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## COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES

### Provost search, off-campus shuttle discussed



Senior Jeremy Staley, left, asks representatives for input about the provost search.

#### *Bus to Sports Page is not affiliated with ND*

By MARY KATE MALONE  
News Writer

Monday night's Council of Representatives meeting featured the announcement of a new weekend transportation service for students going to off-campus locations and discussion regarding the search for the University's new provost.

Chief executive assistant and student body president-elect Dave Baron announced to representatives the creation of a new bus

service funded by the Sports Page Lounge, a bar in Granger. The bus will run Wednesdays through Saturdays from 10 p.m. to 3 a.m., Baron said, making six stops in its 45-minute route and picking up and dropping off passengers at Castle Point, College Park and Turtle Creek apartments, Library Circle and Sports Page.

The bus is scheduled to begin operating this Thursday beginning at 10 p.m.

"This is something students need to take advantage of and appreciate," Baron said.

All students who board the bus will have to swipe an I.D. to prove

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### Businesses reap JPW profits

*Hotels, restaurants, venues cater to parents*

By MARY KATE MALONE  
News Writer

The parents that descended upon South Bend last weekend not only created lasting memories with their junior children, but also, to the pleasure of many South Bend businesses, pumped money into the city's economy in the process.

Despite the tight schedule of events planned for the event, tourist spots like the College Football Hall of Fame experienced an increase in visitor traffic throughout the weekend.

Katie Berrettini, director of marketing for the Hall of Fame, said Junior Parents Weekend visitors contributed to a successful weekend, though the crowds were nowhere near the numbers experienced during a football weekend.

"JPW certainly has an impact and it's usually a good weekend. It's a great crowd for us and we always experience an increase in February traffic," she said.

The Hall of Fame hosted a private party Saturday night for about 450 juniors and their parents, the largest party the museum has ever hosted for JPW, according to Berrettini.

Hoping to lure students and parents to stop by in between the scheduled events on campus, the Hall of Fame increased its advertising and offered incentives.

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## Prospective RAs face challenges

### *Students strive to make dorm impact*

By JULIE BENDER  
News Writer

Each year as the time comes to start making plans for next year's living arrangements, juniors are faced with the question of whether to stay on or move off campus. For many, the lure of off-campus living is enticing. But while a spacious apartment or house shared with close friends, free from the watchful eye of the University, certainly has its appeal, some students feel compelled to go a different route.

Whether it's the impression a certain freshman year resident assistant made, the desire to impact people's lives or simply the love of a dorm community, being an RA is a unique and meaningful challenge that a small percentage of students pursue their senior

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Colleen Case, left, a resident assistant in section 3A of Cavanaugh Hall, speaks with junior Lauran Williamson. Students are in the process of applying for RA positions for the next academic year.

### *Application process rigorous at SMC*

By MEGAN O'NEIL  
Assistant News Editor

Saint Mary's students hoping to become residence advisors are in the midst of an extensive application process that includes a written application and multiple interviews.

After attending informational meetings in December, interested students submitted applications by Jan. 27. They then underwent a group setting interview in early February where the applicants were divided into small groups overseen by returning RAs and hall directors. They were presented with different creative scenarios and

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## Alumni Association recognizes distinguished students

### *Senior Danny Richter receives prestigious award for service, academic achievement*

By KATIE SCARLETT O'HARA  
News Writer

Danny Richter got a birthday party under the dome yesterday when a reception was held to honor him as this year's Alumni Association's Distinguished Undergraduate Student of the Year.

"This is the biggest [birthday present] he ever got," said Richter's mother, Maria Russ, who boarded a red-eye flight from California to attend the reception and celebrate Richter's birthday. "I am pleased but not totally surprised."

prised."

The award, given each year since 1982, is "conferred on a senior student who has distinguished himself or herself in service to Notre Dame, service to the community, or academic standing," according to the flyers distributed by the Alumni Association at the banquet.

The scheduling of the reception on Richter's birthday was coincidental.

"This is icing on the cake," said Richter, an environmental geo-science major. "I could've left without this award and gotten so much out of my four years. But this is fantastic. It

shows I am doing something that's being appreciated, noticed [and shows] this is what Notre Dame hopes people are doing."

Richter is a resident assistant in Keough Hall who has been involved in numerous service opportunities such as the Urban Plunge, Circle K, the Appalachia Program and work in Haiti. Keough rector Father Peter Jarrett said he thought it was this involvement that helped him earn the award.

"He has the sense of making the most of one's time at Notre Dame," Jarrett said. "Lectures, research, concerts, service ...

he takes advantage of these every day."

While reading the program outlining Richter's achievements and awards, which include candidacy for the Marshall and Rhodes Scholarships, freshman Brendan Ryan, a fellow Keough resident, said he was in awe of his RA.

"I'll have to move out of his section," Ryan said. "I am not worthy."

Ryan, along with several of his section mates, showed up in the rotunda to support Richter.

"I know if I got an award, Danny would come see me,"

Ryan said. "I knew he was bright but I had no idea he was doing all this. He is pretty humble."

Richter was nominated by a friend and selected by a committee. There were nearly 50 nominations, said Chuck Lennon, executive director of the Alumni Association.

"There are lots of great students out there," said Jarrett. "He is deserving, [but] he may not be singularly deserving. However, he represents the many students whose four years are marked by dedication

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# INSIDE COLUMN

## True life: I'm a transfer student

While walking with a few friends today, I spotted my first wave of "Domer hopefuls" shuffling across campus behind a vibrant tour guide. After they passed, I joked, "Ha ha, seven out of ten of you guys aren't gettin' in here!" I thought I was being funny until my friend countered by saying, "Hey, you were one of those seven last year, Mike!" Oh, how true it is, yet how easy it is to forget. Not.

**Michael Landsberg**  
Controller

Now, I often wonder how a strapping young Catholic lad like myself was not able to obtain entrance into an institution such as Notre Dame. Could it be because I would have perhaps the lowest ACT/SAT scores (these scores will not be disclosed) of anyone on campus? Or maybe it is because I was destined to flunk my first college exam ever (which is exactly what I did at U of M- Ann Arbor last year; a 33 percent in Economics to be exact). I do not understand; I speak "real good" and use words like "pontifical" and "propensity" (which, by the way, I am almost through the "P" section of the dictionary). I mean, your answer is as good as mine, but I still contend that I was robbed.

Although I felt I was more than qualified to go here — being both a legacy child and having a sister attend as well — I eventually starting entertaining suggestions on why I was denied entrance to Notre Dame in the first place. Say what you will about stupid errors, but what kind of highly selective university is going to accept a guy who checked off "female" on his application to Michigan State University (where, coincidentally, I was accepted as Michelle Donald Landsberg). One may perceive that as an indication of character and intellectual propensity (big word), but I merely chalked that off as a minor technicality and a petty oversight.

Obviously, I somehow got in after a solid year at the University of Michigan, but that is not where my saga ends. Just for good measure — so as to remind me of my humble beginnings — I was very much chagrined when I was denied on-campus housing before school started. But, of course, everything happens for a reason; I had the most spectacular time living in the alley in TC. I was granted on-campus housing, though, this semester and I live in Keough (#321 to be exact ... ladies). My apologies for the tangent; it is just that I don't know any girls because no one wants to be associated with a transfer guy.

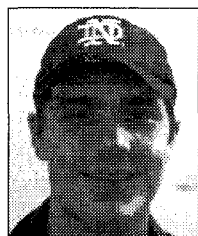
With all that aside, I wanted to conclude with some redeeming assurances that I, along with other transfers, should take solace in. First of all, be proud of your academic heritage. Besides, who else can come home from getting a "D" on an exam and say, "Well, if a 'C' is average for Notre Dame students, a 'D' must be average for a kid like me! Yah!" Lastly, just remember that we actually survived our first year of college and we also know twice as many kids now! Wow do we rock on TheFacebook!

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Michael Landsberg at mlandsbe@nd.edu

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## QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE MEMORY OF AN RA?



Vince Cano  
freshman  
Morrissey

"He helped resolve some conflict between my roommate and I."



James Miller-Marquez  
freshman  
St. Edward's

"Finding out that my RA's last name is Truelove."



Katie Easterly  
junior  
Breen-Phillips

"She's the one who introduced me to my current roommate and best friend, Moira."



Kachi Okoronkwo  
junior  
Walsh

"Freshman year, my RA engagement."



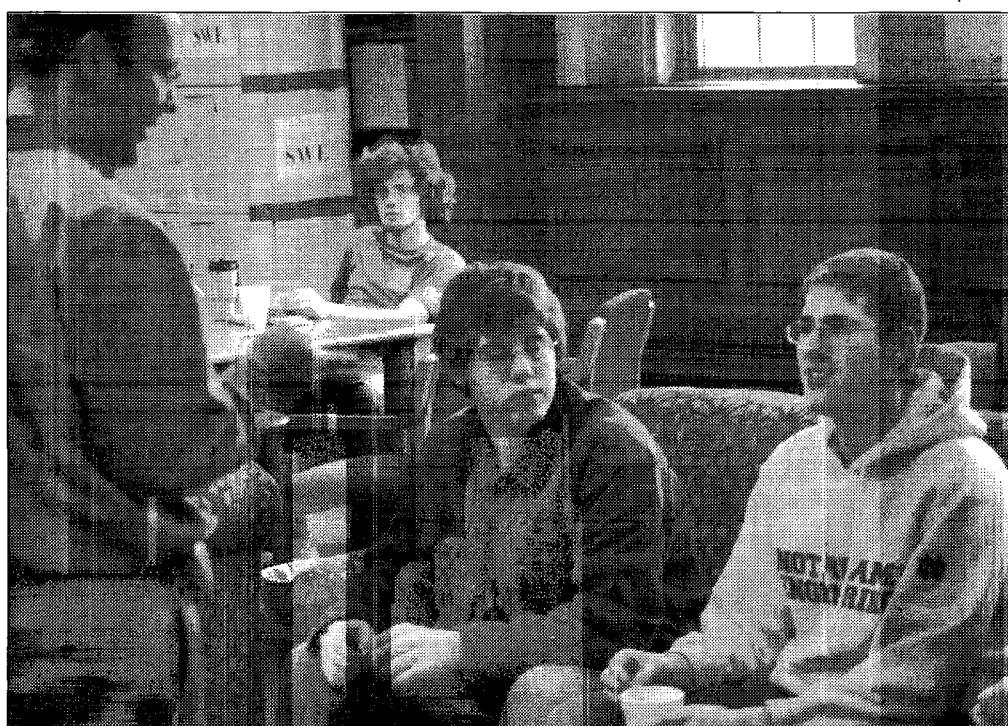
Donny Hanjaya  
Putra  
sophomore  
Fisher

"Waking up because his alarm goes off in the other room. We called him the Resident Alarm."



Colin Macasieb  
sophomore  
Siegfried

"When he helped me avoid getting ResLife."



DUSTIN MENNELLA/The Observer

Computer science professor Jesus Izaguirre, left, speaks to prospective computer science majors Josh Tally and Dan Justice on Monday during Engineering Week. Each day, a different department will host a lunch in the Engineering Lounge for freshmen unsure of which major to choose.

### OFFBEAT

#### Woman grows ill after eating marijuana-seasoned chicken

PRAGUE — A 51-year-old woman has been hospitalized in the Czech Republic after eating a chicken her son seasoned with marijuana, the news agency CTK reported Monday.

The news agency said the woman from Ostrava, 218 miles east of Prague, was aware of the unusual seasoning, but fell ill after eating the dinner last week and had to be rushed to the hospital.

Her 20-year-old son has been charged with illegal possession and production of

drugs and faces up to five years in prison if convicted.

#### Student puts school president on eBay

COLUMBUS, Ohio — An Ohio State University student has put school president Karen Holbrook on the online auction site eBay, saying in the ad that she will ruin the undergraduate experience.

Bidding started at a penny on Saturday and the seven-day auction had 64 bids from 19 bidders topping out at almost \$100 million Monday morning.

Timothy Rosman, a sophomore from St. Augustine,

Fla., said the ad is a joke but he really doesn't like Holbrook.

"I'm not trying to stand up and be the voice of the people. This is just a little gag between my friend and I. It just got big," said Rosman, who uses the identification "thatsmruckeye" on eBay.

Rosman, an international studies major, said in the ad that Holbrook ignores everyday crime at Ohio State, supervised two tuition increases and is responsible for hideous construction "as far as the eye can see."

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

### IN BRIEF

A performance of "The Laramie Project" will take place tonight at 7:30 p.m. in the Decio Mainstage Theatre of the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. The show, performed by the department of film, television and theatre students, is running until Mar. 3.

Charles Olk of the General Motors Research and Development Center will conduct a seminar on adapting combinatorial methodology to the search for hydrogen storage materials at 3:30 p.m. today in 356A Fitzpatrick Hall. The event is sponsored by the Department of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering.

A blood drive will be held in Rolfs Sports Recreation Center from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday. To sign up for a convenient time, call RecSports at 631-6100.

The Notre Dame Jazz Band II and Jazz Combo will be performing at 8 p.m. Wednesday in the LaFortune Student Center Ballroom. The event is free and sponsored by the Student Union Board.

Karen Richman will give the lecture "Haitian Vodou: Arts, Culture and Religion" at 3 p.m. Friday in the Snite Museum of Art.

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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## BOARD OF GOVERNANCE

# Group to co-sponsor SMC Tostal Tsunami relief campaign on track to reach goal

By KELLY BALE  
News Writer

Saint Mary's Board of Governance met Monday night to approve a SMC Tostal co-sponsorship and to update board members on the status of the board's tsunami relief campaign.

Student Activities Board members Shay Jolly and Donna Lubbers presented a plan for co-sponsorship to BOG, which they said would aid in covering the cost of the annual SMC Tostal.

This year, SMC Tostal will be held Thursday, April 21, coinciding with the dedication of the new student center, the Noble Family Dining Hall and Alumnae Green.

Jolly and Lubbers explained that with these added events, SMC Tostal will be a bigger event than in previous years.

"With this kind of event, we have a lot of alumnae coming in," Lubbers said. "We're trying to do something bigger and better and more prestigious than the past."

Jolly and Lubbers asked for any amount of money that BOG

would be willing to give. They said they hope to soon know the amount of money available so that events and items can be booked in advance.

Lubbers said that the SMC Tostal planning committee booked the band Soul Fire and also plans to have a comedian perform. Other SMC Tostal events include movies that will be shown in the new theatre of the student center, inflatables that will be set up outside across the campus and a fireworks display.

"We're trying to keep it really focused on the students," Lubbers said. "This will be a cool day, it's going to be all about Saint Mary's."

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**Donna Lubbers**  
Student Activities  
Board member

Although members expressed concern that the board's co-sponsorship line account was running low and that other groups would be also be applying for funds from this account, BOG voted to approve the SMC Tostal co-sponsorship.

"I think this is by far the event that will reach the most students," BOG executive treasurer Molly Welton said. After the third week of its

"Love Makes the World Go Round, Show Your Love" tsunami relief campaign, BOG members said they are well on their way to achieving their goal of \$1 per student, or \$1,341. BOG collected \$493.90 this week, bringing collection totals so far to \$1,042.30.

"I think we're going to more than break our goal, which is exciting," Welton said.

BOG will continue its campaign until the end of February. Collection containers will remain at several locations on the Saint Mary's campus and will also appear at BOG-sponsored events. BOG will hold a final nighttime door-to-door collection on Feb. 27.

#### In other BOG news:

♦ BOG applications are available at the Haggar Front Desk and are due by noon Feb. 25.

♦ Student Diversity Board will hold a discussion tonight on the film "Brown Eyed Blue Eyed" at 7 p.m. in the Haggar Parlor. It is not necessary to have seen the movie to participate in the discussion.

♦ The Freshman Class Board is currently selling Class of 2008 sweatshirts. Contact a freshman board member for further information.

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# Professor examines DaVinci Code issues

By ERICA RANGEL  
News Writer

Both popular and controversial, Dan Brown's "The DaVinci Code" was the subject of Saint Mary's humanistic studies professor John Shinner's lecture Monday, entitled "The DaVinci Code: Cracked or Crackpot?"

Shinner focused on the potential inaccuracies contained within the book while also examining the 99-week New York Times best-seller's popularity.

Junior art history major Talia Matury-Vacaro said the lecture caused her to reconsider the book.

"I think the way it is portrayed is really convincing, but there's been so much hype about it being not true, one begins to question the validity of Dan Brown's claims," Matury-Vacaro said.

Shinner said he thought Dan Brown was practicing immoral history by "turning ancient figures into who he wants them to be instead of who they really are."

"Brown has no respect for history," Shinner said. "It's a great injustice to treat these figures as puppets."

Shinner pointed out that the book's fallacies start on the acknowledgement page. This page clearly states that all depictions of artwork and places are indeed factual. By showing slides of the actual paintings and locations that did not match up to what Brown wrote in the book, Shinner demonstrated that Brown did not

stay true to his word.

Shinner said he thought Brown's suspenseful writing style was the primary reason for the book's popularity.

"Dan Brown is so clever creating situations that take our breath away. The chapters are short and often ended in cliffhangers, urging you to keep reading," Shinner said.

Other reasons for the book's popularity, according to Shinner, include the historical and exciting settings, the misuse of facts, the conspiracies about religion and history and the "tap into the zeitgeist," especially the mistrust of the Catholic hierarchy.

Shinner also discussed some common questions raised by the book, such as Jesus' marital status and the possibility of Mary Magdalene's presence at the Last Supper.

In answering the question of Jesus' marital status, Shinner said that if Jesus was indeed married, it would have been documented at one point in time, but it is not.

Regarding the Mary Magdalene debate, Shinner discussed Leonardo's androgynous styles of humans, which explained why John appears to look female in The Last Supper. According to Shinner, it follows that the Holy Grail is nothing more than a cup and is not Mary Magdalene.

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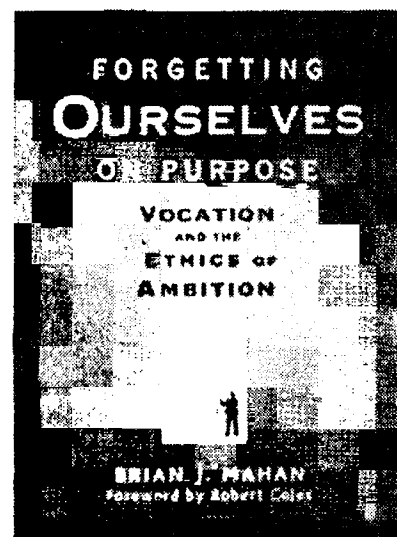
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**Dr. Brian J. Mahan**  
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Candler School of Theology  
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Brian Mahan, a Catholic layperson, is assistant professor of Christian education at Candler School of Theology. His publication *Forgetting Ourselves on Purpose, Vocation and the Ethics of Ambition* provides "moral companionship" to those who are interested in serious soul-searching. It considers the question of how it is possible to create a meaningful spiritual life while living in a culture that measures us by what we have rather than who we are.

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they are 21, and no underage students will be allowed on the bus, Baron said.

"This service is most important for seniors and off-campus students," student body president Adam Istvan said.

Istvan's administration presented a proposal to the Board of Trustees last fall seeking to establish a University-funded SafeBus that would transport students to and from off-campus locations. Istvan clarified that the Sports Page's shuttle service is not a fulfillment of the SafeBus proposal. Though he remains in full support of the service, he emphasized that it is in no way connected to the University or to Student Government.

The new service was announced in COR after Sports Page asked Istvan to spread the word to the student body.

"They asked us to let students know about this. And if they're willing to improve student life, then I'm willing to mention it in our meeting," Istvan said.

Senior Jeremy Staley attended the meeting to tell representatives about his membership on a committee that will play a key role in hiring the new provost for the University.

"I will be sitting on the search committee to choose the new provost. My job is to help with the student side of the search," Staley said.

The selection committee, made up of five faculty members and one student, will research candidates and then present a recommendation to University President-elect

Father John Jenkins, who will assume the presidency July 1. Jenkins will then present his own recommendation to the Board of Trustees, which will then make the final decision.

Staley clarified the role and responsibilities of the provost to representatives and asked for their feedback regarding key qualities of a strong provost candidate.

Senior class president Darrell Scott asked that Staley seek out a candidate with experience at the international level.

"I recommend someone with international experience and Washington connections, while still being Catholic. That would be a great addition," Scott said.

Baron called for a provost who would make diversity a top priority in the academic environment at Notre Dame.

"A big focus for my campaign has been the issue of diversity. And that is something that is very important to academics. His powers need to be looked at through the diversity perspective," Baron said.

Istvan asked that Staley encourage the search committee to seek out minorities and women and encourage them to apply for the position.

"Notre Dame isn't exactly the first place a minority or female would apply to work. So the committee needs to put forth energy to attract women and minorities because they might be the best for the job," Istvan said.

Staley plans to attend other student government meetings to gather further student input concerning the matter.

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## JPW

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"We specifically target the parents coming in as well as the kids. We run ads in The Observer and put fliers and coupons in hotels where the parents are staying," Berrettini said.

Unlike restaurants and tourist destinations that lured in customers with these advertising tactics, local hotels like the Inn at Saint Mary's were able to increase hotel rates by as much as 15 percent and still reach maximum occupancy.

Jeff Arthur, general manager of the Inn at Saint Mary's, said the hotel was booked six months in advance for JPW. But due to unexpected water heater complications, the company was not able to reach the sales it had been expecting.

Since hot water was not available for certain hours during the weekend, some Saint Mary's Inn guests sought accommodations elsewhere, Arthur said. Guests that chose to stay were given refunds.

"The water heater situation dramatically impacted our business. Financially, we did not make as much money as we anticipated," Arthur said.

General managers at Panera Bread and Houlihans said that they did not notice any significant increase in customer volume, though they did not anticipate it either.

"I added a few more work people for the weekend, but as far as adjusting what we make food wise, we didn't make any changes," Panera general manager Brian Hall said.

Though off-campus restaurants reported little change in customer volume, dining spots located within walking distance of JPW events experienced significant sales increases.

Dave Prentkowski, director of food services for the University, said that busi-

ness doubled during the weekend at locations such as the café at Hammes Bookstore. Reckers and Subway experienced approximately a 10 percent increase in sales as well, Prentkowski said.

Legends was also a popular destination with the JPW crowd.

"Anytime there is a major event on campus we have more people in general proximity and it's convenient for people to come [to Legends]. It's an available option and a great location," Prentkowski said.

As expected, many visitors flooded the bookstore. Sally Wiatrowski, director of retail operations at the bookstore, said there were long lines to order and pick up class rings during the weekend.

Wiatrowski said that working her first JPW was highly enjoyable.

"It was a really, really fun weekend," she said. "It was nice to have customers in great moods and good spirits and enjoying the festivities."

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**Katie Berrettini**  
director of marketing  
College Football Hall  
of Fame

*"The water heater situation dramatically impacted our business."*

**Jeff Arthur**  
general manager  
Inn at Saint Mary's

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## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

### 500 Palestinian prisoners released

JERUSALEM — Palestinians gave a jubilant welcome to 500 prisoners freed Monday by Israel as part of a truce, but many complained that uprising leaders were not among those released. Hamas militants appeared unmasked in a West Bank city, their leader shouting that there can be no peace "as long as there is a single prisoner in Israeli jails."

Suhail Abu Madala, 35, spent four years in prison and had three more years to serve when he was set free Monday.

"I cannot believe that I'm smelling the air of freedom, that I will see my family," he said, choking back tears after being reunited with brothers and sisters and his 12-year-old son, Mohammed, in the West Bank city of Nablus. "Nothing can describe my joy and my feelings."

The decision to release the prisoners led to criticism by some Israelis that the move could re-ignite the bloodshed that has beset the region for more than four years.

### Lebanese hold anti-Syria protests

BEIRUT, Lebanon — Tens of thousands marched Monday in the biggest anti-Syrian protest in Lebanese history amid signals that Syria will soon withdraw its troops from parts of the country. President Bush renewed demands for Syrian forces to leave Lebanon immediately.

The protest marked one week since the Feb. 14 death of Rafik Hariri and began at the bomb-scarred site of the former prime minister's assassination, which turned many Lebanese against Syria and increased international pressure on Damascus to extract its army from Lebanon.

Holding aloft red roses and Lebanese flags, the throngs on the streets shouted insults at the pro-Syrian government.

## NATIONAL NEWS

### Bush's private recordings released

WASHINGTON — President Bush was concerned "his mistakes as a youth" would disqualify him from running for the nation's highest office, said an old friend who secretly recorded private conversations in which Bush appears to acknowledge past drug use.

"I don't want any kid doing what I tried to do 30 years ago," Bush said in recordings made when he was governor of Texas and aired Monday on ABC's "Good Morning America." "And I mean that. It doesn't matter if it's LSD, cocaine, pot, any of those things, because if I answer one, then there will be another one. And I just am not going to answer those questions. And it may cost me the election."

### Hunter S. Thompson commits suicide

DENVER — Hunter S. Thompson, the acerbic counterculture writer who popularized a new form of fictional journalism in books like "Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas," fatally shot himself Sunday night at his Aspen-area home, his son said. He was 67.

"Hunter prized his privacy and we ask that his friends and admirers respect that privacy as well as that of his family," Juan Thompson said in a statement released to the Aspen Daily News.

Pitkin County Sheriff officials confirmed to The Associated Press that Thompson had died of an apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound.

## LOCAL NEWS

### Same-sex marriage ban passes

INDIANAPOLIS — The Indiana Senate voted 42 to 8 today to approve a constitutional amendment prohibiting same-sex marriage.

The bill now moves to the Indiana House for consideration. To become part of Indiana's constitution, the proposed amendment must pass the legislature both this year and again in 2007 or 2008. It must then be approved by voters statewide in the 2008 election.

State Sen. Brandt Hershman, R-Monticello, told his colleagues that the amendment is needed.

## BELGIUM

# Bush appeals to Allies for help

*President hopes five-day tour will improve relations with European countries*

Associated Press

BRUSSELS — President Bush scolded Russia for backsliding on democracy Monday and urged Mideast allies to take difficult steps for peace, appealing for Europe's help in both troubled areas to "set history on a hopeful course."

Bush opened his discussions with a gesture of reconciliation toward disgruntled allies, hosting an elegant dinner for French President Jacques Chirac, the harshest critic of the U.S. invasion of Iraq.

"I'm looking for a good cowboy," Bush joshed when a reporter asked if relations had improved to the point where Chirac might receive an invitation to the president's Texas ranch. Chirac said U.S.-French relations have been excellent for 200 years and the war had not changed that. They dined on lobster risotto and filet of beef.

Despite the cordial meeting, Bush told Chirac the United States adamantly opposes Europe's plans to lift its 15-year arms embargo against China.

Europe seemed eager for Bush's charm offensive after bitter divisions over global climate control, Iraq and other problems. Dozens of world leaders were hurrying to Brussels for twin summits Tuesday at NATO and the European Union. European officials have complained Bush did not listen to them during his first term, and they wanted to see if he has changed.

About 4,000 people registered their unhappiness in a noisy protest outside the U.S. Embassy as Bush met with Chirac. The demonstrators came from a coalition of 88 environmental, human rights, peace and other groups opposed to Bush's policies.



U.S. President George W. Bush, right, meets with French President Jacques Chirac on Monday as part of a five-day trip to boost relations with European allies.

Previewing two issues on Tuesday's agenda, Bush told Syria to get out of Lebanon and demanded that Iran stop its suspected nuclear weapons program. Bush did not rule out using military force in Iran, saying all options remain on the table. But, addressing widespread concerns in Europe that Iran is the next U.S. target after Iraq, Bush said: "Iran is ... different from Iraq. We're in the early stages of diplomacy."

Three days before seeing Vladimir Putin in Slovakia, Bush admonished the Russian leader to "renew a commitment to democracy and the rule of law." Putin has raised alarms in the

West by consolidating power, rolling back democratic reforms and curbing press and political freedoms.

Bush said the United States and all European countries "should place democratic reform at the heart of their dialogue with Russia." The president suggested that Moscow's entry in the World Trade Organization could hinge on whether it changes course.

"I've got a good relationship with Vladimir; I intend to keep it that way," Bush told reporters during a photo opportunity with Chirac. "But as well, I intend to remind him that

if his interests lie West, that we share values ... and those values are important."

In the keynote address of his five-day trip, Bush signaled that the United States will become more involved in the Mideast to foster growing hopes for peace.

"America and Europe have made a moral commitment: We will not stand by as another generation in the Holy Land grows up in an atmosphere of violence and hopelessness," Bush told an audience of diplomats, business leaders and academics in an opulent ballroom of Brussels' Concert Noble hall.

## SOUTH KOREA

# North Korea hints at return to talks

Associated Press

SEOUL — North Korean leader Kim Jong Il told a visiting Chinese envoy that his government will return to six-party nuclear disarmament talks if the United States shows "sincerity," the communist state's official news agency said Tuesday.

The announcement — the latest in more than two years of conflicting statements over North Korea's nuclear program — came less than two weeks after Kim flouted Washington and its allies by claiming that it had nuclear weapons and would boycott the talks.

"We will go to the negotiating table

anytime if there are mature conditions for the six-party talks thanks to the concerted efforts of the parties concerned in the future," Kim said Tuesday, expressing the hope that the United States would show "trustworthy sincerity," according to the Korean Central News Agency.

Kim spoke of his government's new position in over the nuclear issue in a meeting with Wang Jiarui, head of the Chinese Communist Party's International Department, KCNA said.

Kim also said that North Korea "would as ever stand for the denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula and its position to seek a peaceful

solution to the issue through dialogue remains unchanged," the news agency said.

KCNA did not elaborate on what conditions Kim cited during his talks with the envoy from China, which is his impoverished country's only remaining major ally.

In Washington, State Department spokesman Lou Fintor said that U.S. officials were "aware of the report" about Kim's remarks, and the U.S. position on resuming the six-party talks is well known.

"The United States remains ready to resume the six party talks at an early date without preconditions," said Fintor.

# RA

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year.

From friend to confidante to rule enforcer, the RA plays many roles in the lives of Notre Dame students. Most students recall their RA from freshman year as the senior down the hall who seemed to have life at Notre Dame figured out, whose door was always open and who was rumored to have dulac memorized. However, there are many other important aspects that go into being an RA.

"The RA is a strong point of the community," said Caitlin Early, an RA in Lyons. "They are the visible signs of what Notre Dame represents in each of the halls."

Nick Green, an RA in Zahm, added that "the RA is more than a rule enforcer."

"He should be a friend and example for his residents," Green said. "He is the one whose job is to look out for the good of everyone."

Fulfilling the RA role is a major commitment, especially for seniors in their final year at Notre Dame. An RA must attend an intensive training period in early August involving lecture sessions, role-playing and in-hall training. Once other students arrive on campus, an RA must commit to weekly hall staff meetings and nights of being "on duty," which require staying in the dorm on call in case incidents arise.

In addition to these duties, an RA plays a significant role as a dorm section leader, acting as a liaison between students and the rector. Because the RA is a student, he or she is often seen as more approachable than other authority figures on campus and becomes the figure students turn to with troubles or questions.

"From my perspective, the RA serves a great resource and an integral part of the support system that the residence halls at Notre Dame have to offer. The RA should be an individual that residents can turn to and comfortably trust for issues of all types, concerning all aspects of life," Lyons RA Stephanie Sellinger said.

"Additionally, the RA can serve as a great resource about the University and all it has to offer," Sellinger said. "While they are responsible for maintaining a safe and orderly environment for residents, an RA's most significant role is support."

In recognition of their commitment to Notre Dame's dorm community, the University offers RAs a few job perks. Free room and board is the most significant benefit, but RAs also receive free St. Michael's Laundry service and parking.

It's not these benefits, however, that attract most students to being an RA. Aspects of tradition and the impact of former RAs seem to be the primary factors motivating students to apply for the position.

"I wanted to be an RA because of the example that was set before me by men like Ben Dillon, Dean Coleman and Pat McGarry — all former Zahmbies who were great RAs and great friends," said Green, "I love being an RA — I have no regrets."

Petula Fernandes, a Lewis RA, also credits former RAs as her influence.

"I had good experiences with my RAs from freshman and sophomore year. Both were different people, but through them I realized the importance of the ministry of being an RA," she said. "Now, that I'm in the role myself, I see things from a different perspective, but I absolutely love the position."

In addition to the responsibilities and expectations required of RAs, the application process is tedious and highly competitive. Though any junior can apply, applicants

must complete a written application for the Office of Residence Life, submit letters of recommendation and go through an interview process. Every dorm has a slightly different method for selection, but ultimately it is the current RAs who choose the candidates for the following year.

Siegfried RA Robert Murphy explained the scope the application process can reach in certain dorms.

"In Siegfried we do three rounds of interviews. Two are with current RAs and one is with the head staff — the ARs [assistant rectors] and the rector," Murphy said.

Fernandes described a similar procedure in Lewis, where applicants interview with RAs, assistant rectors and the rector, each of which can last up to two hours, she said.

The number of applicants who apply each year also fuels competition for the RA position. Though each dorm has a different number of RAs depending on its size, most dorms have more applicants than spots to fill.

"The competitiveness varies according to the dorm," Sellinger said. "Some dorms, like Lyons Hall, have more than two applicants for every spot. It can depend on a lot of factors, including the class of juniors in the particular dorm and experiences these juniors had as underclassmen with their former RAs. In general, however, I would consider it competitive."

Fernandes agreed that the process is competitive, but said she thought this was ultimately beneficial.

"I feel the competition makes it exciting," she said. "With so many people applying, we can be selective and choose the best possible applicants for the position."

Even with the tough competition for the position and the stringent expectations and responsibilities required of an RA, juniors still apply in high numbers every year.

"Even with the application process, I still wanted to apply because I really want to give underclassmen the same experiences I had at Notre Dame," said Katie Skirich, a Lewis junior applying for an RA spot. "I had some great RAs in the past that really made a difference, and I'd like to pass that on."

Anna Schmall, who is applying for RA next year in Lyons, said she thought that the competition and written application aid in the selection process.

"Having to do the application and go through the interviews really made me think and make a conscious decision to apply for RA," Schmall said. "This is ultimately a good thing, because you only get the people who are truly dedicated go through with it."

Whether it is their commitment to community living, their desire to be a role model for freshmen or numerous other reasons for wanting to be an RA, both current RAs and applicants for next year cite their dedication to the University as a main reason for their service as an RA.

"I personally wanted to apply because I loved the community aspect of the dorm and feel that it is an essential part of Notre Dame. I really want to give something back to the school and to the dorm in my last year here," Schmall said.

After his experience as an RA, Murphy echoed these sentiments.

"I would apply to be an RA again if I had the chance," Murphy said. "It's been a great ending to my four years here at Notre Dame. I feel it's a complement to senior year to be able to help out in the dorm, while at the same time being independent."

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# Awards

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to Notre Dame. And he is a good representative."

The Alumni Association conferred this year's Distinguished Graduate Student Award on Shannon Gayk, a doctoral student in the Department of English.

"I am honored and humbled by this award," Gayk told attendees of the reception. "I have given much less to Notre Dame than it has given to me ... I am extremely grateful."

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RICHARD FRIEDMAN/The Observer

Distinguished Student Award recipients Shannon Gayk, left, and Danny Richter pose with University President Father Edward Malloy.

# SMC

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team building exercises such as developing their own residence hall.

Sophomore and first-time applicant MacKenna Keenan said the interview was not as intimidating as she expected.

"The [group] interview went very well," Keenan said. "It was a comfortable atmosphere."

The follow-up individual interview, Keenan said, was a little more "intense."

Keenan decided to apply for an RA position after hearing current RAs discuss how much they enjoyed the position.

"I have a lot of friends who are RAs and they always talk about what a great experience it is and all of the friends they have made because of it," Keenan said.

While the numbers fluctuate depending on enrollment at the college, there are roughly 40 RA positions available. Unlike at Notre Dame, first year Saint Mary's students can apply to be an RA starting their sophomore year.

Keenan said she is confident about her chances at being selected.

"I think I have a good chance," said Keenan. "They said this was the [smallest] amount of applicants that they've ever had. I don't know if that is a good thing or not but I am really

hoping I get it."

Applicants request the residence hall they would like to be placed in, ranking them from first choice to last choice, current Holy Cross Hall RA Shannon Culbertson said.

Culbertson is applying to be the administrative residence advisor (ARA) in Holy Cross next year, a position that includes duties such as scheduling RA on-call hours and front desk workers.

"Then the hall directors place people based on personality," Culbertson said. "But you are not really guaranteed."

Culbertson and other ARA applicants will be notified this week whether or not they were selected to fill the position. Regular RA selections will be announced the week following spring break.

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SUN MICROSYS INC(SUNW)	+0.24	+0.01	4.16
CISCO SYS INC (SUNW)	-0.86	-0.15	17.30

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5-YEAR NOTE	0.00	0.00	38.55
3-MONTH BILL	0.00	0.00	25.52

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## IN BRIEF

### Retail price for gas drops slightly

CAMARILLO, Calif. — Retail gas prices dropped slightly in the last two weeks as oil price hikes were checked by an increase in the gasoline supply, an industry analyst said Sunday.

The average retail price for all three grades dropped half a cent to \$1.93, between Feb. 5 and Friday, said Trilby Lundberg, who publishes the semimonthly Lundberg Survey of 7,000 gas stations across the country.

The most popular grade, self-serve regular, was priced at \$1.90 a gallon, while customers paid \$2 for midgrade. Premium averaged \$2.10 a gallon for the period.

During the two-week period, crude oil prices rose almost \$2 per barrel, but gasoline supplies also grew, offsetting the price increase, Lundberg said.

"This small drop in price doesn't herald big price cuts to come," Lundberg said. "More likely, gasoline prices will cease dropping soon, unless crude oil prices fall dramatically."

She said gas prices will likely rise in the future toward a peak during the summer driving months of June, July and August.

### Regulators request more information

INDIANAPOLIS — Federal regulators have asked for more information regarding Johnson & Johnson's planned \$25.4 billion acquisition of Guidant Corp.

The companies said Friday they had expected the request and that they still expected that the Federal Trade Commission would approve the deal in time for it to be finalized by the end of October.

When the deal was announced in December, analysts said they expected a tough review from regulators because Guidant and Johnson & Johnson subsidiary Cordis Corp. are among the few companies that make heart stents, tiny devices that keep arteries propped open.

No details about the information sought by the regulators was released.

Indianapolis-based Guidant, a spinoff by Eli Lilly and Co. in 1994, also makes heart pacemakers and defibrillators.

Johnson & Johnson is to pay \$76 in cash and stock for each share of Guidant.

## Economists predict slow growth

*Slow housing market and increased mortgage rates are contributing factors*

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Economic growth will slow this year but will still be sufficient to reduce the nation's unemployment rate, business economists say.

In its latest economic outlook, the National Association for Business Economics predicts the economy — as measured by gross domestic product — will expand by 3.6 percent this year and next.

If the projections being released today prove accurate, that would mark slowing from the 4.4 percent growth clocked in 2004, the strongest showing in five years. GDP measures the value of all goods and services produced within the United States and is considered the broadest barometer of the country's economic health.

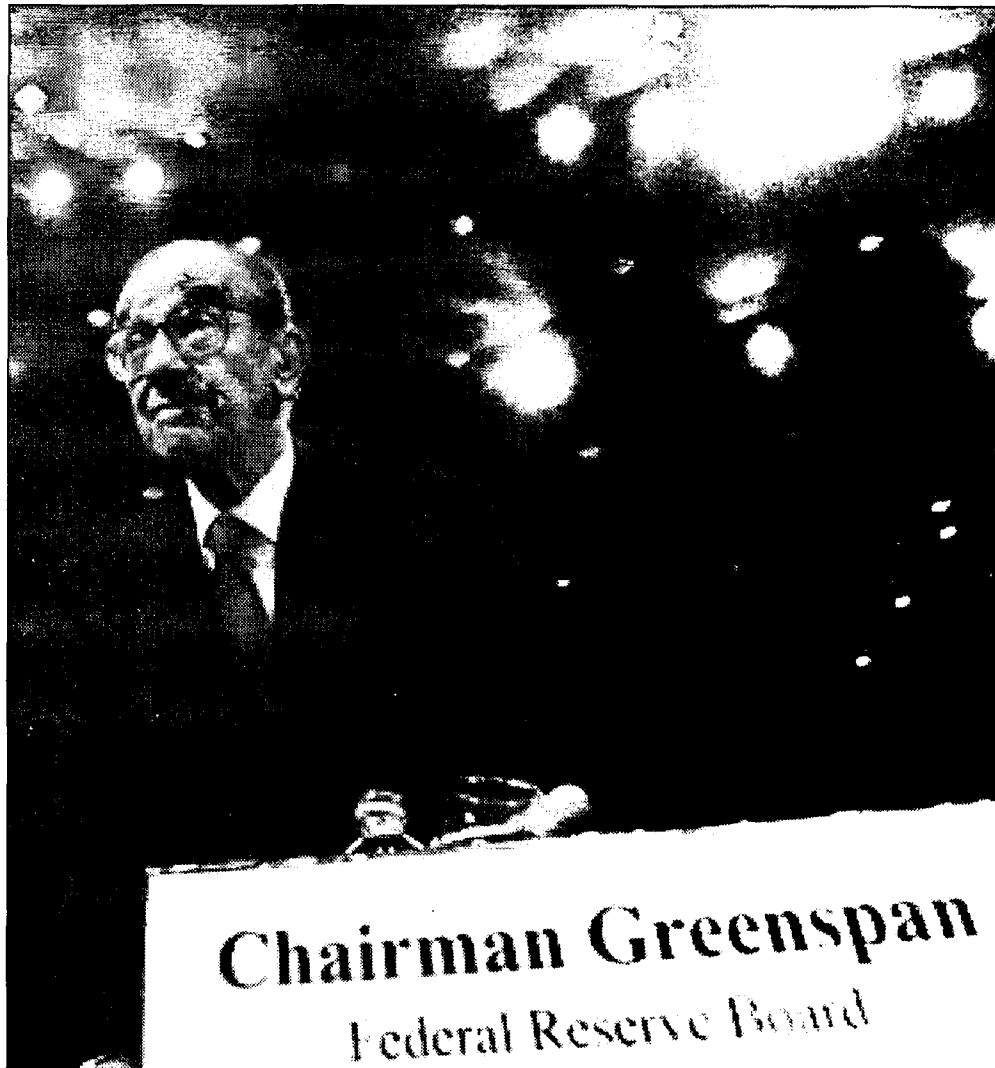
"Economic growth in 2005 will moderate but still be solid," said Carl Tannenbaum, chief economist at LaSalle Bank and head of the committee overseeing the economic forecast.

One reason economists give for the expected moderation this year is the belief that a red-hot housing market will cool and mortgage rates will rise. Consumer spending and business investment this year are expected to be solid and to help support economic growth, according to the outlook.

Forecasters anticipate that the unemployment rate — which averaged 5.5 percent last year — will dip to 5.2 percent this year and then to 5.1 percent next year.

On the inflation front, consumer prices are expected to rise 2.2 percent this year and 2.3 percent next year. Consumer prices for all of 2004 increased 3.3 percent, the largest rise since 2000.

A deceleration in consumer prices this year is



**Chairman Greenspan**  
Federal Reserve Board

Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan takes his seat before a Senate banking hearing Wednesday, where he offered his views on the economic outlook.

based partly on the expectation that energy prices, which surged last year, will calm down. Forecasters are predicting a barrel of crude oil will cost around \$40 at the end of this year, compared with \$48 a barrel at the end of 2004.

The forecast was compiled before Friday's release of a government report that showed wholesale prices — excluding food and energy costs — soared in January by the largest amount in more than six years. A government report on consumer prices for January will be released Wednesday.

For all of 2004, wholesale prices went up at a faster pace than consumer

prices. Some companies, not wanting to turn off buyers, were reluctant to pass along all of their higher costs to consumers, analysts explain.

Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan, appearing before Congress last week to deliver the central bank's twice-a-year economic outlook, offered a relatively positive view of the economy and the nation's pricing climate.

"The evidence broadly supports the view that economic fundamentals have steadied," Greenspan said. "All told, the economy seems to have entered 2005 expanding at a reasonably good pace, with inflation and inflation

expectations well-anchored."

Fed policy-makers, wanting to make sure inflation doesn't get out of hand, embarked on a rate-raising campaign in June. That has resulted in six modest quarter-point increases, leaving a key interest rate at 2.50 percent.

That key rate is expected to rise to 3.5 percent by the end of this year, according to the business economists. If that were to happen, the prime lending rate, used for many short-term consumer and business loans, would rise to 6.50 percent by year's end. The prime rate, which moves in lockstep with the Fed's key rate, is now 5.50.

## Taxpayers may benefit from break

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Sharpen your pencils. There's a new tax break on the books, but it could take some work to discover whether it can help you.

The new deduction, available in 2004 and 2005, lets taxpayers deduct state sales taxes in lieu of state income taxes if it helps lower their tax bills.

There's also new help for military and lower income families, and simpler tax return forms available to more people.

Tax advisers say there aren't as many changes to contemplate as there have been in recent years but

caution that tax laws seem to be in constant flux.

"I wouldn't get too locked into the way things are right now," said Maryann Winters, a partner at Sirchia and Cuomo LLP in Syracuse, N.Y.

The new sales tax deduction is most valuable for people in states with no or very low income taxes, but it could be useful to taxpayers in other states. Anyone who made major purchases last year, and some retired taxpayers who pay little income tax, might be better off taking a sales tax deduction.

Taxpayers should look long and hard at their options because it's "very confusing, not for everybody in

every state, and changes state to state vary dramatically," Winters said.

To figure your deduction, you can use a table provided by the IRS or add up the sales taxes paid in 2004. The law, passed late last year, didn't give taxpayers much time to prepare. Taxpayers who didn't keep their sales receipts last year can start accumulating those piles for 2005.

Bob Scharin, editor of RIA's Practical Tax Strategies, a journal for tax professionals, said taxpayers might review their spending and think about any big-ticket items they might have purchased, such as the future groom who purchased an engagement ring or the parents who paid for the wedding.

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## Democrats: Don't let my retirement savings get flushed

I've had the random thought lately, regularly accommodated by my Attention Deficit Disorder, that there are a great many things taken for granted in everyday life. Modern plumbing and standards of hygiene are very simple examples of this. Simple things from household cleaners to common household appliances are all examples of generations of innovation to the changing variables of human need. The modern toilet is the perfect example of an everyday thing that none of us could live without, which has evolved from a hole in the ground to an elaborate system of modern plumbing and multimillion-dollar treatment plants.

The same cycles can be seen in the constantly fluid medium of governmental institutions. Through revolutions in philosophy over time, human beings have evolved government to meet their own needs. Apologizing in advance for my recent habit of using crude analogies in my columns, the evolution of governmental institutions should not be looked at any differently than the various innovations that have brought us the common and practical toilet.

During the years of the Great Depression, a widespread problem was met with a single common solution we now know as Social Security. This plan was a noble promise that any American that invested the best years of his life in his career would be ensured a stable retirement. Unfortunately, the program as it is seems unsustainable in the near future due to the simple problem of demographics. A Jan. 13 editorial in the Wall Street Journal clarifies this point,

which has been made by many advocates of partial privatization. "The truth is that AARP might be able to ignore, but it can't repeal, the laws of demographics," The editorial read. "And there is simply no way the current pay-as-you-go retirement system, with two workers supporting each retiree in 2030, is not going to require a crushing tax burden compared with a system that had 16 workers per retiree in 1950 and 3.3 today."

As has been with the case of many inventions, the needs have begun to outweigh the original design. The fundamental problem with Medicare and Social Security has become the classic one of "bait and switch." Democrats promise the world with these programs, but they are still operating on a basic pay-as-you-go system model. The success of this system operates on a simple assumption that more money will be coming in than going out. A combination of false political promises and the mentioned demographic constraints make this an exercise in futility without benefit cuts or tax hikes.

Just how bad is the broader problem? "National Center for Policy Analysis" Brief No. 490 laid out this phenomenon quite clearly. As a result of lower birthrates and longer lifespan, the fundamental problem will only seem to get worse. If politicians decide to try and preserve the status quo of these programs, they will increasingly need to borrow funds from the federal income tax, as Medicare had to do in 2004. In 2004, that number is only 3.6 percent of total income taxes. However, in 10-year increments beginning in 2020, the numbers become 52.7, 66.4 and 76.1 percent of federal spending.

I recommend that anybody who wishes to gain an accurate understanding

of private accounts should read Peter Ferrara's "A Progressive Plan for Social Security," available online at the Institute for Policy Innovation Web site. It is our generation that should be doing the research on this and becoming active in the public policy debate. Having had almost constant part-time jobs since I was 16, I want to keep tabs on exactly how the government is handling that little chunk of my paychecks it has been taking out in the FICA column of the taxes.

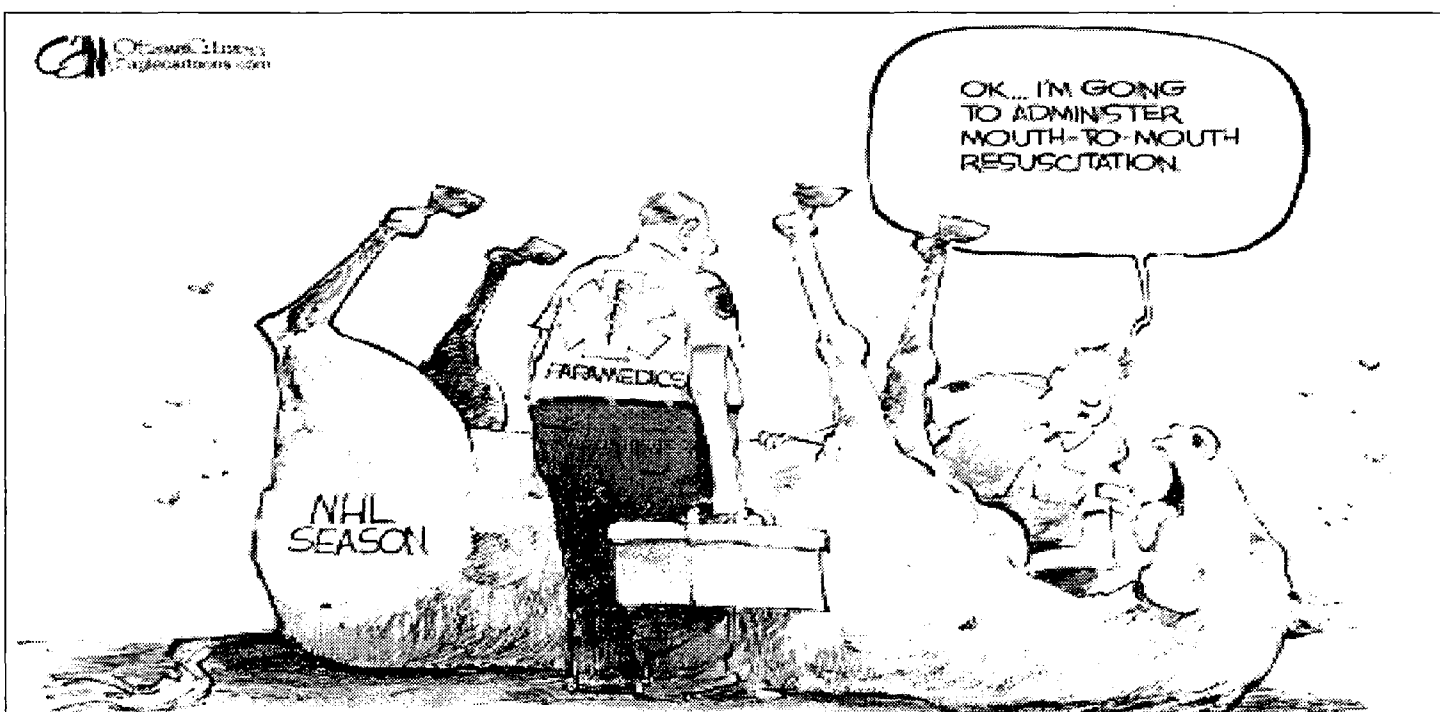
Without bullying through an uncompromising plan, Republicans should offer a progressive private account plan that guarantees current rates of return to address the concerns of Democrats. As well as the Peter Ferrara piece, I also recommend the Cato Institute's project on Social Security reform.

Getting back to the toilet example of innovation, as Republicans we do not seek to reinvent Social Security, because it was probably the best idea Democrats have come up with. Consider it more like those new low water usage toilets that give you more flush for your water. In the same good spirit President Franklin D. Roosevelt had for the greatest generation of our grandparents, we just want to make sure our generation gets more bang for our hard-earned buck, and that the baby boom population spike doesn't flush our hard-earned future incomes down the drain.

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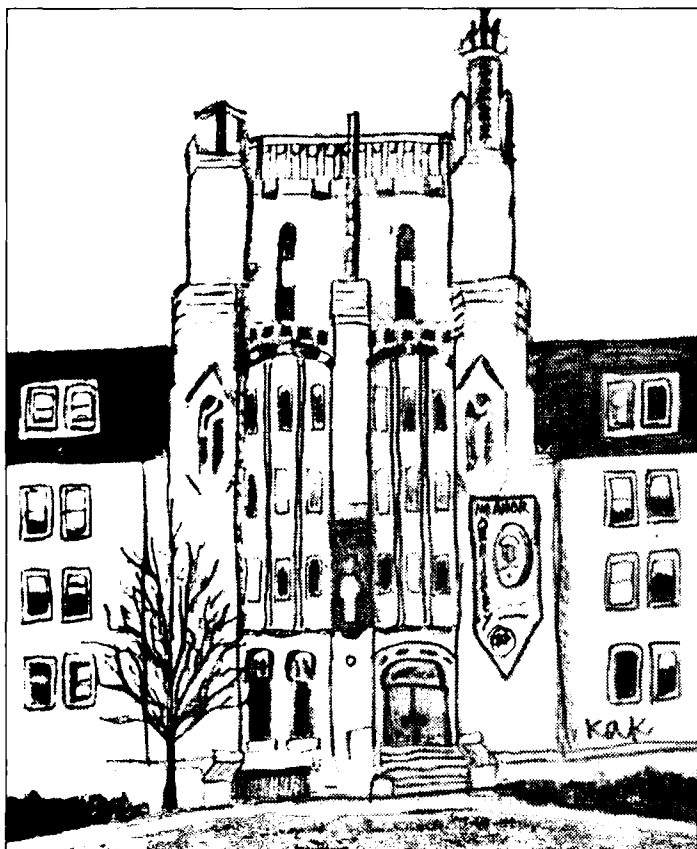
"Ideas are, in truth, forces. Infinite, too, is the power of personality. A union of the two always makes history."

Henry James  
American author



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Room and board increase is not justified



It occurred to us when a rather large piece of wall fell to the ground after shutting a door that we might be paying a bit too much for room and board at Notre Dame. In light of the 7 percent increase in tuition and room and board, we thought it necessary to expound upon the living conditions at Notre Dame, particularly in Morrissey.

Morrissey has the least square footage per person on campus and the highest cost per square foot. Exactly what are we paying for? We don't expect any improvements or changes to be made, unless, of course, "Link, the College Magazine" pronounces Morrissey to be the worst college dormitory in the United States again — as they did in 1996.

Only after this article did the University fix various problems ranging from a rat carcass in a basement shower head to electrical wiring stapled to the ceiling in plane sight. These are problems that the University should be expected to fix without the prodding of an independent magazine. Water that smells like rotten eggs (or worse) and walls that are literally falling apart are just a couple of the many problems that need to be addressed and, from past experience, we doubt the higher cost will do anything to solve them.

We know that we are extremely lucky to be attending this University and that we did choose to come here (and would do so again), but parents and students should expect more for their money.

We are proud to be Manorites, but many of us see the sham that is the high cost of room and board. Therefore, many of us will be moving to larger and more cost-efficient off-campus housing.

Something is wrong when students move off campus to save money. Continuous increments in the cost of room and board without any direct benefit going to the students is suspect at best. The claim that tuition and room and board costs are justified when compared to a Princeton or Harvard is an unacceptable argument, especially when considering that the cost of living in northern Indiana is much less than in the Northeast.

We want a Notre Dame that is fair to its students and whose tuition policies are not determined by another campus hundreds of miles away. One of the more popular sentiments around here is that Notre Dame is more than just a place where one comes to get an education, but that it is a family. Administrators must not take "the Notre Dame family" idea very seriously, because with these annual tuition hikes they are hanging their children out to dry.

Robert Byrne, Jeff Spieldenner  
sophomores  
Morrissey Hall  
Feb. 20

### Vagina Monologues do not focus on violence

In The Observer editorial of Feb. 18, the "overriding goal" of The Vagina Monologues is associated with that of the V-Day movement, namely, "to stop violence against women." It also suggests that, therefore, Notre Dame might properly host the play even though "parts" of it "undoubtedly challenge ... Catholic teaching on human sexuality."

The characterization of the play is, I suggest, surpassingly risible to any disinterested reader or viewer. By my count, out of 24 units in the play, four, consisting of six pages, deal with violence against women. The other units are enco-mia to lesbian sex, lesbian seduction of adolescents, sadomasochism, fornication and masturbation, stitched together by passages salted with

obscurities and vulgarities of all grades and types.

What else, really, should be expected of an author who boasts in her introduction that in her performances she has managed to have "thirty-two public orgasms a night"? One hopes she was able to control herself somewhat better at Notre Dame. Defend University sponsorship on some other ground, if you will, but not on the ground that this play is anything in the main other than a paean to lesbian sexual libertinism.

William Dempsey  
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## U-WIRE

### Indecency laws and fines unnecessarily intimidate television

Thursday, our stalwart Congress passed the Broadcast Decency Enforcement Act of 2005, which ratchets up fines for single incidents of televised indecency to an impressive \$500,000. The act also voids the FCC's obligation to warn performers for a first offense before a fine can be levied. The vote for the act was 389-38, by the way, reflecting the new conventional wisdom that "values" are the hot accessory "You Don't Want to Be Caught Dead Without" — sort of a political version of the little black dress.

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In the past, I have written in opposition to the recent fierce push for public decency. And, I must admit, I have been guilty of caricaturing the other side, as though they don't have a legitimate complaint. This has been very unfair of me. In fact, now that I've really considered the issue, I see the wisdom of their position.

Any fool up on his constitutional history knows that when the framers wrote the First Amendment, they didn't mean it to protect people who talk about doo-doo or doin' it. Indeed, had their delicate 18th-century sensibilities been able to conceive of a society so depraved that doo-doo and doin' it were subjects of public conversation, they would have made this exception explicit. Doo-doo and doin' it are icky, and, while we must have wary patience for serious dissent, no decent civilization can counte-

nance ickiness. The Romans let Plautus stage all those ribald plays about naughty courtesans, and look what happened to them.

And, really, my own reasons for opposing the advocates of public decency have been more personal than political. I love indecency and I hate to hear its honor abused. Moreover, I am unreasonably fond of the jazzy rhythms of American profanity and can't guarantee that if I were in front of a prime-time television camera — God willing! — I would be able to refrain from spontaneously riffing on them. If the threat of \$500,000 of debt will keep me in line, so be it.

Having successfully intimidated broadcast TV and radio, the advocates of public decency are now gearing up to take on cable TV. Bully for them! If children hear naughty words, they might try to find out what they mean. And, good lord, if the children see any sex on the talking-pictures box, their parents might actually be obliged to explain what it is. The First Amendment may be the indispensable bulwark of our democracy, but surely we can tweak it a little if that will help delay the awkward birds-and-the-bees talk. I mean ... it's so awkward!

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### U.S. media easily duped

The only adjective that seems to describe the state of the press these days is the compound modifier "wacky-tragic."

The U.S.-run Web site for Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty published a photograph that is — as far as we can tell — a satellite picture of a nuclear laboratory in Natanz, Iran. The non-government run Web site for CNN also ran the same picture, and last year, we also ran the picture to accompany a column on the Opinion Page.

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The Associated Press provided it to us, but according to the Institute for Science and International Security, the photo was originally taken by Digital Globe, a satellite photograph company.

The problem is that, on the CNN Web site, the picture was misidentified in some stories as a North Korean nuclear site, and used — with different captions — on both stories about Iran's nuclear ambitions and North Korea's nuclear program. On the Radio Free Europe Web site, the picture was used for stories about Iran, North Korea, and stories about intelligence failures in Iraq prior to the war. Indeed, the filename of the photo was actually "Iraq-Nuclear.jpg."

Since the story was first reported by blogger Brad

Friedman on Tuesday, CNN has made corrections and replaced the photographs on its stories. Don Jensen, director of communications for Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty said that the photos in questions were misidentified, but no correction has run on the RFE/RL Web site — the photos were merely pulled on stories not dealing with the nuclear facility in Natanz, and the file was renamed.

It's an easy mistake to make, specifically after the passage of the "Ronald W. Reagan National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2005." Section 914 of the act makes satellite photography the government takes or buys immune from Freedom of Information Act requests.

Considering this administration's willingness to misrepresent the facts to the tagi-wacky media and ambitions to use propaganda, this satellite photograph is fully opened to the public, it should enjoy the same skepticism one would reserve for a report in Chinese news agency Xinhua or communist-run Pravda.

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## DVD REVIEWS

# Scorsese's boxing classic receives special treatment

By BRIAN DOXTADER  
Scene Critic

"Raging Bull," director Martin Scorsese's best film, recently got the deluxe DVD treatment from MGM in a two-disc special edition, replacing the long out-of-print original disc.

A quarter of a century later, "Raging Bull" remains a towering achievement of 20th century cinema. A brutally unflinching portrait of Jake La Motta (Robert De Niro), the one-time middleweight boxing champion of the world, Scorsese's film originally polarized critics and audiences upon its 1980 release. With what some critics called a violent, misogynistic and unsympathetic animal of a protagonist, the film was uncomfortably received. Yet its stature has grown over the years to the point that American Film magazine declared it the greatest film of the 1980's, and the American Film Institute named it the 24th best film of all time.

Like other great "sports" movies, "Raging Bull" is not actually about boxing, but uses boxing to examine the tor-

tured psyche of a character consumed by jealousy, frustration, hatred, fear and inadequacy. By the time the picture ends, the audience has been given a look into the soul of a tormented man who has fallen into nothing, but is left with the smallest glimpse of self-recognition.

From a technical standpoint, everything about "Raging Bull" is perfect. Scorsese and all his long-time collaborators reach their zenith here, turning in the best work of their careers. The acting is all top-notch, but the film is undoubtedly anchored by De Niro's stunning Oscar-winning performance. The actor trained with La Motta for a year to get into shape, then gained 60 pounds to play the boxer as a fat middle-aged man — starting the actors' trend of drastic physical transformation in order to better "live in" a character.

In most other films, such a performance would overshadow all the other actors, but not here. Joe Pesci holds his own in a star-making performance as Jake's brother Joey and Catherine Moriarity garnered acclaim and an Academy Award nomination as Jake's wife, Vicki.

Scorsese is at the top of his game, directing with relentless passion and purpose.

Thelma Schoonmaker, Scorsese's long-time editor, won an Oscar for her incredible work here, and writer Paul Schrader penned a script that crackles with life and fervor.

The DVD is well-presented. The print itself is



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Joey La Motta (Joe Pesci) tries to reason with his stubborn, paranoid brother Jake (Robert De Niro) in director Martin Scorsese's "Raging Bull."

in fine shape, which solid black levels and little grain and digital artifacting. The sound is solid, but unspectacular. The 5.1 digital audio mix is less immersive than could be hoped, especially during the fight scenes. One might've hoped that MGM would've opened up the soundstage a bit more, but since the film was originally mixed in surround sound, what is found here is certainly adequate.

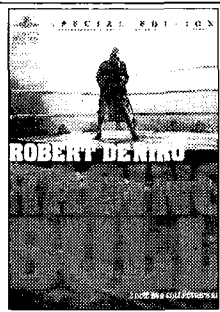
The extras are substantial and informative. The first disc has no fewer than three commentaries — one from Schoonmaker and Scorsese, one featuring the cast and crew and a final one featuring the "storytellers," including Schrader and La Motta himself. All three are excellent, with lots of insights and

anecdotes.

The second disc houses most of the special features. The heart of the material is four featurettes, which altogether run nearly an hour and a half in length. They are extremely insightful, supplying anecdotes and behind the scenes memories from the cast and the filmmakers.

"Raging Bull" is one of the finest motion pictures ever made, a roaring testament to the skills of its director, star, screenwriter and editor and a crowning achievement of modern cinema. This latest, excellent DVD from MGM gets the highest possible recommendation.

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# Spider-Man sequel swings past predecessor

By MOLLY GRIFFIN  
Scene Critic

Sequels are rarely stellar, particularly those following up a major summer blockbuster. But somehow "Spider-Man 2" manages not only to be as good as the original, but actually manages to surpass it in many ways. Not only are the special effects superior to the first film, the sequel ups the ante with a more interesting plot and better acting that brings a classic comic book villain to life.

"Spider-Man 2" revisits the life of Peter Parker (Tobey Maguire), who is trying to somehow balance life as a college student with his dual life as Spider-Man. The duties of a superhero aren't very forgiving, which causes Peter to get fired from his pizza delivery job, neglect his schoolwork and deny his feelings for Mary Jane Watson (Kirsten Dunst). His friend Harry (James Franco), who believes that his father was killed by Spider-Man, pressures Peter to help him exact revenge on the hero.

On top of these problems, Peter's spider powers seem to be failing him. The remarkable web-spinning powers that

propel him across the city begin to fail, resulting in nasty falls and doubts about his abilities. The building pressure culminates in Peter throwing away his Spidey suit and giving up the superhero business.

Peter's retirement is called into question when Dr. Otto Octavius (Alfred Molina), a scientist searching for a new way to generate power, conducts an experiment that goes wildly awry. The metal arms he strapped to his back fuse with his body and twist the formerly benevolent doctor's psyche. Dr. Octopus, as he comes to be known, goes on a crime spree across the city and Harry enlists him to aid in capturing Spider-Man.

The plot of "Spider-Man 2" is much more engaging than the first film, especially since less time must be spent on introducing the essential characters and storylines. Maguire does a great job again in the role of Peter, embodying both aspects of his character's dual life well. The breakout star of the film, though, is Molina in the role of Dr. Octavius. He makes his character sympathetic — but not nauseatingly so — before his transformation, and he is even better when he is allowed to explore the villainous role. Unlike William Defoe in the first film, Molina manages to avoid the scenery-chewing style of acting and actually makes his villain respectable and even slightly terrifying.

The special edition DVD for "Spider-Man 2" comes with a wide variety of extras. The first disc

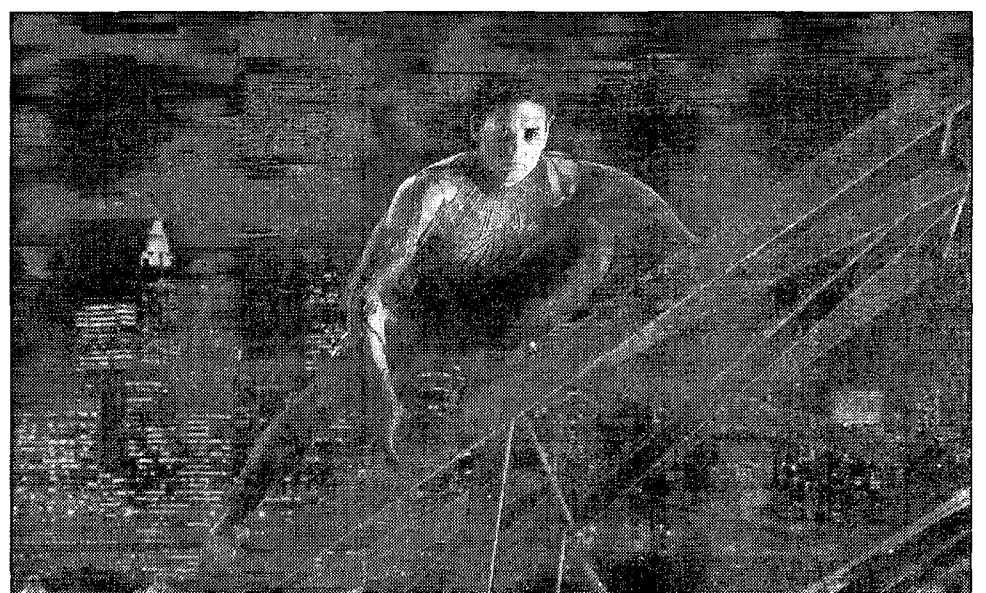


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Spider-Man (Tobey Maguire) faces the menace of Dr. Octopus and the pressures of trying to live a dual life as a hero and an ordinary citizen in "Spider-Man 2."

includes two very different commentaries. The first features director Sam Raimi and Maguire, producer Avi Arad and co-producer Grant Curtis. But if viewers want to find out more about the special effects in the film, particularly those used to bring Dr. Octopus to life, they can listen to the second commentary featuring members of the various special effects teams. There is also a trivia subtitle track that can be viewed along with the movie, a series of featurettes, a blooper reel and music videos from the film's soundtrack.

The second disc is composed of featurettes. These include "Making the Amazing," which details various aspects

of the film's production, "Hero in Crisis," which traces the development of Peter Parker's character and "Enter the Web," which details the premiere fight sequence between Spider-Man and Doc Ock.

Overall, "Spider-Man 2" is a fantastic example of just how good a summer blockbuster can be when a film's creators care about the its quality. The DVD set reflects this devotion to excellence. Viewers can only hope the filmmakers continue this vigilance when the inevitable third film is made.

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## MOVIE REVIEWS

# Hellishly dull plot dooms 'Constantine'

By RYAN ROGERS  
Scene Critic

Continuing the trend of adapting comic books into movies, "Constantine" fails to stand out from the other films of its genre.

John Constantine (Keanu Reeves) was born with the curse of seeing angels and demons among the living. As a boy unable to cope with these visions, he attempts suicide and is only dead for two minutes. Afterward, Constantine has a better perspective on the way the world works. He knows about the existence of heaven and hell and the battle of good versus evil. Now he spends his days performing exorcisms in hopes that they will redeem him in the eyes of God and help to earn his way into heaven. But because Constantine's suicide was a mortal sin, he is destined for hell — and, as a chain smoker, he has recently been diagnosed with lung cancer.

As if this weren't enough to handle in one film, Constantine then discovers the devil's son is planning to come to Earth and bring hell with him. This, of course, requires strange rituals involving the Dodson twins (both played by Rachel Weisz) and the spear of destiny (the spear that is said to have killed Jesus Christ).

This film is based on exploring a very

distinct set of rules, none of which are clear to the viewer. This fatal flaw leaves the audience with more questions on the way out of the theater than on the way in. Sure, the effects are fun, but it is hard to enjoy them while constantly asking, "what the heck is going on?"

The script for "Constantine" needed a lot more work. Aside from simply not communicating what is necessary to advance the story, it tries to tackle too much. The back-story is so complex that a wholly separate film detailing the origin of John Constantine would have been more appropriate. Instead, you get a half-baked plot added on that the audience never fully understands or really cares about.

It is difficult to tell if the script is responsible for the bad acting or not. Reeves delivers his one-liners with expected gusto. Weisz is nothing special, just another skeptical partner that is all too willing to take Constantine's leaps of faith. Shia LaBeouf plays Constantine's apprentice and serves his purpose as cheap comic relief. Gavin Rossdale inexplicably plays a darkly humorous demon that has it out for Constantine.

The best performance comes from Djimon Hounsou as Midnite, the owner of a nightclub in which both angels and demons are welcome. Midnite is the only character that seems to have more

### Constantine



**Director:** Francis Lawrence  
**Writers:** Kevin Brodbin and Frank Cappello  
**Starring:** Keanu Reeves, Rachel Weisz, Djimon Hounsou and Tilda Swinton



Photo courtesy of movieweb.com

John Constantine (Keanu Reeves), cursed with the ability to see angels and demons among the living, explores the scene of a supernatural crime.

than one character trait and more than one brain cell.

There are some redeeming qualities about "Constantine." Stylistically, it is flashy and fun to watch, which is to be expected from Francis Lawrence, a popular music video director turned film director. There is also an effort to stay true to the film's comic book roots, with a lot of picturesque slow motion shots and extreme angles that look like pages straight out of comics.

One of the film's biggest detractors is its overtly religious and often sacrilegious nature. A lot of Catholic icons are juxtaposed with vulgarities like the middle finger, which may offend some viewers.

When all is said and done, "Constantine" kills itself. The film has some basic appeal but fails to execute on nearly all of its fronts.

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# 'Boogeyman' succeeds on the usual thrills

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Scene Critic

While many horror films come out yearly that touch upon the theme of the boogeyman, no movie has yet tackled the theme directly. So it's about time that someone has delved into the mythology behind one of childhood's oldest fears.

"Boogeyman," directed by Stephen T. Kay, opened at number one at the box office for the Feb. 4-6 weekend. It builds on what is becoming a very profitable niche in the entertainment industry — the PG-13 horror movie. It borrows elements of the movies that came before it and extends them to create a good, competent narrative. However, it also doesn't deviate much from its predecessors, so it fails to exceed the usual expectations for the horror genre.

Tim Jensen (Barry Watson) apparently had a fairly traumatic childhood. After all, not every child gets to watch as their father is killed and taken by the boogeyman. Now, years later, Jensen is a grown man who grows uneasy over shady closets and dark holes. Fitting conveniently into the film's narrative, Jensen is forced to head back home. Once there, he decides to finally face his fears and prove they don't exist. The

only flaw in his plan is that his fears are indeed very real and dangerous.

"Boogeyman" is a haunted house movie as much as a stalker flick. Jensen's childhood home has fallen deep into cobweb-covered disuse over the years of his absence. Plastic drapes over a lot of the furniture and house, creating an eerie mood for the film. But Jensen does not limit himself to just the house, and crafts other spooky settings to exude an ominous tone.

Watson does a decent job in his role, as do the other principal actors. The story focuses on Watson's character primarily, with other characters introduced to add a tinge of mystery.

The audience gets to meet Watson's current girlfriend, his childhood friend and his uncle, but all of these characters are superficially developed. The only person the audience grows to care about is Jensen, which can be a little limiting.

The acting from the secondary characters doesn't deserve any serious complaints, but the actors also didn't get too much to work with. Even Lucy Lawless, of "Xena" fame, is pushed into a secondary role.

The film's main problems arise from its convoluted narrative structure. The film was financed by Sam Raimi's Ghost House Pictures, and Raimi is no stranger to horror movies.



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Tim Jensen (Barry Watson), whose father was killed and taken by the boogeyman, is forced to face his traumatic childhood fears when he returns home.

"Boogeyman" would have benefited greatly from his direct involvement, as Kay simply lacked the experience coming into the film to make it stand out. The result is that the horror film clichés — loud noises, anti-climaxes and a computer-generated ending — are included in "Boogeyman."

The boogeyman has been the theme of many movies, but always indirectly. "The Nightmare on Elm Street" film series touched upon the theme, but the villainous Freddy Krueger wasn't quite

the boogeyman from classic childhood lore. While there are some striking similarities between the two, there are enough differences to distinguish "Boogeyman."

And barring its obvious shortcomings, the film ends up being enjoyable. It's a treat for thrill-seekers to watch, even more so if they were frightened by the boogeyman concept as children.

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## NASCAR

## Gordon enjoys life as a star on and off the racetrack

Associated Press

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Jeff Gordon celebrated his third Daytona 500 victory aboard his 106-foot yacht, the 24 Karat.

The four-time NASCAR champion is rich beyond imagination, has Hollywood good looks, and is an A-list celebrity who is just as comfortable hosting "Saturday Night Live" or sitting in on "Live with Regis and Kelly" as driving his No. 24 Chevrolet.

Besides the yacht that was anchored just minutes from Daytona International Speedway last week, Gordon flies around in a private plane and has several homes.

Yet, for all his riches and fame, Gordon is still interested in the basics.

"You know, I learned quite a while ago that it's not racing that I love, it's winning," Gordon said.

And he's done plenty of that. His victory Sunday, that came in spectacular fashion, not only put him among the Daytona elite — joining Richard Petty (7), Cale Yarborough (5), Bobby Allison (3) and Dale Jarrett (3) as the only drivers with three or more victories at Daytona.

He has 70 career wins and is within six of Dale Earnhardt. Only six drivers in the more than half century of NASCAR racing have won more than

Gordon.

"Seventy!" he said, relishing the sound. "I wanted to get to 70. That seemed like a good number."

To do it, Gordon had to outrace defending champion Dale Earnhardt Jr., former series champion Tony Stewart, who led a race-high 107 laps, and Kurt Busch.

He also had to survive a final 20 laps that were chaotic. There were two crashes involving 17 cars and a third caution flag for debris that sent the race into a three-lap overtime.

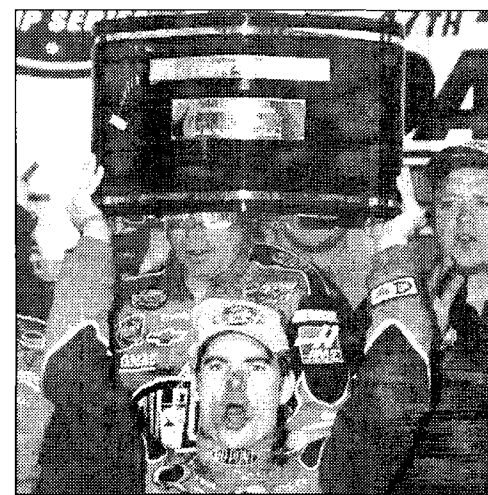
"Those are the moments that you live for, the moments we get paid the big bucks for," Gordon said. "You live to be in

that position, to have chaos happening all around you, for your car to lead the pack.

"I enjoy being in that position. Being out front is the only place to be. I wanted that checkered flag really bad. I looked in my mirror and did everything I could."

What he saw in the mirror on the last two laps was Busch trying to close the gap by staying behind Gordon's rear bumper and coming up about two lengths short.

"I saw some video of the finish and saw how much momentum Busch had," Gordon said. "I'm really thankful he didn't try to go to my outside because I think he had the momentum to do it."



Jeff Gordon celebrates his victory in the Daytona 500 Sunday. It was his third win at the "Super Bowl" of stock car racing.

## NHL

## North America's first lost sports season leaves a black eye

*Even Gretzky and Lemieux failed to save the imperiled league schedule*

Associated Press

NEW YORK — With Wayne Gretzky and Mario Lemieux inside the NHL labor mess, a terrible situation became a Great debacle instead of a Super save.

The sport's biggest stars came up short at the bargaining table on Saturday, and the season was wrecked twice and for all.

It was first wiped out Wednesday, killed off when commissioner Gary Bettman said the differences over a salary cap between the league and the players' association wouldn't allow for hockey until at least the fall.

But neither side was really ready to let the season go.

Enter the Great Gretzky of Phoenix, and Pittsburgh's Super Mario.

Three days after hockey Armageddon, there was suddenly new life and new hope that the season could be saved. Gretzky and Lemieux — superstars turned executives of low-budget teams — helped get the sides back together and then joined the fray.

There was no way these guys would fail, right? But they did. And they never really had a chance.

When Gretzky and Lemieux got to the table Saturday, it became clear quickly that rumors of a done deal were

false — as both sides said emphatically Friday — and an agreement was not on the radar screen.

If there was a shot at a deal with a \$45 million salary cap, we'll never know. The discussion over a number never came up — much to the dismay of Nos. 99 and 66.

This time, the news hit doubly hard. How was it possible that the worst possible scenario took a steeper turn downward in the same week?

The NHL was already dealing with the black eye of being the first major North American sports league to lose an entire season to a labor dispute. It took only three more days to damage the reputation of two Hall of Famers.

No one in the hockey world was happy that the season was lost, but many were prepared for what was previously unthinkable. It became clear during the past year how far apart the sides were.

But the roller coaster of the three days before the final meeting was both cruel and unusual for the die-hard fan and for Gretzky and Lemieux.

The hard part was already overcome Monday when the NHL dropped its demand for a link between league revenues and player costs, and the union said it would then accept a salary cap.

Angry letters containing

"final offers" were traded Tuesday night. The NHL was dug in at a hard cap of \$42.5 million, and the players wouldn't budge off their counterproposal of a \$49 million soft cap.

NHLPA executive director Bob Goodenow told Bettman he wouldn't hear from the players' side again — and Goodenow kept to his word during the final 12 hours before the season was canceled.

But Bettman left the door open more than once during his end-of-the-season news conference. He said he wouldn't mind the embarrassment of a second announcement hours later that a deal was reached, that is if the union accepted his take-it-or-leave-it offer from Tuesday.

He didn't even rule out an accord with a salary cap of \$45 million, even though he said teams would be stretched to the limit at \$42.5 and that there was no time to negotiate.

Yet, there was.

The NHL called players' association president Trevor Linden to get him back to the table. Linden turned to Gretzky and Lemieux to become hockey's version of Eric Gagne — the closers of the deal.

The cap was always the issue, even after it was accepted by the players. The debate of hard cap vs. soft cap was never resolved, nor was how the limit would fluctuate over the course of the six-year deal.



NHL players' association vice president Vincent Damphousse answers questions during a news conference Saturday in New York.

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## NFL

## Titans release Mason

*Tennessee cuts six players to get below salary cap for 2005*

Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Receiver Derrick Mason and cornerback Samari Rolle were among six players released Monday by the Tennessee Titans in an effort to cut up to \$27 million to get under the NFL salary cap.

In addition to Mason and Rolle, the Titans released starting defensive lineman Kevin Carter and right tackle Fred Miller. They also cut fullback Robert Holcombe and kicker Joe Nedney.

Titans owner Bud Adams said everyone on the team knew this day was coming.

"At this point, I believe this is the best option for our franchise and know it will make us stronger for the future," Adams said in a statement. "To our fans, this is not an ending. I believe in this team and I look forward to seeing them grow."

General manager Floyd Reese said the Titans want to mimic Baltimore's approach to the salary cap — slash large salaries in one lump and, hopefully, limit any damage to one season.

"We're done manipulating. Now we're going to fix this," Reese said.

Mason led all NFL receivers last season with a career-high 96 catches for 1,168 yards and seven touchdowns. The eight-year veteran was the first player in franchise history to have four consecutive 1,000-yard receiving seasons.

Mason said he was anxious to test free agency.

"I've got a good four, five more years in me. I want to go

to a team that's going to compete for a championship next year," Mason told radio station WWTN-FM.

Rolle, considered among the league's top cover cornerbacks, was arrested last week on a domestic assault charge. A Pro Bowl selection in 2000, Rolle played in 12 games last season before having surgery on his left knee. He had only one interception and 28 tackles.

Carter was the veteran on a very young defensive line last season. He played both end and tackle while mentoring the Titans' five draft picks. Miller is a nine-year veteran who started at right tackle the last five seasons for Tennessee.

Holcombe's roster spot has been in jeopardy since the Titans drafted Troy Fleming last April. Fleming had better numbers rushing and catching.

Nedney has missed all but one half of the past two seasons with a torn ACL, then a torn hamstring.

The Titans are the league's fourth-winningest team since 1999 at 61-35.

"There's a chance we could get some of these guys back," coach Jeff Fisher told WWTN-FM. "This is a salary cap decision we have to make and to the common person, it doesn't make any sense at all. I think it illustrates how sophisticated the process is."

Reese said the cuts will clear 80 percent of the \$27 million that the team is over the cap. The Titans are reworking a few other contracts, and Reese said Monday's moves will allow the team to tender offers to their 10 restricted free agents and all their exclusive rights free agents.

Tennessee has the sixth pick overall in the upcoming draft, their highest since selecting Steve McNair third overall in 1995.

*"This is a salary cap decision we have to make and to the common person, it doesn't make any sense at all."*

**Jeff Fisher**  
Titans head coach

## MLB

## Bonds to report for spring ball

Associated Press

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — Few spring training arrivals compare to the day Barry Bonds shows up at Scottsdale Stadium.

It's when the San Francisco Giants superstar holds his annual state-of-Barry address — and more often than not, it's the most he says to reporters all season.

When he arrives Tuesday, it's sure to be quite an event. More than 100 media members are likely to attend, and they'll be looking for answers from the slugger that aren't sealed.

Bonds will be peppered with questions about the steroid controversy that constantly surrounds him.

Will it affect the legacy he leaves?

Will his records be tainted?

Does he care at all what fans think of him?

He might not answer any of them, or could choose to be candid.

This will be the first time the 40-year-old Bonds has spoken publicly since his grand jury testimony was leaked to the San Francisco Chronicle and reported in December 2003. Bonds testified in December 2003 that he used a clear substance and a cream given to him by a trainer who was indicted in a steroid-distribution ring, but said he didn't know they were steroids.

"Ever since I've been here, no matter what happens off the field or what he's dealing with, once he gets on the field, he's always focused and able to be the best player in the game," Giants pitcher Kirk Rueter said. "That just shows you how he focuses and how much he con-



Barry Bonds smiles after hitting a home run against the Seattle Mariners during a spring training game in Scottsdale, Ariz. on March 18, 2003.

centrates once he's on the field."

But Bonds isn't expected to do a lot on the field until at least the middle of March.

He had arthroscopic surgery on both knees since last season ended, including an operation on his right knee Feb. 1 that will limit him for much of the spring. Bonds will be rehabilitating the knee under the direction of team trainer Stan Conte.

"What I have heard so far is early in the camp he's not going to be doing much," manager Felipe Alou said Monday. "I don't see any anticipation here except that one of the best players to ever play the game is

coming in. ... We're used to that [fanfare] here a lot. It would be kind of strange if we didn't have it now."

The seven-time NL MVP enters his 20th major league season with 703 homers, trailing only Hank Aaron (755) and Babe Ruth (714) on the career list. Bonds drew 232 walks last season, 34 more than the record he set in 2002 and more than 100 more than anyone in baseball. His 120 intentional walks shattered the mark of 68 that he set in 2002.

With Alou's son, Moises, batting behind Bonds this season, the skipper believes Bonds might not walk quite as often.



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## NBA

## Trade deadline looms for teams as All-Star break ends



Timberwolves forward Wally Szczerbiak cuts between two Cavaliers and gets an assist on Feb. 17. Minnesota may trade Szczerbiak before this week's trading deadline passes.

## Timberwolves may deal key players in an effort to restructure team

Associated Press

DENVER — In the hours before the All-Star game, Kevin Garnett wondered how the Minnesota Timberwolves might regain the lofty status they recently lost.

If it takes a trade of Wally Szczerbiak, Sam Cassell or Latrell Sprewell before Thursday's 3 p.m. EST deadline, it'll probably come as a surprise to the league's reigning MVP.

Or so he says. "As of lately, I haven't been in the loop on anything, so I don't know what we're doing, what kind of transactions we're making," Garnett said Sunday. "As far as the loop, I don't know where it's at."

The All-Star break ended Monday, and the league's 24 best players headed this way and that from a city that pulled off the league's showcase week-end without a hitch and now will focus its attention on the troubles of the struggling Nuggets.

Denver made the playoffs last season after an eight-year absence, but the Nuggets' current record (24-29) has left them with the 10th-best record. Only eight teams qualify for the postseason.

By comparison, though, the Timberwolves' situation is worse.

After reaching the Western

Conference finals last season with the NBA's second-best record (58-24), Minnesota enters the unofficial second half of the season as a .500 team with serious chemistry issues that many believe can only be resolved with a roster shake-up.

"Chemistry is something that's hard. I love all the guys on my team, they're all good guys, guys

that really care about one another, guys that have real, real, real work ethics," Garnett said.

"And as a unit, we know we can come together and turn this thing around, so whether they're going to make moves or not, it's not going to be dependent on what Kevin Garnett thinks."

Along with the Timberwolves, the Sacramento Kings, Toronto Raptors, Indiana Pacers, Memphis Grizzlies, Portland Trail Blazers, Boston Celtics, New York Knicks and Los Angeles Lakers are the favorites to make something happen before the league's trading deadline passes Thursday afternoon.

Sacramento's Chris Webber, New York's Kurt Thomas, Toronto's Jalen Rose and Donyell Marshall, Indiana's suspended Ron Artest, Memphis' Bonzi Wells, Portland's Damon Stoudamire, Nick Van Exel and Ruben Patterson, Miami's Eddie Jones and the Lakers' Lamar Odom were among the names being bandied about in trade rumors over the weekend.

"I think every year there's so much speculation, but we always say nobody wants to pull that trigger," Seattle's Ray Allen said. "It might be that some 10th to 12th players are moved

around, some draft picks. But nothing really significant ever happens."

Allen seemed to be forgetting a big piece of his own recent past, the deadline-day deal between the SuperSonics and Milwaukee two years ago.

Allen was caught completely off guard when the Bucks shipped him to Seattle for Gary Payton and Desmond Mason, and chances are someone will be in a similar situation before the opportunity to make deals expires.

Many believe this is a different season than the NBA has experienced for the past decade, the race for the championship more wide open than 99 percent of the league's player population has ever seen.

"Everybody says San Antonio is the team to beat, and definitely they've earned that and have the right to say that," Phoenix's Shawn Marion said. "We have to prove we can beat them and play with them."

Phoenix (41-13) comes out of the break just a half-game behind San Antonio (41-12) for the league's best record.

Miami (40-14), Seattle (35-15), Dallas (35-16), the defending champion Pistons (32-19) and Sacramento (33-20) are right on their heels, and Cleveland (30-21), Washington (30-22) and Houston (32-21) are the league's upstarts.

One sportswriter who had a five-hour layover in Las Vegas on his way to Denver noticed that the Rockets were listed as 30-1 to win the title.

That fact was relayed Sunday to Tracy McGrady, who was immediately taken aback given his team's eight-game winning streak.

"Whoa. Really?"

"I think we've shown over the past month that we're a team not to be taken lightly," McGrady said. "Maybe they think our time is not now since it's our first year together, myself and Yao [Ming], but I don't feel that way. We did get off to a bad start and dug ourselves a big hole, but if they watched over the past month they'd realize we're one of the elite teams in this league now."

The problem, as Garnett can attest, is that elite team status is fleeting in today's NBA.

Teams have four days to do something about it before the trading deadline passes.

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Tuesday, February 22, 2005

## Men's College Basketball AP Top 25

	team	record	points
1	Illinois (72)	27-0	1,800
2	North Carolina	22-3	1,709
3	Boston College	22-1	1,601
4	Oklahoma State	20-3	1,540
5	Kentucky	20-3	1,460
6	Wake Forest	22-4	1,385
7	Duke	19-4	1,324
8	Kansas	20-3	1,310
9	Arizona	23-4	1,288
10	Michigan State	19-4	1,115
11	Louisville	23-4	1,029
12	Gonzaga	21-4	931
13	Utah	23-3	927
14	Washington	21-4	849
15	Syracuse	22-5	814
16	Alabama	21-4	805
17	Connecticut	17-6	642
18	Pittsburgh	18-5	567
19	Pacific	22-2	470
20	Wisconsin	17-6	364
21	Charlotte	19-4	339
22	Oklahoma	19-6	288
23	Villanova	17-6	276
24	Cincinnati	20-6	193
25	Nevada	20-5	55

## Women's College Basketball AP Top 25

	team	record	points
1	LSU (45)	24-1	1,125
2	Duke	25-2	1,050
3	Stanford	23-2	1,042
4	Ohio State	25-3	936
5	Tennessee	21-4	920
6	Baylor	21-3	878
6	Michigan State	24-3	878
8	North Carolina	22-3	804
9	Rutgers	20-5	796
10	NOTRE DAME	23-4	761
11	Connecticut	18-6	663
12	DePaul	23-3	595
13	Texas	17-7	594
14	Texas Tech	19-5	531
15	Minnesota	20-6	480
16	Temple	22-3	451
17	Kansas State	18-6	306
18	Georgia	20-7	294
19	N.C. State	19-6	289
20	Vanderbilt	19-6	275
21	Iowa State	19-5	233
22	Penn State	18-8	216
23	Maryland	18-7	176
24	Boston College	17-7	73
25	Gonzaga	24-2	55

## Fencing Coaches' Association Rankings

Women's	Men's
1 Ohio State	1 Ohio State
2 NOTRE DAME	2 Penn State
3 Penn State	3 St. John's (NY)
4 Harvard	4 NOTRE DAME
5 Columbia	5 Columbia
6 Northwestern	6 Princeton
7 St. John's (NY)	7 Penn
8 Penn	8 Harvard
9 Princeton	9 Stanford
10 Temple	10 Air Force

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### MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

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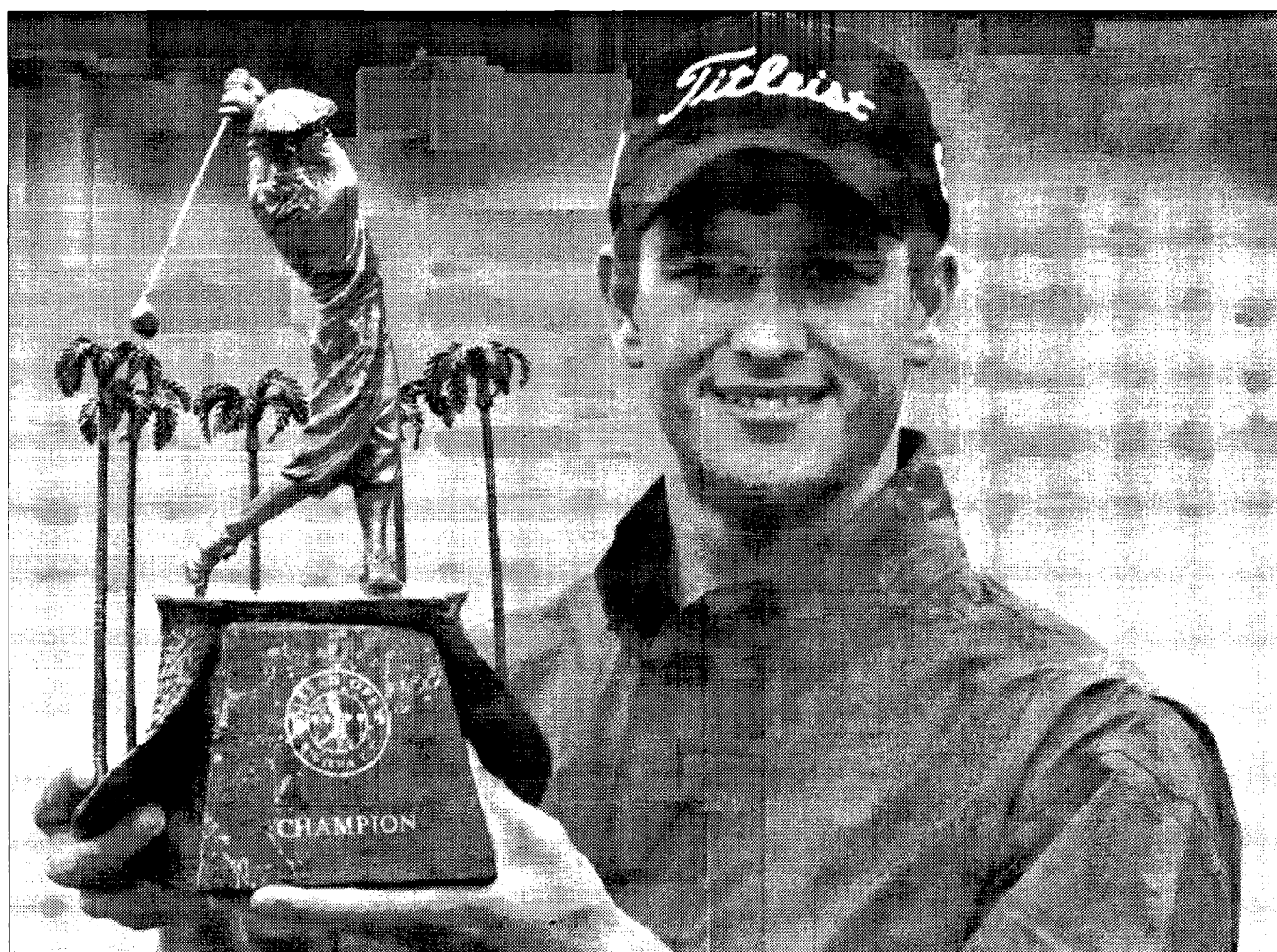
Indiana State at Drake, 8 p.m., FOX Sports  
Midwest

Alabama at LSU, 9 p.m., ESPN

### NBA

Milwaukee at Charlotte, 7 p.m., UPN

## PGA



Australian Adam Scott shows off his Nissan Open trophy Monday after clinching the win with a par on the first playoff hole, where he faced Chad Campbell in sudden-death. The Open was cut short to 36 holes due to torrential rain.

## Scott wins Nissan Open in 36 holes

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Adam Scott has his name on the Nissan Open trophy.

He earned \$864,000, which counts just the same if he had played 72 holes, instead of only two rounds followed by a sudden-death playoff Monday morning in the rain against Chad Campbell.

He even was nervous standing over his tee shot in the playoff on the famous 18th hole at Riviera Country Club.

But there was no denying the strange sensation Scott felt after winning the first 36-hole event on the PGA Tour in nine years, a victory that comes with a trophy, a check and an asterisk.

Scott, who made a 20-foot birdie putt a day earlier to finish his second

round tied with Campbell at 9-under 133, made short work of the long week by getting up-and-down for par on the first extra hole to win the Nissan Open.

After rolling in the 4-footer, Scott had to remind himself what winners do.

First came an awkward smile, then he gently raised his hand to acknowledge the 200 people watching the bizarre conclusion under gray skies and a colorful array of umbrellas.

"It doesn't feel like we played much golf this week," Scott said. "I don't feel tired and drained like you normally do when it's finally over, and you've been battling with some guy for the last 36 holes. It's been an odd week."

The tournament was cut short to 36 holes because of heavy rain

overnight that turned Riviera into the prettiest swamp on Sunset Boulevard.

PGA Tour events have to be at least 54 holes to be considered official. That means Scott still has only three PGA Tour victories. He does not earn a trip to the winners-only Mercedes Championships next year at Kapalua, or any of the other perks that come with winning.

Scott agrees with the policy, but he found plenty of positives.

"I wanted to win just as bad as any other playoff," he said. "But it was a different feeling, for sure."

Campbell also felt the sting of losing.

He was at a slight disadvantage, having not hit a shot since he tapped in for par to complete his second round Friday with a 6-under 65.

## IN BRIEF

### Bloomberg, New York City welcome International Olympic Commission

NEW YORK — The city, digging out from a snowstorm, rolled out a warm welcome Monday for the 13 delegates charged with helping select a host city for the 2012 Olympics.

"Nice to see you. Welcome," Mayor Michael Bloomberg told the International Olympic Committee evaluation commission delegates during a meet-and-greet ceremony at the Plaza Hotel. He later joked that the blanket of snow positioned the city to also bid for the Winter Games.

Bloomberg, accompanied by U.S. Olympic Committee chairman Peter Ueberroth, shook hands with the delegates in a conference room that bore an NYC2012 logo on the floor. Each delegate carried a thick "2012" binder.

The evaluation commission is in town for a final round of scrutiny, evaluating the five cities still in the running for the Olympics. The group already toured Madrid and London, with Moscow and Paris left to visit. The IOC will weigh the evaluators' findings and announce its decision July 6.

### Colts sign veteran tackle Diem

INDIANAPOLIS — The Indianapolis Colts signed right tackle Ryan Diem to a seven-year contract Monday, another step in keeping their high-scoring offense together for one more season.

The next move could come Tuesday when the Colts were expected to place the franchise designation on Pro Bowl running back Edgerrin James.

Diem's new deal will prevent him from becoming an unrestricted free agent in March. Salary figures were

not immediately available, but the deal was believed to include a signing bonus of about \$12 million and expected to be salary-cap friendly.

### Fans embrace Giambi at spring training complex

TAMPA, Fla. — Jason Giambi quickly had his first signature moment of 2005.

A little more than two hours after arriving at spring training Monday, he walked to the outfield end of the New York Yankees' dugout and stepped onto the field.

How was he welcomed after an off-season filled with steroid allegations?

With cheers and outstretched pens.

There were several hundred people in the stands, and the line of fans waiting for his autograph snaked up through 16 rows of blue seats, then turned back toward home plate on the walkway dividing the lower and upper sections of Legends Field.

## CLUB SPORTS

# Women's water polo sweeps weekend challengers

*Four opponents fall to Irish; equestrian team competes in shows at Taylor University*

Special to The Observer

The women's water polo club swept all four opponents this weekend, defeating Western Michigan, 15-2 and Eastern Michigan, 15-1 on Saturday. They then topped Grand Valley State, 15-4 and Eastern Michigan 14-3, in a rematch on Sunday. The club is preparing for its trip to Cal San Bernardino, to challenge both the top clubs and some varsity teams in California.

## Women's Ice Hockey

In its last games of the season, the women's ice hockey club traveled to Ann Arbor to face the University of Michigan this weekend. Despite Friday's 9-0 loss to the Wolverines, the Irish women came out full of energy in their game Saturday night, scoring 5 goals in the 9-5 loss to Michigan. In their last games for the team, seniors Annemarie Kennedy and Tori Blainey each scored in the first period, with Blainey rifling in a second goal during the second period. Sophomore Julia LaPointe added two goals to the effort. Senior Nell Ryan led the team with her defensive play, but in the end, Michigan was too deep and experienced for the Irish. Senior Captain Angelina Zehrbach commended the team for their performance and intensity in both games.

## Equestrian

The Notre Dame and Saint

Mary's Equestrians competed in a pair of IHSA shows this weekend at Taylor University. They claimed third on Saturday with 31 points and finished at Reserve High Point on Sunday with 33 points. These results all but guaranteed the Irish will be crowned Regional champions and will qualify for the Zones championships. In Saturday's competition, Caitlin Landuyt earned High Point honors as the day's top scorer among all teams.

Landuyt claimed first in intermediate fences, with Andrea Oliverio coming in second and Molly Schmieg sixth. Landuyt and Oliverio tied for second in intermediate flat, with teammates Chelsea Brown third, Catherine Linn fifth and Schmieg sixth.

Claire Freeman posted a first in open flat to lead a strong Irish score as Katie Baron placed second, and Kelly Ostberg, Oliverio and Molly Kopacz all tied for third. Baron also took second in open fences.

Kristin LaSota, Marta Ascadi and Megan Murphy all finished first in their class of novice flat, with Hayden Piscal third, Brittany Gragg fourth and Lauren Croall sixth. Murphy also placed sixth in novice fences. Katy Booth earned a second in walk-trot-canter, followed by Laura Hale and Heather LaDue both in fifth. Nicole Gansalves claimed second in walk-trot.

In action Sunday, Katie Baron garnered first in open fences. Claire Freeman placed second in open flat, with Molly Kopacz third,

Baron, Kelsey Ostberg and Andrea Oliverio all in fourth and Julia Burke at fifth. Molly Schmieg took sixth in intermediate fences, the only Irish rider to score there.

Caitlin Landuyt took another first for the weekend in intermediate flat, with Chelsea Brown placing second. Schmieg was fourth, followed by Ana Richter and Catherine Linn in fifth. Mary Dorgant and Hayden Piscal tied for second in novice fences, with Megan Murphy coming in fifth. Murphy and Kristen LaSota shared first in novice flat, and Dorgant and Piscal tied for third. Brittany Gragg ended in fourth and Katy Ryan finished fifth. Heather LaDue won first in walk-trot-canter, followed by Katy Booth in fourth and Laura Hale fifth. Nicole Gansalves finished third in walk-trot.

## Gymnastics

The Irish gymnastics team traveled to Bloomington to compete in Indiana's Big Red Invitational this weekend. The Irish women were led by Caitlin O'Brien, who finished first on floor, sixth on vault and fifth in all-around competition. Wendy Jo Svetanoff also placed for the Irish, notching a fifth place finish on beam. Also contributing for the Irish women were Mary Blazewicz, Cecilia Torres and Cigi Low. Purdue, Indiana and Virginia Tech took the top three in team standings.

Brian Dunn and Paul Kane were the lone Irish representatives in men's competition, which was won by Triton, with Purdue and Virginia Tech placing second and third. The

Irish will return to competition on April 2, when they host the Clover Classic at Gymnastics Michiana.

## Men's Volleyball

The men's volleyball team traveled to Northern Illinois University this weekend to wrap up the second half of their conference regular season and to compete in the conference championship. The Irish fell to 0-8 in conference play last year and were determined to return to the upper echelons of conference play. They accomplished that and more with a 6-3 conference record and a strong tournament showing.

The Irish opened with a sweep of Northern Illinois, 25-20, 25-22, behind the strong play of opposite hitter Mike Giampa. Their next match was against University of Illinois at Chicago, who extended the Irish to three games. But the Irish prevailed in the third game to post a 25-23, 23-25, 15-7 victory. The Irish then finished their conference season with a big win against University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, with a final score of 25-18, 25-20. A very strong rookie class, including defensive specialist John Tibble, setter Nolan Kane and outside hitters Dan Zibton and Drew Williams complimented veterans like Giampa and middle hitters Dan Parziale, Joe O'Connell and Ryan Goes to lead the team's turnaround.

The Irish earned a fourth place seed and first round bye in the conference tournament by upsetting three ranked teams within their conference. The tournament, however,

ended early in a tough three game match with fifth seed Ball State. Despite beating No. 22 Ball State in two games during the regular season the Irish could not pull off the quarterfinal victory, dropping a tough three game match 17-25, 25-20, 11-15. The Irish continue tournament play next weekend at Indiana University, in the 32-team Hoosier-Iluni classic, the biggest tournament of the year before the national championships in March.

## Skiing

Marquette, Mich. hosted the regional skiing championships this weekend, as both varsity and club teams from 23 schools competed to advance to the nationals. Notre Dame's women finished ninth while the men took 12th in the field.

Finishing in the top five in women's competition were St. Olaf, Minnesota Deluth, Northern Michigan, Minnesota and Wisconsin. In men's results, Michigan Tech, St. Olaf's, Minnesota Deluth, Minnesota, and St. Thomas claimed the top five sports.

Danielle Clements finished 32nd in individual slalom standings, followed by teammates Lauren Dacey at 42nd, Sarah Rauvenhorst at 67th and Rita Morgan in 68th. Senior co-captain Joe Payne turned in the men's best slalom performance, finishing 33rd. Brian Hedges was next at 39th, with senior co-captain Bill Leimkuehler placing 57th, Jason Luecht 90th, and Alex Gloeckner 93rd, in a field of over one hundred racers. This concludes the season for the Irish.

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# Belles

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"The seniors have remembered," she said.

Last year, the Belles entered the MIAA tournament with a 2-12 league record. This year, the team tripled its conference wins, going 6-10, and kept almost every game close.

Belles head coach Suzanne Bellina is confident in the team's ability to play with the Knights.

"We're a much better team all around [than we were last year]," she said.

Bellina also noted that the Saint Mary's will be stronger defensively with Boyce, the 2003-2004 MIAA defensive player-of-the-year, starting for the Belles against Calvin.

Boyce missed the team's most recent contest against Calvin with an injury, and was also unable to play against the Knights in last year's tournament game.

The entire Belles defense will have to play well against Calvin's efficient offense for Saint Mary's to have a chance on the road against the MIAA's No. 3 seed.

The Knights' Lisa Winkle is second in the MIAA in scoring,

averaging 15.9 points a game, and leads the league in rebounds, with nearly eight per contest. Bellina stressed that the Belles will have to stay aggressive on the defensive boards to prevent Winkle from getting second chances.

Calvin's Kristen McDonald poses a second offensive threat, as she ended the regular season averaging 12.8 points per game, good for sixth in the MIAA.

To counter Calvin's top scorers, Bellina said the Belles would switch in and out of "two or three looks" on defense.

As for Bush, she is confident that a solid defensive performance against Calvin's post players can get Saint Mary's into the second round with what would be a major upset over Calvin.

"They have some of the best posts in the league, but I really think our team has some of the best players in the league," she said. "With a huge defense effort, we should be able to come out with a victory."

For the Belles, it would be an especially satisfying victory.

The game can be heard live on Calvin's on-line radio station, at calvin.edu/sports, starting at 7:30.

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Belles forward Emily Creachbaum looks for an open teammate during the team's two-point loss to Alma on Feb. 12.

# Gorski

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of four available scholarships when practice starts in August.

"The coaches said I have a shot at earning a scholarship," Gorski said. "I just have to prove I can be in the mix."

Weis made it clear that Brady Quinn will be the starter. But the backup job is up for grabs with David Wolke, Darrin Bragg,

Sharpley and Gorski all competing.

Gorski, who scored a 32 on his ACT, drew recruiting interest from Notre Dame and Nebraska as well as various Division I-AA and Division II schools.

"I had my list narrowed down to Notre Dame, Nebraska and Princeton," Gorski said. He mentioned that the recent coaching change at Notre Dame made his decision more difficult.

"I really had no idea if the new coaching staff would be

interested in me," Gorski said. "But my dad sent in my film and coach Cutcliffe liked what he saw."

A member of the varsity at Creighton Prep since his sophomore year, Gorski split time with other quarterbacks until gaining sole possession of the starting job as a senior. He threw for 1,203 yards, eight touchdowns and nine interceptions while winning a state championship.

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# Huskies

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back to 12 points or more.

Falls came into the game in a slump, making 6-for-28 prior to Monday night. He led the Irish long-distance shooters with a 6-for-10 effort from behind the arc against the Huskies. Overall the Irish shot

45.5 percent (10-22) on 3-pointers.

The Irish had four players in double figures — Chris Thomas (16 points), Chris Quinn (12), Falls (19) and Francis (15). The rest of the team scored a combined 12 points.

Jordan Cornette was held scoreless, but had four blocks and now has 197 for his career as he closes in on LaPhonso

Ellis' school record of 200. The 88 points were the most yielded by the Irish this season.

The 14-point defeat was the biggest since a 14-point loss to Providence last season at the Joyce Center.

CONNECTICUT 88  
NOTRE DAME 74 at the  
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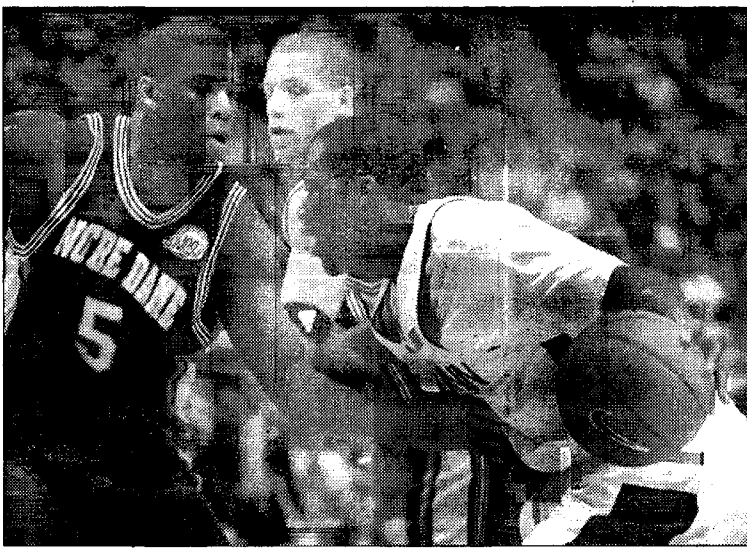
NOTRE DAME (16-8, 8-6)  
Cornette 0-3 0-0 0, Francis 4-8 7-9 15, Thomas 6-15 2-2 16, Quinn 5-10 0-0 12, Falls 6-12 1-3 19, Isreal 0-1 0-1 0, Cornett 1-1 2-2 4, Kurz 0-0 0-0 0, Latimore 4-8 0-0 8, Carter 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 26-58 12-17 74.

CONNECTICUT (18-6, 10-3)  
Villanueva 9-14 6-7 25, Gay 2-7 2-2 6, Brown 7-14 2-4 18, Boone 4-6 1-2 9, Williams 7-16 3-4 17, Armstrong 1-2 0-0 2, Thompson 0-0 0-0 0, Kellogg 3-4 2-2 9, Nelson 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 34-64 16-21 88.

	1st	2nd	Total
NOTRE DAME	33	42	74
Connecticut	45	43	88

3-point goals: Notre Dame 10-22 (Falls 6-10, Thomas 2-4, Quinn 2-5, Cornette 0-3), Connecticut 4-9 (Brown 2-3, Villanueva 1-1, Kellogg 1-2, Williams 0-3). Fouled out: None. Rebounds: Notre Dame 26 (Isreal 6), Connecticut 43 (Williams 9). Assists: Notre Dame 10 (Thomas 5), Connecticut 20 (Williams 12). Total fouls: Notre Dame 17, Connecticut 17.

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Omari Isreal attempts to defend Denham Brown in the second half of Monday's game at Connecticut.

# Tennis

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both nationally-ranked players. Freshman Sheeva Parbhu has held onto the fourth spot in singles, and Bayliss has seen strong performances from sophomores Ryan Keckley and Irackli Akhvediani and juniors Eric Langenkamp and Patrick Buchanan while filling out the

last two spots.

"At the beginning of the year we were concerned with winning in the top part of the lineup," Bayliss said. "[Now] we're not really afraid of people at the top."

The team counted on the bottom of the singles lineup for crucial points, but also found salvation in doubles play.

"The doubles have been improving," said Bayliss. "We didn't get the doubles point

against Northwestern — it may be important against Michigan State."

Play in East Lansing will present a few specific problems for the Irish. The team arrived early and had an 8 p.m. practice time on Spartan courts Monday night.

"There are a couple of issues we're concerned about with this match," Bayliss said. "Michigan State's improved; they have some freshmen that

are good and they have a win over Arkansas which was ranked No. 19 at the time."

The Spartans have proven they can win tough matches, and winning in East Lansing isn't easy for visitors.

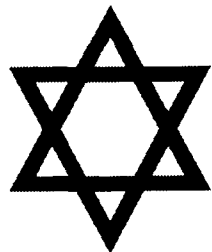
"Their courts are fast and at times it's hard to pick up the ball there," Bayliss said. "Adjusting to the speed and the lights in the background are all things we need to take care of."

Bayliss thinks the doubles point will be crucial in the away match.

"When you're on the road and everyone's crowd is in your face, if you can quiet them down by winning doubles ... that can really make a difference," he said.

The teams will square off at 4 p.m. in East Lansing.

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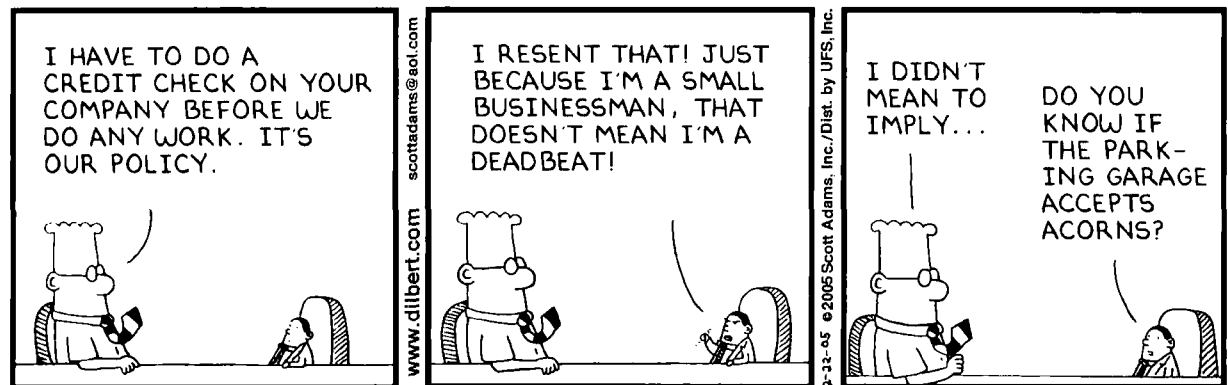
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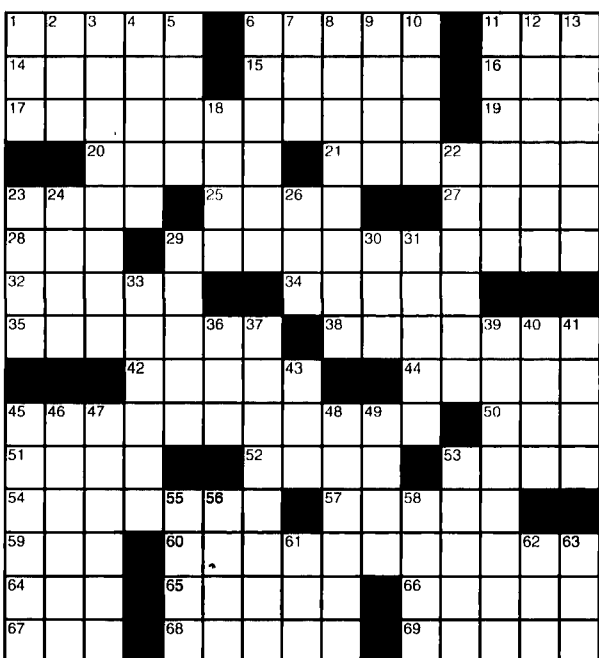
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  - 11 "Dracula" creature
  - 14 Blaze of glory
  - 15 African wader
  - 16 Emissions watchdog: Abbr.
  - 17 See 29-Across
  - 19 Dollop
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  - 21 Empire State Building style
  - 23 Butcher's cut
  - 25 Bigheads
  - 27 Repeat performance?
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  - 34 Discover
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  - 11 Beautify
  - 12 Military helicopter
  - 13 No-nos
  - 18 High-schooler
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  - 23 Young woman
  - 24 Killer whale
  - 26 Barn bird
  - 29 Many a time
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  - 31 Area of land
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  - 68 Data processing command
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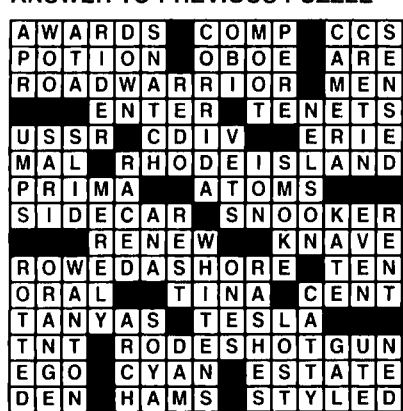
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**Happy Birthday:** You have to accept change in order to move ahead this year. Once you discover how to become as adaptable as possible, nothing will deter you from following the path you have wanted to take your whole life. This is a year of true confessions, a time to own up to your faults and shortcomings and to focus on your attributes and what you know in your heart you can do well. Your numbers are 3, 5, 18, 20, 24, 41.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Things should be looking up for you, and if you are quick to take care of business and act on your impulses, you will discover that life really isn't that bad. In fact, you are lucky to be who you are. Romance is in the picture. \*\*\*\*

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** You have the inclination to do something great today, but expect obstacles to slow you down. Don't get frustrated; instead, focus on what's really important to you. There is a time and place for everything. \*\*

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Love will be on your mind. Don't just sit there waiting for someone else to make the first move. Be brave and speak up, but choose your words wisely. An opportunity to make a personal change will result in more confidence and compliments. \*\*\*\*

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** You may feel like jumping into something new but check the situation out first and you will reach higher goals than you imagined. It's time to get creative and take whatever matters to you to the next level. Professional change will be favorable. \*\*\*

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** You'll have a terrific outlook, but not everyone will agree with what you want to do, especially about making changes at home. Use diplomacy and let others think they came up with the idea. \*\*\*

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** You think that everyone is out to get you when really it's you who is holding you back. This isn't the day to sit around and twiddle your thumbs. Take action and see how much you can accomplish, but don't neglect someone you love. \*\*\*

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** There are so many people who need help, and although you can't help them all, you can do your best to do your part. You will meet someone who can change your life if you participate in something that you feel passionate about. Be progressive, not angry. \*\*\*\*

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Your head is screwed on straight, so don't let anyone tell you differently. You may not feel great about what you have to do, but the fact that you have the courage to follow through with what you know is right will be prove to take you a lot further. \*\*

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** You have everything you need to do what you want, so don't let negativity or someone who is constantly putting you down deter you from moving forward. Make up your own mind and don't look back. \*\*\*\*\*

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** You will feel more responsibility if you let someone dump his or her duties in your lap. Careful -- don't get angry, or matters will escalate. A calm, patient approach will enable you to turn things around, giving you the freedom to do what is necessary. \*\*\*

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Relationships will be on your mind. You may have to make a decision as to whether you want to continue to see someone. Don't remember just the good. People don't change, and you will probably be disappointed if you backtrack now. \*\*\*

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** You will have plenty on your mind and lots to get done today. The best approach will be to go it alone and delve in relentlessly until you finish what you start. Satisfaction will result if you follow your heart and do what's right for you. \*\*\*\*

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## MEN'S BASKETBALL

# Hartford Center heartbreak

*Irish fall to Huskies in crucial conference road game*

By MATT LOZAR  
Sports Writer

When Notre Dame beat Connecticut at the Joyce Center three weeks ago, the surprise was the Irish big men outplaying the Huskies.

Monday night's performance by the Connecticut big men was no surprise at all.

The Huskies dominated the Irish (16-8, 8-6 Big East) on the glass and in the paint in an 88-74 win at the Hartford Civic Center.

Connecticut (18-6, 10-3) started cleaning up the rebounds from the start. The team had a 25-12 rebounding edge at the half and increased it to 43-26 by the end of the game.

Huskies forward Charlie Villanueva tied a career high with 25 points, Josh Boone added nine points and eight rebounds and point guard Marcus Williams played solidly at both ends of the court with 17 points, 12 assists and nine rebounds. In two games against the Irish this season, Williams has a combined 28 assists.

In Notre Dame's 78-74 win on Jan. 30, Torin Francis and Dennis Latimore combined for 31 points and 16 rebounds en route to leading the Irish to a 38-20 scoring advantage in the paint against the Huskies. Francis and Latimore did combine for 23 points and nine rebounds Monday night, but the disparity was much greater as the Huskies mus-

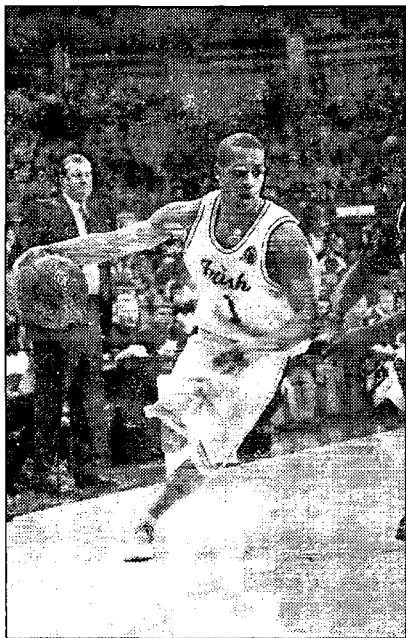
cled their way to dominance underneath the hoop.

The Huskies came out hot, but the Irish were able to keep pace behind the outside shooting of Colin Falls. The sophomore made his third 3-pointer at the 10:57 mark of the first half to get the Irish within one at 22-21.

Then the Huskies opened up a double-digit lead with a 13-4 run and went into the locker room up 45-32.

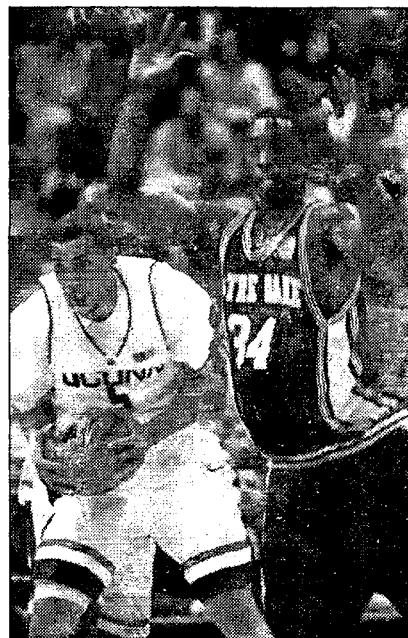
The Irish started the second half with a quick 5-0 run to get within eight. A frustrating pattern then developed as the Irish would trim the lead to that margin, before the Huskies would use quick runs of their own to push the lead

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CHUY BENITEZ/The Observer

Chris Thomas drives in a win against Connecticut Jan. 30.



AP

Torin Francis plays defense in Monday's loss to the Huskies.

## MEN'S TENNIS

# Team faces improving Spartans

By KATE GALES  
Sports Writer

The 5-2 win over Northwestern this weekend was deceptively close. With strong performances at the top of the lineup, however, the No. 23 Irish pulled out a scrappy but solid victory over the Wildcats on Friday.

But there was no time for Notre Dame to relish the victory over its regional rival. The Irish hit the courts at the South Bend Racquet Club in order to prepare for a match in the foreign territory belonging to today's opponent, Michigan State.

"Our guys practiced over

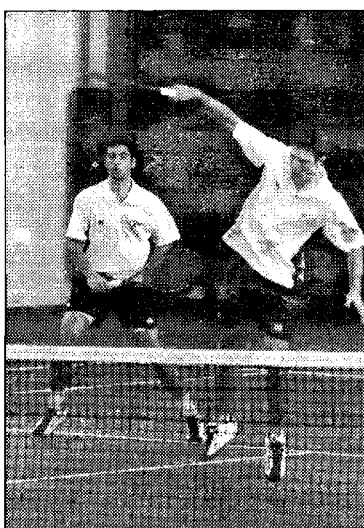
the weekend," coach Bobby Bayliss said. "I think we're ready to go."

The team has compiled a 9-2 record this season behind the dependable play of a deep and talented lineup. Senior co-captain Brent D'Amico recently moved into the top spot in singles, and Bayliss is pleased with his performance as a leader on the courts.

"Brent D'Amico's play has been better than it's ever been," Bayliss said. "He's playing the best tennis he's ever played for us."

D'Amico has been bolstered by the play of sophomores Stephen Bass and Barry King,

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BETH WERNET/The Observer

Steven Bass hits against Northwestern on Feb. 13.

## SMC BASKETBALL

# Belles look for first win against Calvin

By KEN FOWLER  
Sports Writer

The Belles don't need to look at the record books to know their history with Calvin College.

For six of Saint Mary's nine players, tonight's first-round matchup with the Knights is an opportunity to get revenge for a game that is still fresh in their minds.

A year ago, the Belles struggled to a last-place finish in the MIAA and faced Calvin in Grand Rapids, Mich. to start the league tournament. The Knights ran up and down the court on Saint

Mary's, crushing the Belles, 82-48.

For seniors Katie Boyce, Maureen Bush, Emily Creachbaum and Deirdre Mangan, tonight's game marks the last time they will have the chance to redeem themselves against Calvin, which has beaten Saint Mary's graduating class all nine times the two have played.

Bush said that the Belles are "always pretty motivated when we play Calvin," but that this game means more because of last year's contest.

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## FOOTBALL RECRUITING

# Creighton Prep quarterback accepts team's offer to walk on

By MIKE GILLOON  
Sports Writer

Even after he led his Omaha Creighton Prep football squad to the state championship last fall, Dan Gorski's teammates are making fun of him.

"[Nebraska tight end recruit] Zach Potter is calling me 'Leprechaun'," Gorski said. "A

lot of them wanted me to go to Nebraska."

Instead of choosing the in-state Huskers, Gorski accepted an offer to walk on as a quarterback at Notre Dame next fall. He joins scholarship recruit Evan Sharpley as one of two quarterbacks added to the Irish roster this off-season.

Gorski's mother is a Saint Mary's graduate while his

father is a Notre Dame Law School alum. One of his sisters is a current junior at Notre Dame, and another graduated from the University last year.

"It's a dream come true," Gorski said. "I've been a lifelong fan and my family was really excited. My sister was screaming."

Irish quarterbacks coach David Cutcliffe was also happy

with the decision that the first-team all-state quarterback made last Saturday.

"When I told him I was coming he jumped up with a big smile on his face and shook my hand," Gorski said.

Irish head coach Charlie Weiss was not around for Gorski's announcement, but before he left to catch a flight he gave the 4.0 student some advice.

"He said that if I didn't know within half an hour if this was the place, then it wasn't the place for me," Gorski said. "He's a big ND guy and I'm the type of guy he's looking for."

Gorski will be on campus starting June 18 and will train with his new teammates this summer. He hopes to win one

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## SPORTS AT A GLANCE

### CLUB SPORTS

**Women icers lose to Michigan twice**

After losing to the Wolverines 9-0 on Friday, the Irish fell again Saturday, 9-5.

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### PGA TOUR

**Scott wins Nissan Open for title**

The golfer won at Riviera in a playoff after 36 holes of the rain-soaked event.

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### NBA

**Trade deadline approaches**

The Timberwolves are among teams looking to make a move before Thursday's deadline.

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### MLB

**Bonds set to return to Giants**

Facing questions about steroid use, the slugger will make his annual "State-of-Barry" speech.

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**Titans release six players**

Looking to slash \$27 million from the roster, the Titans released several key players.

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### NASCAR

**Gordon living in the fast lane**

The NASCAR superstar notched 70 career wins en route for four season championships.

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