA

Bryant returns to
Colorado

Kobe Bryant said he was not concerned returning to the state of his recent trial.

page 20

CBA

Jayson Williams
returns

The retired former Nets star signed a contract with the Idaho Stampede.

page 18

NCAA BASKETBALL

Texas A&M 74
Texas 63

The Aggies upset the Longhorns in College Station, led by 24 points from Acie Law IV.

page 16