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Duerson resigns from Board of Trustees

Former ND football captain is charged with assaulting wife

By CLAIRE HEININGER
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Former Notre Dame football captain and two-time All-American Dave Duerson was charged Monday with assaulting his wife early Thursday morning at The Morris Inn, the St. Joseph County Prosecutor's Office said in a statement. Duerson, a trustee since 2001, voluntarily resigned his post Friday and is also expected to resign as president of the Monogram Club, a two-year appointment

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Dave Duerson, right, presents an Honorary Monogram at a Monogram Club meeting. Duerson is expected to resign as president of the Monogram Club.

1983 graduate often spoke publicly about Irish program

By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN
News Writer

Dave Duerson, the former Irish football All-American who recently resigned from the Board of Trustees, leaves a legacy of pointed public comments about events surrounding the Notre Dame football program.

Duerson, who was charged with two counts of battery and two counts of domestic battery Monday after allegedly assaulting his wife Thursday, had been a University trustee since

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Baron, Leito tickets advance to runoff

51 percent of students cast votes; one ticket incurs a violation

By AMANDA MICHAELS
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Judicial council president Brin Anderson announced privately to the candidates for student body president that the tickets of Dave Baron-Lizzi Shappell and James Leito-Jordan Bongiovanni would advance to Thursday's runoff election at a meeting 10:15 p.m. Monday.

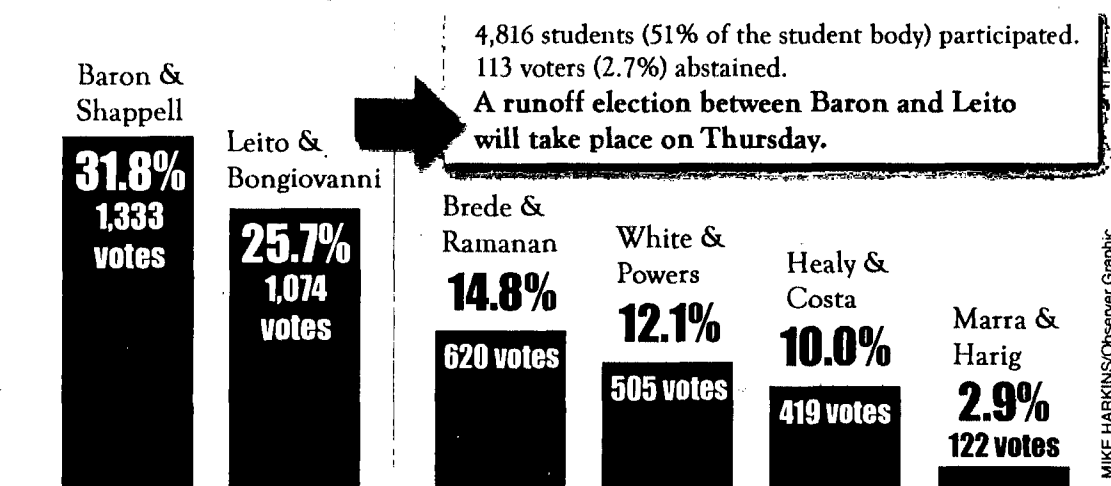
With 1,333 votes, or 31.8 percent of the total, junior Baron and sophomore Shappell edged out juniors Leito and Bongiovanni, who had 1,074 votes, or 25.6 percent. Abstentions made up 2.6 percent of votes. A total of 4,186 Notre Dame students voted, constituting a 51 percent turnout rate — 8.5 percent higher than last year's election.

"We're very pleased with the turnout results," Anderson said. "We worked very hard to garner more support from students by holding debates in a more accessible place, passing out flyers, reminding students to vote and setting up a voting booth in LaFortune."

Though the polls closed at 8 p.m. Monday, a reported campaign violation forced the

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Student Body Presidential Election Results



The student body presidential and vice presidential tickets of James Leito-Jordan Bongiovanni, left, and Dave Baron-Lizzi Shappell learned Monday night that they will advance to the runoff election.

Losing tickets disappointed with outcome; decline to endorse remaining candidates

By MADDIE HANNA
News Writer

While disappointed in the outcome of Monday's primary presidential elections and failing to advance to Thursday's runoff, tickets Brede-Ramanan, White-Powers, Healy-Costa and Harig-Marra expressed satisfaction with their campaign efforts.

Of the non-advancing tickets, Brede-Ramanan came in third with 610 votes.

White-Powers took fourth with 505 votes, Healy-Costa finished fifth with 419 votes and Harig-Marra brought up the rear with 122 votes.

Dorm loyalty proved to be a factor, demonstrated by the fact that Brede-Ramanan won Alumni, White-Powers won Sorin and Healy-Costa won

Zahm. Brede-Ramanan also won Carroll and Fisher and White-Powers won Knott.

"We're obviously disappointed not to make the runoff, but we're both happy with the issues we put on the table and the campaign we ran," said Vijay Ramanan, former vice-presidential candidate, speaking for himself and running mate Craig Brede.

Ramanan said that neither he nor Brede had thought much about their future in student government, but noted that he had "a lot to finish up this term in Senate" and that Brede will serve as Alumni Hall president for the rest of the semester.

Alec White and Erik Powers also expressed disappoint-

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Students see profs as liberal

By MICHAEL BUSK
News Writer

Editor's Note: This is the second in a three-part series exploring the role of partisan politics in classes at Notre Dame.

With the prevailing trend in academia leaning to the left, as many students and professors noted, Notre Dame's always Catholic and often conservative tone can sometimes lead to tension within departments and even between professors and their students.

Last semester, philosophy professor Kenneth Sayre taught a class called Environmental Philosophy. Subjects discussed included Western consumerism, global warming, Alaskan oil-drilling and other controversial subjects. Sayre said that although he generally keeps his political views in the background in his more conventional philosophy classes, this class soon developed a different tone.

"It's good not to let your own views enter into the discussion, if you can have any control over it," said Sayre. "I began the course with the point of view of keeping my own political views completely in the background. As time went on, that became less and less possible."

Sayre said that since many of his students who took the class were already concerned with the current state of the environment, many had more progressive points of view. Nonetheless, he maintained that the classroom discussion never descended to the level of ser-

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INSIDE COLUMN

Proud legacy child

When sitting down to think of what I could possibly write about for my inside column (yes, ideas for these are harder to come up with than you may think), I was brought back to last week's "townie" column and thought, what about the legacies?

Yes, I'm one of "them."

Twenty-six years ago, my mom, a jock BP babe who lives for March Madness, and dad, a ROTC accountancy Zahmbie, who swears the dorm was different when he was here (no bun runs back then, or at least let's hope not) met via a mutual friend. My mom, or so I'm told, acted kind of like a fifth grader does when they like someone. You know, the "Eeww, Steven de Groot, how could anyone like him?" attitude accompanied by a series of childish pranks. But, I guess it worked for my dad because last year my parents made the almost 700 mile drive from Atlanta, about half of which is through Indiana cornfields (which makes the drive seem about twice as long), to drop their oldest, that's me, off at Walsh Hall.

My dad proudly boasts that the first song I learned was the Notre Dame Fight Song, the result of a long car ride with a two-year-old and a real love for the Irish.

We have a "Play Like a Champion Today" sign at the foot of the basement stairs, which my parents give even my Purdue friends grief about if they don't hit in on the way down. And yes, the only reason we got cable television growing up was so that my dad could watch Notre Dame football games.

Notre Dame has been a part of me since August of 1985, when at just two weeks old my parents moved back to South Bend to live during the school year, so that my dad could join the Notre Dame Law School class of 1988 and become a double domer (guess four years here just wasn't enough for him).

However, the ND tradition didn't just start with my parents. I have a picture of my mom's parents standing in front of the dome before a formal when my grandfather was a junior here. My mom's sister, Tricia, is one of the names lining the wall of the JACC. (To this day, my mom swears that if she had been a couple of inches taller she could have played basketball for the Irish too.)

Some people might hear my story and think that the only reason I'm here is because I'm a legacy. That may in part be true, but because I've always loved the school so much, I did all I could so that I too could become part of the Fightin' Irish.

Reading this, you might think that I'm awfully cheesy, which I probably am, but sometimes, I think that's ok. Sure, there are things that frustrate me about the school, and yes, I do find myself complaining to the tune of my peers about things I wish could change, but I wouldn't have it any other way. I am, and we are, ND.

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

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CORRECTION

An article in the Feb. 7 issue of The Observer said that the \$40 million donated to the University by John Jordan translated into nine trillion pennies. That amount is equal to 4 billion pennies. The Observer regrets the error.

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE SUPER BOWL COMMERCIAL AND WHY?



Rob Lindley
freshman
Keough

"The one with M.C. Hammer. Those pants can do so much for you."



Elizabeth Clifton
sophomore
University Village

"Ced, The Entertainer's designated driver dance because it brings back fond memories."



Esther Probst
junior
Le Mans

"Emerald nuts — all the unicorns will die if you eat them."



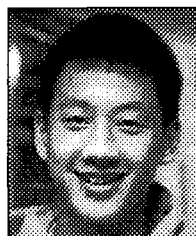
Jason Perkins
graduate student
off-campus

"Cedric, The Entertainer's fantasy commercial because Ced is hilarious."



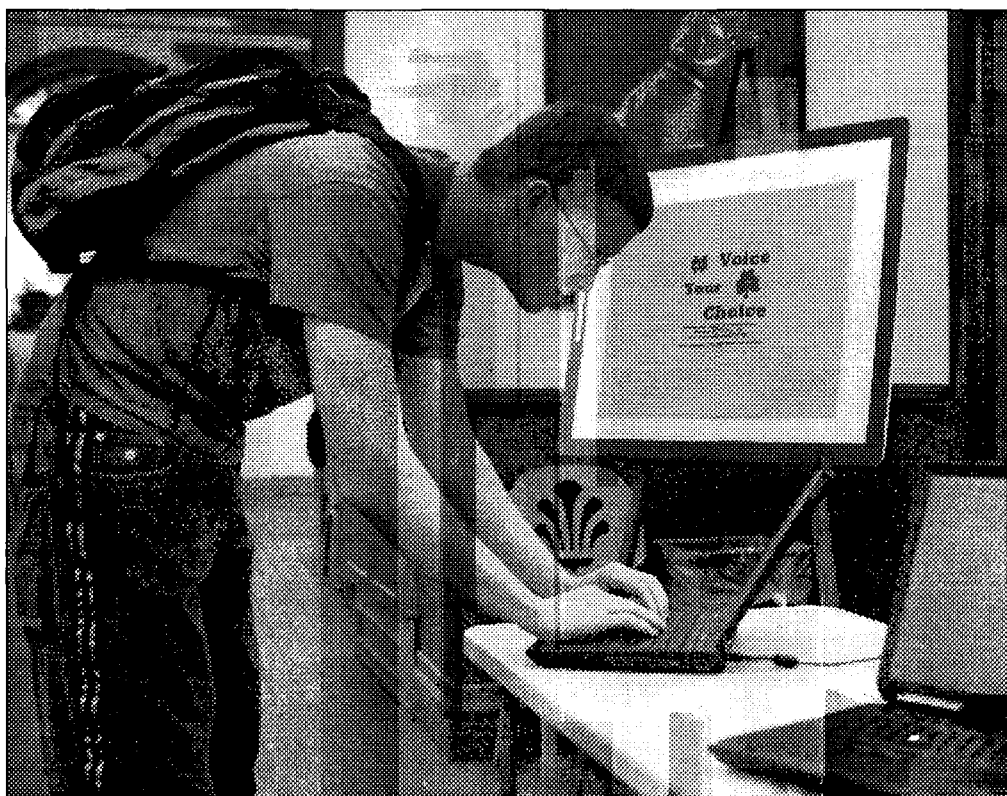
Charlie Doar
sophomore
Sorin

"The local one with the guy running to Menard's"



Tom Le
sophomore
Siegfried

"I liked the one where the pilot jumped out of the plane because it is something I would do."



Sorin sophomore Christopher Tracy votes in the student government elections Monday at La Fortune.

OFFBEAT

Mich. boy drives mother's car into video store

SAND LAKE, Mich. — A boy drove his mother's car to a video store in the middle of the night, police said — and he's all of 4 years old.

Even though he was unable to reach the accelerator, the boy managed to put the car in gear and the idling engine provided enough power to take him slowly to the store, a quarter-mile from his home, about 1:30 a.m. Friday, Police Chief Doug Heugel said. Finding the store closed, the youngster began a slow trip home.

Weaving and with its headlights off, the car got the

attention of police Sgt. Jay Osga, who initially thought he was following a driverless car that had taken off after being left running at a gas pump.

The car turned into the boy's apartment complex and struck two parked cars, then backed up and struck Osga's police car.

That's when Osga discovered the boy inside.

Man fined for throwing breakfast sandwich

HOLLAND, Mich. — A man was fined \$600 and put on probation for throwing an Egg McMuffin at a McDonald's restaurant man-

ager after he said he didn't get what he ordered.

Scott Rodgers, 46, was convicted Thursday of misdemeanor assault and battery. Besides probation, he was sentenced to three days in a work program and a fine and is banned from the McDonald's.

Authorities said Rodgers and his 6-year-old son stopped to get four Egg McMuffins with ham on Oct. 9 but returned to the service window to complain that at least one of the sandwiches had sausage.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

The Notre Dame men's basketball team takes on Boston College today at 7 p.m. in the Joyce Center Arena.

Four: 7 is sponsoring a showing of "The Passion of the Christ" in honor of Ash Wednesday at 9 p.m. in the Coleman Morse lounge.

Notre Dame will present its second annual Queer Film Festival beginning Wednesday and continuing through Saturday. The event takes place all day in the DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts and is sponsored by the department of film, television and theatre.

The class of 2008 is holding "Speed Dating" Thursday from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. at Legends.

Actors from the London Stage will stage a performance of "Othello" Friday and Saturday nights at 7:30 p.m. in the DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts. The event is sponsored by the department of film, television and theatre.

Chicago Samba, a Midwest-based music ensemble that performs authentic Brazilian music, will perform at the Palais Royale Friday from 8 p.m. until midnight. The event is free and open to the public. It is sponsored by the Kellogg Institute, International Student Services and Activities, International Study Programs, La Alaianza and WVPE 88.1 FM.

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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BOG

Tsunami campaign evaluated

By KELLY BALE
News Writer

Members of the Saint Mary's Board of Governance (BOG) met Monday to discuss the results of the first week of its "Love Makes the World Go 'Round, Show Your Love" tsunami relief campaign.

After the first week of campaigning, which consisted of a night of going door to door in dorms and leaving donation bags at several locations on campus, BOG collected \$324.68 out of their goal of \$1 per student, or \$1,341.

"[This] is a big project but I think it's ... worth our time," said BOG executive treasurer Molly Welton. "All of us should be advocates for this campaign."

BOG focused its discussion on creating more success throughout the rest of the campaign, which lasts until the end of the month.

"I think it needs to be talked up a little more," Student Diversity Board president Adriana Puente said.

Members discussed changing the type of collection tool from decorated bags, to a see through bowl so that donations would be more visible to students.

After deciding that donation bags alone were not bringing

in the amounts that were hoped for, student body president Sarah Catherine White, along with other BOG members, brainstormed ideas for attracting further involvement from the student body. White said that one of the reasons the campaign was designed to last the whole month was so that if necessary, adjustments could be made.

"Any plan has to be reevaluated," student body vice-president Mary Pauline Moran said.

BOG decided to have more events set up for the rest of the campaign. It discussed putting tables in front of the Haggard Student Center and inside Madeleva in hopes of attracting off-campus students. Members also suggested contacting resident assistants and having them e-mail residents, setting up an event in the dining hall during lunch hours and creating an advertisement on the Saint Mary's Web site.

"We're stepping up the publicity," Moran said.

BOG also approved two co-sponsorships through the Student Academic Council. The College Republicans were allotted \$100 dollars per student who attends the Conservative Political Action Conference in Washington D.C. from Feb. 17-19, with the stipulation that the group gives a presentation to the student body upon return.

The Social Work Department was granted \$1,250 for a group of 16 students, one faculty member and three community leaders to attend the National Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect in Boston from Apr. 18-23. The group will be putting together a formal presentation for the Center for Women's Intercultural Leadership and the student body.

In other BOG news:

♦ BOG approved the founding of the Irish Club, which is a new club that hopes to bring aspects of the Irish culture to Saint Mary's.

♦ SDB will hold a cultural taste fest on Feb. 17.

♦ Student Activities Board will sponsor a fundraiser tonight at Hacienda. Approximately 20 percent of each bill will be given to SAB to help fund upcoming spring events. Tokens can be picked up at the Student Activities office or from any SAB member.

♦ Freshman Class Board will be selling class sweatshirts this week in the dining hall.

♦ Freshman bowling will be held Feb. 13 from 8 to 10 pm. The cost is \$3 to bowl and tickets can be picked up at the front desk in Haggard.

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COR

Council assesses fund for concerts or speakers

By MARY KATE MALONE
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In the midst of student body president and vice president elections, the Council of Representatives met briefly Monday to discuss the progress being made on the possible endowment fund for concerts or speakers at the University.

COR recently formed a committee to address the likelihood and logistics of creating such an endowment, which Council members predicted would be valued between \$1 million and \$5 million. Though details are still being debated, COR considered contributing \$100,000 from Student Government's carry-over fund, which has accumulated an excess of money over the past few years.

Dave Baron, chief executive assistant and a member of the newly-created committee, updated representatives on the steps being taken to create the endowment.

Baron told representatives that the next step is to speak with various members of the Notre Dame community to acquire a better understanding of what is involved.

"We met to discuss the concert endowment and whether it would go to concerts, speakers or both. We decided we need to talk to people to see which is the most feasible," Baron said.

Baron noted that meetings will be scheduled with the Office of Student Affairs, the Investment Office and the Student Activities Office in the next few weeks.

Jimmy Flaherty, the Student Union Board manager and a committee member, told representatives that he hoped this fund could be modeled after other well-known endowments at the University.

"We are going to gather as much information as we can. We need to learn how they are started up and managed," Flaherty said. "We need to find a model."

In other COR news:

♦ Baron and Karla Bell, student body vice president, spoke to representatives about their presentation to the Board of Trustees. The report, which is the second of three presentations for the year, focused on issues of diversity on campus.

"The Board really liked it. They said that it was a problem when they were here in 1996," Bell said. "They said it was in the top tier of reports they had ever received because a lot of the time it's just people asking for money."

Baron was quick to note that the third report, which will discuss solutions to the problems presented in the second report, will require a great deal of effort.

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Law & . . .

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February 9, 2005

4:00 p.m.

Law School Courtroom

*The Effects of Welfare and Tax Reform:
The Material Well-Being of Single Mothers
in the 1980s and 1990s*

Presenter

James Sullivan

Department of Economics and Econometrics

Commentator

Michael Kirsch

The Law School

Charat: France still uneasy ally

By MEGAN O'NEIL
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Sylvain Charat, a former history professor at the University of Paris-Sorbonne and assistant to former Finance Minister Alain Madelin, downplayed the strained relationship between the United States and France during a lecture at Saint Mary's yesterday.

Charat asserted that French-American relations are currently tense, but that the distrust born out of the 2003 invasion of Iraq is slight in comparison with past moments of crisis, including during the French Revolution, World War II and in the 1860's when France attempted to establish its power in Mexico.

According to Charat, French-American relations reached one of its worst periods during the 1960's when President Charles de Gaulle sought to build a strong independent France and European Union by seeking to obtain nuclear arms.

"This agenda was extremely worrying for the United States," said Charat. "In the 1960s the relations were not good at all, even worse I would say, than right now."

Charat called the current uneasiness between the two countries "typical of the relations of the United States and France" since the birth of the French Fifth Republic in 1958.

"You have to know that France was not against an armed intervention in Iraq [initially]," said Charat.

According to Charat, French president Jacques Chirac, agreed to support the United States in Iraq under U.N. resolution 14, which granted the right to use force in certain circumstances.

From a business perspective, support for the American-lead invasion would have been a wise decision, said Charat. French entrepreneurs and bankers would have had an advantage in securing lucrative development contracts.

However, the French president reversed his decision in January 2003, leaving the French public confused and the Bush administration slighted.

"We had a sense in Paris that a promise was made and not fulfilled," said Charat. "The question is why the French change their minds because it was very fast and it was rather unexpected."

The change in the French position on the invasion is very complex, Charat said, and stems from both internal and international sources.

Charat cited the first reason as changing demographics in France and in Europe as a whole.

"In France there is about five million Muslims," said Charat. "That's a huge power in a way. The big problem is that the French society fails to integrate them into French society."

With a growing Muslim population, it would have been domestically unpopular to support the invasion of Iraq, said Charat. Such a stance would have alienated a demographic

that already fails to identify with French culture. Further, those votes will be important to Chirac in the next presidential election.

Opposing the United States gave France an opportunity to act as a leader in the European community, Charat said.

"France is a leading force in the European Union and wants a strong European Union in a multi-power world," said Charat. "[Chirac] doesn't want a world where France is controlled by other states."

The anti-war stance also reflected differences in political ideology. According to Charat, Chirac does not believe democracy will work for all nation states. Attempting to bring democracy to a place such as Iraq, therefore, would be a mistake.

The effects of two World Wars fought on French soil have colored its approach to international conflict, said Charat.

"The Europeans prefer negotiating to going to war," Charat said. "It may be because of our history."

Charat said he was confident that French-American relations will improve in the future.

"We have now to set up new relations. It is extremely hard, the Iraqi crisis helped show us that."

The United States will have to improve its relationship not just with the estranged French government, but also with the European Union.

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ment with the outcome, but remained upbeat about the situation.

"I guess this proves that student government is not a popularity contest," Powers said. He said that the election could be described in three words: "Dewey defeats Truman."

To this statement, White added one word: "Recount." He later exclaimed that the pair did better than Ross Perot.

When asked about his plans for the future, Powers said, "I'm thinking of making myself available for more SYRs. My e-mail address is on [our campaign] Web site. I really like wildflowers, and I have pastel shirts to match every occasion."

Mark Healy and Bob Costa said that their experience had been very positive.

"I'm thankful to and appreciative of everyone who supported our campaign," Costa said.

Healy, who plans to contin-

ue "to support SUB in every capacity," encouraged voters to get involved in student government.

Pete Harig and Will Marra said that they felt "great" despite their last place finish.

"It was always our goal to beat 'abstain,'" said Marra, who added the pair would continue to stay involved in student government.

None of the former candidates chose to support either the Baron-Shappell or Leito-Bongiovanni tickets in this Thursday's runoff.

"I think we're going to stay out of that one," Ramanan said.

Healy and Costa agreed, encouraging students to make a "good, honest decision."

Staying with the neutral theme, Marra said that he and Harig were throwing 50 percent of their support to each candidate.

After deliberation, White and Powers concluded, "We are going to support abstinence, unless Lizzi or Jordan don't want us to."

"It was always our goal to beat 'abstain.'"

Will Marra
former presidential candidate

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Applicants should be business majors with management and sales skills. The Advertising Manager oversees a staff of account executives and is responsible for generating advertising revenue.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Bush seeks peace in Middle East

WASHINGTON — President Bush is making a push for peace between Israel and the Palestinians. It's a goal that has frustrated American presidents for decades, yet administration officials believe conditions may be ripe for a breakthrough with recent changes in the region and a new emphasis in Washington on spreading democracy.

Bush has four years left to build his legacy and no doubt hopes to see the Mideast peace that eluded predecessor Bill Clinton.

The administration plunged back into the peacemaking business on Monday, on the eve of a summit in Egypt between Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon and Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas. The leaders will declare a cease-fire to end 4 1/2 years of fighting, said the two sides.

Detainees speak of abuse at camp

WASHINGTON — Nearly a dozen detainees at the Guantanamo Bay prison camp contend they were wrongly imprisoned after repeated abuse by U.S. troops in Afghanistan and Pakistan, including beatings with chains, electric shock and sodomy, their lawyer said Monday.

"These are classic stories of men who ended up in Guantanamo by mistake," charged attorney Tom Wilner, who represents 11 Kuwaiti prisoners held in the detention center at the U.S. Navy base in eastern Cuba.

Most of his clients say they falsely confessed to belonging to Afghanistan's ousted Taliban regime or the al-Qaida terror network as a way to stop the abuse, Wilner said. He said one is too angry over his treatment to discuss details of his case, but all argue their detentions are unjustified.

NATIONAL NEWS

Inmate ordered to pay \$2 million

NEW YORK — An imprisoned child molester and former mental patient was ordered to pay \$2 million to the family of a 6-year-old boy whose 1979 disappearance helped give rise to the national movement to publicize the cases of missing children.

The judge who ordered Jose R. Ramos to pay the money also ruled in May 2004 that Ramos was responsible for Etan Patz' death after the inmate ignored orders to answer deposition questions for a lawyer for the boy's parents.

Brian O'Dwyer, lawyer for Stanley and Julia Patz, had tried unsuccessfully to interview Ramos at the Pennsylvania prison where he is serving a 20-year sentence for sexually abusing an 8-year-old boy.

Mayor faces gay marriage dilemma

NEW YORK — Mayor Michael Bloomberg staked out a compromise position in the gay-marriage debate: He would publicly support gay marriage, but challenge a court decision allowing it.

That stance has pleased almost no one. Fellow Republicans are calling him a Democrat in disguise, and gays are calling him a coward.

The furor illustrates Bloomberg's peculiar political dilemma as a moderate Republican running for re-election in November in this overwhelmingly liberal, Democratic city with an active gay community.

LOCAL NEWS

TV station responds to complaints

SOUTH BEND — An Indiana television station that aired an ad attacking President Bush's Social Security reform tacked on a message of its own after receiving objections from Republican leaders.

Jim Behling, president and general manager of WNDU-TV in South Bend, said the station amended a commercial from MoveOn.Org in response to a letter from the Republican National Committee that called the ad's claims "baseless."

Cards, gifts pour in for pope

Holy See's No. 2 official, Cardinal Angelo Sodano, faces resignation question

Associated Press

ROME — From inmates in prisons he has visited to diplomats from one of the few countries he hasn't, get-well messages and gifts have been pouring in for Pope John Paul II, who the Vatican said Monday will stay longer in the hospital as a precaution.

Papal spokesman Joaquin Navarro-Valls told reporters that the pope continued to get better a week after his emergency admission to the Gemelli Polyclinic with breathing problems that developed with the flu, but that "his doctors have advised him to stay a few more days."

Navarro-Valls refused to be pinned down on a discharge date for the 84-year-old pope, who is also weakened by Parkinson's disease. "Doctors have suggested several more days," he said.

The next medical bulletin from the Vatican is scheduled for Thursday.

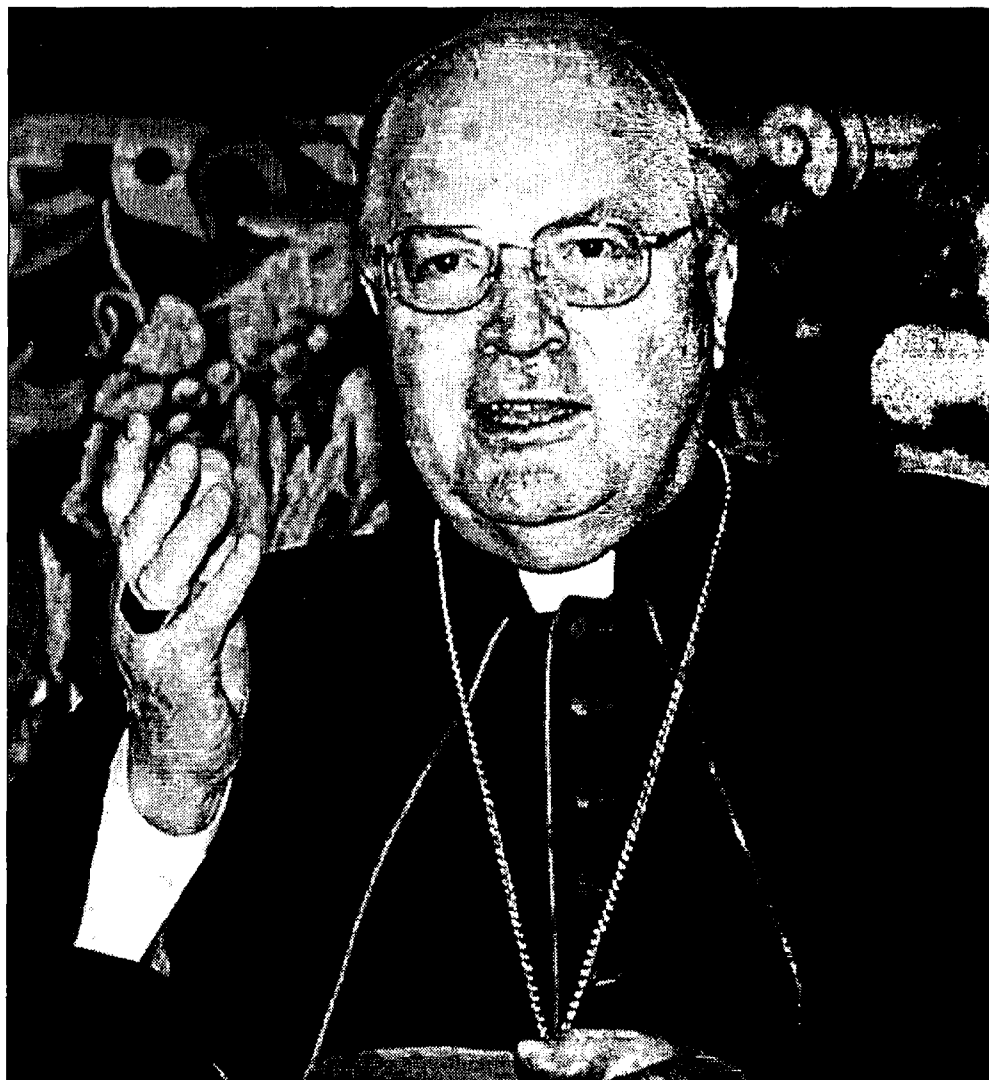
The good wishes started flooding in at Gemelli last Wednesday, when pilgrims from John Paul's native Poland brought red and white flowers in the colors of their flag.

Hard to miss was a nearly 6-foot-high arrangement of roses in yellow and white, the official colors of the Vatican, sent last week by the Libyan Embassy. Libya is one of the few nations that the pope hasn't toured in his papal globe-trotting, which has taken him to 104 countries.

Hospital staff quickly dispatched overflow floral arrangements to Rome churches. Flowers from the governments of Libya and Qatar decorated the hospital chapel.

The tributes were testimony to the special regard much of the world holds for the pope, among both Catholics and non-Catholics, as well as to the widespread concern for his health.

With the new health cri-



Cardinal Angelo Sodano took the unusual step of responding to a reporter's question about whether or not the pope had thought about possibly resigning.

sis again stimulating talk about whether the frail pontiff should or would retire, the Holy See's No. 2 official, Cardinal Angelo Sodano, took the unusual step of responding to a reporter's question Monday about whether the pope had thought about resigning.

"Let's leave this hypothesis up to the pope's conscience," said Sodano, an Italian who is Vatican secretary of state.

"If there is a man who loves the church more than anybody else, who is guided by the Holy Spirit, if there is a man who has marvelous wisdom, that's him. We must have great faith in the pope. He knows

what to do," Sodano added.

Only a few minutes earlier, Sodano had expressed a wish that John Paul — now in his 27th year as pontiff — would surpass Pius IX's 32 years in office as the longest papacy.

But while he rooted for the pope to continue, Sodano's addressing of a long-taboo subject could indicate there is debate within the Vatican over whether the pope might step down. Popes may resign but cannot be forced to do so.

A U.S. religious affairs magazine, *Inside the Vatican*, reported that when John Paul was rushed to the hospital Feb. 1, he was gasping for

breath and wracked with coughing fits and would have died within 10 minutes if not hospitalized.

Asked about the report, a Vatican official said the situation was "serious, very serious" when John Paul was taken to the hospital at 10:50 p.m.

"If it were controllable, he would have been taken to the hospital the next morning," the official said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Shortly after John Paul was taken to Gemelli, Vatican officials told The Associated Press that the pontiff's aides decided on urgent hospitalization because he was having a breathing "crisis."

IRAQ

Kurdish ticket advances in election

Associated Press

BAGHDAD — A Kurdish ticket pulled into second place ahead of U.S.-backed Prime Minister Ayad Allawi's candidates in Iraq's national election after votes were released Monday from the Kurdish self-governing area of the north. Insurgents struck Iraq's security forces with suicide bombs and mortar fire, killing more than 30 people.

First election returns from the Sunni heartland confirmed on Monday that many Sunnis stayed away from ballot box, leaving the field to Shiite and Kurdish candidates. A Shiite-dominated ticket backed by

the Shiite clergy leads among the 111 candidate lists, with a final tally of last week's election for a 275-member National Assembly expected by week's end.

Allawi, who favors strong ties with the United States, had hoped to emerge as a compromise choice for prime minister, but the Shiite cleric-backed ticket say they want one of their own for the top job.

Kurds, estimated at 15-20 percent of the population, gave most of their votes to a joint ticket made up of the two major Kurdish parties, which was in second with about 24 percent of the votes reported as of Monday. One of the Kurdish leaders, Jalal

Talabani, has announced his candidacy for the presidency.

Allawi's ticket trailed with about 13 percent of the vote, with the Shiite ticket leading with about half the votes. Shiites comprise about 60 percent of Iraq's 26 million people.

Monday's attacks were the latest sign that insurgents are stepping up attacks against Iraq's security forces, which the United States hopes can assume a greater role once a newly elected government takes office. The bombings and kidnappings have shattered a brief downturn in violence after the Jan. 30 elections, the first nationwide balloting since the fall of Saddam Hussein in April 2003.

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monizing.

"But by the end of the course, in the written evaluations, there were a couple of students who were complaining about the leftist orientation of the course," he said. "And I understand where that was coming from."

Although many political science students feel their professors often have liberal world views, they also generally say their professors' opinions did not hinder class participation or lessen the classes' intellectual rigor.

"I would definitely agree with the popular position that college professors, on average, are very liberal," said senior political science student Aaron Thomas.

But Thomas did not believe that a liberal-leaning stance made those professors demagogues or proselytizers.

"They are not so interested in molding young minds to conform to what they believe to be the best political ideology, but are more concerned with challenging students to be critical of all convention," Thomas said. "For example, if you make a 'liberal' argument, they will most likely give you the 'conservative'

rebuttal as a way of fostering debate and challenging you to think from multiple perspectives."

Political science professor Daniel Philpott is one of the professors who utilizes this method.

"I try to provoke the students, and if nobody's bringing up a more conservative perspective, then sometimes I'll see it as my role to play devil's advocate," said Philpott. "Now while all that sounds equally balanced and open and pluralistic, often the way you frame an issue or set up an issue can direct the way a conversation goes, and that's where the professor's agenda often comes into play."

In disciplines that attract as diverse a cross-section of the student body, such as political science, some Notre Dame students feel that professors can cross the bounds of fairness in a way that hampers the intellectual quality of the course.

John Skakun, a senior political science major, took a class whose subject included current American politics, and was surprised at what he considered to be the professor's obvious prejudices.

"I was honestly astonished at how poorly, if at all, he presented 'conservative' perspectives on various issues," Skakun said. "He presented

[conservatives] almost universally as straw men, often pointing out their flaws, and then would present a more 'liberal' perspective, but interestingly, rarely pointed out flaws in these perspectives."

"It was a rather frustrating experience," he added. "Not so much because I disagreed with him about things, but because the course did not seem intellectually rigorous."

Andrew Hochstedler, a senior political science and German major, said he noticed some partisanship among professors.

"Generally, my teachers are very good about separating their bias from that which they are teaching," Hochstedler said. "I definitely have had teachers who push their own [opinions] in the class, but these are generally easy to pick up on, especially since you often go into the class having read a couple of the articles that the professor published and so you should know what their pet subject/views are."

Some professors believe Notre Dame's relative conservatism, compared to other universities, counterbalances the liberal tendencies of American academia, making Notre Dame a home for

diverse academic dialogue.

"There's a kind of political orthodoxy on most of the major issues," said philosophy professor David Solomon. "It's one of the things that makes Notre Dame a little more interesting, because the orthodoxy is not quite so strictly enforced on certain issues."

Political science professor Daniel Lindley praised Notre Dame as a place free from the partisanship that can deaden academic discussions.

"Notre Dame is wonderfully not politically correct in that no one view or

other is enforced and I am free in the classroom to discuss a wide variety of views," Lindley said. "I love Notre Dame for its explicit invitation to discuss moral views and raise ethical dilemmas."

Sayre, on the other hand, thought that the conservatism of some Notre Dame students kept them from engaging deeply with the course material.

"It's not good in the first place for students enter college with the specific view that they're not going to change their basic view on life," said Sayre.

Political science professor Alvin Tillery said he found an unhelpful "us versus them" mentality in some of his stu-

dents.

"I think this generation has got this Republican movement/liberal movement rhetoric built into it that's very new," said Tillery. "University is about freedom of expression, and that's for people that call themselves conservative and people that call themselves liberal."

Many professors are aware of students' perception of their political views.

"A student wrote me up in a Republican mommies' group on the web, saying I'm so biased against conservative students," said Tillery. "I think some students just have a personal axe to grind, and then you've got this whole system telling them the University is a liberal place, that the University is out to corrupt you."

Tillery recalled the purpose of the university, a melting pot of people and ideas, where students and faculty can think creatively and critically together about ideas and issues that are relevant to the world they live in.

"I'm indebted to my students who disagree with me from the left and from the right, because I've learned a lot from them, and I thought that's what university is about," said Tillery. "I think we have a culture of pugnaciousness and vapidity that is really trickling down to the University and it really makes it hard to have robust conversations."

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that was set to expire in June, University spokesman Matt Storin said Monday.

The prosecutor's office filed two counts of battery and two counts of domestic battery, each a class A misdemeanor, against Duerson in the incident, which took place in room 236 at the Morris Inn at 1:45 a.m. Thursday, according to records on the Notre Dame Security/Police (NDSP) crime blotter. An accompanying blotter record of a theft in the same room at the same time refers to a piece of jewelry that was not accounted for when Duerson and his wife, Alicia Duerson, "both cleared out of the room," NDSP director Rex Rakow said.

Rakow declined to comment further on the incident, and Storin said he did not know any details about the nature of the argument.

Alicia Duerson was treated at

a local hospital and released, according to the prosecutor's statement.

The Duersons were staying on campus for the winter meeting of the Board of Trustees. Dave Duerson, who was a member of the Board's Student Affairs Committee and Audit Committee, did not attend the trustees' scheduled Thursday or Friday sessions.

Dave Duerson released a statement to the South Bend Tribune Monday night through Mitch Rosen, who described himself as a family spokesman.

"As with all people, we, too, are less than perfect human beings. This is a family misunderstanding which occurred in private and has already been resolved in private," Duerson's statement read. "It has brought us even closer together. Our attorneys are working with local officials to address their

concerns. We ask that you respect our privacy, particular Alicia and our children, and ask for your agreement with us in prayer. I offer my sincere apologies."

The Observer was unable to reach Dave or Alicia Duerson for comment.

Storin said that to his knowledge, Dave Duerson was not arrested, and added he did not know if the former Irish defensive back was brought in for questioning by NDSP or other

police agencies. There is no record of Dave Duerson being booked at the St. Joseph County Jail, Deputy E. Brownbridge said.

There were witnesses to the alleged crimes who gave statements to law enforcement officials, the prosecutor's statement said, but Storin said he did not

know the identities of the witnesses or how many were present.

Morris Inn director William Beirne declined to comment.

Storin said he did not know when Dave and Alicia Duerson left Notre Dame.

Board chairman Patrick McCartan recognized Dave Duerson's resignation Monday.

"In view of the serious matter now confronting Dave Duerson, he has voluntarily resigned from the University's Board of Trustees," McCartan said in a statement. "We have accepted his resignation. Without prejudging any legal outcome, we believe this is the right decision, consistent with expectations for membership on the Board. Our thoughts are with everyone in the Duerson family during this difficult time."

University President Father Edward Malloy also issued a statement on Dave Duerson's decision to resign.

"It is regrettable but proper that Dave Duerson has resigned as a member of the University's Board of Trustees," Malloy said.

"We are appreciative of his past service, but the circumstances in which he finds himself clearly make this the proper course of action. Our prayers are with Mrs. Duerson, Dave and the entire family."

It remains to be seen whether there will be any changes to the status of Dave Duerson's other titles and awards at the University, Storin said. In 2001, Dave Duerson received the Notre Dame Alumni Association's Sorin Award, and has also served as a leading member of the athletic department's mentoring program, according to und.com, Notre Dame's official athletics Web site.

Dave Duerson is also president, CEO and founder of Duerson Foods, LLC, and he and his wife are both on the company's Board of Directors. Duerson Foods, LCC did not return calls seeking comment Monday.

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AMEX	1,273.40	-3.56
NASDAQ	1,920.53	-4.64
NYSE	6,556.53	-53.18
S&P 500	1,113.65	-8.19
NIKKEI(Tokyo)	11,195.99	0.00
FTSE 100(London)	4,634.80	-13.10

COMPANY	%CHANGE	\$GAIN	PRICE
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CISCO SYSTEMS (CSCO)	-1.57	-0.30	18.86
MICROSOFT CP (MSFT)	0.00	0.00	28.03
YAHOO INC (YHOO)	+0.73	+0.73	34.96

Treasuries			
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10-YEAR NOTE	-0.59	-0.24	40.78
5-YEAR NOTE	-1.04	-0.35	33.19
3-MONTH BILL	+2.06	+0.34	16.87

Commodities			
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IN BRIEF

GM to spend \$98 million

INDIANAPOLIS — General Motors Corp. plans to spend \$98 million over the next three years to update equipment at its Indianapolis Metal Center.

The company announced Monday it would install the new equipment for future product programs at the 1,700-employee plant.

The equipment will include a new progressive press to stamp automotive components for GM vehicles and weld assembly systems to unite stamped components, the company said.

"By upgrading aging equipment with a new progressive press and weld assembly systems, we will improve the plant's flexibility and be able to produce higher quality components more efficiently," said Jim De Luca, manufacturing manager for GM North American Manufacturing.

The new equipment will retain jobs in the plant, which opened in 1930, manager Max Miller said.

In the last two years GM has invested \$72 million at the plant for several weld assembly cells and tools for product programs. Coupled with the new spending, GM has targeted almost \$171 million for the Indianapolis Metal Center since December 2002.

WellPoint reports lower profit

INDIANAPOLIS — WellPoint Inc. said Monday its fourth-quarter profit dropped nearly 12 percent primarily due to expenses related to debt retirement and the merger that created the nation's largest health insurance company.

For the three months ending Dec. 31, profit fell to \$184.5 million, or 92 cents a share, compared with \$208.8 million, or \$1.47 a share, a year ago. Revenue rose to \$6.7 billion from \$4.2 billion a year ago.

It was the company's first earnings report since the \$16.5 billion merger between Anthem Inc. and WellPoint Health Networks Inc. The quarter included just one month of joint earnings since the Nov. 30 merger. Year-ago figures were based on Anthem's 2003 results.

Wall Street was not impressed, however. In late morning trading Monday, Wellpoint shares fell \$3.82, or 3.1 percent, to \$121.07 on the New York Stock Exchange. The stock has traded in a 52-week range of 72.20 to 124.95.

Engineers unveil new PC chip

Officials from IBM, Sony, Toshiba announce details of microprocessor to Intel

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Setting up a battle for the future of computing, engineers from IBM, Sony and Toshiba unveiled details Monday of a microprocessor they claim has the muscle of a supercomputer and can power everything from video game consoles to business computers.

Devices built with the processor, code-named Cell, will compete directly with the PC chips that have powered most of the world's personal computers for a quarter century.

Cell's designers say their chip, built from the start with the burgeoning world of rich media and broadband networks in mind, can deliver 10 times the performance of today's PC processors.

It also will not carry the same technical baggage that has made most of today's computers compatible with older PCs. That architectural divergence will challenge the current dominant paradigm of computing that Microsoft Corp. and Intel Corp. have fostered.

The new chip is expected to be used in Sony Corp.'s next-generation PlayStation game console in 2006. Toshiba Corp. plans to incorporate it into high-end televisions that year as well. And IBM Corp. has said it will sell a workstation with the chip starting later this year.

Beyond that, companies are remaining coy about where it might be used and whether it will be compatible with older technology.

Supercomputer claims are nothing new in the high-tech industry, and over the years chip and computer companies have steadily improved microprocessor performance even without altering chips' underlying architecture.



AP
Jim Kahle, an IBM senior fellow, spoke during a news conference Monday when chip designers unveiled new details for a computer microprocessor.

And while its competitors may well match the Cell chip in performance by the time it debuts, it differs considerably from today's processors in constitution.

Cell is comprised of several computing engines, or cores. A core based on IBM's Power architecture controls eight "synergistic" processing centers. In all, they can simultaneously carry out 10 instruction sequences, compared with two for today's Intel chips.

The new microprocessor also is expected to be able to run multiple operating systems and programs at the same time while ensuring each has

enough resources. In the home, that could allow for a device that's capable of handling a video game, television and general-purpose computer at once.

"It's very flexible," said Jim Kahle, an IBM senior fellow. "We support many operating systems with our virtualization technology so we can run multiple operating systems at the same time, doing different jobs on the system."

Later this year, Intel and Advanced Micro Devices Inc. plan to release their own "multi-core" chips, which also increase the number of instructions that can be executed at once. IBM

and Sun Microsystems Inc. already sell chips with multiple cores, mainly for business servers.

On Monday, Intel announced that it has completed the first product runs of its dual-core processors and said it plans to deliver two separate dual-core Pentium chips and chipsets in the second quarter.

Cell appears to have an advantage in the number of transistors — 234 million compared with 125 million for today's latest Pentium 4 chips. Traditional chip makers, however, have regularly doubled their number of transistors every 12 to 18 months.

C.E.O. wins praise for turnaround

Associated Press

BOSTON — It has been a fairly swift turnaround at Gillette Co. since James M. Kilts arrived four years ago — he has transformed a languishing consumer products maker into a business that Procter & Gamble Co. is willing to pay \$57 billion for.

Kilts, the first outsider recruited to lead the century-old company best known for its shaving products, attacked Gillette's problems from within, demanding greater executive accountability, and also in the marketplace, pushing the company to launch new products like its M3Power razor to help fend off its

rivals.

"He unlocked potential in the company that had really been suppressed under the previous management," said Rosabeth Moss Kanter, a Harvard Business School professor and author of a book on leadership that profiles Kilts and others.

But while Kilts is being lauded as a corporate hero for a deal that's giving investors an 18 percent premium on Gillette stock, he's also running into criticism for the compensation, estimated as high as \$185 million, that he's to get from the deal.

Kilts was a longtime food industry executive with a knack for rebuilding troubled companies before com-

ing to Gillette in 2001. When he arrived at the Boston-based company, he had an agenda that dealt with problems throughout the business — revitalizing the Duracell battery line, revamping grooming products and increasing advertising to support the M3Power, a high-tech, vibrating men's razor that competes with Schick's Quattro razor.

The formula worked, and Gillette's stock has risen about 50 percent under Kilts. The company has had double-digit percentage earnings gains in 12 of the past 13 quarters, frequently surpassing the 15 percent to 20 percent growth Gillette enjoyed in the early 1990s, before its profits dwindled.

ND's Hatch in need of economic experience

Wake Forest has previously lead the post-industrial revival for the city of Winston-

Associated Press

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. — Wake Forest's incoming president is largely untested in one area that may define his tenure at the school — as a leader of regional economic development.

In recent years, the city of Winston-Salem and Forsyth County have both looked to Wake Forest to lead efforts to revitalize the area's post-industrial economy.

But that's not been part of Nathan O. Hatch's job description at the University of Notre Dame, where Hatch, 58, has been provost — the No. 2 official — since 1996.

A member of the Notre Dame faculty since 1975, Hatch also is considered an expert in the history of religion in America.

In succeeding outgoing Wake President Thomas K. Hearn, who steps down June 30, Hatch takes over for a man who was highly active in efforts to link the university to the local economy.

Hearn helped found Winston-Salem Business Inc. in the mid-1980s to recruit companies to the city, as well as Leadership Winston-Salem, which brings local leaders together to talk about community issues.

He also has chaired the group that manages the Piedmont Triad Research Park, which area leaders view as essential to building a new economy in the area.

Notre Dame has taken a less active role in economic development in South Bend.

When asked whether the local economic-development agency in South Bend looks to Notre Dame for leadership, Project Future executive director Pat McMahon said simply, "No."

With South Bend (population 107,789) transitioning out of the manufacturing economy and into one based on health care, education and financial services, Notre Dame plays a huge role in the local economy, McMahon said.

And he said Hatch has been one of two people at Notre Dame who discussed with his group how to get research out of the university and into the community, particularly in the sciences and engineering departments.

Mark Eagan, the president of the local Chamber of Commerce, said Notre Dame has stepped up its community involvement over the last decade, taking part in efforts to revitalize housing and keep young people in the area. The school and city leaders are also involved in plans for developing a technology park.

But a local corporate leader who has worked with Hatch on a number of community projects said anyone expecting him to take a front-and-center role in local economic development could be disappointed.

"He's not a drum beater," said Chris Murphy, chairman of 1st Source Corp. and 1st Source Bank. "If people want him to jump to the front of the parade, he's not going to do that. He's a quiet, sensitive leader."

Hatch noted that many people in North Carolina have asked him

his thoughts on economic development since he was named Wake Forest's next president on Jan. 21.

"As I keep saying, 'I have a lot to learn,'" he said.

"I think one has to be creative, opportunistic and collaborative — not in a way that diminishes the role of Wake Forest as a private university," he said. "The key goal of a university is not economic development, but it is an important component of its mission."

After 30 years at Notre Dame, where he became deeply involved in the life of the university, Hatch will now have to adapt to a new setting and new colleagues.

"Before, when problems arose, he had dozens of people he could go to for input who he

trusts," said Richard Jensen, the chairman of the economics and econometrics department at Notre Dame.

"He doesn't have that at Wake. He'll have to learn who to trust."

Teresa Ghilarducci, an associate professor in the economics and policy studies department at the school, said that she saw Hatch perform best as a mediator of contentious situations.

"He doesn't shy away from controversy. I believe he embraces it as a way for a solution to emerge," she said.

"If people want him to jump to the front of the parade, he's not going to do that. He's a quiet, sensitive leader."

Chris Murphy
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Notre Dame grad leaves DNC race

Tim Roemer bows out and offers the Democratic party a warning

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Tim Roemer, the only remaining opponent of Howard Dean in the race to be chairman of the Democratic National Committee, said Monday he's bowing out of the race — but he offered a warning to Democrats.

Dean, the former presidential candidate and governor of Vermont, is expected to win the DNC chairmanship at the election Feb. 12.

Roemer, a former congressman from Indiana and a member of the Sept. 11 commission, said Democrats must be more inclusive in their outreach to

fast-growing parts of the country.

"I got into this race five weeks ago to talk about the devastating loss we experienced in November," Roemer said in an interview. "It was not about 60,000 votes in Ohio. It was about losing 97 of the 100 fastest growing counties in the country. If that's a trend in business or politics you're in trouble."

Republicans are in the strongest position they've been in since the early 20th century, Roemer said.

Roemer, who said top Democrats in Congress encouraged him to enter the chairman's race, said he wants to

strengthen Democrats' position on national security.

"If there's one reason Senator Kerry lost the presidential race, it was because he failed to make the American people feel safer," Roemer said, adding that he also wanted to encourage talk within the party about developing a stronger position on values.

Roemer said he hoped to make the party more inclusive, especially on the issue of abortion. He opposes abortion except in cases of rape, incest and the health of the mother.

His opposition to abortion rights sparked early opposition in the race from abortion choice advocates.

Witness gives surprise testimony

Retired stuntman says Blake complained about relationship with wife

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — A key prosecution witness who was expected to say that Robert Blake solicited the murder of his wife testified Monday that the actor never directly asked him to murder Bonny Lee Bakley.

Gary McLarty, a retired stuntman, also acknowledged he was a heavy user of cocaine and had experienced paranoid delusions that people were tunneling under his house, that he was being chased by police and was being watched by satellites.

Under prosecution questioning, McLarty said Blake complained to him about his wife, showed him where she lived at his home, and pointed out a place where "someone could go up the stairs at night and pop her."

Asked by the prosecutor if Blake led him to believe he wanted him to commit the crime, McLarty said, "It was obvious." But at another point McLarty said, "I insinuated it."

At a preliminary hearing, McLarty had testified Blake solicited the killing of his wife.

Defense attorney M. Gerald Schwartzbach pressed McLarty

on Monday about what Blake had really said.

"Mr. Blake never actually said he wanted you to do something to Bonny Bakley at that time?" asked Schwartzbach.

"Yes, that's true," McLarty said.

Bakley, 44, was shot May 4, 2001, in Blake's car near a restaurant where the couple dined. The 71-year-old former "Baretta" TV star is charged with murder, soliciting others to commit a murder and lying in wait in the 2001 shooting death of Bakley, the woman he married after learning he had fathered her baby.

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2001 and the president of the Monogram Club since 2003. He resigned as a trustee Friday and will also resign his position in the Monogram Club, University spokesman Matt Storin said.

It is unclear what Duerson's future association with Notre Dame will be, Storin said.

Duerson has been outspoken about Notre Dame football in the past year. Last spring, the Monogram Club wrote a response to a letter written by a group of Notre Dame alumni that criticized the way the football program was managed. In the letter written by the Monogram Club, the group claimed that the alumni letter should have never been released to the media because it hurt the University's image, impeded the overall administration of the University and athletic department and negatively affected revenue resources.

Duerson told The Observer in April that people needed to move on from Notre Dame's 5-7 finish in 2003.

"Every program has its ups and downs, but that is not indicative of the direction the program is heading," he said in the April 23 edition. "It's time to move on [from the criticism]. Nobody is more upset about last year's finish than those student-athletes and the coaching staff."

Duerson also responded to Notre Dame's 1956 Heisman Trophy winner Paul Hornung's

comments about Notre Dame's standards.

"We can't stay as strict as we are as far as the academic structure is concerned because gotta get the black athlete," Hornung, who later apologized, told Detroit's AM-1270 The Sports Station, an ESPN radio affiliate in March. "We must get the black athlete if we're going to compete."

Duerson responded to Hornung's comments by saying he should lose his job as a radio broadcaster for Notre Dame football. Hornung was later fired from his broadcasting position.

Duerson spoke out most recently after Notre Dame football coach Tyrone Willingham was fired in November after a 6-5 season, describing a decision that was made with great "dissension."

"With all the other things going on at the University, the least of the problems was wins and losses," he told the Associated Press in December. "There's greater dissension in some other things at the University that need to be corrected and dealt with."

Duerson, who now resides in Highland Park, Ill., was a two-time All-American defensive back at Notre Dame, where he played from 1979-1983, and still holds the all-time record for career interception yardage. He served as tri-captain of the 1982 Irish. He went on to win two Super Bowls in the NFL for the Chicago Bears (1985), and the New York Giants (1990). He earned four all-Pro honors in his 11 seasons with the Bears, Giants and Phoenix Cardinals.

Duerson was also well-known in

the league for his service activities. He was named the 1987 NFL Man of the Year and 1988 NFL Humanitarian of the Year for his work with substance abuse prevention and Special Olympics. Duerson also sponsored free football camps in Chicago and his hometown of Muncie, Ind., teaching fundamentals of the game and stressing the values of education and drug and alcohol prevention.

After football, Duerson went back to school, graduating from the Harvard Business School's executive education program in 2001.

Duerson's achievements then extended to the business world. He served as the majority owner, president and CEO of Fair Oaks Farms from 1995-2002, during which the company's sales increased from \$24 million to \$63 million. His company, Duerson Capital Holdings, sold its interest in Fair Oaks Farms in February 2002. Following the sale, a partnership with Johnsonville Sausage, LLC was created, and the new Duerson Foods plant opened in April 2003.

Duerson also served on the Mendoza College of Business executive board and is chairman of the Dave Duerson Foundation, which helps students who are pursuing entrepreneurial studies.

Duerson's term as the president of the Monogram Club would have ended in June, when Julie Doyle was slated to take office. He was the 1990 Monogram Club Member of the Year.

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Student Body Presidential Election

Leaders in votes by class:

Freshmen	Baron (31%, 381 out of 1230 votes)
Sophomores	Baron (31%, 371 out of 1199 votes)
Juniors	Baron (35%, 382 out of 1100 votes)
Seniors	Baron (30%, 198 out of 652 votes)

Leaders in votes by dorm:

Alumni	Brede	McGlinn	Baron
Badin	Baron	Morrissey	Baron
Breen-Phillips	Baron	O'Neill	Leito
Carroll	Brede	Off-Campus	Baron
Cavanaugh	Leito	Pangborn	Leito
Dillon	Leito	Pasquerilla East	Baron
Farley	Leito	Pasquerilla West	Baron
Fisher	Brede	Siegfried	Leito
Howard	Baron	Sorin	White
Keenan	Leito	Stanford	Leito
Keough	Leito	St. Edward's	Leito
Knott	White	Walsh	Baron
Lewis	Baron	Welsh Family	Baron
Lyons	Baron	Zahm	Healy

Source: Notre Dame Judicial Council

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Executive Committee of the Election Committee of the Judicial Council to hold a hearing to assess the violation and whether sanctions should be levied before the results could be officially announced.

Anderson explained that a message supporting the Baron-Shappell ticket was sent to the Alliance-ND/GSA [Gay-Straight Alliance] ListServ by AllianceND president Mac Russell at 11:54 p.m. Sunday. Though e-mails alone are permissible forms of campaigning, Article 17, Section 1 of the student union constitution details that ListServ messages are not. The constitution later specifies that candidates may be held responsible for the conduct of their supporters.

Though the Election Committee, made up of delegates for each of the 27 dorms, found merit to the allegation, and the six-member Executive Committee ruled that the ticket was guilty of the violation, no sanctions were assessed.

"[The Executive Committee] decided no sanction was appropriate because it is difficult for candidates to control people that they didn't know

were sending out e-mails on their behalf," Anderson said.

Shappell confirmed that neither she nor Baron were involved in the ListServ message, and said that Baron does not know Russell, and that she only knows him "casually" and spoke to him only once about the election, during a campaigning dorm visit.

"Neither Dave nor I were aware that the e-mail had been sent until we were informed of the infraction," she said.

Anderson said she sent a message to the Office of Information Technology to be forwarded to all ListServ owners, letting them know that they cannot use the ListServ as an avenue for campaigning.

Baron-Shappell secured the plurality of votes by winning 11 dorms and the off-campus votes — including their respective home turfs of Morrissey and Badin. Leito-Bongiovanni won 10 dorms, including the loyalty of their own dorms, Siegfried and Cavanaugh. The Craig Brede-Vijay Ramanan, Alec White-Erik Powers and Mark Healy-Bob Costa tickets shared the remainder of the dorm victories.

Both advancing tickets said that while they're relieved by Monday's results, they expect a tough three days ahead, as the four candidates who have worked closely together in student government clash.

"The results are great, but we're ready to go again. We've got three more days, and less than 300 votes isn't a margin of confidence," Baron said.

Leito — vice president on Charlie Ebersol's ticket that made it to the runoff in last year's election — agreed.

"It's always exciting to make it past the general election, but this is going to be a tough one," he said.

They all said they plan to stick to their tried and true campaign strategies, focusing mainly on the grassroots effort to build support, especially since none of the losing tickets chose to give either of the tickets their endorsements.

Candidates pointed toward their common experience and passion as kindling for what they expect to be a heated sprint to the finish.

"Voters are going to get a great show," Bongiovanni said with a smile.

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Priest convicted in sex abuse case

Associated Press

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. — Defrocked priest Paul Shanley, the most notorious figure in the sex scandal that rocked the Boston Archdiocese, was convicted Monday of repeatedly raping and fondling a boy at his Roman Catholic church during the 1980s.

The conviction on all four charges gives prosecutors an important victory in their effort to bring pedophile priests to justice for decades of abuse at parishes around the country.

Shanley, 74, could get life in

prison for two counts each of child rape and indecent assault and battery on a child when he is sentenced Feb. 15. His bail was revoked and he was immediately led off to jail.

The victim, now 27, put his head down and sobbed as the verdicts were announced after a trial that turned on the reliability of what the man claimed were recovered memories of the long-ago abuse. Shanley showed no emotion as he stood next to his lawyer.

The jury deliberated 13 hours over three days.

During the trial, the accuser broke down on the stand as he

testified in graphic detail that Shanley pulled him out of Sunday morning catechism classes and molested him in the bathroom, the rectory, the confessional and the pews starting when he was 6 and continuing for six years.

"He told me nobody would ever believe me if I told anybody," he testified.

The accuser said that he repressed his memories of the abuse but that they came flooding back three years ago, triggered by news coverage of the scandal that began in Boston and soon engulfed the church worldwide.

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Diversity should unite America

I was doing my laundry at the laundromat last week because I like bigger washers and dryers than most places have. Also, I happen to be a big fan of throwing all of my laundry into gigantic washing machines and getting my ridiculous amounts of laundry done in record time. The laundromat being the multicultural and diverse income background environment it is, I began to think about multiculturalism and the recent efforts at Notre Dame to push it.

Tom Rippinger

Confessions of
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Conservative

Since I was dumb enough to forget to bring something to read while my laundry was being washed, I began to think about the roots of multiculturalism. Although many may consider me a heartless conservative, I do take into account 500 years of western world dominance. Of course, the icing on the colonialism cake came in the past century with apartheid, the holocaust, segregation and a spattering of proxy wars fought in the third world in which the United States and the Soviet Union used these nations as pawns in a game of bilateral global dominance.

For the past few hundred years, the world outside of the west has had some pretty raw deals in the games of international power struggles. Now, the formerly oppressed have the advantage of using the ideas of liberty originating from enlightenment thinkers to their advantage. In today's reality, the world's largest democracy is India and every nation is connected through a complex global economy.

In the backdrop of these world events, there is of course a special guilt placed on the United States. We were supposed to live up to a higher standard, but it was not until the past

century that we really sought to become a colorblind society. All of this I realize and personally lament, but it must be taken with a grain of salt.

I was thinking of this and many other things when I was trying to get to the roots of the multiculturalist movement and its politically correct supporters. As far as I can logically reason, I believe they feel the same guilt for the aforementioned history. Out of their guilt comes the modern multiculturalist agenda. Perhaps they felt guilt over the more quiet racism of the north, which was almost as effective but less messy than its southern counterpart. The guilt brings out the culture of over the top political correctness we saw in the '90s. It also made it en vogue for a university to have an equal spattering of every race in its brochures.

What happened to the colorblind constitution of Brown v. Board of Education? Why would an equal spattering of races and sexual preferences make Notre Dame any better if you truly believe that skin color and sexual preference are irrelevant? The multiculturalist game seems to be very inclusive with the exception of white kids. Our culture is already fairly well known and it just doesn't look good in university public relations campaigns. We're too culturally homogeneous to create a true university environment and everyone knows we are "born with silver spoons in our mouths" anyway.

Let's pretend I represent a university or a large institution. "Hmm, Tom, it seems like you could stand to see a little bit more diversity," a multiculturalist would bemoan. Let's say he equally distributes all of my friends with people of every race with different cultures and skin colors. Does that make me a better person? Would it not

depend on totally the content of the characters of the people I would hang out with, regardless of their skin color?

Getting back to the laundromat, I can compare the dynamics of a laundromat to the United States. People of all different races go to the laundromat to try and accomplish a similar objective of washing laundry. In the United States, this objective would be acquiring the American dream of a house in the suburbs, an SUV and the average two kids. The situation is completely random and race does not even enter the equation, but everyone has a similar goal. I didn't care that the guy next to me was black and there was a Hispanic family doing laundry as well. We all just wanted to get our clothes washed.

I believe that if we focus on what we have in common instead of these cheesy diversity weeks, we can make far greater steps toward a colorblind society. We're all people with similar feelings and desires. As long as the truth that "all men are created equal" is accepted, there should be reason for nothing but optimism. Simply following the "golden rule" consistently is enough to end racism in itself. That's why I advocate a death of the self-loathing fake multiculturalism that pervades universities around the country and a rebirth of practicing simple virtues in everyday interaction.

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"The language of truth is unadorned and always simple."

Marcellinus Ammianus
Roman historian

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Abstain from storming the court

Today, the Notre Dame men's basketball team has a very important game against Boston College (or "Backup College" as Justin Tuck prefers). When, and I do mean when, our embattled band of Irishmen defeat number five, undefeated and overrated Boston College, I strongly urge my fellow students and fans to not storm the court in celebration.

Normally, a victory at home over a top 10 team warrants a court storming. However, in the case of Boston College, normal conventions must be set aside. As Notre Dame Students we must be defiant and not storm the court as a display of our common despise for that institution.

Let us not forget that this is the same school that greedily and hypocritically stabbed Notre Dame and the rest of the Big East in the back when it fled to the ACC not long ago. They left the conference scrambling just days after denouncing similar moves made by Miami and Virginia Tech.

This is also the same school that claims to be our rival in football based solely on four consecutive last second wins over two of our program's worst head coaches. Let us also not forget the disrespect their football players have shown to Notre Dame by ripping large clumps of grass out of our hallowed stadium in celebration.

This is the same school that also claims to be our academic counterpart in the world of higher education for reasons that I cannot comprehend.

The point is that Boston College wants desperately to be Notre Dame, to be our rival and be our peer both academically and athletically. The truth is that they aren't even close. I therefore urge all students to defiantly abstain from storming the court following the Irish victory. Such an action only legitimizes their claim to be our rival. Backup College deserves an "overrated" chant coupled with a few "We are NDs." I'd rather save the storming for Oct. 15.

Bill Coffey
senior
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Feb. 7

Do not support Coke

Recently students have been debating the merits and faults of the new Coca-Cola dorm competition and some very good questions have been asked. But we would like to bring to light another side of this debate that has as of yet not been discussed: Coca Cola's human rights abuses.

First and foremost, let us recall that as members of the Notre Dame community each of us is a beneficiary of the Coca-Cola Corporation, either through general donations to the University or by way of individual scholarships and grants. As beneficiaries we are all called to understand the nature of our benefactor and to investigate the means by which it procures the resources that are ultimately used to build our dorms and fund our research.

We would like to outline the facts about just a few of the abuses committed by the Coca-Cola Corporation. In so doing we ask: do we deserve to enjoy the comforts of Coca-Cola's relationship with our University at the expense of the lives and livelihoods of others? More specifically, can we condone such a situation and even go so far as to participate in it?

Some of the worse abuses have been committed in Colombian bottling plants, resulting in the death of at least 13 workers. A lawsuit filed against Coca-Cola charges that it "contracted with or otherwise directed paramilitary security forces that utilized extreme violence and murdered, tortured and unlawfully detained or otherwise silenced trade union leaders." Guatemalan workers have suffered in similar ways.

Coca-Cola benefits from child labor that takes place under hazardous conditions. In El Salvador for instance, thousands of children, some as young as eight years old, are working on sugarcane plantations where

they often suffer from severe machete wounds, smoke inhalation and burns.

Coke's bottling practices in India have caused water shortages and groundwater pollution. Entire communities have been exposed to toxic levels of waste and pesticides. In addition, Coke's bottling plants draw so much water from the wells and groundwater sources that the local water supplies are depleted to the extent that thousands of farmers are left with an inadequate supply for their own agricultural uses. These practices have not only poisoned the inhabitants of these regions, but also deprived thousands of local farmers of their livelihoods. Similar abuses have taken place in Mexico and Ghana.

We choose not to participate in the Coca-Cola dorm competition because we believe it is more important to ensure that all people have the right to healthy, dignified lives than it is to secure profits and share their comforts with a select few. As consumers we understand that "money" can mean "approval." We have decided to withhold our approval and we invite you to join with us in abstaining from this competition.

Stand in solidarity with workers and communities around the world who are no less deserving of Coca-Cola's beneficence than we are.

More information about Coke's human rights abuses and how to take further action can be found at www.cokewatch.org and www.killercoke.org.

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Mediocrity rampant at Super Bowl

For \$80,000 a second, they could at least make it good. But the only 2005 Super Bowl ads worth watching are the ones that didn't run.

Several of the spots, which FOX sold for a record \$2.4 million per 30 seconds, never made it on the air — some were too negative, others too risqué. So with all the good stuff swept under the rug, most of this year's ads were car commercials, movie previews and self-parodies.

Rob Howard

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Daily Orange

FOX blocked a campaign that would have fueled the beer war between Miller and Anheuser-Busch, asserting that Miller's anti-Bud ads were too negative to show during the game. Anheuser-Busch is the Super Bowl's exclusive beer sponsor and the biggest advertising customer with five minutes of airtime.

Those five minutes were mostly mediocre Bud Light ads, one of which filled the first post-kickoff spot. As if to say, "Hey, dude, we're extreme," that ad featured a reluctant skydiver who took the plunge after his pilot dove out of the plane in pursuit of a dropped Bud Light bottle. (It is physically impossible for him to catch up to that bottle, unless Spider-Man is somehow involved.)

Miller, a distant second to Anheuser-Busch in the domestic beer market, still ran a few spots during the pre-game show and tried to purchase local airtime, but the brewery was effectively locked out of advertising to the

nation's largest audience.

So, new Super Bowl rule No. 1: no competing with our sponsors. Next on the list: no fun of any kind.

Anheuser-Busch pulled one of its ads because it harkened back to Janet Jackson's nipple-baring extravaganza, the root of all this self-censorship. The spot, which would have been far and away the funniest of the game, showed a frustrated Jackson throwing down her outfit a few minutes before halftime. Then a backstage employee grabbed a frosty Bud Light and tore the bosom of her costume to open the bottle. Let's just say he didn't have much time to fix the damage.

Too soon, Bud Light. Too soon.

In a more reasonable move, Ford pulled an ad about a priest's lust for the new Lincoln Mark LT. The priest found a key to the new SUV in

the collection box and ogled it in the parking lot for a few awkward moments before its owner and his small daughter showed up to claim the vehicle. The scene cuts to the priest adding the letters L and T to the new message on the marquee board:

"LUST." Not really funny, but definitely weird.

The worst repercussion of the priest's banishment was that Ford filled the gaps with its awful Mustang spot. In the ad, a police car pulls up behind a red convertible waiting at a green light in a barren tundra. For some reason the cop sees nothing weird about this, so he waits behind the car and honks his horn before finally investigating. He finds the driver frozen solid with a look of euphoria preserved on his icy face.

The message: we're not even putting



this car on the market until spring, because our consumers are so dumb they'd drive it around the Arctic Circle.

The funny ads that made it on the air were all parodies of themselves. In other words, Super Bowl ads suck so much that the only creativity comes when they remind you of their suckiness.

Fedex Kinko's hilariously demonstrates the top 10 necessities for a good Super Bowl ad. Among them: Groin kicks. Burt Reynolds and several instances of talking, dancing bears. And the ad for a domain registrar called GoDaddy.com takes place at a Federal Communications Commission hearing, where a busty coed pleads for permission to be on TV.

The most ridiculous self-parody came from Budweiser — in a throwback to last year's donkey-becomes-a-Clydesdale ad, Bud introduces several other animals (from giraffe to pig) with the same goal. But it makes no sense if you don't have last year's ad at the front of your mind, and even then it's barely funny.

So mark 2005 down as the beginning of the end for Super Bowl advertising. Almost everyone who bought a spot wasted their money, and the rampant censorship was more embarrassing than the banned ads could ever be.

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DVD REVIEWS

'Best of Fallon' collects comedian's finest moments

By KELLY DUOOS
Scene Critic

Jimmy Fallon built up quite a fan base on Saturday Night Live because of his ability to consistently deliver fresh faced performances week after week. Breaking into the late night scene in 1998, this featured player achieved cast member status and contributed to the show until his departure in 2004. His inability to keep a straight face has helped him charm viewers with his infectious smile and lovable personality.

Rarely a SNL scene-stealer, Fallon often times is not the shining star of his sketches. Instead, he graciously provides a solid comedic foundation to glorify a hosting celebrity or an off-the-wall cast member. The sketches on this DVD are evenly split between Jimmy's supporting and starring roles. This collection highlights his comedic ability where it might otherwise have been overshadowed.

While on Saturday Night Live, Fallon had the chance to develop some origi-

nal characters that have stood the test of time. The best are showcased in this collection and include: Jarret, a third-time college junior who hosts a web cast show from his dorm room; Sully, a teenage Red Sox fan who has the tendency to become extremely angry; and the Leatherman, who creepily dresses head to toe in leather.

From his performances, it is evident that Fallon grew up idolizing the players of Saturday Night Live, since his impersonation skills are quite impressive. The DVD's opening clip is the unforgettable sketch that takes place in Mick Jagger's dressing room, in which Fallon plays a feisty reflection of the real Rolling Stone. Though Darrell Hammond's Sean Connery steals the spotlight in the Celebrity Jeopardy sketch, Fallon's dead-on impression of former SNL player Adam Sandler deserves recognition. His knack for creating these truly remarkable caricatures is appreciated in a montage of various clips of celebrity impressions.

However, Fallon's most hilarious moments have arguably come while he has played his most natural character: himself. Combining forces with SNL writer Tina Fey proved a success, and the two took Weekend Update by storm in the fall of 2000. "SNL's Best of Jimmy Fallon" contains clips of the two executing their biting commentary on current events. To end the featured program, the co-anchors perform



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Tina Fey, left, and Jimmy Fallon host a Weekend Update skit on Saturday Night Live. Fallon's best skits are collected on the "SNL Best of Jimmy Fallon" DVD.

a heartfelt duet before Fallon narrates a Star Wars type story of hope and tragedy that will leave the viewer in stitches.

Since this is a DVD, bonus features have of course been obligatorily included. Fallon's audition tape for his spot on Saturday Night Live is priceless. He shows off his impersonation skills during a celebrity walk-a-thon and spoofs popular music with the help of his guitar. However, the other bonus features fail to live up to SNL potential. The Weekend Update camera test with Fey is pretty lifeless and the inclusion of the "Drinkin' in the Woods" dress

rehearsal sketch makes it obvious why it was cut from the live episode. The mediocre music video for the single "Idiot Boyfriend" and Fallon's performance on the Carson Daly show round out the bonus features. Let this be a lesson: sometimes less is more.

However disappointing a few of the extras might be, the new "Best of Jimmy Fallon" is a must-have for DVD collectors and casual fans of the program alike. It shows how his six years spent with Saturday Night Live have earned him stardom.

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SNL - Best of Jimmy Fallon

Lionsgate



Visual splendor lifts 'Sky Captain' above its genre

By MARK BEMENDERFER
Scene Critic

It's not every day that a movie is jaw-droppingly beautiful. "Sky Captain and the World of Tomorrow" is one of the rare movies where every scene looks like a work of art. Which in a way, they were.

The first thing that should be known about the film is that every scene was filmed in front of a blue screen. That means that every background was created on a computer, digitally worked upon so that every pixel is perfect. This in turn creates some truly spectacular images never before seen on film. The visuals can even be described as breathtaking, a trait that not many movies can claim.

The movie is based on the radio broadcasts and stories of the early 1900s. That means that a new amazing image is presented every couple of minutes. Giant robots, flying fortresses and genetically created monsters grace the silver screen in all their computer-generated glory. Anyone with even the slightest bit of knowledge of the cartoons, comics and

broadcasts of that age will find something familiar and nostalgic about the movie.

There is a downside to the nature of the movie however. This is not a typical action film and expecting it to be filled with the clichéd look of an action film would be a disservice. Calling the movie cheesy, and the plot contrived would be valid criticisms, but would also be a disservice to the point of the movie. For many films of the film, those would be part of the reasons why it works so well as a tribute to old radio programs.

The actors do a commendable job, considering their unique situation. All of their actions are performed in front of a blue screen, so they have to react to things that do not exist. Jude Law does a great job in his role of the Sky Captain, acting serious on call and hamming it up when necessary as well. Gwyneth Paltrow gives a commendable performance as the reporter covering the Sky Captain's exploits. Both act convincingly in front of the blue screen and meld into the computer generated backgrounds well.

The rest of the cast perform admirably against the blue screen as well. Indeed, it's often quite difficult to separate the computer-generated extras from the flesh-and-blood ones. If any one movie will be remembered for blending what is real and fake, this is it.

A significant amount of time went into creating this movie, and it shows in the special features on the DVD. There are com-



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Polly (Gwyneth Paltrow), left, and Sky Captain (Jude Law) face a number of dangers in the early 1900s in "Sky Captain and the World of Tomorrow."

mentaries, making-of documentaries and behind-the-scenes features. They show different aspects of how the movie was created, and all the time that was put into creating the amazing scenarios within the movie. The extras are very interesting and fun to watch, especially from a purely technical standpoint.

"Sky Captain and the World of Tomorrow" is a visually astounding movie, one that never fails to impress

with each progressive scene. Do not make the mistake that millions did by not seeing this movie. It is unfortunate the movie bombed in the box office, as it would have been great to see more of the Sky Captain's exploits. This movie is a unique gem, unlikely to be imitated anytime soon.

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Sky Captain & the World of Tomorrow

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MOVIE REVIEWS

Powerful performances drive 'Million Dollar' success

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Scene Critic

Who would've thought that the greatest era of Clint Eastwood's career would come this late? A neo-renaissance that began with "Unforgiven" continued with "Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil" and "Mystic River." His latest film, "Million Dollar Baby," is one of the best films of 2004 and another winner in the same vein of excellence as Eastwood's previous work.

Eastwood has aged with remarkable grace, and "Million Dollar Baby" is a beautiful, unpretentious, difficult film that somehow manages to remain in an understated minor key despite its subject matter. The plot revolves around Maggie Fitzgerald (Hilary Swank), a 31-year old neo-phyte boxer who seeks the training of infamous "cut man" Frankie Dunn (Eastwood). Although Dunn is initially reluctant to teach Fitzgerald because she is an older woman, he eventually agrees and the two begin working toward the welterweight championship.

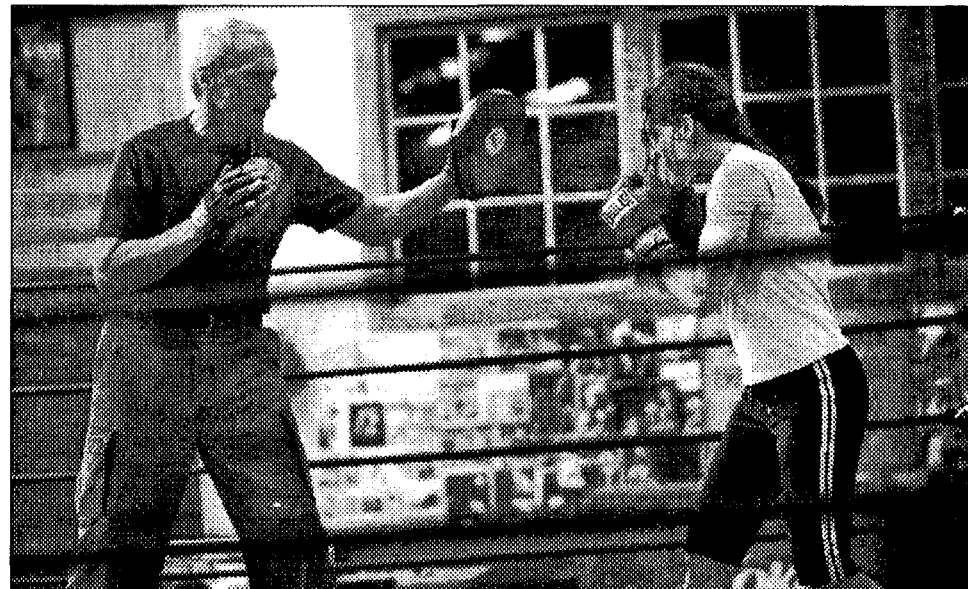
In ways, the film seems a contradiction: it initially appears to be one of the most simplistic major movies made by Hollywood last year, but it eventually reveals itself to be one of the most complex. "Million Dollar Baby" is far more than a simple story. It is well told and it reveals itself in the fight scenes. More

"Raging Bull" than "Rocky," it is handled with technical finesse that creates a surprising amount of tension — unlike most sports movies, the boxing itself is clearly not the main drive. Instead, the film is concerned with its characters and the underlying themes of the plot. Boxing here is not the focus of the plot, but a device used to explore the plot and nuances of the characters.

Though his talents are manifold and well employed here, Eastwood's greatest skill as a director is his ability to evoke powerful performances; "Million Dollar Baby" more than upholds this tradition. Swank's portrayal of Maggie is pitch-perfect: tough, strong-headed and yet utterly believable. Expect her to walk away with the Oscar come Feb. 27.

Likewise, Freeman's one-eyed gym assistant Eddie is more than merely the narrator/sidekick, he is a three-dimensional character with his own convincing subplot. Yet it is Eastwood himself who carries the film's heart and soul. His portrayal

of Frankie is perhaps the most internalized of the actor's storied career, and while the film doesn't resolve or spell out Frankie's past, inferences can be made from Eastwood's performance to comprehend him as a character. In a time when Hollywood seems to be spiraling out of control in its attempts at overblown epics peppered with vacuous special effects, the film's minimalism and character-driven plot is a welcome



Veteran boxing trainer Frankie (Clint Eastwood) teaches Maggie (Hilary Swank), a tenacious young boxer, the ropes in "Million Dollar Baby."

change. By the end of the film, the audience cares very much for all of its characters. The film paints a stark and intimate portrait that examines not just one, but several unforgettable individuals.

If asked to describe "Million Dollar Baby" in one word, a typical answer might be "dark." And this would not be an unreasonable response; the film is very dark, both literally (through its excellent cinematography) and figuratively (through its thematic elements).

A better word to describe Eastwood's latest film, however, is "true." This story is true to itself, true to its plot, true to its characters. Even the controversial ending is true in a way that few Hollywood

films would dare to be. Whether one disagrees with how it ends, in this situation with these characters, it's the only logical conclusion and Eastwood handles it unflinchingly.

It doesn't quite reach the heights of "Unforgiven," but it also doesn't aspire to do so. With that film, Eastwood seemed to have something to prove, with "Million Dollar Baby" it is obvious that he made the film he wanted to make. As a result, it ends up being his most intimate to date and an instant classic in line with his previous achievements.

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Million Dollar Baby



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Starring: Clint Eastwood, Hilary Swank, Morgan Freeman and Jay Baruchel

Unoriginality grounds disappointing date film

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All of the ingredients for success are present — the awkward girl, the suave guy, a wedding and a crazy set of parents. Yet somehow, "The Wedding Date" still manages to fall short of a becoming a memorable film.

The romantic comedy starring Debra Messing and Dermot Mulroney is disappointing not only in dialogue and acting, but also falls noticeably short in the smaller areas of costume, make-up and cinematography.

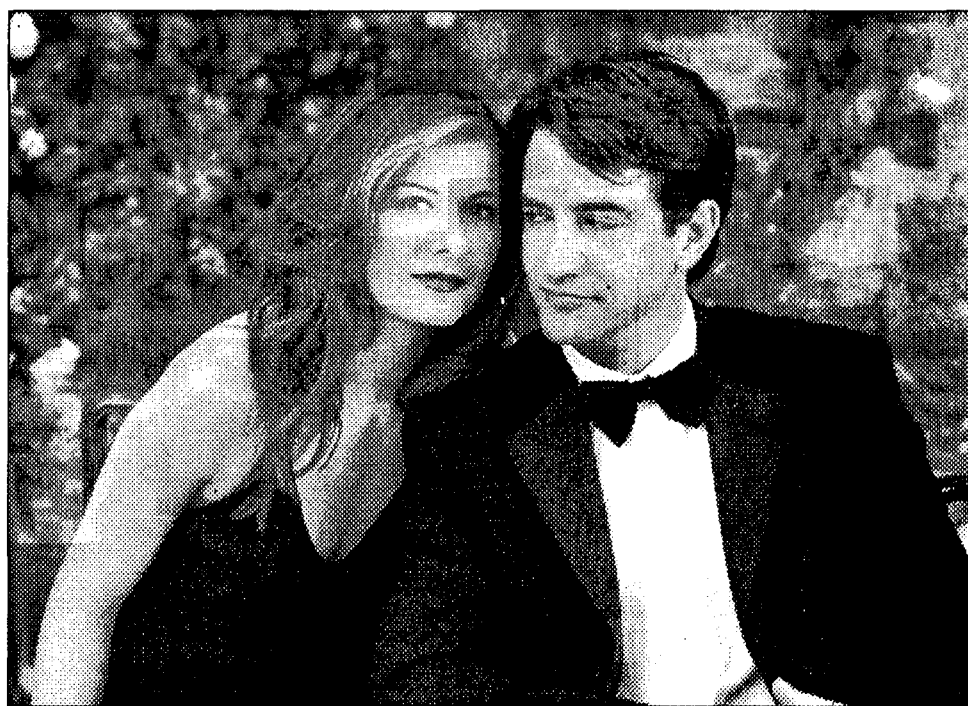
The story is cute, a trademark of the typical romantic comedy. Messing plays the main character, Kat, who is a single New Yorker en route to her sister's wedding in London where her ex-fiancee will be the best man. This information is all revealed very non-discretely in the first lines of the film exchanged between Kat and a messenger who never appears in the film again; this is just one example of the disappointingly simple script writing in the film. Kat, not wanting to appear at the wedding alone, opts to hire a male escort, Nick (Mulroney).

Being a romantic comedy, at this point it is quite obvious that the two leads are going to end up falling for one another. "The Wedding Date"

offers no surprises here. While the story is creative in and of itself and although at times it seems a bit of a spoof of "Pretty Woman," it is a generally interesting precept. The biggest problem with the movie is the script. It seems that the screenwriter took what may have been an interesting novel and created a script that does not give the audience enough information to really believe in the budding romance between Kat and Nick.

Overall the acting is not much more than mediocre. Messing, in what is still one of her first feature films, is not captivating enough to command the screen. Mulroney is the single redeeming aspect of the film with acting that is consistent with his character and that is performed well enough to captivate the attention of the big screen. The supporting actors are largely unmemorable, as

is the film itself. Beyond the acting, the film itself is simply not well put together. The costumes are outdated and repetitive and the make-up on a number of the female actresses is noticeably bad. These are both small details in film making that generally go unnoticed. However, they are done so poorly in "The Wedding Date" that it is distracting. Furthermore, there are numerous other small mistakes such as a scene outside between Nick and Kat after



Kat Elliss (Debra Messing) hires Nick Mercer (Dermot Mulroney), a charming professional male escort, to be her date at her sister's wedding.

they have been running outside in the rain. Kat is soaked and Nick has only a couple drops of water on his tuxedo. While this may seem like small points to pick at, they are all very noticeable and distracting. These small signs point to a lack of quality for the overall film.

"The Wedding Date" is an interesting concept but there is simply not enough time dedicated to the development of the characters' relationship to make

their feelings for one another believable. The dialogue is poorly written and delivered. Beyond a few cute moments in the film, the main relationship between Kat and Nick is entirely unbelievable.

"The Wedding Date" tries to win over the heart of the audience, but in the end it fails at this task as well.

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The Wedding Date



Director: Clare Kilner
Writer: Dana Fox
Starring: Debra Messing, Dermot Mulroney, Amy Adams and Peter Egan

NBA

Late Delk free throws bury Lakers in Atlanta

Arenas scores 43 in Wizards win; Miami outscores Warriors

Associated Press

ATLANTA — Antoine Walker made two baskets in the last 2 minutes, and Ton Delk hit eight free throws in the final minute to help the Atlanta Hawks hold off the Los Angeles Lakers 114-108 Monday night.

The Lakers, down by 29 points in the second quarter, cut the Hawks' lead to a point before Walker and Delk took control in the final minutes. Walker led the Hawks with 26 points, and Delk added 25.

Walker hit two baskets in the final 2:14, including a shot after the Lakers pulled to within a point at 98-97, and Delk came through at the line to help the Hawks snap a three-game losing streak.

After Chucky Atkins' 3-pointer pulled the Lakers within a point with 3:18 left, Walker scored for the Hawks and then set up Boris Diaw for a layup and a 102-97 lead with 1:42 left. Walker added a jumper over Lamar Odom with 47 seconds left.

Josh Childress added 19 points for the Hawks, and Monta Smith had 11—both career highs for the rookies.

Odom led Los Angeles with 28 points, Pierre Brown set a career high with 27, and Atkins had 25. The Lakers have lost six of their last eight games.

Kobe Bryant, sidelined since Jan. 13 by a severely sprained right ankle, watched from behind the Lakers' bench. Bryant could return on the road trip, which continues with games at New Jersey, Detroit and Cleveland.

The Hawks scored the first 14 points of the game and led 31-15 after one quarter. They scored the first 10 points of the second period.

The largest deficit the Lakers have overcome to win a game this season was 12 points against Orlando on Dec. 12.

Washington 108, Indiana 104

Gilbert Arenas matched his career high with 43 points to help the Washington Wizards beat the Indiana Pacers Monday night.

Antawn Jamison added 20 points for the Wizards, combining with Arenas for all 19 of Washington's points in the final 8 minutes.

Arenas, 15-of-28 from the field, missed a shot in the lane with the Wizards up 106-104, giving the Pacers a chance to tie or win with less than 9 seconds to play. But Indiana's Fred Jones lost control of the ball, and Juan Dixon made two free throws with 3.6 seconds to seal the Wizards' second straight win.

The Wizards trailed by eight with 9:57 to play, but Arenas scored nine points during a 17-6 run to spark Washington's rally. Jamison put Washington ahead to stay at 102-100 with a sweeping hook in the lane with 1:27 left.

Jermaine O'Neal scored 30 points for the Pacers, and Stephen Jackson had 29—22 in the second half when he shot 8-for-11 from the floor and made five 3-pointers.

Arenas, who also finished with nine rebounds and six assists, scored 22 points on 8-for-15 shooting to put Washington ahead 56-53 at halftime.

Indiana overtook Washington during midway through the third quarter on a layup by Jeff Foster and pushed the lead as high as eight in the fourth quarter before Arenas and Jamison took control.

Foster added 14 points and 11 rebounds for the Pacers, who had won two straight following a six-game losing streak.

Dixon had 11 points off the bench for Washington.

Miami 105, Golden State 96

Shaquille O'Neal scored 27 points and the Miami Heat overcame a rare ragged performance by Dwyane Wade to beat Golden State.

Wade failed to score in the first 18 minutes.

He missed several layups and one dunk, committed eight turnovers, drew a technical foul, shot 5-for-18 and finished with 18 points, 5.6 below his average.

Still, the Heat won for the sixth time in seven games. They improved to 14-2 at home since Nov. 30.

The Heat took an 81-72 lead into the fourth quarter but missed 10 of their first 12 shots

in the quarter, allowing Golden State to cut the margin to one at 86-85.

In the next 3 minutes O'Neal had three baskets, two rebounds and a block, helping Miami surge ahead 96-88.

Two free throws by Wade gave the Heat their biggest lead, 101-90. He added two more for a 103-96 cushion with 32 seconds to go.

Mike Dunleavy scored 26 points, and Derek Fisher 22 for the Warriors, who lost for the 17th time in their past 19 games. They've dropped 10 in a row on the road.

O'Neal went only 1-for-7 at the free-throw line but had six assists and 14 rebounds. The Heat shot 51 percent and had a 53-33 edge on the boards, but they committed 17 turnovers to seven for Golden State.

Miami's Eddie Jones went 9-for-12 from the field and scored 22 points. Teammate Udonis Haslem had 12 rebounds and nine points.

The Heat trailed for much of the first half and led only 51-50 at halftime despite shooting 55 percent.

After the Warriors took their final lead at 59-58, Miami scored on five consecutive possessions. O'Neal sank back-to-back baskets, and Wade scored five points in a row to put the Heat ahead 69-61.

New Jersey 107, Philadelphia 97

Vince Carter scored a season-high 43 points to become the 41st NBA player to reach 10,000 points, and Jason Kidd had his 62nd triple-double in the New Jersey Nets overtime victory over Philadelphia on Monday night.

Kidd finished with 22 points, a season-high 16 assists and 11 rebounds in leading the Nets to their season-high fifth straight win at home and their eighth in 11 games.

Ron Mercer added 14 points, all in the fourth quarter and the overtime.

The win against a 76ers' team that was without an ailing Allen Iverson came a lot harder than expected, especially after Carter made things look so easy scoring 27 point-half points.

New Jersey overcame an eight-point deficit with 5:46 to play, and survived a 28-point effort by Iverson's replacement,

Willie Green, who also missed a last-second shot at the buzzer in regulation.

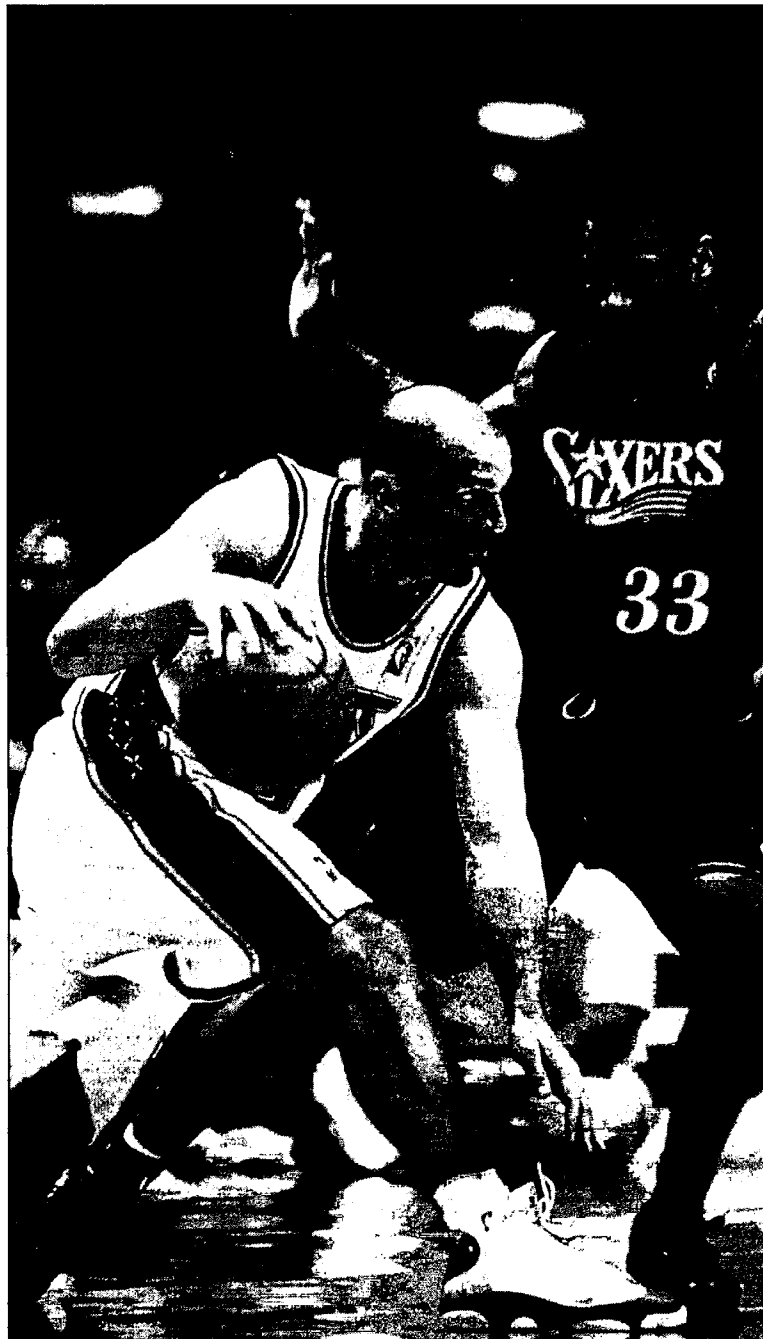
Green hit a jumper early in the overtime to give Philadelphia a 95-93 lead, but Carter, who had only three points in the third quarter, matched the Nets' franchise record with his seventh 3-pointer to give the Nets a 96-95 lead with 3:48 to play.

Mercer added a jumper with 3:08 to go and Kidd drive for a layup with 2:35 to play and New Jersey pulled away to move

within two games of second-place Philadelphia in the Atlantic Division.

Kenny Thomas added 21 points for the 76ers, and Kyle Korver had 11 points, including three 3-pointers in the third quarter when Philadelphia rallied from a seven-point halftime deficit to take a seven point lead entering the final quarter.

However, the Sixers scored just two baskets in the final 10:44 of regulation and overtime in losing for the second time in six games.



New Jersey Nets guard Jason Kidd dribbles against Philadelphia 76ers guard Willie Green Monday night. The Nets won 107-97 in overtime.

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TENNIS

Agassi to play in Davis Cup

American star will compete for first time in five years

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Andre Agassi is returning to the U.S. Davis Cup team after a five-year absence, persuaded by a 2 1/2-hour chat with captain Patrick McEnroe over dinner at a Las Vegas restaurant.

Agassi will try to help the United States win the Davis Cup for the first time in a decade, agreeing to play at least in a first-round match against Croatia on March 4-6 at Carson, Calif., the U.S. Tennis Association announced Monday.

The eight-time Grand Slam tournament champion, who turns 35 in April and is a father of two, stopped playing Davis Cup in 2000 as part of a scaled-back schedule geared to peaking for the majors.

He told McEnroe he wasn't sure if he wanted to come back to the team unless he could commit to playing every match. But McEnroe flew to Agassi's hometown last week after the Australian Open to say, in effect: Hey, show up when you can.

"I told him, 'Look, I'm not expecting you to do that, nor are any of the guys on the team. Don't cut off your options by saying it's all or nothing, because we've never had a year where we had the same four guys for every match,'" McEnroe said Monday in a conference call. "I just tried to convince him that it wasn't a deal-breaker."

Agassi was a member of three Davis Cup championship teams, going 30-5 in singles.

Just last month, he sounded like someone leaning against playing in the 16-nation tournament. But Agassi spoke to members of the U.S. team and heard McEnroe's sales pitch.

"The captain and players know that my life will not allow me to play every tie at this stage of my career," Agassi said in a statement released Monday by the USTA. "Still, they all expressed encouragement, which is very much appreciated."

Bringing Agassi back into the fold improves the team — and should help sell tickets, about 50 percent of which are unsold for Carson.

He was ranked No. 1 as recently as early 2003, is 10th in the world now and still the sport's most popular male player.

"In my opinion, he's playing top-four, top-five tennis," McEnroe said. "And because of his aura, because of what



Andre Agassi reacts after his loss to Roger Federer in the Australian Open. U.S. Davis Cup captain Patrick McEnroe convinced Agassi to rejoin the team after a five year hiatus.

he brings to the table as a person, as a competitor, it quite obviously makes it a bigger event."

The United States has won the competition a record 31 times, but not since 1995 — the team's longest drought since the gap between titles in 1926 and 1937. The Americans lost to Spain in last year's Davis Cup final.

"Imagine if Agassi had played the last four years. We probably could have won it once or twice."

Patrick McEnroe
Davis Cup captain

Andy Roddick, who finished 2003 ranked No. 1 and won the U.S. Open that season, is entrenched as the top U.S. singles player. The second singles slot for Davis

Cup has been rotating; Mardy Fish filled that role against Spain.

Twin brothers Bob and Mike Bryan are the U.S. doubles team.

"I've let him know that I'm 100 percent supportive, if he wants to join us. You know, I definitely want him on the team," Roddick said last week. "Selfishly, I'd love to be around him and learn, be in that close contact with him for a week."

John McEnroe, Patrick's older brother and predecessor as captain, cited an inability to get Agassi and Pete Sampras to play Davis Cup regularly as a reason for stepping down after just 14 months leading the U.S. squad.

USTA chief executive Arlen Kantarian credited Patrick McEnroe with creating a "player-friendly environment around Davis Cup. There's a new sense of camaraderie."

"This is really a dream team for the U.S."

NCAA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Wisconsin-Green Bay rides streak to top 25

Associated Press

GREEN BAY — Returning to The Associated Press women's basketball poll is just part of the deal for Wisconsin-Green Bay.

Now that they're in, the Phoenix want to stay awhile.

While LSU swept all 44 first-place votes from a national media panel and the top six teams remained the same, UW-Green Bay joined at No. 24. The Phoenix (20-2) came in on the strength of a 14-game winning streak, the fourth-longest in the country.

"We're moving up," UWGB coach Kevin Borseth said. "That's a good thing. That's what we want to do. Certainly it wasn't a goal of ours to get there and be happy and then get bumped out. We want to keep moving up."

The Phoenix did that the last time they were ranked. They joined the poll for the first time in school history on Dec. 16, 2002, and stayed in the rest of the season, rising to as high as 16th. That team finished 28-4, the best ever for the program.

"I don't know if the polls will be quite as kind this time around," Borseth said. "We need to solidify our position a little more. Ultimately we want to get into the national tournament and see what we can do."

Florida State, which had been 24th, dropped out after losing two of three games during the past week. The Seminoles (19-5) joined the poll two weeks ago, the school's first national ranking in 14 years.

LSU (21-1) was No. 1 for the

second straight week and eighth time this season. No. 2 Ohio State and No. 3 Duke each received a first-place vote last week, but LSU got them all this time.

The Lady Tigers had 1,100 points in the voting after decisive victories over Mississippi and Mississippi State.

Ohio State (22-2) had 1,036 points and Duke (22-2) had 984 — six more than No. 4 Stanford. Tennessee remained fifth and Notre Dame held at No. 6.

Baylor climbed one spot to seventh after beating Top 25 opponents Kansas State and Texas Tech.

The victory at Tech was Baylor's first in Lubbock since 1982.

North Carolina, Michigan State and Connecticut each moved up one place to complete the Top 10.

A 57-44 loss at Connecticut dropped Rutgers from seventh to 11th.

Minnesota was 12th and Texas Tech 13th, followed by Iowa State, DePaul, Kansas State, Texas, Georgia, Maryland and Temple.

The final five were Vanderbilt, Boston College, North Carolina State, UW Green Bay and Penn State.

Iowa State, the surprising leader in the Big 12, went from 19th to 14th for the biggest jump within the poll. The Cyclones (18-2), who already have matched their victory total for all of last season, routed Colorado and beat Texas last week.

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NFL

Despite changes, Patriots' goal is to repeat

Associated Press

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Deion Branch needed just five little words to explain why the New England Patriots have won three of the last four Super Bowls.

Asked Monday if he had any thoughts of leaving the team when he becomes a restricted free agent, the Super Bowl MVP replied: "My home is in Foxboro."

Then, referring to team owner Robert Kraft, Branch added: "I'm proud of the family that Mr. Kraft has built."

An emphasis on winning over money is what drives the Patriots to success in an era when free agency and the salary cap force major turnover at most teams each season.

Next season's Patriots certainly will be different than this season's. The biggest losses are not players but coaches: Offensive coordinator Charlie Weis is the new head coach at Notre Dame, and defensive coordinator Romeo Crennel accepted the Cleveland Browns' head coaching job immediately after Sunday night's game.

Crennel's move, which gives the NFL a record six black head coaches, was hardly a secret. As the Patriots' 24-21 win over Philadelphia was ending, coach Bill Belichick put his arms around his two top aides in a gesture of affection and appreciation.

They will be hard to replace. "Romeo and Charlie have done a great job. A lot of the success we've had should go to them," Belichick said Monday. "I've been with them both a long time. I go back to 1981 with Romeo and I'll miss both of them a lot."

The Patriots might, too.

Next season, they will be seeking to become the first team to win three straight Super Bowls and the first to win four in five seasons.

The San Francisco 49ers came closest to three NFL titles in a row, winning the 1989 and 1990 Super Bowls, then losing the next NFC championship game on a last-second field goal by the New York Giants' Matt Bahr.

That New York team, which went on to beat Buffalo in the 1991 Super Bowl, had a coaching staff headed by Bill Parcells and including Belichick, Crennel and Weis, along with future NFL head coaches Tom Coughlin, Al Groh and Ray Handley. Two of the players on that team are also coaches and are reportedly on Crennel's wish list for his staff with the Browns: Pepper Johnson, New England's defensive line coach, and Maurice Carthon, the offensive coordinator in Dallas under Parcells.

Belichick's first order of business, therefore, is rebuilding his coaching staff, although he will take at least a week off, travel-



New England Patriots owner Bob Kraft, right, holds the Lombardi Trophy after his team's Super Bowl win Sunday. Despite the departures of offensive coordinator Charlie Weis and defensive coordinator Romeo Crennel, the Patriots' organization has not lowered expectations for next year.

ing to California for the AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am.

Most of the core players, however, should be back, although some are getting up there in age, notably linebacker Willie McGinest and safety Rodney

Harrison, both of whom have played major roles in the team's success.

Harrison, who had two interceptions in Sunday's game, will turn 33 next December, when McGinest will turn 34.

One member of the Patriots unlikely to return is cornerback Ty Law, who missed the second half of the season with a broken foot after quarreling with the team over his contract in training camp.

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SAILING

Woman sails around world in record time

Associated Press

LONDON — Ellen MacArthur has endured stormy seas, 65 mph winds, a broken sail, burns, bruises and exhaustion — even a close encounter with a whale. The payoff: a solo around-the-world sailing record.

The 28-year-old Englishwoman completed the 26,000-mile circumnavigation at 5:29 p.m. EST on Monday by crossing an imaginary finish line between Ushant, France, and the Lizard peninsula in Cornwall on the south coast of England.

Her final time was 71 days, 14 hours, 18 minutes and 33 seconds, her control team said.

Her 75-foot trimaran B&Q broke the record set by Francis Joyon, who set the mark of 72 days, 22 hours, 54 minutes and 22 seconds, in February 2004.

MacArthur, who planned to come ashore in Falmouth later, where a large media group was waiting, told supporters she was physically and mentally exhausted.

"I can't wait to get in. It's been a very, very long trip and an exceptionally hard one," she wrote on her Web site early Monday. "I'll be glad to be crossing that finish line and finally feeling a little bit of relief."

When she was done,

by Prince Charles and British sailing great Sir Robin Knox-Johnston.

"We have all watched your progress with the greatest possible excitement over the last 71 days ... the whole of the United Kingdom is, I know, delighted by your success," the prince said in a statement.

"Ellen has done superbly, it is an outstanding effort," said 65-year-old Knox-Johnston, who made history in 1969 when he became the first person to sail single-handedly around the world nonstop in 312 days.

"When Francis Joyon beat the record last year he took three weeks off the old time and that was mammoth. Then I thought that record would stand for years and now Ellen has come in and broken it," Knox-Johnston said.

MacArthur's journey began Nov. 28. Since then, she has slept an average of 30 minutes at a time and four hours in any day.

She has reheated freeze-dried meals on a single burner stove while living area measuring 5 feet by 6 1/2 feet. Her water supply is desalinated from the sea. She spent Christmas Day in a storm, but after crossing the halfway mark at Cape Horn on New Year's Eve she built a four-day lead on the pace set by rival Francis Joyon.

NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL

Upsets rearrange Top 25

Pacific moves into rankings for first time in school history

Associated Press

Pacific moved into The Associated Press men's college basketball Top 25 for the first time in school history Monday thanks to a perfect start in the Big West.

While Illinois was No. 1 in the poll for the 10th straight week, and a unanimous choice for the second time in a row, Pacific joined the rankings at No. 24.

The Tigers (18-2), who have won 14 straight games, are 12-0 in the Big West and off to their best start. Their only losses this season were at Kansas and to San Francisco, and they have a school-record 25-game winning streak in conference play.

"It's great for our town and our school and our players," coach Bob Thomason said Monday. "They worked hard the last two years. I think they were a little disappointed they didn't get in last Monday. Now we have to go to Idaho and Utah State. As soon as we get ranked, we have to go play our hardest game of the year, but that's a good challenge for us."

Pacific has made six appearances in the NCAA tournament, with a loss to UCLA in a regional final in 1966 its best run. The Tigers were a No. 12 seed last season and upset Providence 66-58 in the first round. Thomason, the 17th-year coach who played in the 1971 NCAA tournament for Pacific, also led the Tigers to the NAAs in 1997 with current Minnesota Timberwolves center Michael Olowokandi.

Illinois (23-0), which beat Michigan State and Indiana last week, matched the longest streak at the top since Kansas' 15-week run in 1996-97. Connecticut was No. 1 for 10 straight weeks in 1998-99.

North Carolina (19-2) and Kansas (18-1) remained second and third, while Boston College, the only other unbeaten team in Division I, moved up one spot to a school-record fourth. The Eagles beat West Virginia and Seton Hall to become the first team in Big East history to start a season 20-0.

Kentucky and Wake Forest each moved up one spot to fifth and sixth, while Duke fell from fourth to No. 7 after losing to Wake Forest and beating Georgia Tech.



No. 8 Syracuse forward Hakim Warrick backs down No. 19 Connecticut forward Josh Boone during Monday's game. The Huskies won 74-66.

Oklahoma State were eighth through 10th for a second straight week.

Washington was No. 11, followed by Arizona, Michigan State, Gonzaga, Utah, Oklahoma, Alabama, Pittsburgh, Connecticut and Wisconsin.

The last five ranked teams were Cincinnati, Villanova, Texas, Pacific and Texas Tech.

Thomason isn't sure how the ranking will affect his players.

"When you get ranked, are you going to go out and play better? I don't know," Thomason said. "We have more things than this to accomplish. We need to win our conference to get a No. 1 seed, then win our tournament so we get to the NAAs. We won our first-round game last year, and we'd like to get in a situation where that can happen again — and maybe even win two games."

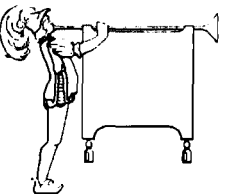
Raiders' appearance at No. 25 was their first time in the rankings this season. Texas Tech (14-5) has won six of seven, the only loss in that span coming at Texas. The Red Raiders, who were ranked for seven weeks last season, won at Oklahoma on Saturday.

Maryland (22nd last week) and Georgia Tech (25th) fell out of the poll. That leaves the Atlantic Coast Conference with three ranked teams; it had a record-tying seven teams in the poll for five weeks earlier in the season.

The ACC's remaining teams — North Carolina, Wake Forest and Duke — are in the top seven. The other teams from the league to be ranked this season were North Carolina State and Virginia.

Maryland (13-7), which returned to the Top 25 last week after a three-week absence, lost to Clemson and

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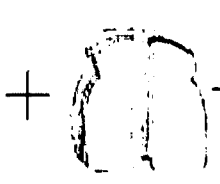
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NCAA BASKETBALL

Connecticut sends Syracuse to its third loss

Villanova wins match of Philly teams as the Wildcats knock off St. Joseph's

Associated Press

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — Charlie Villanueva experienced the ups and downs of college basketball in three days.

The sophomore forward had one of his worst games in Connecticut's win over St. John's on Saturday. On Monday night, he had 21 points, 10 rebounds and several big plays to lead the 19th-ranked Huskies to a 74-66 victory over No. 8 Syracuse, ending the Orange's 16-game home winning streak.

"This was a huge win for us," he said. "For me personally, it was as huge as it gets. This was a big game in a tough place to play."

Connecticut coach Jim Calhoun said Villanueva was in tears after scoring three points on 1-for-5 shooting in the home win over the Red Storm.

"I told him if he plays hard good things will happen for him and then for us," Calhoun said.

Connecticut closed the game with a 9-1 run and Villanueva outscored Syracuse 7-5 over the final 8 minutes as the Huskies (15-5, 7-3 Big East) won for the fourth time in five games.

"Our young kids took over the game," Calhoun said of his starting lineup that features a junior, three sophomores and a

freshman. "We're fighting for our NCAA life. Obviously, this is the best win we've had this season. We're getting a little better. I believe in this team."

Hakim Warrick had 16 points for the foul-plagued Orange (21-3, 8-2), who had won all 14 home games this season. The last time Syracuse lost in the Carrier Dome was last Feb. 16 to Notre Dame.

"We have been very good down the stretch, but every game down the stretch you're not always going to make the right plays or miss a shot or two and that's what happened," Syracuse coach Jim Boeheim said. "I thought we played as hard as we played all year."

The game was a matchup of the last two national champions, and the defending champs prevailed. It also matched two of the winningest coaches in the sport's history. Calhoun has 695 victories, two behind Boeheim.

No. 22 Villanova 67, St. Joseph's 52

Jason Fraser tries not to let his nagging injuries bother him. He sure looked healthy Monday night.

Fraser had 14 points and 14 rebounds, and No. 22 Villanova withstood a second-half rally by St. Joseph's for the victory.

"It felt good just being able to do what's needed for the team,"

Fraser said.

With the sweltering Palestra rocking in the latest meeting between these local rivals, the crowd at the famed home of the Big 5 saw another wild one in the series' 84-year history.

Villanova (14-5) used a full-court press, hustling guard play and the best game of the season from the oft-injured Fraser to take a 21-point lead midway through the second half.

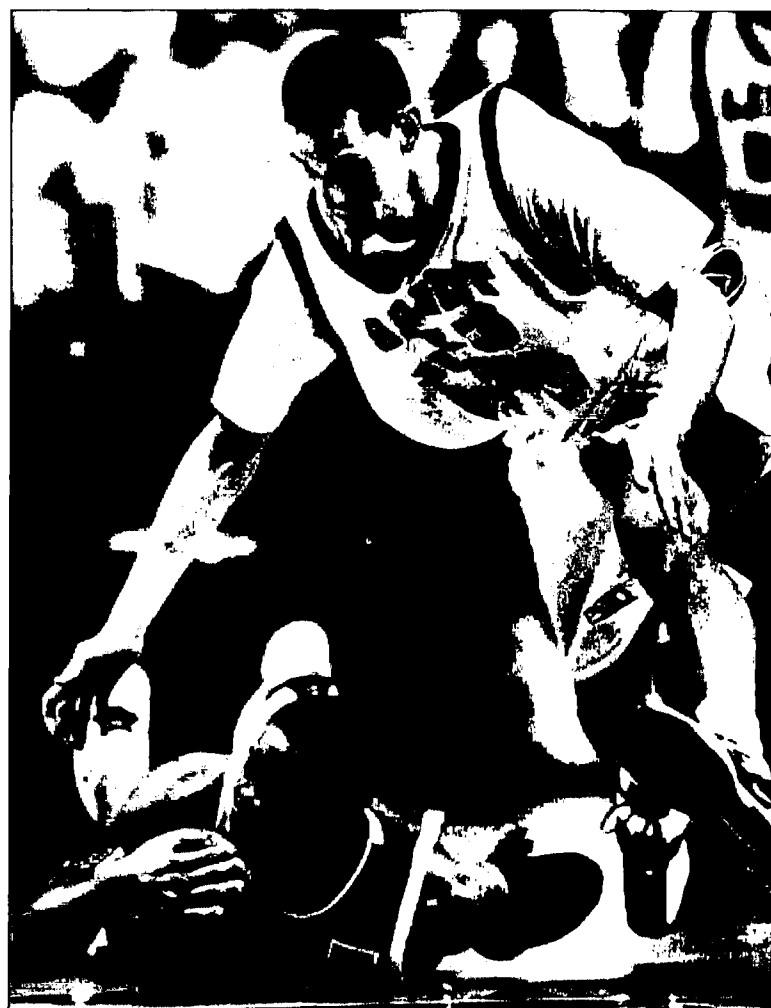
Then Pat Carroll found his shot for the Hawks (11-9).

St. Joe's leading scorer had a miserable first 30 minutes, missing all 13 of his shots and looking nothing like the two-time defending Atlantic 10 player of the week. Then it all came together for the 6-foot-5 senior, who nailed three 3-pointers and scored 13 of St. Joe's next 16 points during a run that sliced the lead to 49-40.

The student sections taunted each other all night, but this was a pro-St. Joe's crowd and the fans cheered wildly with each basket.

It was just too little, too late.

The Wildcats hit a few free throws, Fraser fought his way through the middle for a tough inside basket and Allan Ray sank a 3-pointer that pushed the lead back to 61-44 and enabled them to hang on for their fifth win in six games.



Villanova's Allan Ray, on floor, and St. Joseph's Pat Carroll chase a loose ball in the second half of the Wildcats' victory.

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Men's College Basketball

AP Top 25

	team	record	points
1	Illinois (72)	23-0	1,800
2	North Carolina	19-2	1,711
3	Kansas	18-1	1,625
4	Boston College	20-0	1,561
5	Kentucky	17-2	1,505
6	Wake Forest	19-3	1,429
7	Duke	17-2	1,349
8	Syracuse	21-3	1,311
9	Louisville	20-3	1,262
10	Oklahoma State	17-3	1,144
11	Washington	19-3	1,059
12	Arizona	19-4	983
13	Michigan State	15-4	872
14	Gonzaga	17-4	805
15	Utah	19-3	686
16	Oklahoma	17-4	657
17	Alabama	17-4	648
18	Pittsburgh	15-4	550
19	Connecticut	15-5	535
20	Wisconsin	15-5	309
21	Cincinnati	17-5	250
22	Villanova	13-5	242
23	Texas	15-6	189
24	U of the Pacific	18-2	173
25	Texas Tech	14-5	156

Women's College Basketball

AP Top 25

	team	record	points
1	LSU (44)	20-1	1,100
2	Ohio State	22-2	1,036
3	Duke	22-2	984
4	Stanford	20-2	978
5	Tennessee	18-3	925
6	NOTRE DAME	20-3	873
7	Baylor	17-3	833
8	North Carolina	18-3	761
9	Michigan State	20-3	752
10	Connecticut	15-5	702
11	Rutgers	16-5	670
12	Minnesota	18-4	590
13	Texas Tech	16-4	553
14	Iowa State	18-2	473
15	DePaul	18-3	459
16	Kansas State	17-4	449
17	Texas	13-7	377
18	Georgia	18-6	342
19	Maryland	16-5	274
20	Temple	18-3	249
21	Vanderbilt	16-5	207
22	Boston College	15-5	196
23	N.C. State	16-5	146
24	Wisc. Green Bay	20-2	90
25	Penn State	14-8	77

Women's College Basketball Big East Standings

team	conf.	overall
Connecticut	8-1	15-5
NOTRE DAME	8-2	20-3
Rutgers	7-2	16-5
Boston College	6-3	15-5
Villanova	5-4	12-8
St. John's	5-5	16-5
Seton Hall	5-5	13-8
Georgetown	4-6	9-12
West Virginia	3-6	12-8
Pittsburgh	3-7	11-10
Syracuse	3-7	11-10
Providence	0-9	1-19

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MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Illinois at Michigan, 7 p.m., ESPN

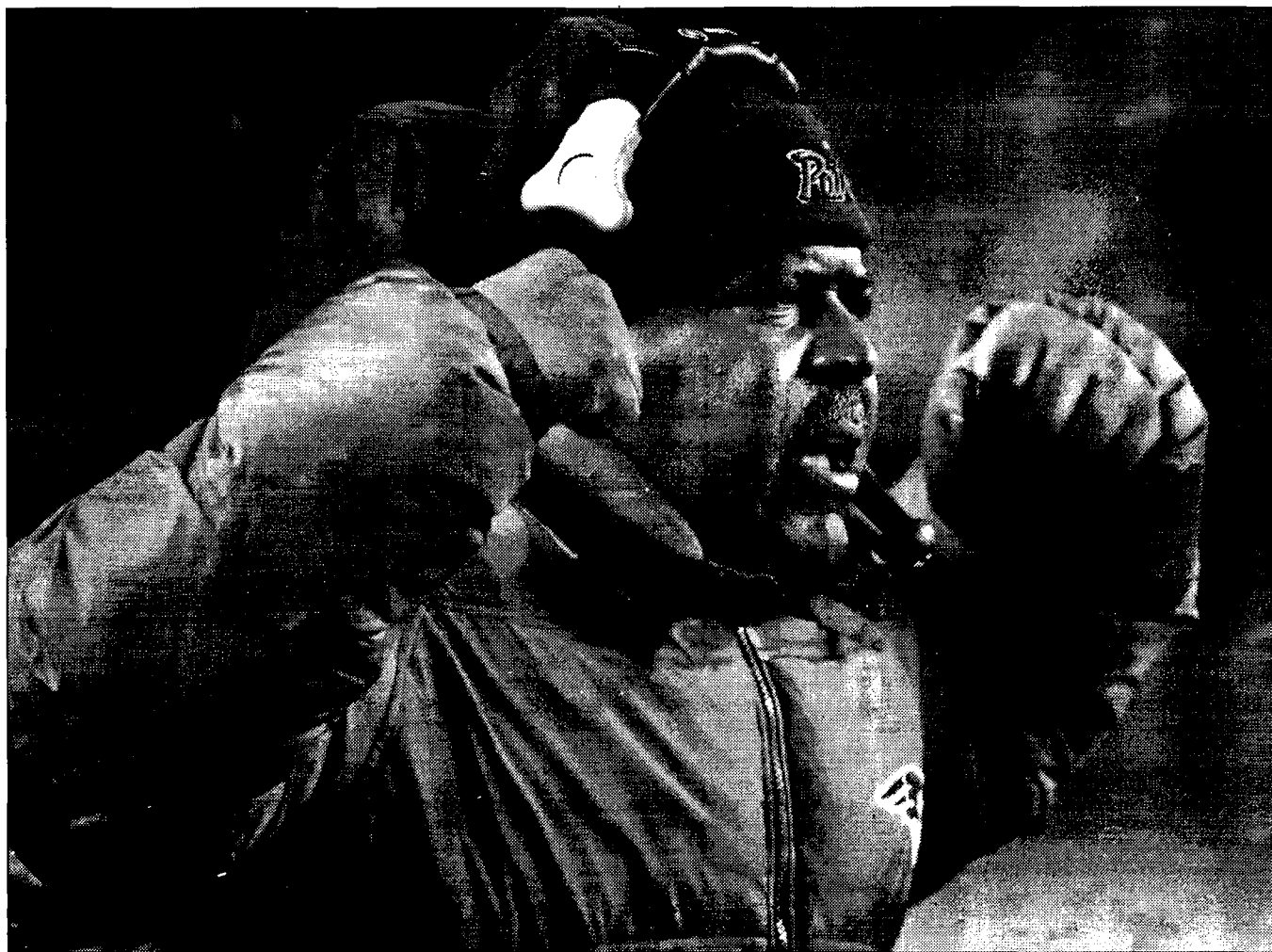
Boston College at Notre Dame, 7 p.m., ESPN2

Florida at Kentucky, 9 p.m., ESPN

NBA

Chicago at Dallas, 8:30 p.m., Comcast

NFL



New England Patriots defensive coordinator Romeo Crennel protests a call during the AFC championship. Crennel, who won his third Super Bowl ring with the Patriots, accepted the Cleveland Browns head coaching job Sunday.

Crennel accepts Browns opening

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — After winning another Super Bowl, New England's Mr. Do-It-All issued a warning to the rest of the NFL.

"Look out for Cleveland next year," said two-way standout Troy Brown. "They're getting a great coach."

Romeo Crennel, who borrowed Brown from the Patriots' offense to play cornerback this season, accepted Cleveland's offer to be their next head coach Sunday, fulfilling the longtime assistant's lifelong dream.

Crennel's agent, Joe Linta, arrived at the Browns' headquarters in suburban Berea on Monday morning and spent the day in contract negotiations with team president John Collins, the final step in making the

57-year-old defensive coordinator the 11th full-time coach — and first full-time black coach — in Cleveland history.

Linta, who was seeking a five-year deal for his client, was not immediately available for comment.

The Browns hope to introduce Crennel at a Tuesday afternoon press conference.

His return to Cleveland — he was the Browns' defensive coordinator in 2000 — will cap an emotional few days for Crennel, who just won his third Super Bowl title with New England and the fifth of his career as one of the league's pre-eminent assistants.

But now he'll be in charge of rebuilding the Browns, who are coming off a disastrous 4-12 season

that included Butch Davis' resignation on Nov. 30. Crennel is inheriting a team that has gone 30-66 since its expansion rebirth in 1999. Over the same span, the Patriots won consecutive Super Bowls, three titles in four years and assured their place among the league's dynasties.

Soon to be fitted with another Super Bowl ring, Crennel is ready for a new challenge.

"Now I have an opportunity to take the next step, be in charge of a team, and see if I can be as successful as I have in the past," he said.

Crennel's initial task in Cleveland will be assembling a coaching staff. He has reportedly chosen Maurice Carthon to be his offensive coordinator, prying him away from Bill Parcells and the Dallas Cowboys.

IN BRIEF

Canseco wreaks havoc with new book

WASHINGTON — President Bush was not aware of any steroid use by Texas Rangers players while he was a team executive, the White House said Monday.

In his upcoming book, Jose Canseco said he introduced Rafael Palmeiro, Ivan Rodriguez and Juan Gonzalez to steroids after being traded to Texas in 1992, the New York Daily News reported. Canseco said Bush, the Rangers' managing partner at the time, must have known about the drugs.

White House press secretary Scott McClellan said he spoke to Bush about alleged steroid use.

"If there was, he was not aware of it at the time," McClellan said.

"He has recognized, for some time now, that steroids is a growing problem in professional sports, particularly Major League Baseball," he said. "That's why the president has made addressing the issue a priority

in his administration."

Canseco's book, "Juiced: Wild Times, Rampant 'Roids, Smash Hits, and How Baseball Got Big," is scheduled for release by Regan Books on Feb. 21. A company spokesman has said the date might be moved up.

Palmeiro, now playing for Baltimore, disputed Canseco's claim.

Racing Hall of Famer dies

INDIANAPOLIS — Former car owner John Zink Jr., whose 13 champ car victories included the 1955 Indianapolis 500 with driver Bob Sweikert and the 1956 Indy race with Pat Flaherty, has died at 75.

Zink, who was inducted into the Auto Racing Hall of Fame last May, died Saturday at a hospital in his hometown of Tulsa, Okla., the Speedway said Monday.

Zink had at least one car in the Indianapolis 500 each year from 1952 to 1967. Besides Sweikert and Flaherty, his drivers included Jimmy Reece, Jerry Hoyt, Gene Hartley, Troy Ruttman, Jud Larson, Ed Elisian, Bob

Veith, Lloyd Ruby, Jack Brabham and Jim McElreath.

He also was co-owner of Jim Rathmann's winning car in a 500-mile race at Monza, Italy, in 1958.

Argentinians advance in home tournament

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina — Third-seeded Guillermo Canas of Argentina advanced to the second round of the ATP Buenos Aires tournament Monday, beating Alex Corretja of Spain 6-3, 6-1.

Also, Jose Acasuso of Argentina defeated Paul Henri Mathieu of France 6-3, 6-2, and Flavio Saretta of Brazil topped Albert Montanes of Spain 6-3, 0-6, 6-2.

The competition at the Buenos Aires Lawn Tennis Club features two players ranked in the top 10 — past French Open champions Carlos Moya and Gaston Gaudio.

Gaudio won the BellSouth Open in Vina del Mar, Chile, on Sunday, beating Fernando Gonzalez 6-3, 6-4 for his fourth career ATP Tour title.

Eagles

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San Francisco (29-0) in a 93-82 win.

Now, the Irish are in the middle of a four-game stretch against four ranked opponents, beginning with a loss to Syracuse Saturday and ending with a

matchup in Pittsburgh Feb 12.

As Mike Brey coaches his 300th career game (151 at Delaware; 148 at Notre Dame), the Irish are looking to repeat history while simultaneously making a statement in the conference.

Boston College is led by junior forward Craig Smith, who averages 18.9 points and 8.3 rebounds per game while shoot-

ing 53.9 percent from the floor. The most pleasant surprise for the Eagles has been sophomore forward Jared Dudley, who is averaging 16.2 points and 7.2 rebounds.

Notre Dame's frontcourt did improve over the past three games, with Torin Francis (9.2 ppg) and Dennis Latimore (8.5 ppg) playing up to the physical level that Big East games demand. The three-point shooting of Colin Falls (43 percent) and Chris Quinn (41.5 percent) has driven the Irish offense most of the season, but the success of both the interior and outside games is reliant on the play of senior point guard Chris Thomas (13.7 points, 6.4 assists per game.)

Boston College has defeated Georgetown, Connecticut and Villanova — a few common opponents to the Golden Eagles and Irish. Boston College's 60-52 defeat of Seton Hall Saturday made it the first team in the history of the Big East to start a season with 20 straight wins.

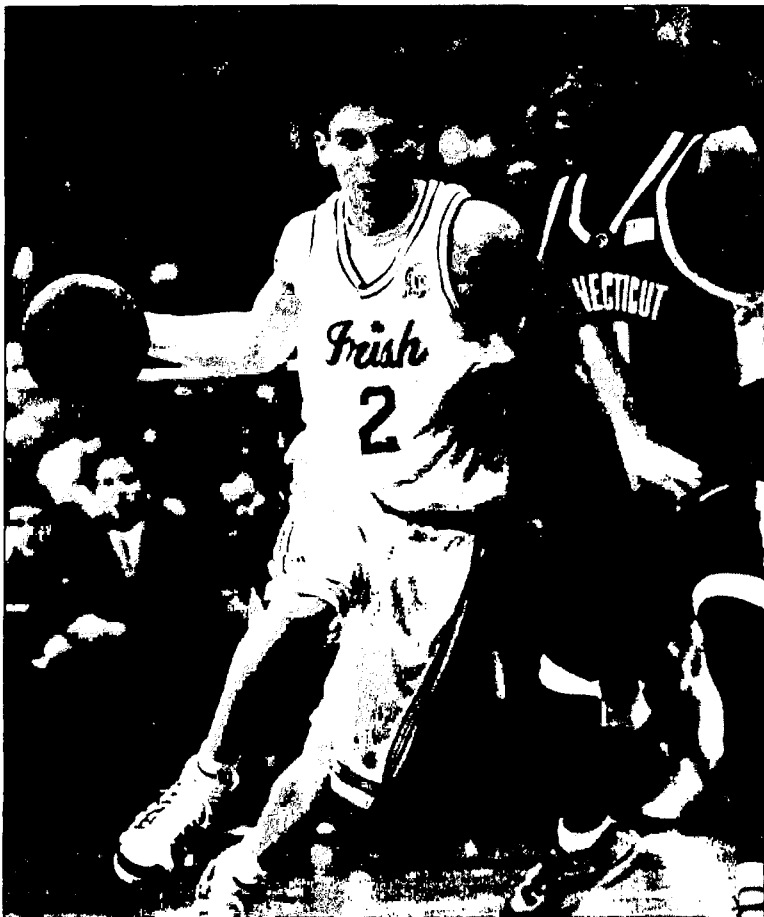
The Eagles have games against Syracuse, Villanova and Pittsburgh waiting on their remaining schedule.

As of Feb. 2, ESPN.com classified Boston College, Syracuse and Pittsburgh as "locks" to reach the NCAA tournament from the Big East. Notre Dame (60) has a lower RPI rating than Villanova, Georgetown and Connecticut, the three teams the Irish will most likely compete with for a spot in the Big Dance. The Irish are 2-2 against those three teams, with rematches against the Hoyas and Huskies remaining. And the way Notre Dame fares in big-time Big East



TIM SULLIVAN/The Observer

Irish center Torin Francis posts up for the ball in Notre Dame's last home game on Jan. 30 against Connecticut.



TIM SULLIVAN/The Observer

Irish guard Chris Quinn drives the ball against Connecticut's Rashad Anderson on Jan. 30.

games — beginning tonight with Boston College — may have a lot to do with how they fare on Selection Sunday.

Notre Dame and Boston College will be televised tonight on ESPN2, the first of six games to be televised nationally of the eight remaining Irish games.

Notes

♦ Chris Thomas needs just five points to become the second

player in Notre Dame history to score 1,000 points in Big East regular season play. Thomas would be the 25th player overall in the Big East to reach the 1,000-point mark, joining former Irish forward Pat Garrity (1,107 points) as the only other Notre Dame member.

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Cowan

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she cleared five feet, seven inches setting a personal best by nine inches.

Ability got her to that point, but it has been her work ethic and dedication that have allowed her to overcome a less than ideal high jump frame.

"She's not as tall as some of the other jumpers, but she has been able to close the gap

with her natural jumping ability and hard work," Winsor said.

Described as upbeat and positive off the track, Cowan drew the attention of the coaching staff early in her Notre Dame career because of her competitive and motivated nature.

It's hardly a surprise then,

that the junior is a pre-med major.

Though she found balancing academics and athletics difficult at first, Cowan has settled in and found her niche on the Irish track and field team.

Cowan's second place performance against a

strong field of jumpers at last weekend's Mayo Invitational showed her potential, and her comments showed the competitive nature her coaches love.

"It was disappointing that I wasn't able to clear 1.8 meters like last week. Everyone was missing, and since we feed off each other, it was difficult to get

going. I was happy when I found out I took second

though, considering there were two Olympic Trail athletes in the field," Cowan said.

Winsor was confident in his athlete's ability to reach her six-foot goal.

"She's so competitive, and she just wants to win. If we make a few

technical adjustments, she'll be there," he said.

Cowan agreed, but kept her personal goal in perspective and focused more on the team's performance so far in the regular season.

"I can push myself to the six foot level. As a team, though, we want to win the Big East. With [last year's champion] Miami gone [to the ACC] we feel it's right there for us this year," she said.

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Doubles

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State that helped launch them into the national doubles rankings.

The play of Langenkamp and Parbhu, on the other hand, has been a welcome surprise for the Irish. The duo has surpassed all expectations from both coaches and teammates. The pair's doubles record now stands at 9-2 this season at the No. 2 slot, including 6-1 in dual-match action.

"In Eric's case, he deserves a lot of credit because it was not natural for him and he's really made great strides," Bayliss said. "He has terrific hands, he's very quick and he's developed a great feel for the doubles game. He's playing with Sheeva Parbhu, who is a less natural doubles player but really is a terrific athlete and a great competitor."

The highlight for Langenkamp and Parbhu's consistent performance this spring came against Florida State's Jeff Groslimond and Chris Westerhof, ranked at No. 32 nationally. The duo's 8-4 victory marked the first time either player topped a nationally-

ranked doubles team. The doubles win was also the first for any Irish pair against a nationally-ranked team since D'Amico and Keckley's strong showing against Ohio State.

"I think the win over Florida State has been the highlight so far," D'Amico said. "I think that's the one match that everyone came together. It was a tough match and everyone fought hard and we ended up pulling that one out. Our No. 2 doubles team has been huge for us."

At the No. 3 slot, Bass and King have shown flashes of brilliance for the Irish. Both players are highly-talented singles competitors who have played at the No. 2 and No. 3 singles slots, respectively, for much of the season. As they continue to shape their doubles teamwork, Bayliss sees a lot of potential in the duo's teamwork.

"The work in progress is at No. 3 and that's probably the most significant improvement of all," Bayliss said. "Barry and Stephen were 0-for-autumn in the fall. They didn't play particularly well, but through some real hard work focusing on their volleying skills and improvements in the serving area, they are becoming a pretty darn competent No. 3 team."

Although the Irish have enjoyed a great deal of early success in doubles play, the team still feels that there's plenty of room for improvement. The team has dropped the doubles point in the last two matches, against No. 9 Duke and No. 34 Texas. If anything else, those losses just solidify how important the doubles play has become to the Irish team dynamic.

"Anytime you're playing a top team in the country or a team that's comparable to our level, most of those matches will come down to a 4-3 or 5-2 finish," D'Amico said. "So that one point is huge and everyone can feel it. The break in between playing the singles and doubles matches is a lot different when you win the point as opposed to when you lose it."

After playing four consecutive matches against nationally-ranked foes in the past few weeks, the Irish will have a little time to rest and reengineer their attack before next Sunday's match against Marquette. Bet on doubles play to continue to be a focus for the team's improvement as the season progresses.

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DUSTIN MENELLA/The Observer

Sheeva Parbhu, front, and Eric Langenkamp have been a force on Notre Dame's improved doubles play.

Diver

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currently holds all four school records in diving, and was named the Big East Championship's Most Outstanding Diver for the past two years.

She won the conference title for the one-meter board in 2003, becoming the first diver from a school other than the University of Miami to take a Big East title since 1996. Last year, Perry-Eaton dominated the competition, claiming victories off both the one and three-meter boards, each by more than 40 points.

In her junior year, Perry-Eaton was named honorable mention All-America after finishing ninth in the NCAA Championships in the one-meter competition. Last year, she finished third in the event, just a mere 3.30 points away from a national title.

Her road has not been pain-free, though.

Perry-Eaton was originally a swimmer, until, at the age of 13, she decided that diving would fit her personality better than swimming laps in a pool. The converted diver became a three-time diving

All-American in high school, and qualified for U.S. nationals three times.

But upon coming to Notre Dame as a freshman, the Brandon, Fla., native competed in only two events before suffering a season-ending injury.

The diver refused to get down, and completed an intense rehabilitation process, to return to the pool her sophomore year. She was granted another year of eligibility because of the injury, and is now looking to make the most of the extra chance she was given. Since then, the fifth-year senior has earned an undergraduate degree in aerospace engineering, and is currently working on a masters in mechanical engineering.

This season, Perry-Eaton has won 17 of the 18 competitions she has entered, and is 9-0 in three-meter diving. She has not been beaten off the higher board in a dual meet since November of 2002, claiming victory in 21 consec-

utive competitions. The fifth-year senior currently owns six of the top nine scores in three-meter diving in Irish history, and holds the Big East record on the one-meter board.

After missing last summer's Olympic Diving Trials because of a broken foot, the five-time all-conference diver now has her sights set on a top-three finish off of both boards at this year's NCAA Championships.

She is particularly motivated to do well in the three-meter competition after never placing in the top-20 at the national level.

Perry-Eaton and the rest of the Notre Dame women's swimming and diving team will take center stage at the Big East Championships, scheduled for Feb. 16-19. Then all eyes will turn to the NCAA Championships, set for March 17-19 in West Lafayette, Ind.

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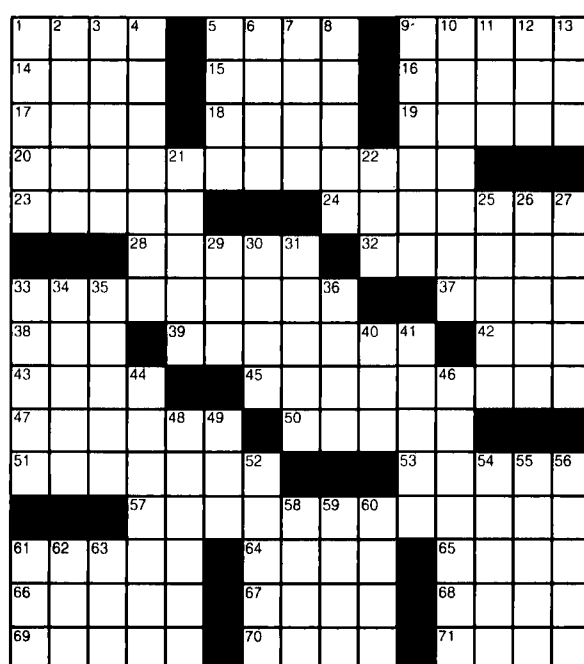
CROSSWORD

WILL SHORTZ

- ACROSS**
- Banned orchard spray
 - Obeys
 - Problem with eyeliner
 - "Smooth Operator" singer
 - With the bow, in music
 - Small songbirds
 - Welcome forecast for Santa
 - Undecided
 - Chopin's Mazurka in ____
 - Double-H of magic
 - "Old MacDonald" refrain
 - Not precise
 - Rwandan people
 - Kind of counter
 - Double-H of film
- DOWN**
- Works of Michelangelo
 - Cinema vérité, e.g.
 - Test areas
 - Forest growth
 - Birth place
 - Double-H of politics
 - "Seinfeld" role
 - Sawyer of morning TV
 - Secret pros
 - Game where you might hear "7 come 11"
 - Double-H of literature
 - Holy war
 - Prefix with distant
 - Emphatic type: Abbr.
 - To no ____ (unsuccessfully)
 - Imperfect gravy feature
 - Steady ____ goes
 - Molokai porch
 - Like a lot
 - Put another way
 - Biblical verb
 - Suffix with smack
 - Neutral shade
 - Title boy of old comics
 - Al Jolson standard
 - Handyman
 - Migratory fish
 - Santa ____
 - Letter run
 - Babies
 - Gerund suffix
 - A long, amateurish piano recital, maybe
 - Gave up
 - Cache
 - It's definite
 - Quite
 - Signed
 - Lumberjack
 - Cause of an intestinal problem
 - Willy of "Death of a Salesman"
 - "Beloved" writer Morrison

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

SCHEME TODO IMP
OLIVER AMID TAO
MAKESASCENE LIP
EDENS HONG ALDA
TUTU BITTER
AMC PULLSASTUNT
HEARST ESTHER
ALLA ANT SNIT
CICADA ATTUNE
CAUSESASTIR PTA
ASLEEP OLAF
CHAD INON MORSE
KIT DRAWSACROWD
LEO NITE RAGTAG
ERR ANON CREEPY



Puzzle by Elizabeth C. Gorski

- Popular laundry detergent
- Matched, after "in"
- Outcome of merciless teasing?
- "Yoo-hoo!"
- Christmas tree dropping
- Miscalculate
- Bloodhound's sense
- Jetsons' dog
- High school exams, for short
- Two-time U.S. Open tennis champ
- Water color
- Without feeling
- Cheese ____
- English sports car, informally
- "____ Got the World on a String"
- Solo in space

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EUGENIA LAST

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Masaharu Fukuyama, 36; W Axl Rose, 43; Natalie Cole, 55; Tom Brokaw, 65

Happy Birthday: This is the year to get your finances in order. You have to make whatever changes are necessary to put yourself in a position that will lead to a better income, lifestyle and future. You have what it takes to make those changes happen, but if you sit around procrastinating or underestimate your potential, you aren't likely to get too far. Your numbers are 11, 20, 23, 29, 41, 48

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Don't be fooled by what people tell you today. Someone will try to trick you into doing the wrong thing. Make your own decisions based on what you know is fact. **

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You will have a much better handle on what will work and what won't today. Don't be surprised if you are a little distracted by someone who has a personal interest in you. ****

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You should take a look at an investment opportunity. Real estate deals will be profitable. Look for ways to better yourself. A new look will bring you plenty of compliments. ***

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Your mind will be on personal issues today, but be careful how you handle the people in your life. Not everyone will agree with what you want to do. Your plans will have to be solid. ***

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You may have to take on a little more responsibility than you had planned on. Don't make a fuss -- instead get the work done and move on to better things. Love is in a high cycle. ***

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You have a lot going for you. It may not be a regular workday, but what you can get out of the way today will make your life easier later on. An event will lead to a chance meeting. *****

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Don't let an emotional issue stifle your plans or stop you from doing something that you really want to do. It's up to you to speak up and let others know what you want. Be brave. **

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): What you see and what you get may not coincide. Check everything before you proceed. It's better to be safe than sorry. Personal issues can be dealt with. Say what's on your mind. ****

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Rely on your friends for support and advice, and to have some fun with as well. Someone you are close to will introduce you to a new acquaintance or concept that will spark enthusiasm. ***

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You may be out of sorts if you let personal matters escalate. Do something productive and you will eliminate many of the problems trying to manifest in your private life. ***

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Keep your ideas and plans secret for the time being. Someone you think you can trust is likely to let you down. You will end up paying too much for something if you shop. ***

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You may be feeling ambitious today. Plan to elaborate on an idea you have. Creative projects will take off in a direction that looks promising. Attend a class that will inspire you. ****

Birthday Baby: You are bright, articulate and very quick to react. You don't leave things to chance, but you are willing to take a calculated risk. You are thoughtful, caring, fair and just.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Eagle hunting

Irish look to knock off undefeated Boston College

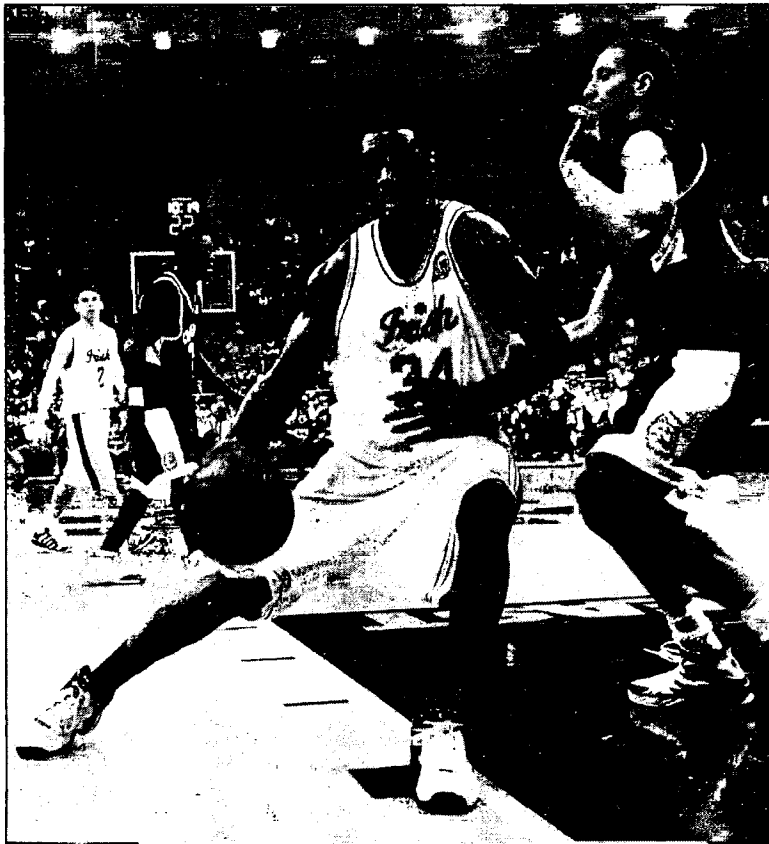
By PAT LEONARD
Associate Sports Editor

Notre Dame has a 5-4 conference record, a desire to return to the NCAA tournament and only eight regular season games to prove that it deserves a postseason bid. So, at arguably the most crucial point in Notre Dame's season, the Irish are hosting an undefeated, No. 5 nationally ranked team in the Joyce Center tonight.

Notre Dame (13-6, 5-4), who sits on the bubble of most postseason predictions, including those of ESPN.com, hosts Big East foe No. 5 Boston College (20-0, 9-0) tonight at 7 p.m. While the past 20 teams have failed against the Golden Eagles, the Irish hope having history on their side can help them succeed.

The last time Notre Dame hosted an undefeated team with 20-plus wins, the Irish beat No. 1 DePaul (25-0) in a 76-74 double-overtime victory on Feb. 27, 1980. Just three years prior, Notre Dame knocked off No. 1

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Irish center Torin Francis backs down Connecticut's Josh Boone in Notre Dame's 78-74 win over the Huskies on Jan. 30.

MEN'S TENNIS

Improved doubles play helps team

By RAMA GOTTUMUKKALA
Sports Writer

The well-known maxim of "if you fall short, get up and try again" can be applied to any aspect of individual or team sports. But it can certainly explain the resurgence of the doubles play for the Notre Dame men's tennis team, transforming a liability last year into an ever-growing strength this spring.

The Irish, who claimed the doubles point just 10 times in 23 attempts last season, have won the doubles point in five of their eight spring matches. Not surprisingly, the Irish have a 5-0 record in those matches.

After only sporadic success in doubles matches over the past few years, the Irish coaching staff targeted the team's doubles play as a key area for improvement.

"We've really worked hard on our doubles," head coach Bobby Bayliss said. "It was certainly not a strength in the fall. I just think that the guys deserve a lot of credit. They've put a lot of time in and we've

spent an inordinate amount of time in practice on our doubles."

The Irish have relied on three principal duos to drive their doubles success this spring. Senior captain Brent D'Amico and sophomore Ryan Keckley have faced some tough competition at the No. 1 slot. In the last four matches, the two players competed against two top-15 doubles opponents. Junior Eric Langenkamp and freshman Sheeva Parbhu have occupied the No. 2 slot, with sophomores Barry King and Stephen Bass rounding out the doubles teams at the No. 3 slot.

"We have two very natural doubles players on our team, Brent D'Amico and Ryan Keckley," Bayliss said. "Eric Langenkamp has become a great doubles player. It was not natural for him and he did not play doubles as a freshman."

D'Amico and Keckley are no strangers to the doubles spotlight. The pair posted strong victories last year, including an 8-6 upset of No. 26 Joey Atas and Jeremy Wurtzman of Ohio

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WOMEN'S TRACK AND FIELD

Cowan hopes to make 6-foot jump

Irish All-American hopes to join the elite jumpers in the NCAA

By RYAN KIEFER
Sports Writer

Two weeks ago Stacey Cowan ran down the high jump runway, leapt and cleared the bar. This was not surprising for Notre Dame's All-American high jumper, who had just cleared a season best 1.80 meters (5 feet, 10 3/4 inches). What Irish coach Scott Winsor told her after the jump was quite a surprise to Cowan.

"That would have easily cleared six feet," Winsor told his star high jumper.

Six feet, 1.829 meters, 72 inches.

Whatever you call this height, Stacey Cowan now knows she can clear it, and this is the stated goal for Notre Dame's top high jumper.

Clearing six feet would place Cowan among the elite high jumpers in the NCAA, and would take Cowan to what Winsor refers to as the "next level."

"What is remarkable about Stacey is her consistency at a very high level. She's ready to take it to the next step and compete at the highest level of competition," Winsor said.

Cowan, a native of Ferndale, Wash., started jumping in the seventh grade, but it wasn't until her freshman year of high school that she discovered her natural ability in the event. That year

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ND WOMEN'S SWIMMING AND DIVING

Perry-Eaton staying on track

Diver's journey filled with bumps but the best is yet to come

By MIKE TENNANT
Sports Writer

It's been an adventurous and successful journey for senior diver Meghan Perry-Eaton, but this All-American is not ready to throw in the towel just yet.

As the regular season draws to a close, Perry-Eaton comes face to face with one more conference championship and then a final chance to make waves in the NCAA championships.

Since coming to Notre Dame five years ago, Perry-Eaton has battled through injuries to become the most accomplished diver in Irish history. She

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RICHARD FRIEDMAN/The Observer

Irish diver Meghan Perry-Eaton has already made her name as the most accomplished diver in Irish history.

SPORTS AT A GLANCE

NFL
Crennel named new Browns coach

The Patriots' defensive coordinator will become Cleveland's first black coach.

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NCAA BASKETBALL
Connecticut 74, Syracuse 66

The Huskies gave the Orange their third loss of the season and second loss in the Big East conference.

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NCAA BASKETBALL
Pacific makes top 25 for first time

The 18-2 Tigers have won 12 Big West games and are off to the best start in the school's history.

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NFL
Patriots already looking ahead

A day after winning Super Bowl XXXIX, New England is already thinking about defending its title.

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TENNIS
Agassi set to play in Davis Cup

The American tennis star will return to the Davis Cup after a five-year absence.

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NBA
Atlanta 114, L.A. Lakers 108

Atlanta's Tony Delk hit eight free throws in the final minute to give the Hawks a home win against the Lakers.

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