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NDSP hosts open house for public

By KAREN LANGLEY
News Writer

Notre Dame Security/Police (NDSP) welcomed the public Tuesday morning to an open house for their new headquarters, Hammes Mowbray Hall. The headquarters, which also houses the new post office, is located across from Flanner Hall at the corner of Holy Cross and St.

Joseph Drives.

Though the open house was Tuesday, the new NDSP headquarters has been fully operational since Jan. 4. This opening culminated a three-year process, as the initial plans for Hammes Mowbray were made in early 2002. Though the foundations of the building were placed in the summer of 2002, the poor economy

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Observer File Photo

The new dispatch center has a phone system integrated into touch screens and is completely run by computers.

Graduation speaker unknown

By JEN ROWLING
News Writer

University officials are in the process of choosing a candidate to address the Class of 2005 as this year's commencement speaker.

Outgoing University President Father Edward Malloy will not be the principal speaker at this year's graduation ceremony, said Dennis Brown, associate director of News and Information. The president traditionally delivers his own separate address at each commencement.

This decision mirrors that made with Notre Dame's last outgoing president. In 1989, then-President Father Theodore Hesburgh did not deliver the commencement address. Peter Ueberroth, the 1984 Time Magazine "Man of the Year," gave the speech.

Ueberroth was a public figure in leadership after organizing the 1984 Olympics — which were at the time the most profitable in history — and serving from 1984-89 as the commissioner of Major League Baseball.

In 2001, President George W. Bush delivered the graduation speech. In the following three years, a variety of individuals from diverse backgrounds were selected to give the commencement address.

Tim Russert, moderator of NBC's "Meet the Press," spoke to the class of 2002. Senator Richard Lugar, Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and Indiana Senator since 1976, addressed the class of 2003. Most recently, Minnesota Supreme Court Justice Alan Page, a 1967 Notre

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P.E. requirement promotes wellness, education

ND encourages fitness for life through classes

By JULIE BENDER
News Writer

Upon high school graduation, many students breathe a sigh of relief that their days of dodge ball, mat ball and four square are behind them. No more smelly locker rooms, teachers blowing whistles or misdirected balls whizzing through the air.

However, for the freshman coming to Notre Dame, the threat of one more year of physical education still looms. Although this could be a nightmare for anyone who has ever had the surface of a basketball imprinted onto his or her forehead, most students find the P.E. requirement to be a fun, if not rewarding, addition to their education.

"Notre Dame values the education of the total student," said Tom Kelly, chairman of the physical education department at Notre Dame. "As our mission statement said, we believe in educating the whole person: mind, body and spirit."

Students are required to take

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CLEMENT SUHENDRA/The Observer

The physical education department encourages students to participate in new activities. Fencing is a popular class, promoting wellness and lifetime sports education.

Notre Dame to host career fair

Winter Career and Internship Fair to bring almost 150 representatives

By PETER LEAHY
News Writer

Notre Dame is hosting its annual Winter Career and Internship Fair today from 4-8 p.m. in the Joyce Center field house. This event is designed to provide students with opportunities to talk to representatives from companies in a plethora of fields. Sponsored by the Career Center, the Winter Career Internship Fair is free of cost to students from Notre Dame, Saint Mary's, Holy Cross and other local universities.

Students who attend the fair will have the chance to speak with any representative from the almost 150 companies attending.

Anita Rees, coordinator of the event, said students should take advantage of the opportunity to get a head start on their careers.

"Here career fairs are important because students can get exposure to employers that other schools can get," she said. "It's a tremendous opportunity for exploring these companies and a tremendous learning avenue."

According to Rees, Notre Dame tops schools like Stanford, Duke, University of California, Berkeley and Yale in terms of the employers it attracts to campus for the fair. Notre Dame is an appealing cite for employers to send representatives, she said.

"Employers have narrowed the list of schools at which they recruit, and we're at the top of the list," Rees said. "That's exciting and Notre Dame students are very attractive [to employers]."

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Observer File Photo

Students talk to a representative from the South Bend Education Foundation at last year's service career fair.

INSIDE COLUMN

Lovin' my ride

When I officially found out I would be returning to school this semester with a car I was stoked. My grandpa, no longer able to drive, very generously offered me his wheels and, never having owned my own vehicle before, a new sense of independence crept over me.

Megan O'Neil

Assistant News Editor

No more would I have to phone Saint Mary's security for a ride back to campus after a long night at The Observer office. Never again would I have to wait for a cab on a Friday night if I didn't want to.

I envisioned myself making efficient trips to the mall and to Meijer without the embarrassment of having to bum a ride off a friend. I saw myself cruising the streets of South Bend and Mishawaka, windows down, music pumping, a gentle breeze giving my hair that super cute tousled look.

The fact that my newly acquired car, a white 1994 Chevrolet Lumina, is more suitable to be featured on MTV's "Pimp My Ride" than found in a superstar's garage on "Cribs" did not curb my excitement in the least.

During the first week back at school, and on the first day of a new off-campus internship, I woke up early, dressed, grabbed my keys and headed for the parking lot.

I arrived only to discover my car blanketed by three inches of snow and the doors all frozen shut. A security officer helped me pry the driver's side open and then left me to scrape the windows.

My technique must have been terrible because all the snow that I brushed off the car seemed to end up on me. My hands and feet, accustomed to the mild weather of California, were freezing within five minutes. And my hair, dampened by the falling snow and frizzed by my wool coat, resembled an ungroomed poodle.

The disillusioning morning continued as I pulled out of the parking lot onto the white powdered road. Having driven for a couple of years in very heavy traffic, I rarely get fazed behind the wheel. This, however, was something completely different.

I made my way down Douglas Road at a speed my grandpa would have approved of, 10 mph below the limit. My windshield wipers refused to cooperate, adding dirty wet streaks to an already fogged window. The snow covered the painted dividing lines so I suspect I drove right down the middle of two lanes. A couple of cars began to line up behind me, clearly impatient to pass me by. I just gripped the steering wheel all the tighter and proceeded to crawl along all the way to work.

When I finally reached my destination, 10 minutes late, all of my car-owning fantasies had completely dissipated. I tossed my keys down on my desk with relief, albeit temporary, and wished I didn't have to pick them up again until spring.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: HOW ARE YOU COPING WITHOUT THE SAINT MARY'S TUNNELS?



Biz Stonl

Le Mans Hall

"It was one of the main reasons I came here and thus it's closing has made me decide to transfer."



Cate Cetta

Le Mans Hall

"So much for making a home at the library this semester."



Jana Blake

Le Mans Hall

"It makes it virtually impossible to sneak boys in."



Kim Abeel

Le Mans Hall

"I'm from way North of here so I'm used to the cold weather."



Maggie Harrigan

Le Mans Hall

"I'm not, I just refuse to go to class if it's below 50."



Renee Woodward

Le Mans Hall

"I just throw on my Uggs and go."



CLAIRE KELLY/The Observer

Two members of the Student Players rehearse Tuesday for "Bent" in Washington Hall. The production will take place Thursday and Friday at 7:30 p.m. Another play, "Stop Kiss," will be performed tonight and Saturday at 7:30 p.m.

OFFBEAT

Man sells forehead space to advertisers

OMAHA, Neb. — A Web-page designer who auctioned off the use of his forehead for advertising space is letting it go to his head.

Andrew Fischer, 20, of Omaha, who put his forehead for sale on eBay as advertising space, received \$37,375 on Friday to advertise the snoring remedy, SnoreStop.

Fischer will display the SnoreStop logo on his forehead for one month.

"I look forward to an enjoyable association with Andrew — a man who

clearly has a head for business in every sense of the word," SnoreStop CEO Christian de Rivel said.

"People will always comment on something out of the ordinary," Fischer said in his sales pitch. "People like weird."

Robber calls victim and requests date

NEW CASTLE, Del. — Police say a man involved in the recent robbery of a Domino's Pizza delivery woman would be a good candidate for "World's Dumbest Criminal."

Police say that after two men robbed the woman, one of them called the vic-

tim on his cell phone to apologize — and to ask her out on a date.

The victim, 18, declined the request, instead giving the cell phone number to police, who arrested Brent Brown, 25, on Thursday.

Police also arrested Andre Moore, 18, and were looking for a 16-year-old linked to the crime.

Officers searched a residence and found the pizza boxes in the trash can with the original receipt still attached.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

The Student Film Festival wraps up today with showings at 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. at the Browning Cinema in the Performing Arts Center. The festival is sponsored by the Department of Film, Television and Theater and features 18 short student produced films.

Campus Ministry will sponsor "Prayer From Around the World" from 7 to 8 p.m. today in 330 Coleman-Morse Center.

AcoustiCafe, sponsored by the Student Union Board, will take place tonight from 10 p.m. to midnight in the La Fortune basement.

The Career Center is sponsoring its annual Winter Career and Internship Fair in the Joyce Center from 4 to 8 p.m. today. The event is open to students from Notre Dame, Saint Mary's, Holy Cross College and other area colleges and universities. It is preceded by a diversity reception from noon to 2:30 p.m. in the Joyce Center's Monogram Room.

The Notre Dame women's tennis team faces the University of Michigan today at 4:00 p.m. at the Eck Tennis Pavilion.

SUNY Plattsburg professor Anna Battigelli will present a lecture titled "After the English Revolution: John Dryden, Roman Catholicism, and the Language of Providential Design." Sponsored by the Erasmus institute the lecture will take place today at 4:30 p.m. in 119 O'Shaughnessy Hall.

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

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Alumni Association to honor four alums

Special to the Observer

Four Notre Dame graduates will receive special awards from the Notre Dame Alumni Association during on-campus ceremonies Friday.

♦ Paul J. Kelly Jr., a 1963 graduate and U.S. Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals judge, will receive the 2005 Rev. John J. Cavanaugh, C.S.C., Award, given annually to a graduate in recognition of distinguished public service.

Kelly was a member of the New Mexico House of Representatives from 1977 to 1981. He helped establish New Mexico's public defender program for indigent defendants and served on the New Mexico Board of Bar Examiners and the New Mexico Public Defender Board.

♦ Frederic Syburg, who received his master's degree from Notre Dame in 1962 and taught for nearly four decades in the department of film, television and theatre, will receive the 2005 Rev. Arthur S. Harvey, C.S.C., Award for outstanding accomplishments in the performing arts.

Syburg taught from 1954-93 and directed some 50 student productions including "The Importance of Being Earnest," "Macbeth," "The Tempest," "Amadeus" and "Arms and the

Man." He was a member of the National Catholic Theatre Conference and served as the first vice-chairman of the honorary dramatic fraternity, Alpha Gamma Omega. An accomplished actor, Syburg performed in many Notre Dame and South Bend Civic Theater productions.

♦ John David Mooney, a 1963 graduate and accomplished sculptor, will receive the Rev. Anthony J. Lauck, C.S.C., Award for outstanding accomplishments in fine art.

Mooney is the founder and director of the John David Mooney Foundation, a non-profit educational organization founded in 1980 to develop and promote public art as a relevant and enriching force in society. In an effort to showcase art outside of museums, he has created large pieces encompassing architecture and landscape for such clients as the Vatican Observatory, former British Prime Minister John Major, the Maltese government and IBM in Chicago.

♦ Samuel Hazo, a 1949 graduate and founder and director of the International Poetry Forum in Pittsburgh, will receive the Rev. Robert F. Griffin, C.S.C., Award for distinguished achievements in writing.

Prof authors book on building world peace

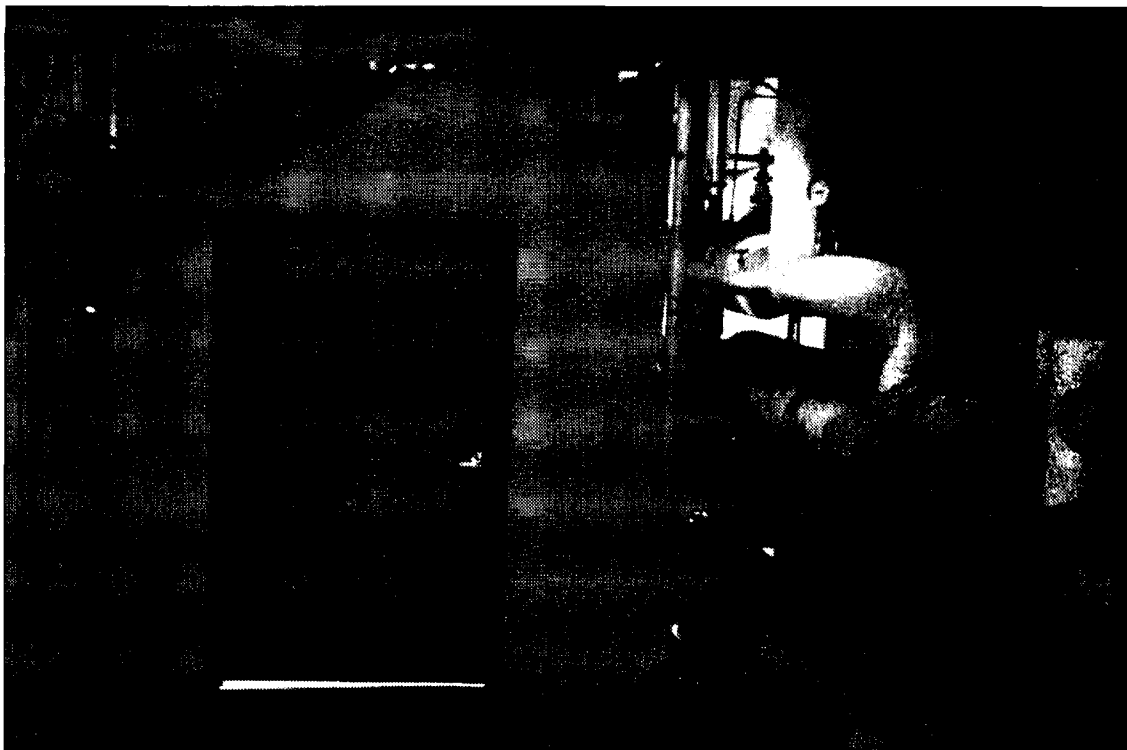
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For 25 years, John Paul Lederach has traveled to areas of the world where conflict is a way of life — Northern Ireland, Nicaragua, Somalia, the Philippines and elsewhere — to provide conciliation training and direct mediation. He sees his work as a religious vocation that is both a learned skill and an art.

In his new book, "The Moral

Imagination: The Art and Soul of Building Peace," Lederach, a professor at the University of Notre Dame, considers his own calling and the spirituality that moves ordinary people to reject violence and seek reconciliation. The moral imagination, he writes, is "the capacity to imagine something rooted in the challenges of the real world, yet capable of giving birth to that which does not yet exist."

Belles long for tunnels, brave cold



KELLY HIGGINS/The Observer

A locked door blocks students from accessing the Saint Mary's tunnels. The tunnels, which connect several of the main buildings on campus, were closed Dec. 18 due to safety concerns.

By NICOLE ZOOK
Assistant News Editor

The heavy snows and sub-zero temperatures of the past two weeks have made Saint Mary's students miss the old underground tunnels more than ever.

The tunnels, which connected over half the buildings on the College's campus, allowed students and faculty to travel underground during inclement weather and at night. The College closed the tunnels indefinitely on Dec. 18., citing insurance reasons.

The closure has pushed students outside and into the snow.

"I think it's definitely an inconvenience when the weather conditions are poor or it's late at night when you're going to Holy Cross or even just the library, when you have to walk all the way around," sophomore Katie Whalen said.

Students in the far residence halls of Regina and Holy Cross find themselves facing the cold every day as they trek to the dining hall, Cushwa-Leighton Library, Madeleva and science Halls for classes.

Maureen MacDonald, who

works at the Regina front desk, said she has noticed an increase in traffic through the hall now that the tunnels are closed.

"There are definitely more people coming in the front door, especially at night when people are coming back and forth from the library," she said. "The library from Regina is a further distance from any other building except Holy Cross."

MacDonald, a senior, used the tunnels on a regular basis until December. This semester, she has changed her habits accordingly.

"I don't go to LeMans as much to visit my friends there," she said. "Especially when I used to do it during the nighttime — I don't do that as much anymore. I used the tunnels a lot, so I really miss them."

Whalen, a LeMans resident, said while the tunnels' contribution to campus safety was an asset to Saint Mary's, she does not avoid leaving her hall just because she cannot walk underground.

"It was a strong benefit to be able to use the tunnels," she said. "But not having them hasn't stopped me from doing the things I need to do. It doesn't

stop me from visiting my friends in Holy Cross."

Many students pass through LeMans Hall, the most central building on campus, en route to their destinations. Because the tunnels are inaccessible, the side door to LeMans is now open later to accommodate student traffic. The door, which previously closed at 6 p.m., can be accessed with a detex card until 10 p.m.

"If you weren't able to do that, it would be a lot crazier," said senior Sarah Kelleher, a LeMans front desk worker.

Kelleher and other front desk workers said they have noticed an increase of food deliveries to the residence halls in cold weather.

"I think the tunnels being closed and Haggard being closed have an effect on it," Kelleher said.

Security escorting services have also seen an increase since the tunnels were sealed. Saint Mary's Security offers a van to escort students from the parking lots to their halls from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. Students can call at any time the van is not running to have an officer escort them.

Security officer Marita English, who drives the van occasionally, said security usually receives between 20 and 30 calls per night from girls requesting rides.

"It depends on the weather," she said. "Some of the girls know that the van makes circles around campus at night, so they don't call, and then again some of the girls call as soon as they get on campus."

English also said both the location of requests and number of calls have changed recently, especially on peak nights Thursday and Sunday.

"There are a lot more that get rides — it's not from the lots, it's from building to building because the girls used to use the tunnels to get from building to building," she said. "When it's cold out, we get a lot [of calls] from the parking lots."

English agreed with the students that the tunnels "were convenient" and said she feels the sentiment from the majority of the campus is they are sorely missed.

"I've had a lot of girls say they just wish the tunnels were back up."

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forced the University to halt construction projects until December 2003.

"When we found that we would get to help plan a new headquarters, we looked at new law enforcement facilities throughout the Chicago and Michigan area," NDSP Director Rex Rakow said. "We interviewed people about what they liked and what worked. The new facility is very functional. It came out well for us because as the final users, we were able to help the architects plan what would work."

NDSP utilizes the first three floors of the building. The first floor features a lobby with an ATM for safe nighttime use and a reception area. The parking and traffic division is also located in this front area. NDSP's dispatch area is located in back.

"The dispatch is the heart of what we do. This area is completely computer-run. The phones are integrated into touch screens," Rakow said. "We usually have one or two men working dispatch, but that doubles on football weekends."

The first floor also has sally ports, which are garages used to hold drunk drivers' cars. There is a holding room and a breathalyzer for intoxicated drivers.

The administration wing is located on the second floor. This includes the offices of NDSP's three directors and the main conference/situation room. There is a "quiet interview" room with couches for more sensitive interviews. This floor also has staff offices and an investigation wing.

"We enjoyed the old building, and it served us well, but I doubt that there is a

nicer campus law enforcement building [than Hammes Mowbray] in the nation," said Chuck Hurley, the assistant director of the NDSP.

The third floor of the new building houses the NDSP's fitness room.

"Sometimes when officers get off duty at 11 or 12, they like to work out before going home," Rakow said.

One full classroom and one seminar classroom are located on the third floor. Regular classes from different departments are now held in Hammes Mowbray.

"I had phys. ed. in the old NDSP building, and this is so much nicer. It seems much more efficient and state-of-the-art," freshman Natalie Rodden said. "It's much more convenient for Mod Quad residents."

There are also some inter-agency offices that are available for use by local, county, state, and federal branches of law enforcement.

"We are very excited about all of the cooperative training that is going to happen," Rakow said.

The third floor CSI lab features equipment for fingerprint lifting, photography and evidence processing and packaging. There is also a training room with tables and chairs that are designed to be foldable so that physical classes can also be held there. NDSP makes free fingerprint sets for anyone who requests them. About 1,200 sets of prints are made each year, mostly in answer to requirements for bar exams, law school entries and faculty grants.

"This is a terrific addition to campus. NDSP deserves a good home, and it is a pleasure to see it in its finished form," said Father Mark Poorman, Vice President for Student Affairs.

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Fair

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Rees explained the career center was able to bring in employers from fields uncommon to other career fairs because of the reputation of Notre Dame's students.

"We have employers in advertising, sports casting, journalism, public relations affairs and health care," she said. "We have employers in communications and sports publishing."

A variety of corporations will have representatives at the fair, including UBS, Arnold Worldwide and Hill Holiday.

Additionally, the Central Intelligence Agency, Abercrombie & Fitch, General Electric, Arnold Worldwide, Time Inc., Hewlett Packard, Johnson & Johnson, the Vanguard Group, the National Football League and ESPN will have representatives in attendance.

"You will have a world-class financial banking corporation next to a non-profit organization next to a U.S. governmental agency," Rees said.

Students of all ages have expressed interest in the event.

Freshman Sara Carter thinks this career fair will

be better than the fall career fair.

"[The fall] was very well organized, however, it was geared more towards upper classmen," she said. "I expect it to be bigger than the last one and it will probably have more opportunities than the one in the fall."

Some students are excited about the prospect of meeting different business representatives.

"I am going just to meet some people from the business world and to make some contacts, to get my name out there," sophomore Mike Sweeny said.

Others hope to leave the fair with prospective jobs, internships, or interviews.

"My goal is to obtain two interviews and to make some connections," said Tom Calahan, who graduated from Notre Dame last semester.

While some attend the fair just for the experience, others prepare extensively.

"The first step is to go to the career center Web site," Calahan said. "From there, I make a list of all of the companies I want to approach and then I go on their Web sites to gain information about these companies."

In conjunction with the Career and Internship Fair, the career center is sponsoring a Diversity Reception to promote employers who emphasize fair employment

practices. It will be held from noon to 2:30 p.m. today in the Monogram Room of the Joyce Center.

Jonika Moore, coordinator of the Diversity Reception, said the two events go hand-in-hand.

"The Diversity Reception was drawn out of the Career fair," Moore said. "It's about organizations who support and embrace diversity and encouraging networking and relationship building."

According to Moore, 151 representatives from 70 companies will be at the reception. 300 students have already reserved a spot.

"This means they will receive business cards and a name badge," Moore said. "We expect more to come."

She added the Diversity Fair is not as formal as the career fair.

"It is strictly people talking to people connecting like a touch point," Moore said.

Like the Winter Career and Internship Fair, the Diversity Reception is free to students.

Any student can benefit from today's events, Rees said.

"I encourage all students whether they know what they want to do or not to visit these employers," she said.

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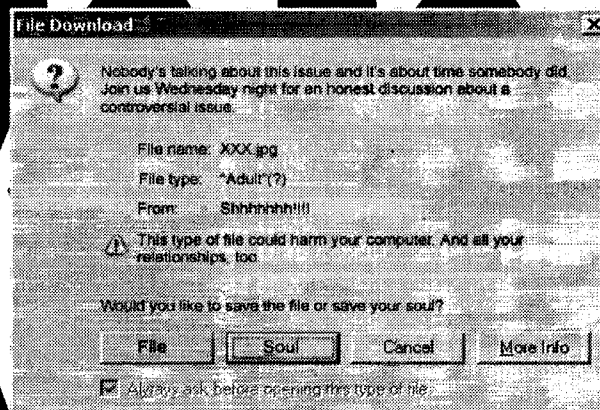
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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Israel stops targeting militants

JERUSALEM — Israel has stopped targeting Palestinian militants for death, according to Israeli security officials, fulfilling a key Palestinian demand for a truce to end four years of violence.

The officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Israel has informed the Palestinians of their decision. It came after generals from the two sides met Tuesday to plan deployment of Palestinian police in central and southern Gaza, to prevent militants from attacking Israelis.

Since he took office earlier this month, Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas has been negotiating with militant groups about a truce declaration. In return, the militants are demanding that Israel stop its military operations and halt its killing of militant leaders.

The groups agreed to a one-month halt in attacks to Israel's response.

Investigators question Annan

UNITED NATIONS — Investigators probing allegations of impropriety in the United Nations' Iraqi oil-for-food program questioned Secretary-General Kofi Annan about his involvement twice last year and again Tuesday, a U.N. spokesman said.

Annan met with former Fed Chairman Paul Volcker and his investigators Nov. 9 and again Dec. 3, spokesman Fred Eckhard said. A third meeting took place Tuesday afternoon, but Volcker, who spoke to reporters as he left the United Nations, would not give details.

Volcker's panel had been expected to release a preliminary report in late January, but he said Tuesday it would come out in early February. "We're going to have a report shortly," he said. "All I can tell you is wait for the report to come out."

NATIONAL NEWS

Guard offers financial incentive

WASHINGTON — Looking for new ways to bolster its thinning ranks, the Army National Guard is seeking legal authority to offer \$15,000 bonuses to active-duty soldiers willing to join the Guard up from \$50 now.

Lt. Gen. H. Steven Blum, chief of the National Guard Bureau, told reporters Tuesday that the Guard is 15,000 soldiers below its normal strength of 350,000, and he expects further short-term declines despite recent gains from tripling re-enlistment bonuses for Guardsmen deployed abroad.

If the Guard fails to return to its normal troop level of 350,000 by the end of the budget year on Sept. 30, it will be the first time that has happened since 1989, the three-star general said. He added that he believes he has a formula for restoring the Guard's strength.

Restaurateur goes amiss

DALLAS — Police searching for a kidnapped Dallas restaurateur scoured a river and its banks Tuesday, a day after finding blood-stained clothes in woods based on information from a suspect who said the man was killed.

Fire-rescue teams using boats and cadaver dogs scoured shallow portions of the Trinity River and its banks as investigators searched for the body of Oscar J. Sanchez.

Police said they were told where to search for Sanchez's body by Jose Alberto Felix, a 28-year-old out-of-work teacher who was arrested over the weekend in Chicago as he tried to board a flight to Guadalajara, Mexico.

LOCAL NEWS

Right to hunt confirmed

INDIANAPOLIS — The House approved legislation Tuesday that could ultimately lead to a state constitutional right to hunt, fish and trap, something proponents say would guard against efforts to erode a "valued part of our heritage."

Opponents said hunting and fishing were not under serious attack in Indiana, and the proposed constitutional amendment trivialized a document designed to address more fundamental rights and principles.

War costs rise another \$80B

Bush asks Congress for more money as the 2005 deficit estimate rises to \$427B

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — As Congress started to digest a new Bush administration request of \$80 billion to bankroll wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, its top budget analyst on Tuesday projected \$855 billion in deficits for the next decade even without the costs of war and President Bush's Social Security plan.

Three senior administration officials said the White House would request \$80 billion for the wars, or a bit more, soon after Bush submits his budget for fiscal 2006 to lawmakers on Feb. 7. The officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity because the program has not yet been announced, said \$75 billion of it would be for U.S. military costs, with the rest including funds to train and equip Iraqi and Afghan forces, aid the new Palestinian leadership, build an embassy in Baghdad and help victims of warfare in Sudan's Darfur province.

Congress approved \$25 billion for the wars last summer. Using figures compiled by the Congressional Research Service, which prepares reports for lawmakers, the newest request would push the totals provided for the conflicts and worldwide efforts against terrorism past \$300 billion. That includes \$25 billion already provided for rebuilding Iraq and Afghanistan.

In a written statement, Bush said the money would support U.S. troops and help the United States "stand with the Iraqi people and against the terrorists trying desperately to block democracy and the advance of human rights."

Amid the White House's preparations, the Congressional Budget Office predicted the government will accumulate another \$855 billion in deficits over the next decade.

The projection, for the



President Bush, with Iraq's interim Prime Minister Ayad Allawi in September, asked Congress for another \$80 billion for conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan on Tuesday.

years 2006 through 2015, is almost two-thirds smaller than what congressional budget analysts predicted last fall. But the drop is due largely to quirks in budget estimates that required the agency to exclude future Iraq and Afghanistan war costs and other expenses. Last September, the 10-year deficit estimate was \$2.3 trillion.

The CBO also projected this year's shortfall will be \$368 billion. That was close to the \$348 billion deficit for 2005 that it had forecast last fall. The two largest deficits ever in dollar terms were last year's \$412 billion and the \$377 billion gap of 2003.

The budget office estimated that if U.S. troop

strength in Iraq and Afghanistan declines gradually after 2006, those wars would add \$590 billion to deficits over the next decade. Including war costs, this year's shortfall should hit about \$400 billion, the budget office said.

One of the administration officials said the White House will project this year's deficit including war costs at \$427 billion, citing higher overall spending estimates than the congressional estimators used.

Besides lacking war costs, the budget office's deficit estimates also omitted the estimated pricetag of Bush's goal of revamping Social Security, which could cost \$1 trillion to \$2 trillion and dominate this

year's legislative agenda.

Also left out were the price of extending Bush's tax cuts and easing the impact that the alternative minimum tax would have on middle-income Americans, which could exceed \$2.3 trillion, the report said.

When those items are included, Bush is a long way from his goal of cutting deficits in half by 2009, Democrats said.

"Republicans control the House, the Senate and the White House, but they can't control the budget and they can't escape responsibility for its dismal condition," said Rep. John Spratt of South Carolina, top Democrat on the House Budget Committee.

American hostage pleas for his life

Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq — An American kidnapped in November pleaded for his life in a video aired Tuesday, and at least a dozen Iraqis died in Baghdad as political violence continued to plague the country five days before Sunday's crucial elections for a new National Assembly.

On a day the U.S. military announced that six American soldiers died, Iraqi police engaged in fierce shootouts with insurgents, including gunmen who were handing out leaflets warning Iraqis not to vote or risk seeing their families' blood "wash the streets of

Baghdad."

In the hostage video, a bearded Roy Hallums, 56, speaking with a rifle pointed at his head, said he had been taken by a "resistance group" because "I have worked with American forces." He appealed to Arab leaders, including Libya's Moammar Gadhafi, to save his life.

Hallums was seized by gunmen Nov. 1 along with Robert Tarongoy of the Philippines at their compound in Baghdad's Mansour district. The two worked for a Saudi company that does catering for the Iraqi army. The Filipino was not shown in the video and it was not

known when the video was made.

"I am please asking for help because my life is in danger because it's been proved I worked for American forces," Hallums said.

In Westminster, Calif., his daughter, Carrie Cooper, 29, said she last saw him at a family reunion last June.

"My heart's broken to see my dad with a gun to his head. ... He's fearless and he wanted to help the people there and rebuild Iraq," she told KNBC-TV.

Hallums' former wife, Susan Hallums, urged President Bush to help the captive and urged the kidnappers to let him go.

Speaker

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Dame graduate, spoke in 2004.

The University hopes to announce this year's speaker soon, Brown said.

"Our commencement speakers are not selected on the basis of celebrity," Brown said. "We seek speakers who have made significant contributions to society and who will deliver a compelling and relevant message to our graduates."

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Favila appointed as director

Special to the Observer

The College of Engineering has appointed Ivan Favila director of the Minority Engineering Program (MEP). He joined the University in December.

"I am excited to be part of the Notre Dame family and the MEP as we continue to work toward addressing the underrepresentation of minorities studying and practicing engineering at Notre Dame," Favila said. "Minority engineering at Notre Dame is not a new program, but we are renewing our commitment to encourage students with diverse backgrounds to become more fully engaged in what the college offers."

According to Favila, over the next few months the MEP will focus on developing leadership skills in students, building a community of engineering students, developing engineering-related extracurricular activities and promoting academic excellence among all students.

"Creative solutions rise from people who think differently," he said. "Students from varied ethnicities, ancestries and social conditions bring diverse ideas and solutions, which is quite valuable for problem-solving professions, such as engineering."

Most recently, Favila was assistant director of the Minority Engineering Recruitment and Retention Program at the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC), where he also served as director of the Cooperative Engineering Education Program.

P.E.

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six rotations of physical education classes throughout their freshman year, the only exception being for ROTC students and athletes. However, athletes are required to complete the two rotations of contemporary topics.

Although P.E. is mandatory for first-year students, if openings in the classes remain, upperclassmen may participate as well.

"Not many people realize that physical education is open to all students, not just freshman. No one is excluded from taking these classes," Kelly said.

For those taking the P.E. rotations, the physical aspect of education comes in two tracks at Notre Dame — wellness education and lifetime sports education.

"The wellness track of the course includes the contemporary topics requirement and education in fitness and weight training," Kelly said. "The lifetime sports track focuses on activities like golf, racquet ball, skating and dance; things people learn in order to stay fit their whole lives."

Staying fit for life is a major theme of the physical education program, which seeks to educate students in sports and activities they otherwise might not have had the opportunity to learn.

"We view P.E. at Notre Dame as deficiency education," Kelly said. "We want to offer students opportunities to learn and participate in activities that are new to them. You'll notice we don't offer classes in sports like softball or basketball here. We figure most students already know the basics of those sports, so we try to offer some new experiences for them."

Such new experiences include classes in fencing, self-defense, social dance, ice-skating, handball and yoga, among others. Even skiing and snowboarding are offered, though with a fee for equipment and transportation to the Swiss Valley Ski Area in Michigan.

Most students viewed Notre Dame's physical education classes positively.

"I really like the requirement," said freshman Jenny Korzan, who is currently taking a class on fitness development. "It teaches us to integrate exercise into our daily schedules. If we make exercise and health a priority now, we'll be more likely to stick with it later on in life."

"I think P.E. is awesome. You get to learn sports, meet people and stay active. Most Notre Dame kids were really active with sports in high school, and then they come to ND with din-



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Students are able to choose from a variety of activities for their physical education rotations. Yoga is popular among students, who learn meditation and relaxation technique in the class.

ing halls, Sbarro, Burger King and Reckers, so it's good to get into good habits starting freshman year," said Josh Raycroft, a freshman from Alumni Hall.

Raycroft, who has taken handball, fencing, self-defense and golf, added that many of his friends at other schools thought Notre Dame's P.E. requirement was strange at first.

"They thought the fact that I had to take gym was weird, but I think they realize now that it's actually pretty valuable," Raycroft said.

Although physical education has long been a tradition at Notre Dame, it's not unique to the University. Many other schools have a commitment to health education as well.

"Notre Dame compares with many other elite universities with our P.E. requirement," Kelly said. "We have done some extensive research on physical education at universities throughout the country and found that many comparable

institutions, like Dartmouth and Columbia, for example, offer P.E. either as a requirement or as an elective."

In addition to the research on physical education at other schools, Notre Dame's P.E. department also studies student response to its own programs.

"We conduct student reviews and surveys on a regular basis in order to improve our program by finding out what courses students find valuable and what should be improved," Kelly said.

Interestingly enough, the most valuable class listed was swimming.

"When we ask our students at Notre Dame how they feel about the swimming course required for beginning swimmers, we find that just about all of them say they are happy to have taken the class," said Kelly. "It improves their confidence in the water, and without the University's requirement, they may have never learned

how to swim. Some students even seek further lessons to improve their skills beyond the basics."

Beth Kuberka, a senior, was required to take swimming her freshman year.

"I'm so glad I had to take swimming. I never would have learned to swim if it hadn't been required," she said. "Now I can actually enjoy swimming instead of clinging to the side of the pool."

Adding to the value of the swim lessons, Kuberka said the social aspect of the class was also beneficial.

"I loved my swimming class," she said. "Maybe it was our bonding over the embarrassment of being clad in swimsuits together, but I've stayed friends with a lot of the people who were in my class freshman year."

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Brokerages settle for \$40M

WASHINGTON — Morgan Stanley and Goldman Sachs agreed Tuesday to pay \$40 million each to settle regulators' allegations that they improperly doled out shares of hot new stocks to certain customers to get them to buy more at inflated prices once trading began.

The brokerages neither admitted to nor denied the allegations made in two civil lawsuits by the Securities and Exchange Commission. The Wall Street firms also agreed to refrain from further violations. The settlements are subject to approval by federal courts in New York and Washington.

The violations of securities laws and brokerage industry rules allegedly occurred in 1999 and 2000, during the height of the tech-stock boom and the frenzy of initial public offerings of stock, known as IPOs.

The fines are the latest in a series of similar enforcement cases brought over the past few years by the SEC and the disciplinary arm of the National Association of Securities Dealers, the brokerage industry's self-policing group.

Yukos oil giant to be sold off

MOSCOW — Russian authorities will sell off the remains of the dismembered Yukos oil company, with at least one of its main remaining production units being sold this spring, a news agency said Tuesday.

The Internet news agency, citing an unidentified source at the Yukos subsidiary Samaraneftgaz, said the unit may be sold off the same way the Yukos' giant Yuganskneftgaz was auctioned off last month a sale widely criticized as rigged.

Samaraneftgaz pumps 35 percent to 40 percent of Yukos' remaining output, Yukos spokesman Alexander Shadrin said.

"According to our information there is no other way for things to develop," the Samaraneftgaz source said, according to Interfax. "Everything is going the same way. The time frame is somewhere nearer to spring, either March, April or May."

The report could not immediately be confirmed. Shadrin said Yukos officials had heard nothing about plans to sell off Samaraneftgaz, "though logic shows that anything can happen in Russia."

World Economic Forum begins

Government and business leaders meet to discuss global economy at annual meeting

Associated Press

DAVOS, Switzerland — What do you get if you mix Angelina Jolie with Bill Clinton and Bill Gates at the annual summit of the rich, famous and powerful in the snowy Alps? A discussion with the presidents of South Africa and Nigeria on reducing poverty and fighting AIDS.

Bono and Richard Gere are among the other celebrities drawn to the Swiss ski resort of Davos for the chance to rub shoulders with government and business leaders at the five-day World Economic Forum beginning Wednesday.

Tight security including an air force ready to shoot down unauthorized aircraft that stray too close to the 2,500 participants has been set up to make sure the leaders can chat undisturbed in the resort's hotels and meeting centers or on the ski slopes above.

"Taking responsibility for tough choices" is the theme for this year's meetings, organized into a tightly packed choice of 220 sessions from breakfast time until midnight. Many more meetings involving national presidents, prime ministers and business leaders take place behind the scenes.

The toughest choices for participants include selecting from the bewildering lists of discussions many of which are simultaneous and over meals.

They range from heavy discussions on the world economy or individual country's problems and prospects to more self-centered themes like "knowing your own mind."

A "cultural leaders dinner" Friday gives participants a chance to meet with Gere, who has campaigned for Tibetan rights, and Jolie, a goodwill ambassador for the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees, who has witnessed the problems of people fleeing persecution. The other scheduled guests



Workers finish preparations for the World Economic Forum, an annual meeting of top business leaders, heads of state and NGOs, which begins today.

include Sharon Stone and Carole Bouquet, as well as architects, musicians and other artists.

Bono, Clinton and Gates will meet with South African President Thabo Mbeki and Nigerian President Olusegun Obasanjo to discuss "The G-8 and Africa Rhetoric or Action?"

"Poverty reduction is the keystone of the G-8 agenda for 2005. While most of the developing world is experiencing rapid growth, Africa is falling further behind," the program note says. "One in two Africans lives on less than one dollar a day and the scourge of conflict continues unabated while HIV tightens its destructive stranglehold."

The privilege of joining in the discussions, or perhaps just being present with a chance of cutting backroom deals, is costly for business leaders. The minimum membership fee for a company is about \$25,000, and the ticket for each business executive to attend costs nearly \$12,000, spokesman Mark Adams said.

The forum has been a favorite of top U.S. administration officials in recent years, including Vice President Dick Cheney and Clinton, but this year's event will be dominated by top European leaders as key U.S. officials stay away because of personnel changes in the Bush administration, organizers said.

French President Jacques

Chirac starts things rolling with a preliminary "special message" Wednesday afternoon, and British Prime Minister Tony Blair delivers the keynote address at the formal opening Wednesday evening.

The U.S. Senate is assuring an American presence, however, with a delegation of 10 members headed by Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn., and Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., organizers said.

German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder will speak Friday, and Jose Manuel Barroso the new president of the European Commission will get his first chance to address the world's business leaders Saturday, organizers said.

HealthSouth CEO tried for fraud

Associated Press

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Fired HealthSouth CEO Richard Scrushy made millions off a seven-year scheme to overstate earnings by about \$2.7 billion as investors large and small suffered, a prosecutor told jurors Tuesday as testimony opened in Scrushy's corporate fraud trial.

A Scrushy lawyer countered that the fraud at HealthSouth Corp. was the work of a tightly knit group of executives known as "the family" who purposely kept Scrushy in the dark.

"This was no ordinary family. This was a family that operated as

a unit on their own," defense attorney Jim Parkman said.

U.S. Attorney Alice Martin said Scrushy, 52, sold about \$150 million worth of his own HealthSouth stock as subordinates created false financial statements to make it seem the rehabilitation giant was meeting analysts' expectations, boosting company shares.

The government also charged that Scrushy spent more than \$200 million on such luxuries as waterfront mansions, opulent cars, a racing boat, bronze statues, a 21-carat diamond ring and a \$3.2 million airplane.

All the while, Scrushy was getting private reports to show him the

company's true financial condition and not telling investors what was going on, Martin said.

"The evidence will show that Richard Scrushy as chief executive officer gave phony numbers to the public," said Martin, calling Scrushy "a very hands-on leader" who picked his top aides and later tried to sway their statements to federal agents once an investigation began.

The defense conceded that a fraud occurred. But Parkman blamed it on a group of overly ambitious executives who hid the misstatements from Scrushy.

The judge said the trial could last four months.

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Freedom is not free in 2005

Weeks before his inauguration last Thursday, President George W. Bush told his speechwriter that he wanted his second Inaugural Address to be his "freedom speech." And it was just that — a dazzling allocation of America's vocation to freedom against the dark forces of tyranny. In his "pep-oration," the president laid out the fundamental plank of his vision: "The best hope for peace in our world is the expansion of freedom in all the world." It is certain that few rational Westerners would argue with this Kantian democratic-peace hypothesis, yet we ought to interrogate its manifestations in real politick. Especially in the Bush case, where it appears the roads of "freedom" lead to war against Iran in 2005.

Last week, Seymour Hersh, the famous muckraking journalist who exposed the My Lai massacre in Vietnam and the Abu Ghraib prison scandal in Iraq, published an article in The New Yorker magazine claiming the United States has been carrying out secret reconnaissance missions in Iran for over a year, preparing military strikes against select targets. According to Hersh's contact, a high-level intelligence official, the Bush Administration is seeking to find three dozen or so target sites that could be destroyed by precision strikes and commando raids. Hersh's contact said, "We're not dealing with a set of National Security Council option papers here ... It's not if we're going to do anything against Iran. They're doing it."

The troubling part of this is that the European nations and IAEA have been working tirelessly, and with some success over the last year to prevent Iran from developing nuclear weapons. Evidence from negotiations suggests that Iran is willing to halt its weapons development for economic trade and aid carrots. Yet, such anti-proliferation efforts have been hindered by lack of support from the United States. Against almost all evidence, it appears that the neo-conservatives in the

Pentagon are convinced that Iran will continue to develop weapons systems regardless of diplomacy. Further, some believe military attacks on Iran could empower secular nationalists against the fundamentalist Islamic regime. Can you say "freedom on the march?"

The British newspaper, The Guardian, further reported that the Pentagon is planning to use members of the Iranian rebel group, Mujahedin-e-Khalq, to cross the Iraq-Iran border to gather intelligence. The MEK is considered a terrorist group by the state department, but the United States has worked with terrorist groups in the past and will in the future. The Guardian also reports that the Pentagon is bringing in officials from the Reagan Iran-contra days to write policy papers for military action in Iran.

In response, the White House has claimed Hersh's article is "riddled with inaccuracies." Yet, the White House has been nebulous in its statements regarding Iran, continuing to note that the military option remains on the table. In the morning before the Inauguration ceremonies, Vice President Dick Cheney remarked that Iran is "right at the top" of the administration's list of threatening nations, and that Israel "might well decide to attack" Iran's nuclear capacity first. It is clear that the administration sees their electoral victory as a mandate to amplify their aggressive foreign policy agenda.

Perhaps the most troubling development that Hersh uncovers in his reporting is the conglomeration of power by the Pentagon at the expense of the CIA. In recent months, Bush has issued executive orders that allow Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld to utilize and control military commandos in covert operations that are free from the legal scrutiny of the CIA. In other words, no accountability. There is even serious talk that Bush will give the Pentagon complete control over the CIA's own elite paramilitary unit. In the recent intelligence-reform bill, the White House made changes at the last moment to

ensure that the Secretary of Defense would not have to answer to the new national-intelligence director.

Under these new changes, the Pentagon will be able to coordinate covert "action teams" in countries overseas. Recent reports by Newsweek claim the Pentagon is entertaining the idea of bringing back the use of death squads as was done in El Salvador throughout the 1980s, resulting in the murder and torture of tens of thousands. Also, according to an article in Monday's Washington Post, Rumsfeld has a new intelligence group, titled the Strategic Support Branch, which is hidden from Congress and the CIA. This intelligence group has been working with Special Forces and outside agents to conduct clandestine activities.

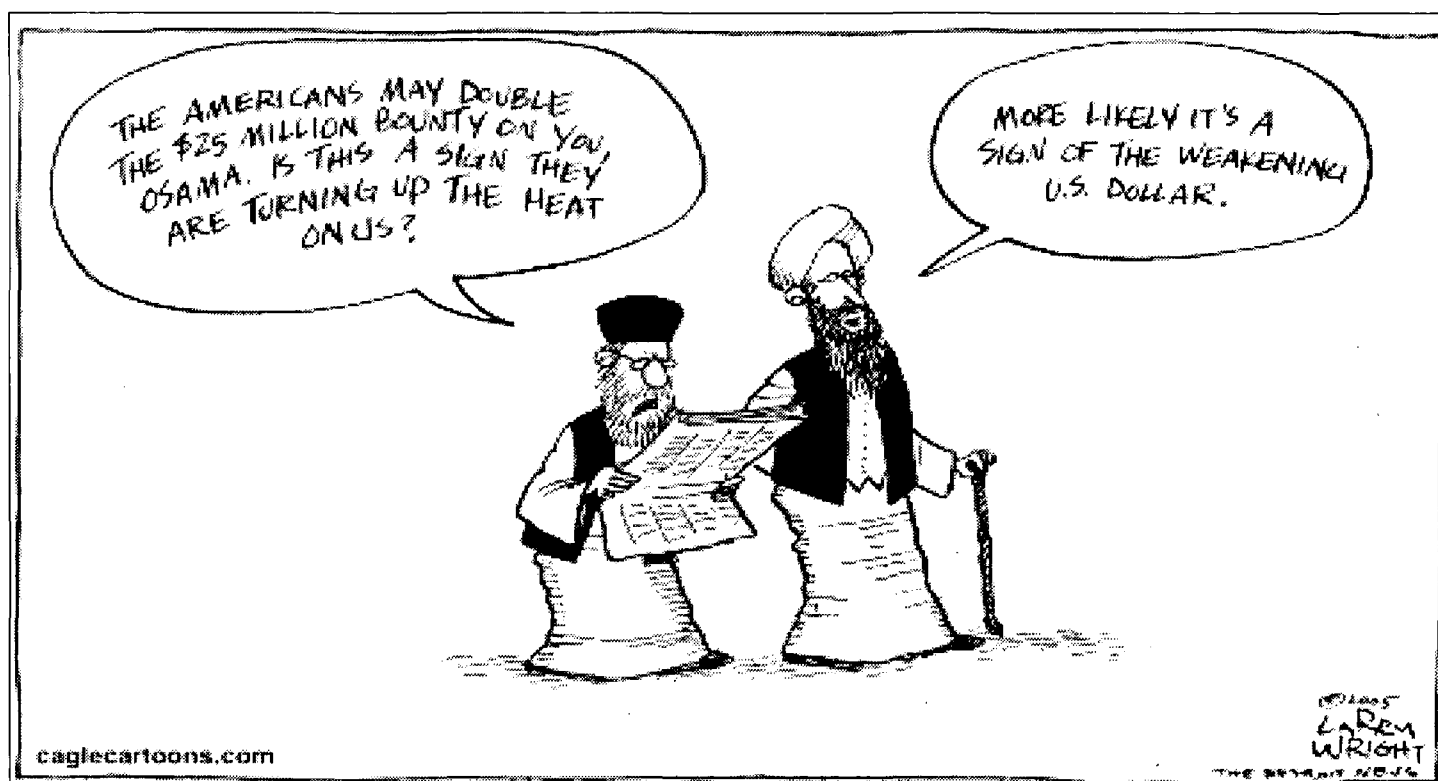
All of these developments are troubling, especially when they occur under the misguided semantic cloak of freedom. The linguistic blunder that Bush makes is that he envisions freedom as a state of being, rather than praxis, an end as opposed to a means.

The philosopher Voltaire once said, "So long as people do not care to exercise their freedom, those who wish to tyrannize will do so." The challenge in 2005 for you and I is to exercise our freedom, to ensure that the forces of tyranny and deceit do not prevail within our country and among our own policymakers. Freedom is not free, and in the coming year as the empowered and emboldened Pentagon beats the war drums once again, we must demand transparency and truth. Freedom comes not through the barrel of a gun, but from the heartbeat of a people who refuse to be misled or silenced.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"You cannot escape the responsibility of tomorrow by evading it today."

Abraham Lincoln
16th president

Stop using Internet Explorer immediately

Originally I had planed on putting together a leftist analysis of what many are now calling Bush's Freedom Address — your standard over-intellectualized, self-aggrandizing Viewpoint ego-massage, really. Unfortunately, in the interim something important came along, and my conscience would not allow me to continue with that route.

Lance Gallop

Stop using Internet Explorer. Stop using it this day, this hour, this minute and never look back. Internet Explorer had so many flaws — fundamental flaws, not superficial or easily fixable mistakes — that it represents a serious risk to you, to your computer, to any network you are on and in fact to every person on the Internet. Without any doubt, IE is the number one preventable cause of malicious software, such as viruses and spyware; it has proven this time and time again to the cost of tens of billions of dollars.

This is my advice to you, this is also the advice of the Department of Homeland Security, and, earlier this month when the most critical IE security hole ever discovered was announced — a hole that gives a Web site complete control over your computer without anything being clicked — this was nearly the advice of the OIT. For reasons I cannot fathom, they backed away from their announcement when a hastily crafted patch was released. But this patch doesn't change the baseline issue — IE has failed us, and should no longer be trusted.

The conclusions of the OIT were this: you must use IE for 1) Irishlink class scheduling and 2) some of Notre Dame's internal sites that students, to my knowledge, do not use. This amounts, for a student, to perhaps three

times per year when Internet Explorer is actually required. There is absolutely no excuse, in other words, for continuing to use software that is the computer equivalent of unprotected sex with a third world prostitute.

The danger has never been so great. There is a thriving black market for compromised computers, bought and sold for trivial amounts of money (because of the enormous supply). The buyers are spammers and child pornography traffickers, hackers and the Russian Mafia. More and more, viruses are not the product of teenage hobbyists, but well-crafted commissions. The purchasers get free bandwidth at your expense, and the knowledge that their dealings will be traced to you. There is a great deal of money to be made in breaking in to your computer, and the actions of the buyers become more sinister with each passing day.

Fortunately, there is another way.

For a year and a half I have been a user of Mozilla Firefox. In that time I have encountered zero viruses (although I do take other precautions), less than a dozen pieces of spyware and seven popup ads. Firefox is fundamentally different from Internet Explorer, although it displays Web pages in the same way, and it lacks many of the design decisions that make IE security Swiss cheese. It has a popup blocker that does an incredible job — for this alone it is worth switching — it is designed to be very easy to use coming off of

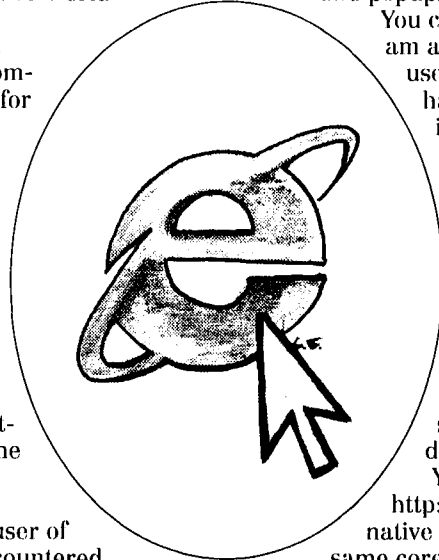
IE, it installs in less than 3 minutes, including download, and it imports all of your IE favorites automatically. If you are serious about security, or you just hate spyware and popups, I recommend Firefox.

You can probably tell from that plug that I am a Firefox advocate. You are welcome to use Firefox, but you are also welcome to hate it; it does not change the underlying point. Find a Web browser that suits your needs, it doesn't matter which browser you use, so long as it is not Internet Explorer (be careful though, some browsers, like Opera, use the Internet Explorer engine, and so should not be considered safe). This is not about hating or liking Microsoft, it is not about hating or liking Firefox, it is about common sense, and not putting your trust in software that has betrayed that trust dozens of times.

You can download Firefox at <http://www.getfirefox.com>. Another alternative is Netscape 7, which is runs on the same core as Firefox, but is bulkier and can be found at <http://www.netscape.com>.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Far left is out of touch with mainstream America

Joseph Miller's Jan. 24 letter to the editor "We need things to celebrate" shows just how out of touch the far left is with mainstream America. He and others like him still believe this election was stolen despite the fact that President George W. Bush was reelected with 51 percent of the national vote and beat Senator John Kerry by more than 3.3 million votes.

In Ohio, Bush won by more than a 100,000 votes. This is not the 2000 election which was a statistical tie and could possibly have been influenced by fraud, though I do not believe it was. There is no conceivable way fraud could have gotten the President 100,000 more votes than Kerry in Ohio and three million more nationally, despite Miller's claim that "extensive high quality evidence suggests that had this vote suppression, vote fraud, etc. not

occurred in Ohio, it is very likely that Ohio, and thus the presidency, would have gone to Kerry." Of course he does not explain what this "high quality evidence" of vote fraud is, and that is because it doesn't exist.

He claims that the information has been suppressed by the mainstream media especially Fox News which is allegedly "an extension of the administration." A more accurate source of information according to Miller is Michael Moore. Anyone who believes that Michael Moore is less biased than the mainstream media is not living in the real world. The far left simply cannot accept the fact that they lost the election and that they are out of touch with mainstream America, much less the mainstream of even the Democratic Party. If the left persists this mantra of paranoid conspiracy theories, they will continue to see

themselves losing elections and falling further away from ordinary Americans. The fact is Bush was reelected despite what Miller and radical organizations like the Peace Coalition and the Progressive Student Alliance which has a direct link to a Marxist Website on their Website (I am not making this up) believe. Under a democratic constitutional government, we must accept the will of the people, and if we disagree, work to change it in four years. However, with this current rhetoric they will not be successful.

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U-WIRE

Respect right to constitution

Despite the flying accusations of murder and legislating from the bench, the Supreme Court followed the Constitution as best it could on Monday with its decision to not hear the case of Terri

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Schiavo. The case is a heated debate involving the problems of a thoroughly modern society, including the right to die and the ability of technology to create or sustain life.

Schiavo was 26 in 1990 when she collapsed, most likely from an eating disorder. Her heart stopped long enough to cause serious brain damage. In 1998, doctors diagnosed her with being in a persistent vegetative state, which means although her eyes are open and follow the movement of objects, she has no emotions, thoughts or memories.

Schiavo's husband began petitioning in 1998 — after the diagnosis was made and her case deemed incurable — for her feeding tube to be removed. Soon after, Schiavo's parents went to Florida Governor Jeb Bush to prevent that action from being taken. Bush immediately ush-

ered through a law tailored to Terri's case, which forced the feeding tube back in. The Florida Supreme Court ruled the law unconstitutional, which the U.S. Supreme Court basically upheld Monday.

Whether Republican or Democrat, for or against the right to die, the issue presented here is not a case of murder. It is a case of constitutionality. The Supreme Court did not officially remove the feeding tube, as current pending legislation prohibits such irreversible measures.

To call the Supreme Court justices murderers is to judge on passions. The Constitution was developed to prevent unnecessary or unfair laws from being instituted. Tailoring legislation to a specific case, and probably never using it again, is clearly an unfair practice.

Kudos to the justices. They were able to see beyond personal views and uphold the civil rights of the country.

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Still the right decision

The 32nd anniversary of the historic Roe v. Wade court case was celebrated Monday with the customary demonstrations from both opponents and proponents of abortion rights. Though the

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demonstrations have become commonplace, this year's events have intensified with the increasing possibility of vacancies on the Supreme Court. As the nation speculates as to whether Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist will step down, the current administration might have the opportunity to appoint conservative justices that could potentially tip the scales in favor of opponents of abortion rights.

Few issues elicit a stronger public response than abortion rights, but the truth is that abortion will continue to be pragmatic for American society. All personal dogma aside, there is no reason for this landmark case to be overturned. Despite the passing of laws that began to erode the foundation of the court's decision. For instance, the ban on partial birth abortions and "conscience

clauses." The ruling is strong enough to stand the challenges brought against it. The Supreme Court made the correct decision in 1973 and crafted a sound ruling in both principle and detail.

In reality, even if Roe v. Wade were to be overturned, it would not end the practice of abortion. Instead, it will merely remand the decision to individual states and the prospect of every state passing the same law is infinitesimal.

Therefore, the only significant effects of the possible overturning of Roe v. Wade would be an unnecessary financial burden upon citizens who would have to travel to a nearby state to have the procedure performed. That potential burden and the violation of individuals' rights to make their own decisions cannot be imposed upon any citizen, despite the feelings of conservative America.

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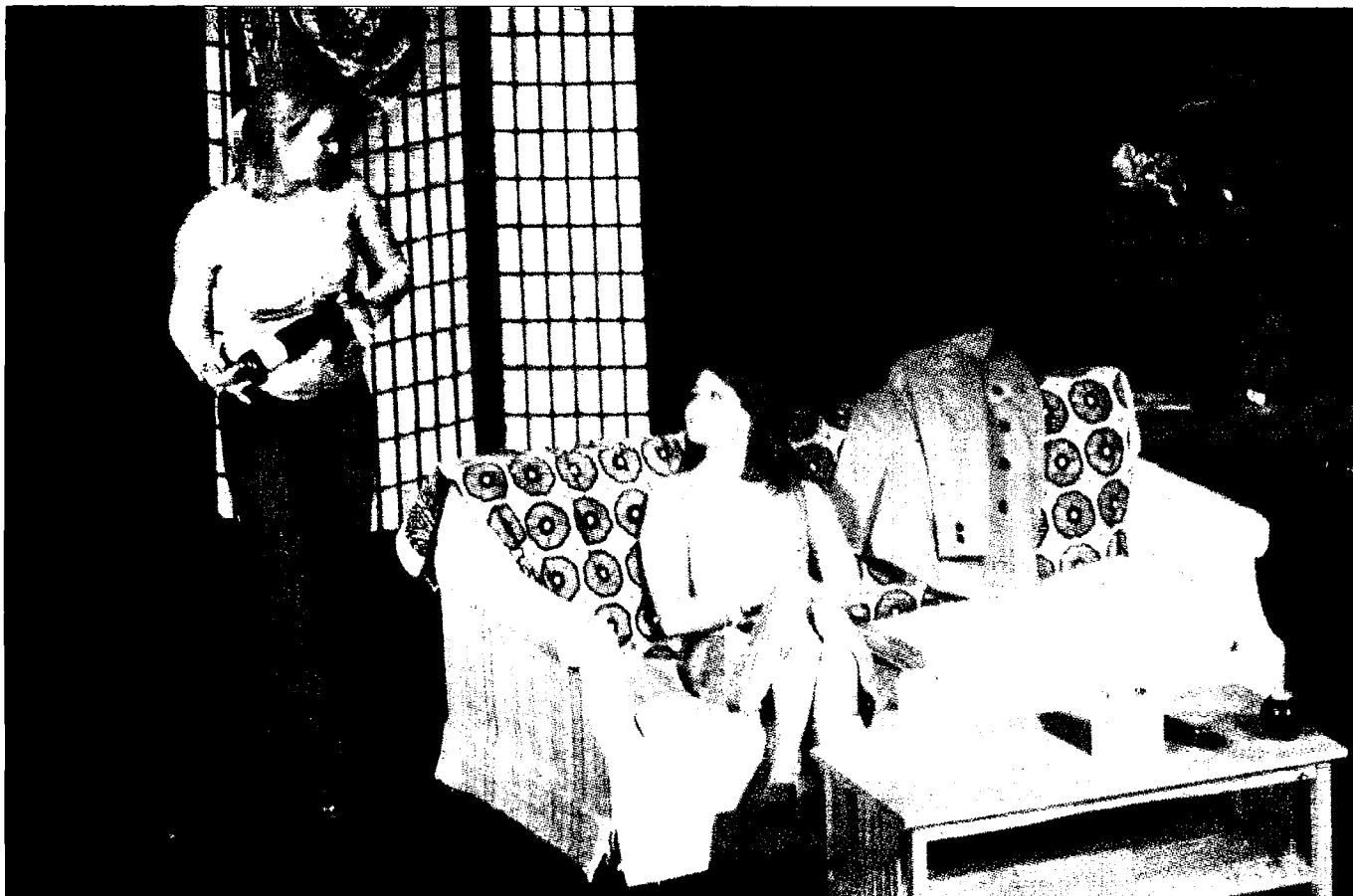
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The Student Players present two plays in conjunction to



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"Stop Kiss" explores the feelings of New York women exploring a lesbian relationship, alternated with scenes of anti-homosexual violence.



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Callie (Carole Kennelly, left) and Sara (Cricket Slattery, right) are shy about exploring their new relationship. Both have previously been in the habit of dating men.

By MARIA SMITH and
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Scene Editor and Scene Writer

The Student Players have long been dedicated to bringing engaging and thought-provoking shows to Notre Dame's campus, as well as sponsoring events such as the Freshman Four plays. By keeping a diverse repertoire, the Players are able to showcase student talent as well as give the community a taste of insightful and poignant theater.

In the spirit of unity and activism, the Student Players also have taken on the campus issue of homosexuality, diversity and acceptance — a theme that has been expressed in many different mediums over the course of the past few years. In hopes to take a diverse look at various facets of a homosexual lifestyle, the Players have opted against one show this year and chosen two full-length shows. "Bent" is a look primarily at male homosexuality, set in a concentration camp during the Holocaust. "Stop Kiss" takes a more contemporary look at a budding homosexual relationship between two women in New York City.

"It's a huge issue on campus not being directly addressed," director Cricket Slattery said. "The Standing Committee [for Gay and Lesbian Student Needs] does a good job. ... [But] the rest of the country is talking about the University in a way that members of the student body aren't happy with."

Stop Kiss

Many efforts have been done to

rebut the stigma that came with the Princeton Review's ranking of Notre Dame's attitude of acceptance (or lack thereof), as well as a general campus nonchalance to the problem. At the same time, they hope to put on a strong show offering audiences a look at a slice of life, particularly oriented around the formation of a lesbian relationship and the struggles with living in New York.

"It is a fabulous script from a great playwright," Slattery said. "It depicts charming characters and will be an enjoyable night of theater."

"Stop Kiss" opens with New York native, Callie, meeting small-town Missouri-girl Sara. Sara is the epitome of naiveté — a third-grade teacher, she won her job in New York as a part of a fellowship. She has come to New York, it seems, to escape the controlling hand of her parents and ex-boyfriend. As the friend of a friend, Sara is sent to meet Callie because her apartment won't allow her to keep cats. When she meets Callie, a smart and savvy radio traffic reporter, a new friendship quickly forms.

The light-hearted concept of life in a new and big city, as well as new friendships and foreign feelings of attraction, is tempered by the interlocking future plot involving Sara being beaten into a coma as a result of violent "gay bashing." Callie is at a loss when this newly forming relationship is met with such hardship on the first night they kiss. The interchange of scenes goes back and forth between the novelty and awkward growth of a friendship into something more and the police reports and hospital visits after the attack. Many different issues are touched on, including Sara and Callie's unfamiliar feelings for each other, as both of them have traditionally been involved with men in the past. Emotion and conflict are found before and after the attack, as the characters struggle onstage with how to express their new found care for each other as well as Callie fights to keep Sara from returning to Missouri with her parents and ex-boyfriend.

While Cricket Slattery signed on to direct this show, she was forced to confront one of a director's worst nightmares — having an actress drop out of the show halfway into rehearsal. When the role of Sara became vacant just a day before winter break, the day before the cast had planned to have its first full run-thru of the show, Slattery had no choice but to step into the role of Sara, assisted in a great deal by her stage manager, Bryce Cooper. Cooper had a great deal to do with the success of this show and, Slattery shared, "if anyone owns this show, it's Bryce." He did a great deal to take over Slattery's directing responsibilities as she worked to overcome the many problems with learning "Sara."

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While the cast hopes this series of
shows will spark continued dis-
course on campus, "Stop Kiss," in
conjunction with "Bent," creates a
poignant and engaging weekend of
student theater.

Bent

If you look back through the
annals of Notre Dame theatre his-
tory, it will be tough to find any-
thing as stunning as "Bent."

The play by Martin Sherman tells
a story about the life of Max, a gay
man living in Nazi Germany. At the
beginning of the play Max is living
with his dancer boyfriend Rudy in
Berlin. He spends his nights in
clubs and his days finding ways to
mooch money to pay his rent. When
Max attracts the notice of the wrong
crowd of people during a cocaine
binge he and Rudy find themselves
on the list of the Gestapo.

In the second act the play
explores the possibility of love
within prison walls and under the
eyes of guards. Away from the
social scene of Berlin, Max has to
discover new parts of himself and
test his capacity for love is a place
where, as one character says, mov-
ing rocks between a pit filled with
dead bodies and a fence that can
turn a person to dust is the best
work.

"Bent" is a far cry from other
campus plays, and is as difficult for
the actors as the audience. The
characters are different from any-
thing most of the actors have ever
played.

"It's rough," senior T.J. McNally
said about his role as Max. "I've
certainly never had to do anything
like this before."

But the actors find it a welcome
challenge.

"This has definitely been the
most important play I've been in,"
sophomore Conor Woods said about
the role of Rudy. "It made me
proud to go to Notre Dame."

The actors in "Bent" do well with
challenging parts. It is difficult to
live up to the kind of role so similar
to those played by Adrian Brody or
Liam Neeson, and McNally and
Woods show courage in taking
them on. Sophomore Drew
McElligott seems the most comfort-
able in the part of Horst, and he
and McNally share a particular
challenge in acting almost the
entire second act with only two
people. Were the parts filled by
Brody and Neeson the play would
almost be too heartbreaking to
watch; as performed by the Student
Players it is certainly not easy.

"Bent" was chosen in conjunction
with "Stop Kiss" to focus on prob-
lems faced by homosexuals, but
director Mike Dolson wanted to
find a play that would speak to
Notre Dame students.

"A lot of the plays are a lot about
the AIDS epidemic," Dolson said.
"One thing I liked about this play at
Notre Dame is that it deals with

issues of intolerance acceptance,
and love. It relates to Angels in
America, but it relates to campus
also."

Actors from the performance
hope the play will educate students
on an aspect of the Holocaust that
is rarely mentioned. Prisoners with
pink triangles, to symbolize homo-
sexuality, appear alongside those
wearing yellow stars, and even
among other prisoners in the camp
become a group that is sometimes
shunned.

"It will definitely be a surprise,"
McNally said. "We find most people
don't come to the play having much
knowledge of it, and I can see how
people would be upset by it."

"What I hope and think is that it
will make audiences aware of a
part of history people sometimes
forget because it's easier that way,"
Woods said.

McElligott seemed more confident
about audience reactions.

"I think it's going to go over
well," he said. "It's a talented cast
crew, and they put on a good, solid
show."

Trends in anything can some-
times become overplayed, and it is
possible the same thing will happen
with plays addressing homosexu-
ality. "Bent" is not the play to skip for
fear that this has happened.

*"Stop Kiss" will play tonight and
Saturday. "Bent" will play
Thursday and Friday. Both plays
will be performed at 7:30 p.m. on
the Washington Hall Mainstage.
Tickets are \$5 and are available in
LaFortune or at the door.*

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Greta (John Klein) owns a nightclub where Rudy performs in the drag show before he and Max are forced to flee the Gestapo in Berlin.



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Rudy (Conor Woods, center) finally falls into the hands of the Gestapo. Rudy and Max have moved all over Germany before finally being caught hiding in a campsite with unemployed workers.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

No. 1 Illini break Badgers' 38-game home win streak

Illinois improves to 20-0 behind 18-point performance by Head

Associated Press

MADISON, Wis. — Top-ranked Illinois ended Wisconsin's 38-game home winning streak, the nation's longest, beating the Badgers 75-65 Tuesday night by scoring 14 of the game's final 15 points.

Led by Luther Head's 18 points, Illinois (20-0, 6-0 Big Ten) snapped a five-game losing streak in Madison and became the first team to beat the Badgers at the Kohl Center since Wake Forest on Dec. 4, 2002.

The 18th-ranked Badgers (13-4, 4-2), who led by eight points midway through the second half, fell to 53-3 at home under coach Bo Ryan, including 26-1 in the Big Ten.

The Badgers' most recent home win came when they scored the final 11 points of the game to beat Michigan State 62-59.

Wisconsin took a 64-61 lead on Alando Tucker's drive to the basket with 4:31 left. But dreams of Wisconsin's first win over a top-ranked opponent since beating Ohio State in 1962 soon faded.

James Augustine, who was limited by foul trouble to 4 minutes in the first half, made two free throws with 4:11 left and Jack Ingram did the same at 3:39, putting the Illini ahead for good, 65-64.

Augustine, who scored 12 of his 14 points in the second half, added consecutive dunks to make it 69-64.

The only break in Illinois' run came when Kammron Taylor made one free throw with 1:07 left to make it 71-65.

Deron Williams added 13 points for Illinois and Roger Powell Jr. had 11.

Tucker had 16 points for Wisconsin and Sharif Chambliss added 14 and Mike Wilkinson 13.

The Badgers, who trailed 35-33 at halftime, were just 5-of-12 from the free throw line and Illinois was 17-of-20.

With the score tied at 44 in the opening minutes of the second half, the Badgers committed two loose ball fouls on one possession and appeared to be cracking under the pressure.

Instead, they were about to take control — at least for a while.

Powell missed a jumper and Tucker hit an open 3-pointer at the other end. After Brown stole Tucker's inbound pass, Ray Nixon made an acrobatic block of Brown on a fast break and Tucker scored again to make it 49-44. Williams turned it over and Taylor's basket made it 51-44.

No. 6 Kansas 86, Baylor 66

While no longer undefeated, No. 6 Kansas is still perfect in the Big 12 after Wayne Simien scored 18 points and the Jayhawks made a school-record 16 3-pointers in a victory over Baylor.

Simien got the Jayhawks (15-1, 5-0) off to a fast start with seven points — including the first two baskets — in a 15-2 run to open the game.

While Simien didn't attempt a 3-pointer, the four other Kansas players who scored in double figures made at least three 3s each. Jeff Hawkins was 5-for-5 on 3s and had 15 points. Keith Langford added 17, J.R. Giddens 14 and Aaron Miles 11.

Kansas was coming off a surprising 83-62 loss at Villanova on Saturday that knocked the Jayhawks from the ranks of the undefeated. The misery of their trip got extended when they got stuck in Philadelphia an extra day because of the weekend blizzard that hit the Northeast.

The Jayhawks had little trouble against Baylor (9-7, 1-4), which has lost 14 straight against ranked opponents and is just 1-10 overall against Kansas.

Baylor never got closer than seven points after Kansas' game-opening run.

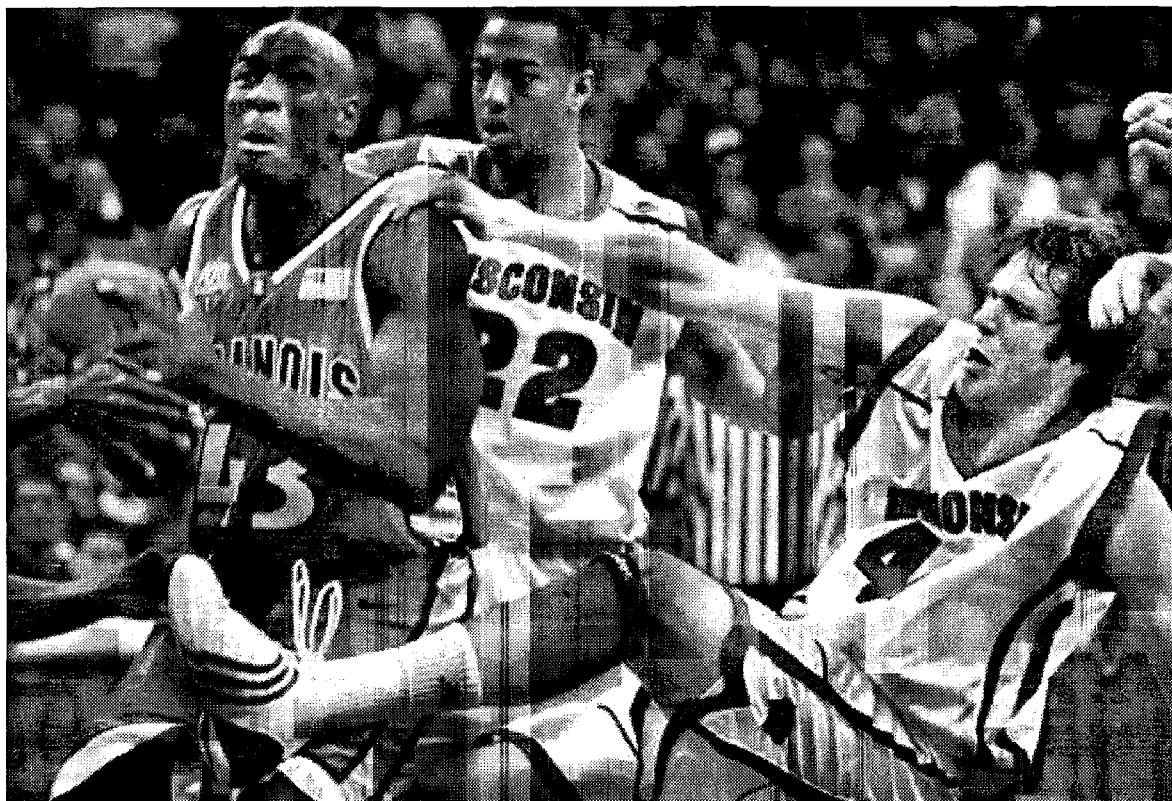
No. 7 Kentucky 84, Tennessee 62

Senior forward Chuck Hayes has played in every game and never even missed a practice because of injury since he's been at Kentucky.

His sudden disappearance at Tennessee on Tuesday night was shocking but didn't seem to hurt the seventh-ranked Wildcats.

Hayes, one of two returning starters this season for Kentucky, broke his nose midway through the first half while the Wildcats were on a run that put them ahead for good en route to a victory.

Using various lineups full of freshmen and sophomores, the Wildcats (15-2, 6-0 Southeastern Conference) made up for Hayes' loss with aggressive rebounding on both ends to remain the only undefeated team in league play.



Illinois forward Roger Powell fights for the ball with Wisconsin's Zach Morley, right, and Michael Flowers, middle, in the Fighting Illini's win Tuesday night, their 20th straight.

"We said you guys need to make up for the loss of Chuck. They've never seen Chuck hurt before. I'll be honest, I don't think I've ever seen Chuck hurt," Kentucky coach Tubby Smith said. "It showed me what our kids are all about. They really care about one another. They certainly care about Chuck."

Patrick Sparks scored 19 points and Kelenna Azubuike added 17 for the Wildcats, who outrebounded Tennessee 41-29 and had 21 offensive rebounds.

"All around, we kept our confidence," Azubuike said about losing Hayes.

Sophomores Bobby Perry and Sheray Thomas each had seven rebounds.

"Each player that came in did something positive for us throughout the night, and that was the big key to the game," Smith said. "I liked our poise. We're starting to mature."

The Volunteers (10-9, 3-3) went ahead twice in the first half, when the Wildcats lost their leader, top rebounder and second-leading scorer.

Kentucky officials said Hayes was taken to the hospital for X-rays, and they would know more about his status on Wednesday.

No. 16 Texas 80, Texas Tech 73

Daniel Gibson scored 20 points,

hitting all six of his 3-pointers, to lead No. 16 Texas to a victory over Texas Tech.

The Longhorns (15-4, 4-2 Big 12) went 14-of-21 from 3-point range and made four in a row during one key stretch midway through the second half. It was the eighth game this season Texas has hit at least 10 3s.

Kenton Paulino added 16 points and Brad Buckman had 14 rebounds for Texas.

Ronald Ross scored 29 points and Devonne Giles added 18 for Texas Tech (11-5, 3-2), which came in as the Big 12's top-scoring team but shot just 37 percent against Texas' new zone defense.

Gibson and Paulino hit four 3-pointers in a 2-minute span of the second half that saw the Longhorns build the biggest lead of the game, 65-49.

Ross kept the Red Raiders from fading away, hitting six 3-pointers to pull Tech within 72-67 with just under 3 minutes left.

The game was a defensive battle before the fireworks started.

Texas, which has rarely used a zone, stayed in one the entire game in an effort to ease wear-and-tear on a depleted roster and avoid foul trouble.

Texas is down to just eight scholarship players after P.J. Tucker was declared academically ineligible last week and

freshman LaMarcus Aldridge was sidelined indefinitely with a hip injury.

But neither was ever much of a 3-point threat when they were on the floor and were hardly missed once the Longhorns started launching shots.

Texas' zone held the Red Raiders to 10-of-40 shooting in the first half.

No. 19 Connecticut 68, West Virginia 58

Connecticut's Rashad Anderson didn't seem to mind watching the start of a game from the bench for the first time this season.

Anderson scored 16 of his 22 points in the second half to lead the 19th-ranked Huskies to a victory over slumping West Virginia.

Anderson was benched by UConn coach Jim Calhoun despite scoring a team-high 19 points in a loss to Pittsburgh on Saturday.

Calhoun said Denham Brown earned the starting nod by playing harder than Anderson in subsequent practices.

"I winked at (Anderson) before the game and said, 'Hey, you may not even play today,'" Calhoun joked.

Anderson responded by going 6-of-9 from the field — including four 3-pointers — and made all six free throws in 27 minutes.

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NHL

Officials work to settle labor dispute, save season

League, union plan to meet today hoping to make progress towards agreement

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The NHL and the players' association are taking another shot at saving the hockey season, which has been on the brink of cancellation for

weeks.

A two-day meeting last week produced no tangible progress toward a labor agreement. The league and the union will meet again Wednesday in Toronto, but no formal proposal will be presented by the league.

Bill Daly, the NHL's chief legal officer, said Tuesday his negotiating team met this past weekend to discuss new ideas and address some issues raised by NHL Players' Association president Trevor Linden, the Vancouver

Canucks center who initiated last week's meeting.

"Both parties agreed at last week's meeting that the time for formal proposals, at least during this process, may be behind us and we should try to sit at the table and discuss through the

issues and maybe jointly craft something that might work," Daly told The Canadian Press. "And that's what we're going to continue to do."

The same group of negotiators that met in Chicago and Toronto will gather again: Linden, NHLPA senior director

"The time for formal proposals, at least during this process, may be behind us."

Bill Daly
NHL chief legal officer

Ted Saskin and outside counsel John McCambridge as well as Daly, board of governors chairman Harley Hotchkiss and outside counsel Bob Battersman. Again, NHL commissioner Gary Bettman and NHLPA executive director Bob Goodenow will sit this one out.

The lockout, which reached its 132nd day Tuesday, already has forced the cancellation of 699 of 1,230 regular-season games, plus the All-Star game.

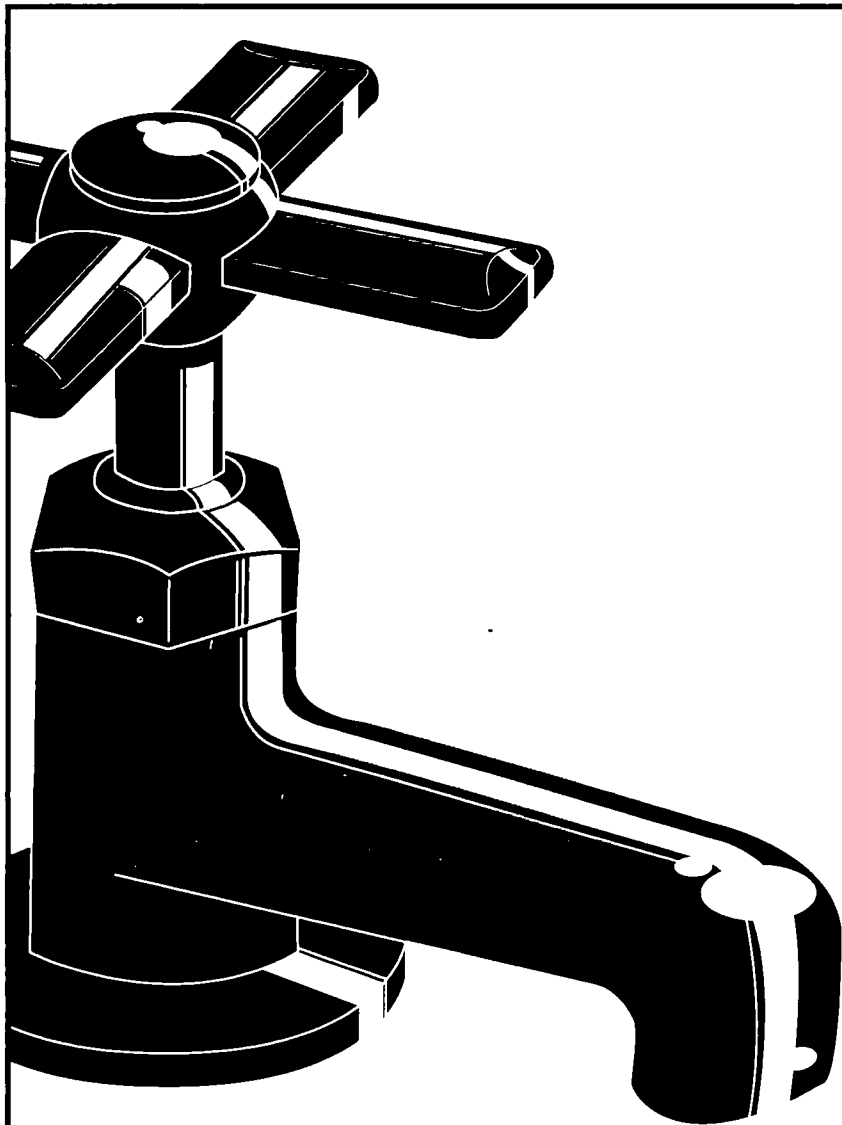
No proposals have been made since early December, when the players offered a 24 percent roll-back on all existing contracts as part of a luxury-tax and revenue-sharing system. The NHL turned that down and made a counter-proposal five days later that was rejected in a matter of hours.

If the season is wiped out, the Stanley Cup wouldn't be awarded for the first time since 1919, when a flu epidemic canceled the final series between Seattle and Montreal. The NHL would then become the first major North American sports league to lose an entire season because of a labor dispute.

Optimism was expressed last Wednesday after the first day of meetings when Linden and Hotchkiss had a chance to talk one-on-one. The good feeling didn't carry over to the next day, though, and Linden reportedly told players in a recorded message on the players' Web site that the NHL was still insisting on a salary cap and that the season would likely be canceled.

Daly said he was surprised that Linden came away from the meetings with that opinion because the NHL felt that some progress was made. Both sides admitted that they were still far apart on the key issue.

The NHL wants the new deal to give clubs cost certainty — a link between revenues and player costs. The union says that amounts to an unacceptable salary cap.



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NBA

Bulls overpower Nuggets in 111-107 victory

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Kirk Hinrich scored 23 points and Eddy Curry shook off a groin injury to add 14 in the fourth quarter, sending the surging Chicago Bulls past the Denver Nuggets for their 11th win in 12 games.

Denver broke Chicago's string of holding opponents under 100 points at 26 games, but couldn't pull out the victory despite getting 32 points — 15 in the fourth quarter — from Carmelo Anthony.

With their fourth straight win in five nights, the Bulls moved two games over .500 after an 0-9 start.

Before the game, Denver general manager Kiki Vandeweghe met with George Karl about the team's coaching position, but the job was not offered to Karl.

"We had a conversation. That's about it," Vandeweghe said at halftime. "The meeting was private. I have talked to a few other people."

Denver is 4-9 since interim coach Michael Cooper replaced Jeff Bzdelik, who was fired after a 13-15 start.

Nene, returning from a four-game suspension, scored 19 for the Nuggets. Ben Gordon had 18 for the Bulls and Andres Nocioni sealed the win with two free throws with 12 seconds to go.

Curry, averaging 15.7 points, did not start because of a sore left groin and went scoreless in two first-half minutes.

He started the second half and scored two points before leaving again after less than four minutes. But he re-entered to start the fourth and right away made his presence felt with 11 quick points on a three-point play, three dunks and a hook to help the Bulls take a 96-88 lead.

Anthony had six points in a 7-0 Denver run that cut it to one with just under four minutes left. Curry hit a hook and Tyson Chandler made two free throws as Chicago went up by five.

Phoenix 133, New York 118

Quentin Richardson made seven of Phoenix's 16 3-pointers, Jim Jackson added five shots from behind the arc and the Suns had their highest point total of the season in a victory over the New York Knicks.

The Suns tied a team record with their 16 3s, the last of

which — by Richardson with 1:42 left — ended the Knicks' final chance.

Amare Stoudemire scored 29 points, Richardson had 25, Joe Johnson 24 and Shawn Marion 20 for Phoenix, which easily eclipsed its previous season high of 124 points.

The loss was the seventh in a row for the struggling Knicks, who obviously have not latched onto new coach Herb Williams' emphasis on defense. The 133 points were a season high for a Knicks opponent, and the 16 3-pointers were the most ever allowed in franchise history.

Boston 97, Charlotte 92

For the Boston Celtics to break their nine-game road losing streak, they had to learn to let Paul Pierce carry them down the stretch.

That was the message coach Doc Rivers delivered, and the Celtics heard him loud and clear.

Pierce scored 14 of his 33 points in the fourth quarter to lead Boston to a victory over the Charlotte Bobcats, who lost their ninth in a row overall.

"The guys made an effort to really look to me, I don't think that's been the case in the past," Pierce said. "Yesterday in practice Doc said this is what we need to do, establish something in the fourth quarter."

"That's what most teams need to do, go to the best player in the fourth quarter and expect him to make plays. I'm our best player."

Pierce helped the Celtics by making 10 free throws in the final period, and 13 of 16 in all. He also grabbed three defensive rebounds in the final period and had two steals.

Pierce hit what appeared to be the game-sealing jumper with 1:22 to play. But Jason Hart made a 3-pointer with 28 seconds left to cut it to 94-91.

Gary Payton made a pair of free throws for Boston, but the Bobcats still had a chance with four free throw attempts.

Once again, they faltered at the line. Primo Brezec made just one of his shots and Emeka Okafor missed both of his attempts.

Pierce then sealed it with a free throw with 13 seconds to play to give the Celtics a road victory for the first time since Dec. 18 in Cleveland.

Memphis 95, Orlando 83

The Memphis Grizzlies got

aggressive on defense down the stretch.

Stromile Swift had 18 points and nine rebounds, leading the Grizzlies over the Orlando Magic.

Memphis, which had seven players in double figures, outscored the Magic 18-4 in the final 4:05 to secure its 12th win in 14 games. Orlando lost its second straight and has dropped three of four.

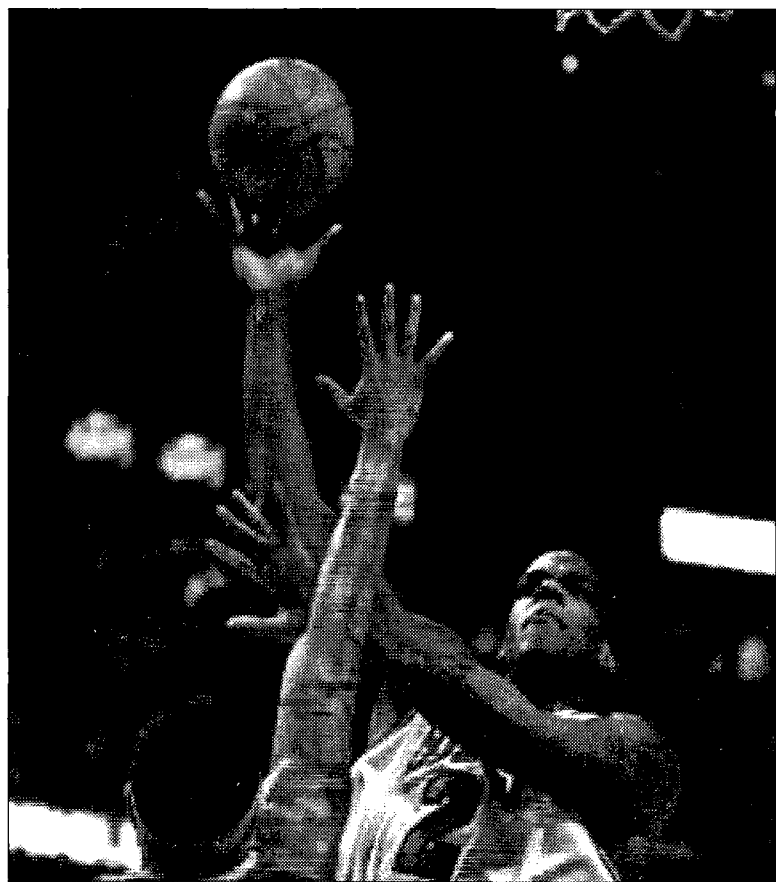
"We just picked up our defensive intensity and got stops," Swift said. "We rebounded the ball at the end of the game, and that was the key."

The Grizzlies needed the balanced offense after Pau Gasol, their leading scorer and rebounder, was placed on the injured list earlier in the day with a left foot injury. In addition, key reserve Bonzi Wells sat out with a groin strain.

"There's no panic," Swift said. "We've got enough guys on this team with talent who can play. When somebody goes down, we can replace them."

James Posey and Lorenzen Wright each scored 12 points and grabbed eight rebounds. Earl Watson and Shane Battier, who helped during the final rally, added 11 points apiece, although they were a combined 7-of-22 from the field. Grant Hill and Steve Francis led Orlando with 18 points each, and Francis added six assists. Rookie guard Jameer Nelson scored 17.

It marked the second straight night the Magic couldn't capitalize on their opponent being without its top scorer. Houston played without Tracy McGrady, who was tending to a family emergency, while defeating the Magic 89-78 on Monday night.



Chicago Bulls' Eddy Curry shoots over Denver Nuggets' Kenyon Martin during Tuesday night's game.

"That's tough, man," Francis said. "We faced the same thing (Monday) night and couldn't get it done."

The teams exchanged leads midway through the final period. A three-point play by Swift followed by a 3-pointer by Mike Miller and two free throws and a tip-in by Battier capped a 10-0 run, giving Memphis an 87-79 lead with 1:31 left. Orlando never got closer the rest of the way.

"It wasn't a very pretty game

up until the last five minutes," Battier said. "We really willed the victory. Guys made huge shots and then just huge plays. In a game like that, when it is kind of ugly, that's often the difference."

Memphis led by as many as 11 in the first half, but Nelson and Hill keyed a second-quarter Magic rally, tying the game 42-all at halftime. Hill had 14 points, and Nelson hit his first five shots from the field for 11 points.

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FAITHPOINT

January 26, 2005

Matters of the Heart

by GREG RUEHLMANN
Campus Ministry Intern

The Notre Dame family is mourning the loss of Daniel Kish, who, though only here a short time, was fully one of us and has left an indelible mark.

As our community grieves, it's very important to focus on an issue which deeply affected Dan's life and death. It is an issue which affects the lives of many, and may one day affect you as well.

When Dan Kish was in high school, he became one of the over 2,000 heart transplant recipients in the U.S. each year. It's a brave, remarkable group of individuals. Put yourself in their shoes. Faced with death, you undergo a surgery in which the ailing heart that has sustained your life is cut out of your chest. You're kept alive until the donated heart can be prepared and attached. Even if the surgery succeeds, you still face the ever-present danger of rejection.

This is to say nothing of the agony of the waiting list, which people like Daniel know well. Imagine needing a transplant to survive, but knowing you'll have to wait weeks and months before a donation match can be made.

This is the frightening reality of organ donation. Thousands wait interminably, because there simply aren't enough potential donors. Dan Kish needed a second transplant, and he carried a cell phone that was set to ring if a potential match was found. But Dan's fate, sadly, is all too common. The U.S. government reports, "Each day about 70 people receive an organ transplant, but another 16 people on the waiting list die because not enough organs are available."

This issue matters a great deal to me. My grandmother, Leah Budde, received the gift of life three times through organ transplants. Because she had a deadly heart disease, her doctors told her in 1987 transplantation was her only hope. Her body slowly rejected the first transplant, however, and by 1990 Grandma needed a new heart. For six months, she lived in a hospital bed waiting for a donor match. Finally, a new heart came through. This heart lasted, but years of anti-rejection medicine wore down her kidneys as well. Once again, my grandmother found herself on a waiting list until a kidney transplant in 1993 saved her life.

Words fail when I try to express the tear-filled gratitude my family feels for those saintly souls who gave life to our beloved Leah. When she died in 1998, it was with the knowledge that her decade of suffering was also a decade of grace. It was ten years of life literally gifted to her by families in the midst of horrible tragedy.

All three of the organs my grandmother received came from donors in their late teens and early twenties—the same age as most of us. Each made the choice to become potential donors. To my mind, what they did was the quintessential act of Christian charity. In their dying, they gave life. If you have not registered as a potential donor in your state, I beg you to do so. Remember too that events like the Howard Bone Marrow Drive in April provide other important opportunities to help.

I can only imagine the grief of the Kish family at this time. But I am confident that they echo my words. God forbid that something happens to you or yours which demands a transplant; or, that tragedy strikes in a way that makes donating your organs possible. But I pray that, should the situation arise, all of us can answer Christ's call to give love and life to others—to give, as it were, our hearts away.

What's Up?

TONIGHT



10 pm
Legends
Topic: "Pornography"

FOUR:7

10-11 pm
CoMo Lounge
Topic: "Charity, Service, & Love"

TODAY, 1/26

- *Four:7 (see above)
- *Theology on Tap (see above)
- *Sant'Egidio Prayer Community (6:30pm, Log Chapel)

THURSDAY, 1/27

- *Muslim Prayer Service (7-8pm, 330 Coleman-Morse)

FRIDAY, 1/28

- *Freshman Retreat #57 (1/28-29, Sacred Heart Parish Center)
- *El Encuentro con Nuestra Fe Retreat (1/28-30, Oakwood)

SATURDAY, 1/29

- *Vigil Mass (5 pm, Basilica)
- *Solemn Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary (9am, Alumni Chapel)

SUNDAY, 1/30

- *10:00 am Mass (Basilica)
- *11:45 am Mass (Basilica)
- *Spanish Mass (1:30 pm, St. Ed's)
- *Law School Mass (5 pm, Law School Chapel)
- *MBA Mass (7 pm, Mendoza Faculty Lounge)
- *Rejoice! Mass (9 pm, CoMo Chapel)

MONDAY, 1/31

- *Applications due for NDE #85 (Retreat 2/25-2/27)

TUESDAY, 2/1

- *Bible Study with Fr. Frank Zagorc (7:30-9:30pm 316 Coleman-Morse)

LIVE IT!!!



If you pass the Campus Ministry Welcome Center between 6:00 and 9:00 PM on Tuesday night stop in and say hi to Pat Manning. While you're there, pick up a retreat application. Pat, a sophomore from Siegfried Hall is the man behind Siegfried's first ever weekend-long retreat. In addition to his stellar announcements at the end of dorm Mass, Pat can hook you up information about what's going on in CM. Why? Because he wants people to find out who they are; what gives them joy, and knows that a little work on his part, handing someone a retreat application, goes a long way.

Pat's commitment to a life of faith doesn't end there. As a CM Commissioner he has organized an Emmaus Small Faith Sharing Group between Siegfried and PW. Now that's an innovative way to center your faith and social life.

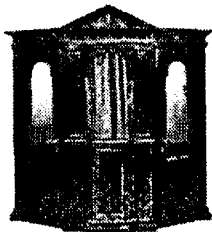
Pat's favorite part about working for CM? "Spending hours on end cleaning wax out of candle holders."

Send nominations to Schuster.13@nd.edu!

Catholic Q&A

What's the deal with Confession? Can't I go directly to God for forgiveness?

Of all the misunderstood Catholic Sacraments, the Sacrament of Reconciliation (or Confession) ranks right up there. Great light can be shed on this Sacrament if we first look at how Christ instituted it. In the Gospel of John, soon after the Resurrection, Jesus appears to the disciples, saying: "Receive the holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained" (John 20:22-23, NAB). Jesus commissioned the Apostles to minister to all God's people, giving them the power to forgive sins in His Name. The Catholic Church affirms that this power of forgiveness did not stop with the death of the last Apostle, but was passed on as the Apostles (the first bishops) selected those who were to come after them. Thus, to each bishop ordained throughout history and to



all the priests that they in turn ordained, this ministry of spiritual healing was passed on.

To understand Confession, we also need to examine the nature of sin. When we sin, we offend both God and our community. No matter how seemingly personal, each sin weakens the mission of the Church, the Body of Christ in the world. When one goes to a priest to

confess, the priest acts as the representative of the community and provides a verbal assurance of God's forgiveness, an assurance that is much more concrete than the sometimes-elusive feeling coming from direct confession to God alone. In addition, the priest is able to offer counsel that may help us to avoid sin in the future. It is true that only God can forgive sins, but Jesus Himself commissioned priests to be the human instruments of God's forgiveness, that through the Sacrament of Reconciliation we might be assured of God's mercy!

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Homesick Jackson transfers to Houston

Purdue freshman guard decides to play closer to home

Associated Press

WEST LAFAYETTE — Homesick freshman Tye Jackson has left the Purdue women's basketball team and will transfer to the University of Houston.

The 5-foot-9 guard, last year's high school Miss Basketball in Texas, said she never fully adjusted to life away from her family in Houston.

"It started getting worse," Jackson said. "As the days went on, I still wanted to go home."

"I've tried to fight through it. I had my ups and downs, and I don't want to bring any negative things to my teammates by me wanting to go home and not giving 100 percent out there," she told the Journal and Courier.

Jackson started five of 17 games with the Boilermakers, averaging 6.8 points, 2.6 rebounds and 1.6 assists. Her season best was 20 points against Houston on Nov. 30, but her playing time dwindled since the start of Big Ten Conference schedule, mainly because of the improved play

of freshman Lindsay Wisdom-Hylton.

Jackson played two minutes in Sunday's 79-75 victory over Iowa.

"I haven't been giving 100 percent, and that's why my minutes have been going down," she said. "I haven't been giving my all, and coach knows that."

Jackson approached coach Kristy Curry two weeks ago about leaving Purdue.

"She knew how I felt four months ago," Jackson said. "It wasn't anything new for her. When I felt like talking, she was there for me. Almost every day I've been here I've been thinking about home. It wasn't one specific day that it all hit me."

Jackson said she would begin classes at Houston on Thursday. As a transfer player, she will have to sit out the 2005-06 season but will have three years of eligibility after that.

Curry said Jackson had struggled this season because of her homesickness.

"She wants to be back with her family in Houston," Curry said. "She is a very talented player, and we were happy to have her at Purdue. But as the weeks went on, it became clear that she was not happy here."

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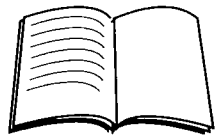
CENTER FOR SOCIAL CONCERNS



Happenings

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Volunteer Opportunities

Salsa Aerobics

The Latina women of "Comadres" are very interested in starting a "low-impact aerobics" or "move to salsa music" type group. They need a volunteer who would be willing to lead the group for one hour per week in the early evening. If interested contact Marcia Good at mgood1@nd.edu.

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Babysitting

La Casa de Amistad holds a meeting for mothers called "Comadres" the third Thursday of every month. Volunteers are needed to take care of about 5-10 children from 4:30-6:30pm. Please contact Marcia Good at mgood1@nd.edu.

Tutoring Children

Greater Holy Temple is in need of tutors for their Tuesday evening tutoring program, which runs from 7-8pm. The address of the church is 710 Napoleon Blvd. If interested, call Jean Cane at 1-5685.

Empowering Women to End Violence

"A Survey of Violence against Women Worldwide." Students Anamaria Scaperlanda-Ruiz and Christina Dehan, will present as part of the Maria Goretti Project.

When: Wed., Jan. 26, 7 p.m.
Where: 330 Coleman-Morse

Prayer for Women Affected by Violence

When: Thurs., Jan. 27, 7 p.m.
Where: Walsh Hall Chapel

"A Personal Look at Autism"

Michael John Carley, parent of a son with Asperger's syndrome, will speak about his experiences with autism as a parent and as an individual with high functioning autism.

When: Sat., January 29, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. and 1-4 p.m.
Where: 141 DeBartolo

Race and Religion Symposium

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Social Entrepreneurship

When: Fri., Jan. 28th, 2-3 p.m.
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Hip Hop And Social Action

When: Fri., Jan. 28 5-6 p.m.
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Poetry Workshop

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SSP Information Session

Come learn about exciting opportunities with the Summer Service Project Internship. The SSPI is an eight-week service-learning experience at roughly 200 agencies and organizations throughout the United States.

When: Wed., Jan. 26 - 6:30 p.m.

Where: Multi-purpose Room, Center for Social Concerns

International Service Programs

Returned Volunteers from Holy Cross Associates - Chile; Farm of the Child - Honduras; Jesuit Volunteers International - South Africa, Nicaragua; Maryknoll-China; Comboni Lay Missionaries - Ghana

When: Thurs., Jan. 27 6:00 p.m.

Where: Coffeehouse, Center for Social Concerns

Mercy Works Information Session

Chicago's Mercy Home for Boys & Girls, a residential care facility for troubled children, has a full-time volunteer program called MERCYWORKS. Mercy Home is seeking a select and diverse group of highly motivated and mature men and women interested in joining in our mission to work with the hurting youth who live at Mercy Home. The next group of MERCYWORKS volunteers will serve from August of 2004 until July of 2005.

When: Wed., Jan. 26, 8:30-9:30 p.m.

Where: Lounge, Center for Social Concerns

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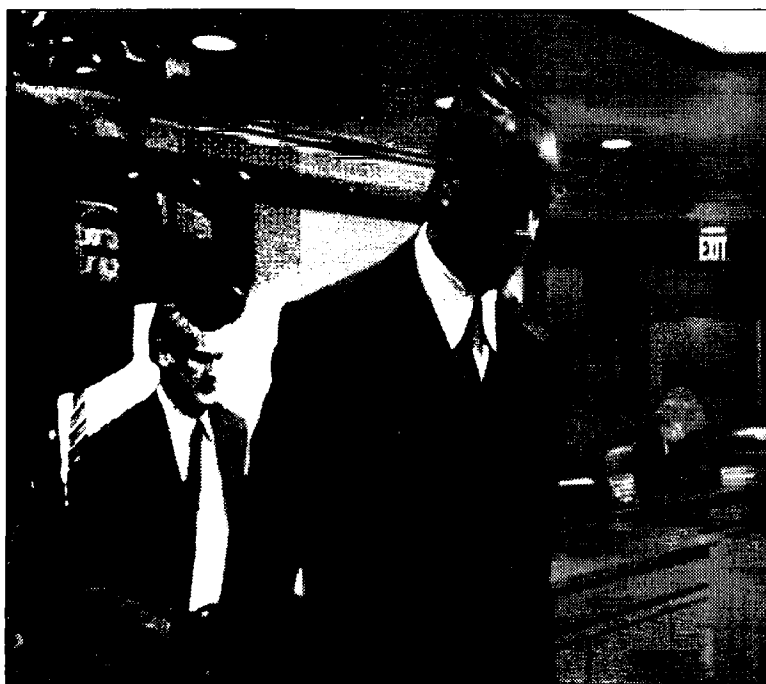
This is a one year service program in Chicago. The session will be presented by three ND grads who are currently serving with the program.

Where: Wed., January 26, 8:00-9:00 p.m.

When: Coffeehouse, Center for Social Concerns

NBA

Players released on bond after Palace brawl



Indiana Pacers' Jermaine O'Neal walks into the courtroom with his attorney. Nine of the people charged in the brawl appeared in court for their bond hearings.

Judge bans five Pacers from The Palace, issues personal bonds to involved players

Associated Press

ROCHESTER HILLS, Mich. — Five Indiana Pacers players and three fans charged with misdemeanor assault and battery in the brawl at The Palace of Auburn Hills appeared in court Tuesday and were released on personal bonds.

The Pacers players appeared separately for about three minutes before District Judge Lisa Asadoorian, who met extensively with each of their lawyers before the hearing.

Asadoorian allowed the players to leave the state because they do not live or work here. She barred them from the Palace "except for employment-related purposes."

Ron Artest, Stephen Jackson,

also is charged with misdemeanor assault and battery. David Wallace was not in court Tuesday, but his attorney appeared on his behalf, said Oakland County Assistant Prosecutor Paul Walton. His case was adjourned until a later date.

Ackerman and Paulson were released on \$500 personal bonds, meaning they also did not have to post any money before leaving the courthouse.

Green, who has a criminal record, was released on a \$1,000 personal bond. He's accused of throwing the cup that sparked the Nov. 19 brawl.

Prosecutors say Green tossed a drink at Artest, who then charged into the stands and attacked a man he thought had done it.

Green's attorney, Barton W. Morris Jr., told Asadoorian that his client is a recovering

alcoholic who has been attending daily Alcoholics Anonymous meetings.

The judge ordered Green to continue attending the meetings, not possess alcohol or illegal drugs and undergo random drug testing.

Another fan, 37-year-old Bryant Jackson, was ordered Tuesday to stand trial on a felonious assault charge for allegedly tossing a chair.

During a preliminary examination that also took place in Asadoorian's courtroom, Jackson's attorney, Kenneth Karasick, argued there wasn't enough evidence to prosecute his client because no witnesses were at the Palace the night of the brawl who could positively

identify Jackson as the chair-thrower. But Asadoorian ruled that videotape and witness testimony were enough to move the case forward.

Three brawl videos — two of which were taken by spectators in the upper level — were shown in court as witnesses testified.

The two amateur videos showed a man in a backward baseball cap and dark jacket hurling a chair above his head. Video taken by WDIV-TV in Detroit shows the man, who prosecutors say is Jackson, loosening the chair from the rows of VIP seating on the floor of The Palace. At one point the man is seen looking straight at the camera.

A Palace employee testified that Jackson was a season-ticket holder and that his tickets were used that night. His tickets have since been revoked.

Auburn Hills

police Officer

James Stoinski

and Julie

Socia, who

works in guest

relations at

The Palace,

both testified

that they were

struck by a

chair during

the fighting.

"For the first

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had constant

headaches and

nausea. Since

then, I've had

a headache

every day,"

Socia testified.

On Monday, a

spectator who

police say was

punched by

two players

during the

fight pleaded

no contest to

violating a

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that prohibits

fans from

entering the

basketball

court during

an NBA

game.

Charlie Haddad,

21, of Burt,

is scheduled

to be

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Men's College Basketball Big East Conference

team	Big East	Overall
Syracuse	7-0	20-1
Boston College	5-0	16-0
NOTRE DAME	4-2	12-4
Connecticut	4-2	12-4
Georgetown	4-2	13-5
Pittsburgh	3-2	13-3
Villanova	2-3	10-4
Seton Hall	1-4	9-7
West Virginia	1-5	11-6
St. John's	1-5	7-9
Rutgers	1-5	7-9
Providence	0-4	9-8

Women's College Basketball Big East Conference

team	Big East	overall
Boston College	5-0	14-2
Connecticut	5-0	12-4
Rutgers	4-1	13-4
NOTRE DAME	4-2	16-3
Villanova	4-2	11-6
St. John's	3-3	14-3
Pittsburgh	3-3	11-6
West Virginia	2-4	11-6
Syracuse	2-4	10-7
Seton Hall	2-5	10-8
Georgetown	1-5	6-11
Providence	0-6	1-16

Men's Hockey CCHA Conference

team	CCHA	overall
Michigan	16-2-0	19-6-1
Ohio State	13-4-1	16-7-3
Northern Michigan	10-5-3	12-7-5
Nebraska-Omaha	10-8-2	12-10-2
Michigan State	8-9-1	13-11-2
Bowling Green	7-7-2	10-9-3
Alaska Fairbanks	7-10-1	8-11-1
Lake Superior State	6-7-3	7-13-4
Miami (Ohio)	5-10-3	9-13-4
Ferris State	4-11-3	9-14-3
Western Michigan	5-10-1	10-11-1
NOTRE DAME	3-11-4	5-16-5

Men's Hockey NCAA Top 15

team	points
1 Colorado College (40)	600
2 Boston College	546
3 Michigan	507
4 Minnesota	493
5 Wisconsin	434
6 Denver	358
7 New Hampshire	353
8 Colgate	291
9 Cornell	266
10 Ohio State	236
11 Boston University	197
12 North Dakota	163
13 Harvard	122
14 Vermont	85
15 Massachusetts-Lowell	64

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Marquette at Louisville 7 p.m., ESPN

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7:30 p.m., ESPN2

Maryland at Duke 9:00 p.m., ESPN

TENNIS

2005 Australian Open 9:30 p.m., ESPN2

MLB



Former Blue Jay Carlos Delgado signed a four-year deal with Florida Tuesday. The first baseman hit .269 with 32 home runs and 99 RBI's with Toronto last season.

Delgado signs \$52 million deal with Marlins

Associated Press

MIAMI — Carlos Delgado wanted to play for a contender, and the Florida Marlins look like one now.

Delgado agreed Tuesday to a \$52 million, four-year contract. The deal, which includes an option year making it potentially worth \$64 million over five seasons, is contingent on the Delgado passing a physical Wednesday.

With the addition of the free-agent first baseman, Florida becomes perhaps the team to beat in the NL East.

"It's a spectacular day

for the franchise," owner Jeffrey Loria said in a telephone interview with The Associated Press. "I'm going to spring training tomorrow. I'm not waiting."

The Marlins won the World Series in 1997 and 2003 but still are seeking their first division title. They also want to win support for a new ballpark.

"We're about trying to be a very competitive ball-club, and the stadium will take of itself in due time," Loria said. "But Carlos certainly is not going to hurt that effort."

The Marlins landed the

most formidable left-handed power hitter in their 12-season history, and it took the franchise's richest per-season deal to do it. Florida won out over the New York Mets, Texas and Baltimore.

Delgado receives just \$4 million this year but makes \$13.5 million in 2006, \$14.5 million in 2007 and \$16 million in 2008, according to terms obtained by the AP. The agreement includes a \$16 million option for 2009 that would become guaranteed based on how Delgado does in MVP voting and whether he earns postseason MVP awards.

If the option year doesn't become guaranteed, Florida would have the right to exercise a \$12 million option. If the option is declined, Delgado would get a \$4 million buyout.

The Marlins made an initial offer of \$35 million for three years, then went even higher to win the bidding. The contract will push their payroll above \$56 million for the first time.

Delgado, 32, hit at least 30 homers each of the past eight seasons in Toronto. Last season he batted .269 with 32 homers and 99 RBIs.

IN BRIEF

Pittsburgh QB suffered injury during title game

PITTSBURGH — Rookie quarterback Ben Roethlisberger broke a couple of toes on his right foot during the Steelers' AFC title game loss to the Patriots, but he doesn't blame the injury for his error-filled play.

Roethlisberger didn't specify Tuesday which toes were broken, and he wasn't walking with an apparent limp. He believes he was hurt while stumbling on a 13-yard run late in the first half, amid a drive that later stalled in the 41-27 loss Sunday.

"It's a good thing I'm not punting any more," said Roethlisberger, who was a part-time punter in college at Miami of Ohio.

Despite getting hurt on an 11-degree night, Roethlisberger saw his statistics improve after the injury. He was 5-of-10 for 77 yards and two pivotal interceptions as New England opened a 24-3 lead by half-time, but was 9-of-14 for 149 yards,

two touchdowns and an interception in the second half.

White Sox sign Japanese star Iguchi

CHICAGO — Japanese second baseman Tadahito Iguchi and the Chicago White Sox have reached agreement on a two-year contract.

Iguchi will get between \$2 million and \$2.5 million per season and the White Sox will have the option for a third year. The agreement was reported by Kyodo in Japan and on the White Sox's Web site.

The White Sox would not comment Monday and an official announcement will come after Iguchi takes a physical. He would be the second White Sox player from Japan, joining reliever Shingo Takatsu, who was 6-4 with a 2.31 ERA and 19 saves in his first season a year ago.

Iguchi will give the made-over White Sox speed and power at second base, where Willie Harris was set to start.

Iguchi, 30, batted .333 with 24

homers and 89 RBIs last season with the Daiei Hawks. He's won two stolen base titles, a Golden Glove award three times and been a four-time All-Star. He can also play shortstop.

Former Southern Indiana player stabbed

EVANSVILLE — Laronzo "Ronnie" Griffin, a former basketball player at Southern Indiana, was found stabbed to death at a home in Louisville, Ky., police said.

The 6-foot-9 Griffin played one season for the Division II Screaming Eagles after transferring from Oklahoma in 2001. He averaged 14 points and seven rebounds in helping Southern Indiana to a 22-7 record.

"I'm stunned, just devastated," said USI coach Rick Herdes. "Ronnie had so much personality, character and charisma. He was on the first team I coached, and he was always a gentleman while he was here. This is extremely hard for everyone who knew him here to deal with."

Michigan

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lineup," Irish coach Jay Louderback said. Every match is going to be a big one. It's going to come down to who competes the best."

What may decide the winner of Wednesday's match will be the doubles point, Louderback said. Winning the doubles point gives the team the confidence and momentum they need heading into singles.

"It's always big for us to start off 1-0," Louderback said. "That takes the pressure off of singles because then we only have to win three singles matches instead of four to win."

Louderback added he is confident in the driven and determined Irish team this year, saying he expects hard-fought doubles matches.

"They love to compete," Louderback said. "I'm excited to see how they play because they've had another year of experience. They've had a chance to become more match tough."

Both Michigan and Notre Dame had the opportunity to gauge their progress last weekend against Vanderbilt. Michigan's fell to 1-1 after

losing to No. 6 Vanderbilt Saturday 5-2. The No. 21 Irish (1-1) are also recovering from a 6-1 loss to Vanderbilt.

Junior Lauren Connelly defeated Vanderbilt's Annie Menees at No. 4 6-7 (5-7), 6-3, 1-0 (10-6), collecting Notre Dame's only point of the match. At No. 3, sophomore Christian Thompson kept No. 116 Amanda Fish on her toes, forcing a tie breaker match before falling 2-6, 7-6 (7-2), 6-4.

Thompson and sister Catrina also added to the Irish effort, claiming a win at No. 1 doubles 8-6 over No. 35 Audra Falk and Menees. The No. 2 Thompsons are 10-2 this season and 7-1 against nationally ranked opponents.

After Sunday's hard-fought Vanderbilt match, Louderback says the team is eager to get back on the courts to prove just how much potential they possess.

"The kids know they have a tough schedule," Louderback said. They know they have to come out and play and compete in every match. They're ready to get back and com-

pete." The two teams face off today at 4 p.m. in the Eck Tennis Pavilion.

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Cats

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an important one. A win gives the Irish a 2-1 mark on this road trip and lets them improve to 5-2 in conference. A loss drops them to 1-2 on the trip and 4-3 in conference.

That's why the Irish can't stay down on themselves.

"It is big. We bounced back after the Syracuse loss in a good way," Irish coach Mike Brey said. "So we are going to need to do that again against Villanova. We are facing a very confident team after they just crushed Kansas. It was a very physical battle here."

The Irish beat the Wildcats 78-72 at the Joyce Center Jan. 8. The Wildcats played that game without Curtis Sumpter, who injured his knee in practice the day before the game. But Sumpter returned to the Villanova lineup one week after missing the game against the Irish and had 25 points in the Wildcats' 83-62 upset of then-No. 2 Kansas Saturday.

Sumpter is second on the team in points (16.8) and leads the team in rebounds (8.1).

"He just creates match-up problems. They are a lot tougher," Thomas said. "I think he gives them a lot of confidence. He's their best player."

However, now the Wildcats are missing Jason Fraser from their lineup. Fraser only had five points and 10 rebounds in 30 minutes of action against the Irish and his overall season averages don't jump out from the stat sheet. Fraser has been injury-plagued in his three years with the Wildcats, which has been frustrating for the



Chris Quinn takes the ball upcourt Jan. 8 against Randy Foye of Villanova during Notre Dame's 78-72 win.

RICHARD FRIEDMAN/The Observer

Villanova program.

The Wildcats have had to battle injury problems over the past three seasons, so this is nothing new. Combine that with Villanova's confidence and that's why Thomas expects tonight's game to go down to the wire.

"Look for them to come out and shoot lights out, and pressure the ball and push it just like they did against Kansas," Thomas said. "The next couple of games will probably come down to game situations and hopefully playing against Georgetown and the last couple of road games, we'll be able to counter runs and be on our feet a little bit better."

With a murderer's row of opponents on the horizon — starting Sunday with a national television home game against defending national champion Connecticut — looking past a team as good as the Wildcats wouldn't be unexpected.

"We are facing a very confident team after they just crushed Kansas."

Mike Brey
Irish coach

But Brey feels his team won't do that.

"We are not thinking at all about Connecticut," Brey said. "We kind of looked at this three-game road segment as one segment. We've got to finish it and then deal with UConn."

Tip-off is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on ESPN2.

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Teresa Borton posts up Purdue's Emily Heikes in a Jan. 16 Irish win. Notre Dame faces St. John's tonight at the Joyce Center.

Red Storm

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Despite struggling for a week, Notre Dame turned it around quickly with back-to-back wins against top-20 teams. The Irish defeated then-No. 20 Purdue on Jan. 16 before whipping Syracuse on the road and blowing out then-No. 6 Rutgers in the second half en route to the victory.

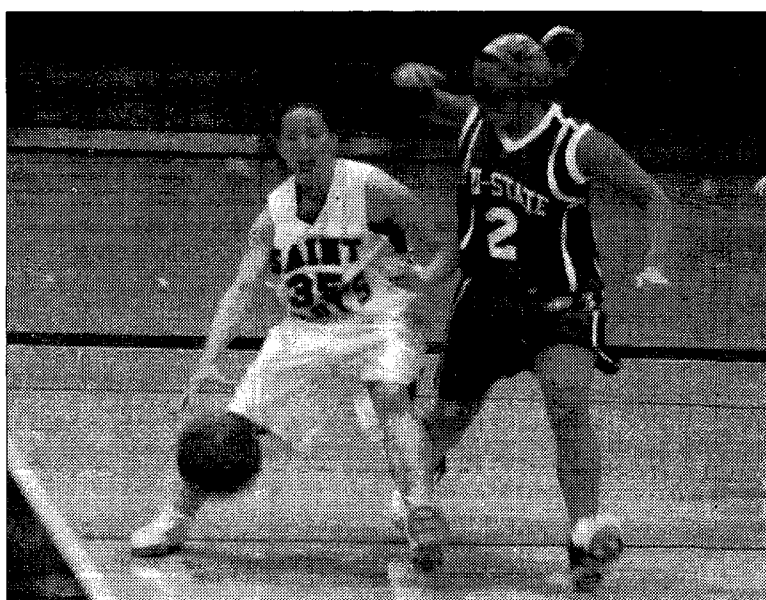
Notre Dame is in the midst of its toughest stretch of games

this season, but has several easier opponents nearing. After Connecticut and Boston College, Notre Dame faces Pittsburgh, Providence and Georgetown during an 11-day stretch. While Pittsburgh is a respectable 11-6, Providence and Georgetown are the at the bottom of the Big East.

Notre Dame has never lost to St. John's in the teams' 14 meetings.

Tipoff is set for 7 p.m.

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Bridget Boyce, top, dribbles against Tri-State in Saint Mary's win Monday. Alison Kessler tries to avoid a trap Monday.

Albion

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Playing to the Belles' favor in the Albion game was Tri-State's style of play. The Thunder used an up-tempo, pressing style, preparing Saint Mary's for the full court defense of the Britons.

"Their game plan is press the whole game, shoot threes, and sub every few minutes — five in and five out," Creachbaum said of the Thunder.

The Belles had little trouble with the Tri-State press, scoring 93 points, their second highest total of the season. Maureen Bush, who poured in 31 points, was the main beneficiary of coach Suzanne Bellina's very effective game plan.

"They pressed us the whole game, so she got some pretty good looks at the basket," Creachbaum said of the 6-foot forward. "They had to guard her with smaller girls."

Despite only having one day off between games, Creachbaum is not worried about the Belles being tired.

"Over Christmas we had to play three games back to back to back," she said.

Tipoff is 7:30 p.m. at the Angela Athletic Center.

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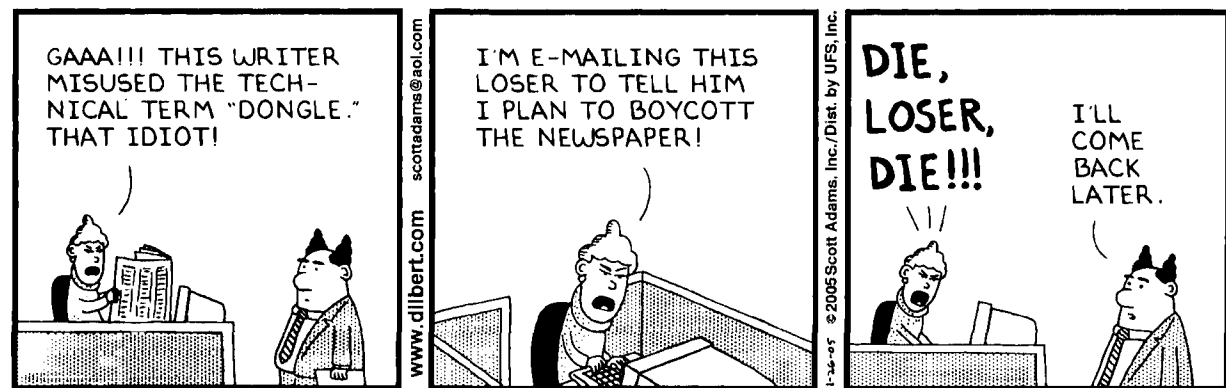
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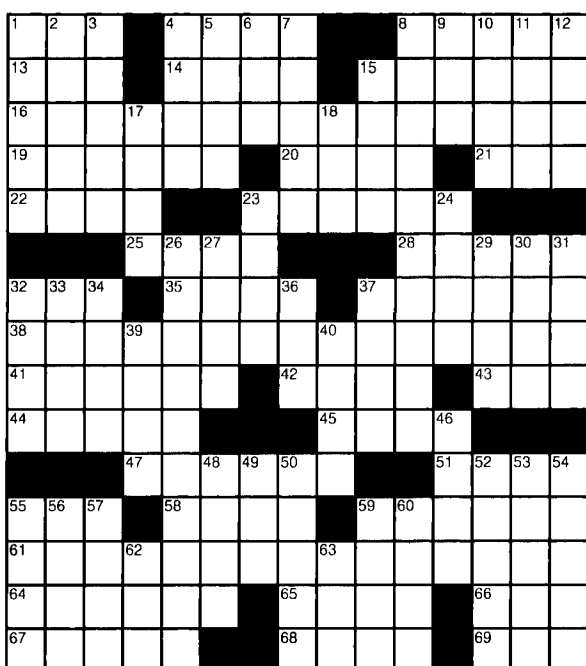
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 - "Baseball Tonight" channel
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TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Give it your best shot and you will accomplish more than you had hoped for. You can do no wrong today if you voice your opinion and follow through with your plan. Love is hot. ****

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Like it or not, the focus should be on home, family and taking care of responsibilities. You should be able to solve existing problems, but don't overextend yourself in the process. ***

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Take a moment to discover how you feel about your personal life and the people in it. You may want to make some adjustments that will not go over well. However, the sooner done, the better. ***

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Not everyone you are dealing with will be upfront about what they think and what their intentions are. Don't be too vocal or you will give the competition the edge. ****

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Take a look at where you are and think about where you would like to be. Don't wait to take the first step in a direction you know will satisfy you both personally and professionally. ****

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Keep an eye on the people closest to you. Someone is not giving you a fair deal. Stay on top of matters if you want to come out on top. Your ideas are good, so protect them. **

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): There is a lot to think about today. Someone may be pushing you to make a decision that you aren't ready to make. Consider why you aren't and you'll have your answer. ***

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Dealing with officials may be unnerving, but if you are straightforward, it will be easy. Focus on what you want to do and how you plan to make more money. Take care of your health. ***

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By JOE HETTLER
Sports Writer

After two impressive wins against top-20 opponents, Notre Dame faces St. John's tonight at the Joyce Center. But this St. John's team is much different than a season ago.

The Red Storm went just 10-18 during the 2003-04 campaign, but opened this season with a school-record 12 straight wins before dropping a 60-32 contest to Connecticut. While the team has improved from a season ago, they haven't exactly played the most difficult schedule. St. John's wins include — Canisius, Colgate, Norfolk State, North Carolina-Wilmington, Hofstra, Fordham, Holy Cross, Farleigh Dickinson, Binghamton and Cornell. Since the hot start, the Red Storm is 2-3, putting them at 14-3 overall and 3-3 in Big East play.

Still, Notre Dame must be careful not to have a letdown after an emotionally draining win against Rutgers Sunday. The Irish trailed the Scarlet Knights by as many as 13

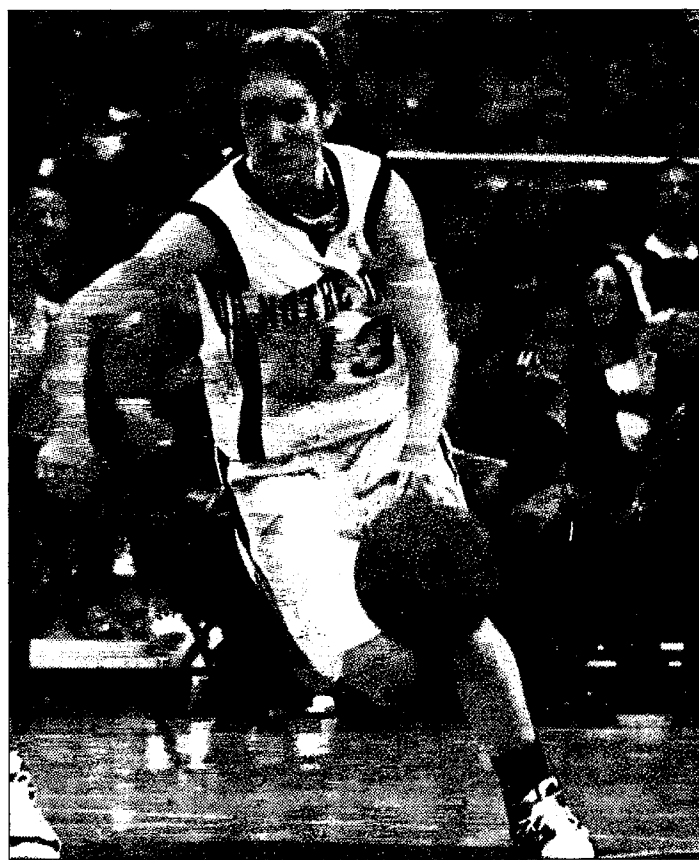
points in the first half, and by 11 at the intermission before turning the game around and cruising to a 63-47 victory. Jacqueline Batteast scored 27 points in the win and, for her performance, earned several player of the week honors.

This is likely the weakest opponent Notre Dame has faced in several games, and will face for the next week. The Irish have tough games against Connecticut on the road and Boston College at home on Jan. 30 and Feb. 2, respectively.

St. John's has three players averaging double figures in scoring, including the team's leading scorer, Kia Wright. Wright tallies 14.9 points, 3.7 rebounds and 4.0 assists per game this season. She scorched Georgetown for 21 points in the team's win Saturday.

Notre Dame sits in a tie for fourth place in the Big East conference, with the Red Storm a game behind. The Irish started the season winning 13 of the team's first 14 games before hitting a slump against Villanova and Connecticut.

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Junior point guard Megan Duffy leads the Irish into tonight's game against Big East foe St. John's.

TIM SULLIVAN/The Observer

ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

Doubles is the key for No. 21 Irish

No. 20 Michigan comes to town for tough matchup

By ANN LOUGHERY
Sports Writer

If last year is any indication, the No. 20 Wolverines will be clawing for every point they can get in today's match.

Last season, No. 21 Notre Dame nearly overpowered Michigan on the Wolverines' home courts 4-3, earning three of the six singles points and forcing three tiebreakers.

This time, the competition looks to be just as tough.

"Both teams are real deep and strong at the top [of the



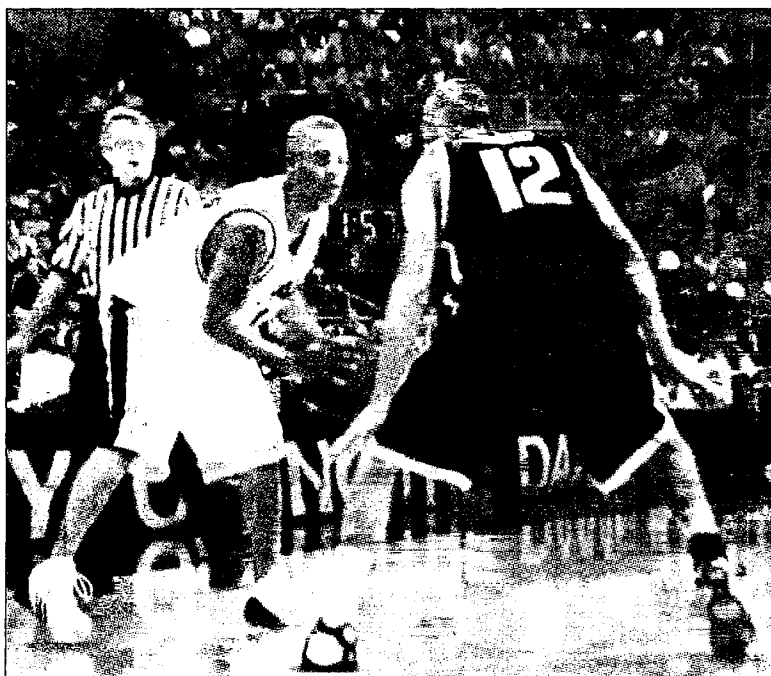
Catrina Thompson

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Road trip finally ends tonight

Notre Dame travels to Villanova for Big East test



Chris Thomas squares up against Villanova's Mike Nardi in the Irish's 78-72 win Jan. 8.

RICHARD FRIEDMAN/The Observer

By MATT LOZAR
Sports Writer

The Irish can't get down about Sunday's heart-breaking loss at Georgetown.

The schedule-makers won't let them.

Ending the three-game conference road trip, Notre Dame (12-4, 4-2 Big East) plays a confident Villanova (10-4, 2-3) team tonight at the Wachovia Center in Philadelphia.

"It's a big game. They are coming off a big win," Irish point guard Chris Thomas said. "We played well against them here, and they played well against us. They are a little bit short on personnel, but I look for them to come out with a lot of confidence, and I look for the same from us."

This is only one game, but it's

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SMC BASKETBALL

Belles take two-game win streak to Albion

With a win over the MIAA leader, team would be over .500

By CHRIS KHOREY
Sports Writer

After a 93-87 win over Tri-State in a game played Monday due to a northern Indiana snowstorm, the Belles have to turn around and play two days later against the MIAA frontrunner Albion Britons.

The Britons (16-2, 8-1 in the MIAA) beat Saint Mary's 71-62 in Albion, Mich., Dec. 1, but Belles senior forward Emily Creachbaum is confident headed into tonight's contest at the Angela Athletic Center.

"We tend to play very well

against Albion, and they don't usually play well at our place," Creachbaum said.

The Belles (9-9, 4-5 in the MIAA) took an 11-point lead into the locker room in the contest earlier this year, only to see it evaporate in the second half, mainly due to several turnovers.

Eliminating turnovers is key for the Belles in this game as Albion will most likely use its trademark full court press. Saint Mary's guards Bridget Lipke, Alison Kessler and Bridget Boyce will be called upon to get the ball over center court effectively.

"Our guards usually do a very good job of breaking the press, so if they [play well today], we should be successful," Creachbaum said.

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SPORTS AT A GLANCE

MLB

Carlos Delgado signed a four-year, \$52 million dollar contract with the Marlins.

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NBA

Five Pacers players and three fans appeared in court Tuesday after a November brawl, and all were released on bond.

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NHL

The league has scheduled a three-on-three meeting with the players' association today to try to save the season.

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NCAA WOMEN'S BBALL

Purdue guard Tye Jackson left the team Tuesday because of homesickness.

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NBA

Bulls 111, Nuggets 107

Kirk Hinrich had 23 points and five assists to lead Chicago.

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NCAA BASKETBALL

No. 1 Illinois 73, No. 19 Wisconsin 65

The Fighting Illini end Wisconsin's 38-game home winning streak.

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