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Gold medal winner

Ryan Adams, a new musician on the indie rock scene, wowed audiences during his recent concert in Chicago.

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CLC aims to aid students, school

By JASON McFARLEY
News Editor

A former student on a recent visit to the University told Knott Hall rector Brother Jerome Meyer that as a Notre Dame undergraduate, he felt like a misfit.

"He came from a different financial and ethnic background than most students," Meyer said Monday at a Campus Life Council meeting. "He said he felt like he never belonged."

Meyer's comments were the springboard into a discussion that led CLC members to form task forces targeting community-building and diversity awareness and communication between students and administrators.

At the group's first meeting of the semester, thoughtful discussion of somewhat sensitive issues brought the council to a consensus to create the new task forces.

"Part of our job is to ensure that everyone feels as comfortable as possible," said Daly Barnes, the Coalition Council representative to the CLC. "If people feel like they're not fitting in because of their cultural differences, then that's something we need to address."

Jesse Flores, a Student Senate representative to the council, said Notre Dame students are uninterested in learning about people different from themselves. Attendance of multicultural events is routinely low, he said.

"There's not that sense of a



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Breen Phillips rector Sarah Davidson addresses the Campus Life Council Monday afternoon as (left to right) Senate representative Jesse Flores, Assistant University Vice President David Moss and O'Neill rector John Herman look on.

university where there's a free flow of ideas — on the macro level. I see it more in individual pockets," Flores said.

Members suggested that the trend was related to students' focus on personal — rather than community — goals.

Notre Dame officials annually admit classes of students whose test scores and academic achievement surpass the previous class' success, Pangborn Hall rector Heather Rakoczy said.

"I start to worry that as scores go up, we're getting more individually focused stu-

dents and not community-focused students," she said, noting that admitted students who were more community-minded would also be interested in multicultural affairs.

David Moss, assistant vice president for student affairs, told members that they should determine what steps other Notre Dame organizations are taking to address diversity issues. "It would be unfortunate if we basically re-did something that was already being done," he said.

One such effort to publicize and boost attendance of cam-

pus offerings is a comprehensive University calendar that lists all campus events for a given month, according to Brooke Norton, student body president.

Norton, who is also CLC chair, took care of housekeeping matters Monday, outlining the agenda for the group this semester.

"My goal is to really work on things that will benefit the students and the school," she said, adding that she wanted to use resources available to

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SMC candidates begin campaigns

By NOREEN GILLESPIE
News Writer

Candidates vying for the top two positions in student government officially start their bids for office today, as the 2002 election officially gets underway.

Two tickets will campaign this week running on a variety of issues, ranging from extending dining hall and library hours to increasing the capabilities of detex cards and making student government more accessible.

Candidates have from noon today until 5 p.m. Friday to get their platform promises across to students — leaving student politicians only three and one half days to hit the campaign trail.

"It's not hard to know the majority of your class or even 50 percent of the student body because the school is so small," Crawford said.

Campaigning on the theme "Getting the Job Done," Kim Jensen will run for president with vice-presidential candidate Elizabeth Jablonski-Diehl.

The pair has identified continuing Saint Mary's Pride, making Student Academic Council available to students, working to add a study day to the academic calendar,

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BOG hears tech presentation

By SARAH RYKOWSKI
News Writer

Keith Fowlks, the new head of Saint Mary's department of information technology, discussed his plans to improve technology at the College during Monday's Board of Governance meeting.

The first item of business on Fowlks' list is to try to get a bigger bandwidth for the College.

"They block some of the mp3 sites when too many people are downloading music files and other people can't get information because the bandwidth is all used up," Fowlks said. "We are trying to find a bigger pipe, but it will cost more money."

Fowlks asked for the stu-

dent government's aid in discovering other areas in which to make improvements, but also had a few more ideas of his own.

"This time in five years, you will have subnotebooks in front of you for taking notes," Fowlks said. "It's a constant journey, and we never reach a finishing point. What I want to do is not necessarily a technological college. What I want to see is an educational mission driving information technology."

"Technology should be educationally driven."

Saint Mary's, a traditional liberal arts college, is heading towards being a more comprehensive college, according to Fowlks. The College is offering more vocational degrees and programs

such as nursing, computer science and business in addition to the traditional degrees in history, music and English.

"Saint Mary's is doing some things I'm really excited about," Fowlks said.

Fowlks brings 10 years of experience as head of information technology at Hanover College. He is a graduate of the University of Texas with a masters in information systems and an MBA in economics and finance.

In other BOG news:

♦ After a fairly successful financial year, BOG has money to burn. Members discussed using the money for repairs to showers in various

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GEORGETOWN HANDS IRISH ANOTHER HOME LOSS



ERNESTO LACAYO/The Observer

Guard Matt Carroll tries to elude Georgetown guard Kevin Braswell in Georgetown's 83-73 victory. Carroll scored 17 points in the game, which was the third-straight home loss. For complete coverage of the game, see the sports section.

INSIDE COLUMN

Like a hot knife through butter...

I'll tell you what is disturbing. I was recently sitting in my study room, which is a good 10 degrees colder than the hallway, freezing my (expletive) off when I looked up and noticed that my roommate had turned the air conditioning on high. Was I irritated? Yes. But was I shocked?

Sheila Egts

Not particularly.

I take Nicole's stupidity with a grain of salt and remind myself that she is the girl who walked out of the dining hall with a life-sized cardboard Tony the Tiger. Then she dressed up like him and spent a week telling everyone about her new boyfriend named Tony.

Copy Editor

This is also the girl who smuggled a bottle of wine from Olive Garden, drank the whole thing on a Sunday night, and blamed her stomachache and vomiting the following day on the swordfish dish she had for dinner.

Her drinking problem, however, did not end with the encounter with a full bottle of wine. She continued to have issues the next day when she chugged three or four doses of Maalox straight from the bottle that she got from Health Services. This was supposed to stop the vomiting but only made it persist for the rest of the week.

During this week, I might add, she actually attended only three out of 12 classes. I found myself lying repeatedly to cover for my absentee roommate with convincing stories about her getting unexpectedly attacked by vicious porcupines.

Despite the excessive absences, Nicole boasts an impressive (and misleading) 3.51 grade point average after her first semester course load of 18 hours. I am in awe of this simply because I witnessed her compose every paper that she turned in on zero sleep mere hours before the deadlines. I tremble at the thought and bow down before Nicole for her fine-tuned study habits.

My point? My roommate is not the type of person who can really afford to have another hole in the head. Nonetheless, our weekend escapades included a trip to the Half Pint Tattoo Parlor in Niles, Mich. so Nicole could pierce her nose. While Nicole got an unnecessary hole in her face, I got a whole new perspective on the world of tattoos and piercing.

Nicole's actual piercing artist, Mikey, was like a surgeon with his task. He began professionally by calming the patient and telling Nicole not to worry because the needle was sharp enough to cut through her nose cartilage like a hot knife through butter. In other words, very little pressure would be applied.

This comment scared me to the point that I almost pooped on myself, so I went to the bathroom to splash some water on my face and calm my nerves. The bathroom at the parlor contained high-quality reading material including Maxim, Stuff and other notable adult male literature.

By the time I returned, Nicole had the "nostril screw" inserted through her nose and had only shed one tear. Mikey, also a sensitive guy who enjoys long walks on the beaches of Indiana, was kind enough to wipe away her tear. For this reason, Nicole has fallen madly in love with him and sits around waiting for him to call.

Not surprising, the tattoo parlor experience left me slightly more disturbed than sitting in an air-conditioned cubicle in the middle of winter. But, it was eye opening ... and I can appreciate that.

My advice to those who are sheltered as I was before this break-through experience is simple. Take the trip to Half Pint Tattoo Parlor. Ask for Mikey. And no matter what he says, don't let him pierce your labret.

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CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

An announcement in the Jan. 21 edition of the Observer incorrectly listed the location of Wednesday's lecture, "President Bush and the War Against Terrorism." The lecture is at 4:30 p.m. in the Hesburgh Center Auditorium. The Observer regrets the error.

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QUOTES OF THE WEEK

"I hadn't run in 45 years. My biggest challenge was coming up on 85 years of age in May."

Father Theodore Hesburgh
Notre Dame
president emeritus
on carrying the Olympic torch

"I know it's going to sound Pollyanna, but maybe it's divine intervention, but we got the right guy. I'm convinced of it."

Kevin White
athletic director
on hiring Tyrone Willingham

"I wanted to show the women's basketball team in a light that people aren't used to seeing us in."

Karen Swanson
women's basketball player
on the team calendar

"Let me tell you I've studied Japanese and it's not so easy to learn. We never had a Japanese professor as good as Minamiki."

Father Theodore Hesburgh
Notre Dame
president emeritus
on the late Father George Minamiki

BEYOND CAMPUS

Compiled from U-Wire reports

Track members reach settlement on Title IX lawsuit

NASHVILLE, Tenn.

Attorneys representing Vanderbilt University have reached a settlement agreement with attorneys for seven current and former members of the women's track and field and cross-country teams. The settlement stems from a lawsuit filed in May 2000 by Colleen Byrne, Shelley Dove, Tara Gregory, Kelly Howisey, Kylene Kownurko, Cynda Merse and Lauren Price — all current or former members of the Vanderbilt cross country and track and field teams — alleging Title IX discrimination.

Title IX, a component of the Education Amendments of 1972, prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in any educational program receiving federal funding.

"Vanderbilt has violated and contin-



ues to violate Title IX and its implementing regulations by denying its female students equal educational opportunities through its failure to provide equal benefits for women in varsity intercollegiate athletics," alleges the complaint filed by Charles Ray and Chip Frensey, the attorneys representing the seven student-athletes.

Ray & Frensey also represents former Vanderbilt track coach Paul

Arceneaux, who sued Vanderbilt alleging Title IX discrimination in his salary. That case is scheduled to go to trial March 5.

The complaint in the students' case alleges that the teams were discriminated against in the form of coaching salaries, number of coaches, facilities and scholarships. The plaintiffs sought "increased opportunities" and actual, compensatory and punitive damages.

"Men wouldn't get better textbooks in biology class, and they shouldn't get better athletic facilities," Frensey said.

The two sides reached a settlement in December of last year, but the formalities of the agreement were not finalized and released to the press until Wednesday.

Vanderbilt Hustler

UNIVERSITY OF EVANSVILLE

Arab students return to campus

EVANSVILLE, Ind.

All but one of the 17 students attending the University of Evansville from the United Arab Emirates who left after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks have returned for spring semester. The students returned to their country soon after the attacks due to their families' concerns for their safety, after news reports linked Arabs to the terrorist attacks in New York and Washington, D.C. Sophomore Fahed Al-Hammadi returned to the United Arab Emirates after phone calls from worried family members increased from once a week to three or four times a day following the attacks. "My family thinks of the U.S. as they see it in the movies," he said. "They thought because they heard of some Arab people being harassed, it was happening to me here." Although no threats or acts of violence were made against him personally, he did notice a marked difference in the way others looked at him and other Arab students, Al-Hammadi said.

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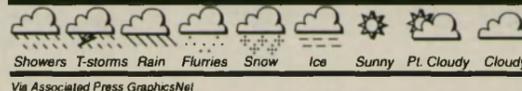
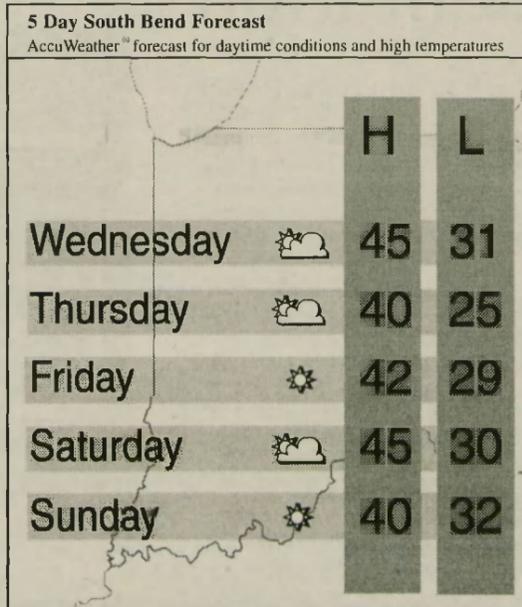
Cuts likely in higher ed funding

ANN ARBOR, Mich.

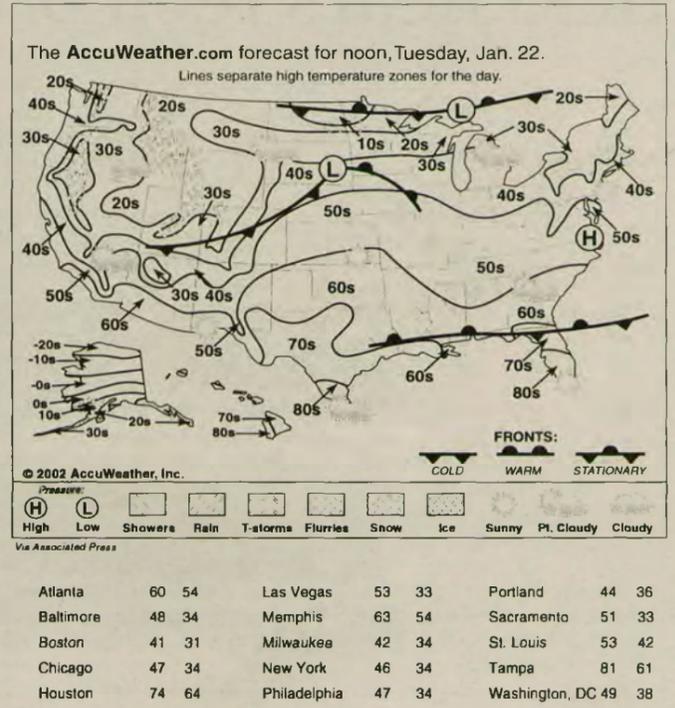
With the state facing an estimated deficit of \$900 million, funding for Michigan public universities for the next academic year is expected to remain low and could even be cut. The amount of funding the University of Michigan receives usually determines tuition for that year. When State Treasurer Doug Roberts met with the directors of the House and Senate fiscal agencies Tuesday to make revenue estimates for the coming fiscal year, they predicted fiscal year 2003 revenue would drop 0.4 percent from 2002. State Budget Director Don Gilmer will make Gov. John Engler's budget presentation to the Legislature Feb. 7, and indications are that higher education funding will be cut. "(The governor) doesn't think there will be a department in state government that will not face cuts," said Engler spokesman Matt Resch. When asked if that included the state's universities and colleges, Resch added, "Everyone needs to be prepared to tighten their belts."

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Chicago fire kills 1, injures 8

Associated Press

CHICAGO

A fire sent flames shooting out windows of a high-rise apartment building early Monday, killing one woman and injuring eight firefighters.

The cause of the fire on the 14th floor of the 47-building was not immediately determined. Fire Department spokesman Patrick Howe said. It broke out around 12:30 a.m.

"The fire had vented itself through the windows and

came roaring out the door and got the firemen right in the doorway," Fire Commissioner James Joyce said.

The victim was a woman in her 50's, the Cook County medical examiner's office said. Investigators were still working to identify her.

Three firefighters were treated in a hospital for burns and upgraded to fair condition Monday afternoon, a Fire Department spokesman said. Five others were treated and released, he said.

The building, on Chicago's near north side, has 407

apartments and is home to about 800 people.

Carol and Ron Shapiro were among the residents who escaped, walking down stairs from their 34th-floor apartment.

"The problem really was not knowing whether we were supposed to go up or down," Carol Shapiro said. "We were not getting any messages or hearing anything. It was smoky, but people were looking out for the people behind them and the people in front of them. Neighbors were incredible."

Aid pledges exceed estimates

Associated Press

TOKYO

A two-day conference on aid to Afghanistan closed Tuesday with pledges of more than \$4.5 billion, but officials warned the challenge now is seeing the money gets to where it needs to go.

Organizers, in a final statement, said more than \$4.5 billion in aid had been pledged by the close of the meeting Tuesday. Of that, more than \$1.8 billion was earmarked for the current year. The rest would be distributed by the donors over the next several years.

The United States, Japan and the European Union opened the meeting by offering about half of the more than \$2.6 billion in pledges, which will go into effect at different times.

But other contributions were smaller, such as \$5 mil-

lion promised by Turkey. Some countries gave no figures at all. At least 25 countries indicated they would contribute.

Few details were given about the rules for spending the aid money. Often, donor countries require their aid be used to buy goods from companies in those countries. Private aid groups have expressed concerns about such conditions.

"I regard it as a very, very good start," World Bank President James Wolfensohn said Tuesday. "I think the important thing is to get things moving forward in an atmosphere of uncertainty."

According to the final statement, the money was offered on the condition that all Afghan ethnic groups would make an active contribution to the goals of reconstruction and reconciliation.

An initial needs assessment prepared by the World Bank

and two other international organization estimated that \$1.7 billion would be needed to pay for the first year of reconstruction.

"We all know that it's going to be tough to make sure that the money gets to the place that it should go," Wolfensohn said. "But I think with a proper transparent system, with a lot of auditing, with accounting, there's a fair chance that we'll get most of the money where it's supposed to go."

Briefing reporters Tuesday, a senior U.S. delegation official agreed that pledges in Tokyo for the first year "exceeded expectations."

He added, however, that managers of the global aid drive would have to lean on some countries to give more.

Donations fell short of the \$10 billion, five-year goal that was floated by U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan during his opening address Monday.

Student film festival kicks off Thursday

By MEGAN HARNEY
News Writer

This Thursday, the 13th annual Notre Dame Student Film Festival will premiere in the Hesburgh Library Auditorium.

All of the films shown are the projects of students in the Film, Television and Theatre department's film and video production classes. For the advanced classes, one film project dominated most of the semester. In the beginning and intermediate courses, students produced approximately four smaller projects during the same time period. This weekend's festival will include a mix from all levels.

While FTT professor Ted Mandell said that each film is original in theme and subject matter, one commonality these films share is "the quality of filmmaking [which] keeps getting better and better as the students learn from their peers."

The professors are "extremely involved in the process from an advisory role," said Mandell, but do not censor or restrict student ideas.

"[These films] are supposed to challenge the viewer," said Mandell, adding that the films are intended for mature audiences.

The student filmmakers who produced these short films were responsible for every aspect of production, including writing the scripts, casting, filming and editing. Some held auditions, seeking the help of students and South Bend residents for roles.

Maggie Moran, director of

This Time, You'll Watch Me On You, auditioned 15 women for her lead role, won by Notre Dame sophomore Julia Dickinson.

"[Filmmakers] didn't necessarily limit themselves to actors between the ages of 18 and 22," said Moran.

Moran said that a student film undergoes extensive revisions. Many students went through eight to 12 drafts of a script, but spent the majority of their time editing the film.

"Editing is definitely where everyone has to work the hardest," said Matt Reilly, co-director

of Lament, estimating that he and fellow director Brent Buckman spent 100 to 120 hours on this step.

While the course gave students access to and experience with high-tech production equipment, much of the work was done on their own time. These filmmakers also had to fund their own film stock and processing, which could run as high as \$900 per project in the advanced classes. Working in pairs definitely helped keep the cost down, Mandell said.

"Working with film you have such a small window to get it right because of costs and because of time restraints," said Moran.

"Some students might say it's the hardest thing they've ever done at Notre Dame," Mandell said.

The festival runs Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Monday nights. All 13 of the featured films, which individually run from three to 15 minutes in length, will show twice each evening at 7:30 and 9:45 p.m.. Tickets, which annually sell-out, are on sale at the LaFortune Box Office for \$4 each.

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"[These films] are supposed to challenge the viewer."

Ted Mandell
FTT professor

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Election

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improving dining hall food and advancing detex card capabilities as priorities in their platform. The ticket also promises to work toward making student government offices accessible and developing stronger relations with students and faculty in the platform statement.

The second ticket, running on the theme "More Access, More Security, Less Worries" is composed of Caroline Coughlin for president and Jeanna Winchester for vice-president.

The ticket's platform promises to extend library hours on weekends and during midterms and finals, extending dining hall hours, decreasing student parking ticket fines and adding study days. They also aim to increase the accessibility of Information Technology, add

a student bulletin board to the Web site so students can place advertisements in absence of all-school e-mail access and add Munch Money for off-campus students. They also want to add call waiting and caller ID to the phone systems and provide a salon for campus.

The student body will have the chance to ask questions of the tickets at Wednesday's "Meet the Candidates" Night at Haggar College Center in the Chameleon Room at 7 p.m.

Voting will occur on Monday in the dining hall during mealtimes. All students, including seniors and students traveling abroad next year, may vote. Off-campus students can vote in the off-campus student lounge.

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BOG

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dorms, bathmats and new vacuum cleaners.

♦ The Board stressed their desire for further attention to the arts on Saint Mary's campus. Student body vice president Kristin Matha addressed members of Thespians Unplugged who recently attended the Irene Ryan National Scholarship Foundation competition.

"We don't often recognize leaders of your sort," said Matha. "We commend all of you for being nominated or attending the competition."

The members who went to the competition told the Board they were planning a demonstration of some of the things they learned at the competition.

♦ BOG also granted requests for further funding to representatives from Thespians Unplugged and the Biology

Club. Torie Cox, the Student Academic Council representative for the Biology Club, requested and was granted reimbursement for some of the activities put on by the Biology Club's week last November.

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CLC

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her as student body president to assist the council's task force work.

The creation of the latest task forces means the CLC is now working on five areas of campus life: off-campus living, alcohol use, social space, community-building and student-administration communication.

Members approved formation of a communication task force to examine perceived tensions between students and University officials.

"The real issue has to do with

communication, especially from the standpoint of the tailgating situation," Tim Jarotkiewicz of the Judicial Council said about administrators' crackdown on tailgaters last fall before home football games.

In other CLC news:

♦ Jarotkiewicz, who chairs the off-campus living task force, reported that a housing survey last month generated more than 2,600 undergraduate responses. He expected results to be available soon.

"It was very successful. [Responses] kept coming in like you wouldn't believe," he said.

Moss told the group that

senior staff in the Office of Student Affairs was looking forward to receiving survey data from the task force.

♦ Norton said Father Mark Poorman, vice president for student affairs, offered to speak and answer questions at an upcoming CLC meeting.

♦ To accommodate two members' schedule conflicts, council meetings may be held an hour earlier in the future. The change would shift the meeting time to 3:30 p.m. every other Monday.

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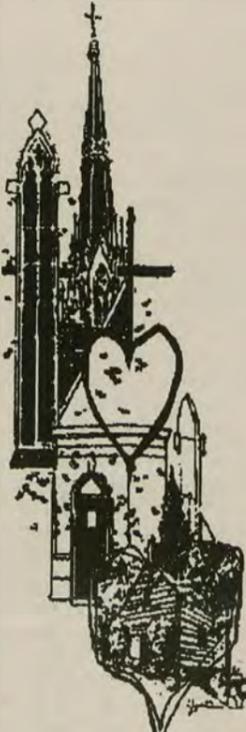
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South Africa to get AIDS drug:

A key AIDS drug, which reduces the chances of HIV-positive pregnant mothers transmitting the virus to their children at birth, will be made available in South Africa's most AIDS-stricken province. The drug, Nevirapine, is approved by the World Health Organization, and studies show it can reduce the rate of mother-to-child HIV infections by up to 50 percent.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Victims of helicopter crash named:

The Pentagon released the names of the two Marines killed and the five injured in a helicopter crash Sunday in Afghanistan. Staff Sgt. Walter F. Cohee III, 26, from Mardela Springs, Mar., and Sgt. Dwight J. Morgan, 24, from Mendocino, Calif. both died in the crash. The men were assigned to Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 361, which is part of the 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing based in Marine Corps Air Station, Miramar, Calif.

Brown pelican making comeback:

Federal wildlife officials say they are drafting a proposal to take the brown pelican off the endangered species list in Louisiana — the Pelican State — and Texas, some 40 years after the bird was nearly wiped out by DDT. The pesticide DDT caused them to lay eggs with shells too thin to protect developing embryos.

INDIANA NEWS BRIEFS

Walking pneumonia on the rise:

Health officials suspect a rise in cases of "walking pneumonia" in central Indiana this winter may be part of a cyclical pattern for the illness. Some doctors believe mycoplasma — the illness' formal name — may be more prevalent than ever before in central Indiana, although it is difficult to be certain because doctors and hospitals are not required to report cases to the government. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates there may be as many as 2 million cases of walking pneumonia annually nationwide.

COLOMBIA



AFP Photo

Colombian government peace commissioner Camilo Gomez and Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia rebel leader Raul Reyes look over a document during talks in Los Pozos, Colombia.

Colombian rebels promise ceasefire

Associated Press

BOGOTA

Colombian President Andres Pastrana, showing a new toughness, has wrested his first major concessions from leftist guerrillas in three years of peace talks.

A series of eleventh-hour accords, culminating Sunday with a mutual pledge to seek a ceasefire by early April, has also opened a larger international role in the country's acrimonious peace process.

The latest deal was struck after nearly two weeks of heightened

troop maneuvers around the main stronghold of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia — and intense mediation by U.N. and other foreign envoys.

On Monday, U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan called the accord "a promising roadmap for peace talks."

The agreement propels the government and the FARC into internationally monitored negotiations for the first time since the peace process began in January 1999.

War-weary Colombians are hoping it will bring a reprieve in a 38-year-old

guerrilla conflict that kills some 3,500 people annually and has driven millions from their homes.

Daniel Garcia Pena, a former government peace negotiator, called the agreement a "qualitative leap" in the peace process and said Pastrana had regained his stature in the public's eye.

"Only a few days ago, it seemed the peace process was an imposition of a fortified guerrilla group over a weak president, and I believe that has changed today," Garcia Pena said in an interview.

Horacio Serpa, the leading candidate in May's presidential elections from the opposition Liberal Party, cautioned against rejoicing until there are more tangible results. "It's the best agreement reached to this point, but it's not a panacea," Serpa said.

In Sunday's accord, signed in a rebel-held village, the FARC and the government set an April 7 deadline for coming to terms on a cease-fire.

The rebels agreed to discuss a halt to kidnappings — a major FARC income source — as part of the truce.

Market Watch January 18

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CISCO SYSTEMS (CSCO)	-3.23	-0.63	18.85

Enron scandal worries Bush advisers

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

President Bush's advisers, fearing the Enron Corp. bankruptcy controversy could divert attention from his second-year agenda, are debating what to do about a political problem they helped create.

From the first belated disclosure that the energy giant sought help from Bush's team, the White House has helped fuel the story by refusing to release some details and offering others in dribs and drabs. "Whatever the underlying facts

are, they are creating the impression that there's something to hide," said Joe Lockhart, a veteran of scandal-control strategy as press secretary to President Clinton.

Nearly two-thirds of Americans — 63 percent — believe the Bush administration isn't telling everything it knows about its relationship with Enron, according to a recent CBS News poll.

With the Enron story gathering steam, Republicans are divided over how to respond, and Democrats are split on whether it

will be a potent political issue.

White House officials hope Bush's State of the Union address Jan. 29 will shift focus from Enron to his domestic policy agenda, the war on terrorism and efforts to prevent future attacks.

But some Republicans outside the administration say that won't be enough. They're pushing for more disclosures and an internal investigation. Bush spokesman Ari Fleischer has said the White House will not try to determine which administration officials had contacts with Enron executives.

IRS may review income tax collection

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH

The Internal Revenue Service uses banks to collect tax payments because it's supposed to be an efficient way of getting money into federal coffers quickly, with less hassle for the government.

But ever since some 71,000 checks worth \$1.2 billion went missing at Mellon Financial's operation in Pittsburgh last year, there has been plenty of hassle: new security measures, an investigation and now a Senate committee's request that the U.S. comptroller general review the security of the entire system.

There's been no indication anyone tried to steal anything at Mellon. In this case, the culprits might have simply felt overworked and decided to dump returns into a storage room.

Members of the Senate Finance Committee say that created an intolerable situation, spokesman Mike Siegel said. The committee has asked the General Accounting Office, investigations arm of Congress, to look at what's known as the IRS lockbox system.

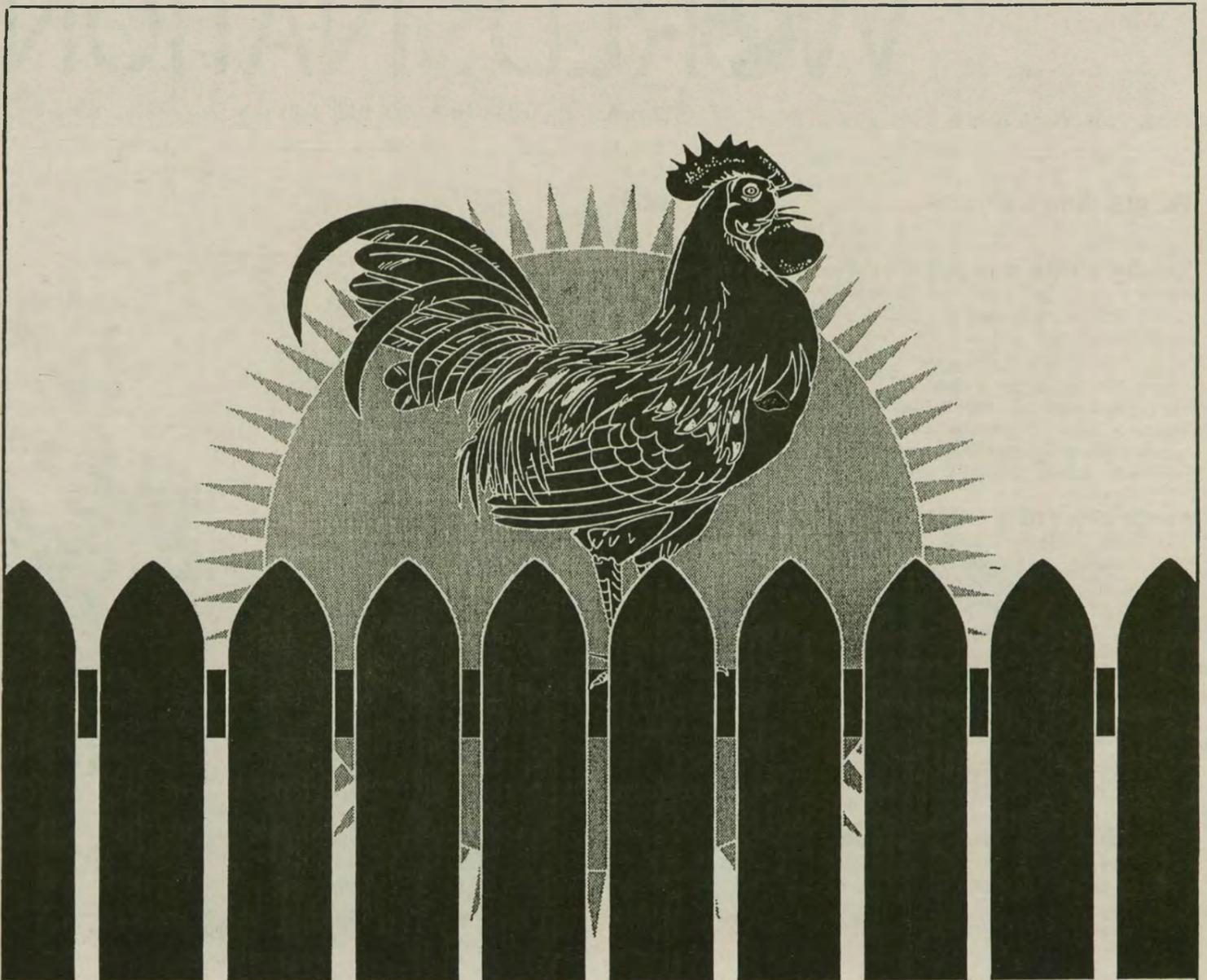
"We're relying on the quick response of the IRS to make sure there's not a replay of what occurred last year in Pittsburgh," Siegel said.

While many taxpayers might not know it, the IRS maintains contracts with four financial firms — Mellon, Bank of America, FirStar and Bank One — to operate lockbox centers in 10 locations across the nation. When taxpayers owe the government money, their returns and check go to one of these bank centers.

That way, the check can be credited to the government's accounts quickly, said Ken Carfine, cash management director at Financial Management Service, the Treasury Department's collection and disbursement arm.

At the height of tax time in April, Mellon's Pittsburgh operation was processing, on some days, more than 80,000 returns from parts of New York and New England, with checks totaling millions of dollars.

To handle the load, some 600 workers processed returns, extracted checks and keypunched information into computers. Temporary workers were hired, with an eye toward hitting FMS' target completion date for the peak filing period, April 29.



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MEXICO

PRI faces corruption

Associated Press

MEXICO CITY

Just as Mexico's former ruling party tries to make a comeback, federal investigators say they have uncovered a high-level corruption scheme it used to power its political machine.

The investigation of \$120 million allegedly laundered from the state-run oil company could damage the Institutional Revolutionary Party's efforts to cast itself as a new, reformed organization that has purged corruption from its ranks.

The party, known as the PRI, lost its first presidential election ever in July 2000 to Vicente Fox, ending 71 years in power. Since then, it has been trying to win back Mexicans to help it elect a new leader and chart a course as an opposition party. "What happens to the PRI, happens to you," radio advertisements declare.

Given the latest scandal, that might not be too appealing. On Saturday, federal prosecutors said they had frozen the bank accounts of nine current and former executives of the state-run oil monopoly, Petroleos Mexicanos, or Pemex, as well as an account controlled by the oil workers union, for allegedly funneling money to the PRI.

After monitoring more than 100 cellular and home phones, officials accused the union,

headed by PRI member Carlos Romero Deschamps, of laundering oil money for the presidential campaign of Francisco Labastida, the PRI candidate who lost the 2000 election. A representative from the union did not return messages Monday requesting comment.

Also implicated Saturday was former Pemex director Rogelio Montemayor, the former PRI governor of Coahuila state who was accused of helping illegally transfer funds into the union's bank account and pass on the money to the PRI in a complicated series of transfers involving

U.S. and Mexican banks and phony raffles for party members.

The accusations were not exactly a surprise. Pemex had long been suspected of funding Mexican politicians under PRI rule.

"It is something that has existed as a fact of Mexican politics and of presidential elections," said George Baker, director of Mexico Energy Intelligence, an industry newsletter. "What's new about it is not the fact, but the thought that it's going to be talked about and even investigated."

The challenge for the government will be how far to carry the investigation in a political system where nearly every politician and political entity likely benefited from illegal

funds, Baker said.

"Who hasn't received \$120 million from Pemex?" he quipped.

PRI President Dulce Maria Sauri denied the party used Pemex funds for its campaign and accused the Fox administration of launching the investigation to help justify what she says are its plans to privatize Pemex, with the world's seventh-largest proven crude oil reserves. Fox has said he wants more private investment — not privatization — for the company.

The probe could affect the Feb. 24 race for the PRI's leadership, in which Roberto Madrazo, former governor of the oil-rich state of Tabasco and a Labastida rival, is running against Labastida ally Beatriz Paredes.

Madrazo encouraged the government to investigate, saying corruption has no place in the new PRI.

"We have a duty to our followers to win the confidence of the people," Madrazo said. He called on the PRI to rid itself of "the old vices that hurt the party, like corruption."

Paredes cautioned Fox against trying to destroy "one of the country's biggest political forces," the PRI.

"The Mexican people want clarity in this case, not to enter into some kind of mudslinging game," she said at a news conference Monday.

Fox replaced Montemayor with Raul Munoz Leos when he took office and directed the new Pemex chief to clean up corruption. Munoz Leos said he had "no opinion" on the case.

"We have a duty to our followers to win the confidence of the people."

Roberto Madrazo
former governor

BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA

Officials probe aid organizations

Associated Press

SARAJEVO

The arrest and extradition of six Algerian terror suspects — five of whom worked for Islamic humanitarian organizations — has the Bosnian government and Western intelligence agencies taking a hard look at some 120 aid groups operating in the Balkan country.

Officials want to know whether the groups, which poured in to help the Muslim country recover from its devastating 1992-95 war, are legitimate aid organizations or fronts for terrorists plotting new attacks against U.S. interests.

The issue is a delicate one for Bosnia, which is still struggling to recover from its devastating 1992-95 war and depends heavily on outside humanitarian assistance. Officials are torn: They want to ensure agencies aren't sheltering terrorists, but they're anxious to avoid offending legitimate charities.

"They definitely deserve our attention," Ivica Mistic, Bosnia's deputy foreign minister and the head of the government's anti-terrorism team, told The Associated Press on Monday.

"There are so many of them in Bosnia. I believe there is reason for us to review this problem of their presence, actually review some of their staff, but without prejudice, of course," Mistic said.

Humanitarian groups have come under renewed scrutiny since the arrests in October of six Algerians that U.S. authorities said posed a significant

and credible threat to American and other Western interests in Bosnia.

Despite violent protests and allegations from human rights groups that authorities lacked hard evidence against them, Bosnia last Friday turned the suspects over to U.S. custody. They were sent to Afghanistan over the weekend en route to the U.S. prison at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. They would become the first terror suspects from outside Afghanistan to be held there.

One of the men, Bensayah Belkacem, was arrested on the strength of foreign intelligence reports that he allegedly made telephone calls to an aide of al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden. The others, Mustafa Adir, Sabir Lamar, Muhamed Nehle, Lakdar Bumedi and Budelah Hadz, were rounded up after British and U.S. officials in Bosnia briefly closed their embassies in Sarajevo, citing credible security threats.

After their arrests, the U.S. Embassy in Sarajevo expressed concern about "suspect activities" at the humanitarian organizations.

Lamar worked as an administrator for the Saudi High Commissioner for Aid to Bosnia, a group founded by Saudi Prince Selman bin Abdul-Aziz that claims to have spent more than \$600 million providing assistance to Bosnian Muslims during and after the war.

Its Sarajevo headquarters is a \$9 million complex consisting of a mosque that accommodates 5,000 people, modern classrooms for Arabic studies and computer science, as well as a library, restaurants and a sports hall.

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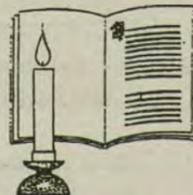
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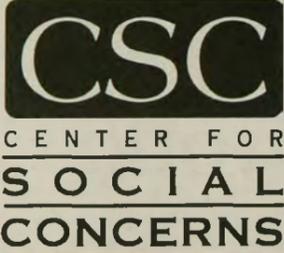
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Spring Break Seminars - March 10-16, 2002 (All applications are available at the CSC. Application Deadline: January 30th, 10:00p.m.)

Information Sessions: January 28th @ CSC, Rm. 124 at the following times:

 <p>5:30 p.m.</p>	 <p>6:00 p.m.</p>	 <p>6:30 p.m.</p>	 <p>7:00 p.m.</p>	 <p>7:30 p.m.</p>
<p>Holy Cross Mission Seminar Applications are also available at Campus Ministry. A week-long immersion into the Latino parish of Nuestra Senora de Soledad. March 9-15</p>	<p>L'Arche Seminar This seminar centers around travel to a L'Arche community in Toronto, Canada to share community life with people with developmental challenges. Students draw from the philosophy of Jean Vanier and various spiritual writings to augment this participatory learning experience.</p>	<p>Migrant Experiences Seminar This seminar offers a unique immersion into the lives of migrant farmworkers in Florida during the spring harvest. Students pick tomatoes in the fields (donating their wages), live with migrant families, assist agencies that serve migrants, and meet with community leaders.</p>	<p>Appalachia Seminar Students explore religious, social, political and environmental issues in five states in the Appalachia region. More than 15 service-learning sites are available.</p>	<p>Washington Seminar How are we, as Christians, called to live and work in the world? Through use of our nation's capital, students will explore this question, by visiting a monastery and several Catholic public policy organizations.</p>

Visit these seminars' tables at the Social Concerns Festival this Thursday evening (at the CSC from 7 to 9 p.m.) for more information!

Summer Service Project Internships: The final information session for the 2002 Summer Service Project Internships will be **TONIGHT, January 22nd 6:30 PM** at the Center for Social Concerns. Come and hear from others who have had this eight-week experience, find out the requirements - It is a Course! - **Theo 360. \$1900.00 Scholarship**

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 - *Interviewing Workshop For Post-Graduate Service Programs - Jan. 23 - 5:00p.m. @ CSC
- MJ Adams from ACE and John Pinter from Holy Cross Associates will present helpful hints in preparation for upcoming interviews with all post-graduate service programs.

Current Volunteer Needs:

Tutoring/Children Activities

Volunteer to Work with Autistic Teen - Kathy Coleman - 272-1160
She is searching for someone to spend time with her 13-yr. old son Matt, who is a high functioning autistic teen who loves sports, nintendo and animals. He is having trouble making friends at school and needs some companionship.

Tutoring/Recreation with Teenagers - Please call 282-2209 if interested

Volunteers needed to help with homework and provide recreational activities for 3 boys aged 15, 13, & 10 living at the Catholic Worker House (located on Notre Dame Ave. & Cedar). Weekdays anytime between 4-7 pm and anytime over the weekends. Volunteers asked to make consistent weekly commitment.

Tutor for Eleven-year-old - Julie Dawson - 329-9756 (cell) - 232-0895 (home)

Hoping to find a tutor, preferably female, to work with her daughter Brienne, who attends St. Joe grade school, especially needs help in reading comprehension and math. A location on campus can be arranged.

Tutor for High School Junior - Yolanda Carson - 234-1949

She's looking for a tutor for her daughter who is a Junior in H.S. She is being recruited for college basketball, but needs some help with Algebra and English to keep her grades up, she can meet with the tutor on campus.

Mentor for 13 yr old at Madison Center - Barbara Burkett or Jerri Dunn - 651-1255

Looking for a male mentor to spend some quality time with a 13 yr old boy who needs a positive role model in his life. Time commitment involves meeting with him weekly or biweekly.

Spanish Speaking Volunteer for Preschooler - Marissa Runkle - (219) 289-4831 - marissar@logancenter.org

A four year old Hispanic little boy needs someone who speaks Spanish to play with him his preschool which is a short driving distance from campus.

Volunteer for Preschooler - Marissa Runkle - (219) 289-4831 - marissar@logancenter.org

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If you have any questions about these volunteer projects feel free to email cscvols@nd.edu.

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The following hour-long sessions are the ONLY sessions that will be offered at the CSC this semester:

- January 22, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.
- January 27, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
- January 31, 8:00 - 9:00 p.m.
- February 3, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
- March 3, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

There is no need to register.
Bring pen and driver's license to session.
Questions? e-mail: cscvans@nd.edu

INDIA

12 civilians killed in Kashmir raid

Associated Press

JAMMU
Twelve civilians — including eight children — were killed in a raid on a remote village in Indian-controlled Kashmir Monday, and police said they suspect a Pakistan-based Islamic militant group.

It was the deadliest attack since Pakistan started clamping down on the rebels.

Two women and a man were wounded when the attackers surrounded Salwa village in the Punch district, about 135 miles northwest of Jammu, the state's winter capital, said Ashok Suri, the state's police chief.

The attackers forced their way into the house of villager Zakir Hussain, a Muslim, and started firing indiscriminately, Suri said.

The eight dead children ranged in age from six months to 12 years. Also killed were two men and two women, officials said. One of the women was Hussain's wife, who was nine months' pregnant with twins, they said.

"It is still not clear which group has done this, but one of the pro-Pakistan groups active in the area are definitely behind this massacre," Suri said. He

gave no reason for his suspicions.

"The motives of the killings are not known. We are investigating. It's a remote village," Suri said.

He said the villagers could have refused demands from the militants to provide food and shelter, or the militants might have thought the villagers were police or army informants.

In another incident, police said two militants were killed Monday in an encounter with the Indian army in Chamalvas in Doda district, 110 miles north of Jammu.

Both were identified as top activists of the Jaish-e-Mohammed militant group. Five army personnel were injured, two of them critically, they said.

Army spokesman Lt. Col. Mukhtiar Singh said a top Hezbul-Mujahedeen commander, Ghulam Mohammed Gani, was killed Sunday night in Hathipora, 60 miles north of Srinagar, in an exchange of gunfire with an army patrol.

Pakistan's government started a crackdown a week ago on Islamic militants based in its territory, and banned several of the groups that are fighting in the Indian-controlled portion of Kashmir to win independence or merger with Pakistan, including Jaish-e-Mohammed.

Allies take more active role

◆ Countries are now eager to join war in Afghanistan

Associated Press

MACDILL AIR FORCE BASE, Fla.

America's allies in the war on terrorism are beginning to play a more prominent role in Afghanistan — Canada, for example, is sending 750 combat troops. But here at the headquarters of the U.S. general who runs the war, the international partners keep a low profile.

Gen. Tommy Franks, commander in chief of Central Command, often mentions that more than 20 countries have military representatives at his headquarters to consult on the war's progress and coordinate actions.

They operate from beige-and-green mobile trailers ringed by a chain-link fence in a parking lot dubbed "Coalition Village." Armed U.S. soldiers stand guard. Some, like NATO allies Britain, France and Turkey, as well as longtime U.S. partners Australia and South Korea, fly their national flags.

A Central Command spokesman, Marine Corps Maj. Brad Lowell, said 25 countries are represented here, but Central Command will not publicly list them. Lowell said it's up to the governments to talk about their role in the anti-terror campaign, including their presence at MacDill.

Some do. Some don't, apparently fearful of a political backlash at home.

"They are all making a

major contribution," Franks said in an Associated Press interview last week.

Canada announced Jan. 7 that it will send 750 combat troops to Kandahar airport to join at least 2,000 members of the U.S. Army's 101st Airborne Division, and Germany last week dispatched 70 soldiers as peacekeepers. Earlier this month six German navy ships set off for patrols off the Horn of Africa to help the United States cut off potential escape routes for terrorists fleeing Afghanistan.

Last week, Jordan began operating a military field hospital in the northern Afghan city of Mazar-e-Sharif.

The nature of the war in Afghanistan is different from previous U.S. conflicts, and so, too, is the role of allies. In the 1999 air war in Kosovo, for example, 14 NATO member countries contributed a total of 327 aircraft. It is telling that the operation was dubbed "Allied Force," and that the war commander, Gen. Wesley Clark, ran it from his NATO command headquarters in Belgium.

The 1991 Gulf War also featured heavy combat contributions from a wide spectrum of countries, including Egypt.

To dissuade people from thinking the war in Afghanistan is strictly an American undertaking, Franks and the Bush administration have been eager to highlight the coalition's contributions. Now that the most intense combat appears to be over, more countries are becoming involved inside Afghanistan.

"It's an evolution of the operation that we're seeing,"

said Commodore J.J.P. Thiffault, Canada's senior representative at MacDill. His government has contributed several warships, two maritime patrol aircraft and one cargo plane. The 750 combat troops are to go to Kandahar in mid-February, he said.

As in most of America's overseas conflicts, Britain is the most prominent and publicly supportive ally.

British Air Vice Marshal G.E. "Jock" Stirrup arrived at Franks' headquarters on Sept. 17, six days after the terrorist attacks and weeks before President Bush launched the U.S. military campaign in Afghanistan.

Britain has about 4,000 troops in and around Afghanistan, including ground forces working with U.S. special operations troops. It flies surveillance, reconnaissance and refueling aircraft in the area and has warships in the Arabian Sea. Britain also is leading the International Security Assistance Force in Kabul that is meant to stabilize the capital area while the U.S. military operation continues.

British submarines launched cruise missiles into Afghanistan in the opening hours of the campaign.

In an interview just days before he returned to London, to be replaced at MacDill by Lt. Gen. Cedric Delves, Stirrup said that as commander of British forces it was essential that he be present here rather than rely on telephone or other long-distance means of communicating with Franks and his staff.

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GUEST COLUMN

WTC monument should honor courage, not race

SAN MARCOS, Texas

Diversity is a wonderful thing. It enriches our society and lends depth to our culture as a nation. Like all good things though, it can be taken to extremes and lose its meaning.

Staff Editorial

Such is the case with the proposed memorial statue for the New York firefighters killed in the Sept. 11 attack.

The statue, which is loosely based on the now famous photograph of the firefighters hoisting the flag over the rubble of Ground Zero, features one white, one black and one Hispanic firefighter.

This is contrast to the photo where

all three of the firefighters were white.

It could be argued that the symbolic nature of the statue outweighs the historical significance, but the enumeration of only three races when people of many other races not represented died can be seen as somewhat insulting. In order for it to be truly representative, all other races must be displayed. And there lies the problem.

It is also insulting to the three firefighters who raised the flag over the ruins. Should their place in history be denied simply because they happen to be white?

Tragedy knows no race or color and death visits everyone equally, especially on that day. While the intentions of the designer were good, the statue ceases to be a memorial and becomes a monument to political correctness.

What becomes lost in all of this is white, black, Hispanic and Asian people didn't die simply as members of their race. They died as Americans who selflessly gave their lives for their fellow man and woman. This tragedy never needed to be about race.

What is needed is a monument that takes courage and dedication into account. Let us remember what those brave men and women did, not what color that they happened to be.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Golden Globe choices too formulaic

I refuse to watch the Golden Globes ever again. I can't believe that "The Lord of the Rings" didn't win anything on Sunday night. The critics still don't seem to care about beauty, truth or technical achievement.

Instead, they voted for the formulaic, tedious "A Beautiful Mind." I find it ironic that the producer of "A Beautiful Mind" claimed that he wanted to "educate" the world about the problems that Prof. Nash faced, when the movie is so factually incorrect about Nash's relationship with his (now ex-) wife, his own problems and schizophrenia in general.

"The Lord of the Rings" remained mostly true to a timeless and beautiful story (nevermind the gratuitous addition of Liv Tyler's screen time and the below average score) and took an unprecedented amount of care to create. It took the collaboration of a host of underrated actors (not just a cou-

ple sexy Hollywood stars), several computer geniuses, some inventive directing and seamless cinematography.

Moreover, it waxed poetic about power, evil, morality and our obligations to society, to nature and to ourselves. I think all movie critics have a conspiracy to recognize saccharine love stories over epics (for example, "Shakespeare in Love" over "Saving Private Ryan"). What a bunch of pansies.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

*"Anyone in any walk of life who is content with mediocrity is untrue to himself and the American way."*General George S. Patton
U.S. general

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Clearing up cloning misconceptions

I yearn for the day when I can have a lab on a hill and create lots of me. That won't happen though. I wanted to make a few points about the cloning issue, touch upon a few random ideas and hopefully clear up some misconceptions.

Effects of genetics and those of the environment. Genetics accounts for only about 30 percent of who we are. People have been putting too much emphasis on genetics. It only predisposes us to certain attributes. The environment plays a much larger role in determining who we are, how intelligent or lazy we

become, what we're afraid of, and whether we believe Bob Davie is an attractive man or not.

Cloned humans are not zombies (except maybe Bob Dole). Humans will not be harvested for their organs. If you were to be cloned, the person who would develop from that cell would be its own person. It would be as if you had a twin brother or sister that just happened to be 21 years younger than you. Humans will not be raised and slaughtered so little Johnny can have a new lung.

When does human life begin? Cellular life and human life are distinct. Our variety of emotions, higher-level cognitive thinking and our concept of the self makes humans unique from any other animal. And in order for us as humans to have these abilities, the neurons of our brain must form a highly-ordered structure. But this does not begin to happen until, at the earliest, about the second trimester (at about three months). The embryo before this time can not be human life as we imagine it. But the embryo has a soul, you say. An

organism in the four- or eight-cell stage of development does not have a soul. At this stage, one cell could break away from the mass and form its own, genetically identical individual (for more on the embryo not being human, I suggest reading Lee Silver's "Remaking Eden").

I have much more to say but I think that stirs up enough hostility for now.

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GUEST COLUMN

Give John Walker Lindh credit

FORT COLLINS, Colo.

We should give John Walker Lindh just a bit of credit.

The American-turned-terrorist, currently facing a life sentence for his involvement with the al Qaeda terrorist organization, is certainly an

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American enigma. Why maintain citizenship in a nation that you despise? But the optimistic folks here at the Collegian have found something useful in his story. Sure, he is a terrorist, he will probably spend the rest of his life in a prison cell (and he most probably should), but at least the guy felt that he had something worth fighting for, which is something many 20-year-olds don't experience.

The Collegian editorial board in no way supports the choices that Lindh made, just as we do not feel that he should receive any slack from the government due to a possibly misguided youth. But we want to point out

that the guy did something that many young people never quite get around to doing. Lindh found a cause, something that gave his life purpose.

How many of us can say the same?

How many young people can say that they are willing to travel halfway around the world in order to learn more about a cause? To take up arms against something that we in our hearts

feel is wrong?

This campus is certainly home to those who are willing to do such things; we have study abroad programs and internships; we have ROTC programs that train students to take up arms for this country. Some of us are doing what we feel will make the world better. But how many apathetic students are there on this campus searching only for a large bank account? At least Lindh looked for success in his achievements and not his wallet. That's at least something, right?

But let's not take this too far. The guy, after all, is a terrorist.

While here we note his desire to cause change, we also note that we abhor the decision to use death and destruction as a political tool.

Terrorism is never a useful answer, although, as one board member quoted a political science professor, "One man's freedom fighter is another man's terrorist."

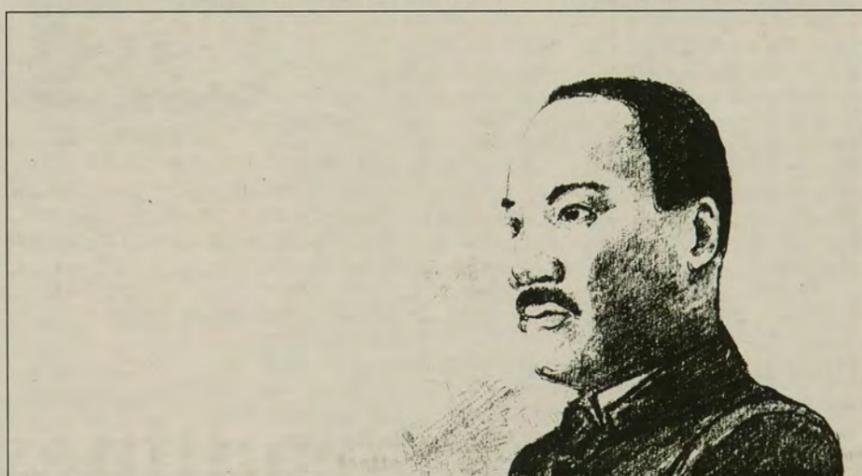
It is clear to us that Lindh is the latter, but the positive in this story is worth some attention, too.

Lindh made a commitment to change.

It is a travesty that he made the wrong decision.

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GUEST COLUMN

King ideals change nation

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark.

Monday morning many students will sleep late, lounge around, catch episodes of soap operas or talk shows and spend the day taking a break from the return of school commitments.

However, for more than 34 million African-Americans in the United States, Monday will be a day to celebrate the life of Martin Luther King Jr. and his work in civil rights. Members of the African-American population are not the only citizens of this nation who should be concerned about freedom, though.

With the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, and the resulting U.S. war on terrorism, citizens have felt the threat of losing their freedom. The terrorist attacks that day made all Americans feel alienated and lost in their own country. People were not sure what to do, how to react or where to turn for help.

One of the most powerful and respected nations in the world suddenly had its civil rights threatened by a group of terrorists.

However, this attack has united the country in many ways. People of all races came together through their suffering and the ensuing period of recovery. They continue to unite in the battle against future attacks. The sense of patriotism in this country rose dramatically with merchants

finding their stock of American flags insufficient to cover the fanatical demand that the attacks inspired.

So on a day when Americans can once again unite under the idea of celebrating unity and triumph over oppression, why would anyone choose to overlook the occasion as just a chance for a three-day weekend?

Instead, it is time to take a walk in King's shoes and reach out to help fellow Americans. King once said, "Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that."

So when Monday morning rolls around, take a moment to think about what you can do to help, and spend the rest of the day doing it, honoring King's memory in the process. But remember that to be effective, humanity and civility cannot be turned off at the end of the day. They must persist all year in every action, every word and every deed. Only then can the nation truly be united.

King knew it would take time to change attitudes, to truly bring this great nation together. And now, more than 30 years after his death, it seems the time has come.

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CONCERT REVIEW

Adams, Williams demonstrate worth in Gold

By SEAN T. McLAUGHLIN
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Ryan Adams and Lucinda Williams record under the same label, Lost Highway Records, and are widely considered two of the best songwriters in contemporary American music. Luckily, both decided to end their respective tours together at the Riviera Theater in Chicago on Dec. 8, 2001.

Adams opened the show, sporting dark sunglasses and a militant all-black outfit that resembled Johnny Cash-meets-Public Enemy extra circa "Apocolypse 91: The Enemy Strikes Back." Having Darth Vader's theme song from "Star Wars" blare over the P.A. as the band strolled onstage was also a nice

touch.

Wasting little time, Adams roared into a sped-up version of "New York, New York." Aside from "When the Stars Go Blue" and "Touch Feel and Lose," Adams eschewed most of his slower, acoustic-oriented material and decided to rock out.

Other than Heartbreaker's "To Be Young (Is To Be Sad, Is To Be High)," Adams concentrated on the faster tracks off his latest release, *Gold*.

Songs like "Firecracker," "Nobody Girl," "Rescue Blues," and "Tina Toledo Street Walkin' Blues" far outmatched their studio

versions in terms of power, speed and intensity.

The standout moment involved Adams copping Mick Jagger poses and allowing his roadie to play guitar during the Rolling Stones classic "Brown Sugar." The consummate showman, Adams' hour-long set left the near-capacity crowd begging for more.

Williams closed the show, and her subtle delivery hinted throughout that Adams probably should have played second.

Nonetheless, the woman that *Time Magazine* recently crowned as "America's Best Songwriter" did not disappoint.

Sticking to the Grammy Award-winning *Car Wheels On A Gravel Road*, and her latest release, *Essence*, Williams displayed a grace and touch that a Shelby Lynne or Sheryl Crow could only dream for.

Rolling through tight versions of "Metal Firecracker," "Right in Time," "2 Cool 2 To Be 4-gotten," "Car Wheels On A Gravel Road" and "Joy," Williams simply did what she does best; she played great songs.

The slower, more introspective tracks off *Essence* also came across well. "Blue" and

"Get Right With God" proved to be real highlights. As the night drew to a close, Williams capped the show with the *Essence*'s best track, "Lonely Girls."

Although she faded into the dark confessing that, "sparkly rhinestones, sparkly rhinestones, sparkly rhinestones... shine on lonely girls," Williams need not worry.

Both she and Ryan Adams confirmed that they're worth far more than their weight in gold.

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Adams



Williams

CONCERT REVIEW

Weezer headlines diverse rock show

By TOM O'CONNELL
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Early last month in Kalamazoo, Mich. three very different bands played to a sold-out crowd of almost 10,000. Jimmy Eat World, Tenacious D and Weezer — in the middle of their small cities tour — were all promoting their recent albums. This tour was important for increasing fan bases for the band that just became famous, the band that just debuted, and the band that made the comeback.

Jimmy Eat World is a veteran group of fringe emo rockers whose recent album *Bleed American* and hit single "The Middle" impressed critics and shot them to mainstream stardom. They opened the show with a lot of intensity and quickly got the growing crowd energized. The all general admission show brought many people down to floor level, making for an extremely tight squeeze for those trying to get to the front. After 45 minutes of intense rock, Jimmy Eat World left the stage and Tenacious D came on.

With an enthusiastic crowd chanting "We want the D!" it was obvious that Tenacious D, comprised of singer/guitarist Jack Black and lead guitarist Kyle Gass, are on their way to becoming full blown rock stars. Their self-titled debut album, combined with lead singer Jack's successful acting career, is helping to add momentum.

For a band that started out playing to crowds that could be counted on two hands, a 10,000 seat arena gives the music a much different feel. Though they used a backup band for their album, Tenacious D have always played their concerts alone, just two men with acoustic guitars, often talking to and interacting with the audience. While this was definitely an intimate feeling in the smaller venues, it loses something in a bigger place.

As an underground oddity in the late 1990s, part of the joke of Tenacious D's HBO comedy show was that the self-proclaimed "Greatest Band on Earth" had no audience. With thousands of screaming fans to handle at every show, it seems that they are trying to take the joke in a new direction.

From a small interactive show, they now seem to lecture to their audience about the ups and downs of being a rockstar. And while good to see that they are trying to stay fresh and adapting to their new situation, the old D is gone, and die hard fans now have to share them with a growing crowd of people who only hold a mild interest.

Regardless of the size of the crowd, Tenacious D still knows how to rock an audience. Playing their old favorites like "The Cosmic Shame" and "Rock Your Socks" they explain to the audience why they were chosen to have such talent and why not everyone can kick the amount of ass they do. The highlight of the show was their discussion on current rock music that

led into covers of System of a Down's "Chop Suey" and Bryan Adams' "Summer of '69." A solid hour of Tenacious D ended with "Double Team," the classic song of the seduction of a "Backstage Betty."

Since the summer of 2001, Weezer has been staging their mas-

sive comeback from the brink of obscurity. Following their popular self-titled first album, Weezer front man Rivers Cuomo experimented with the second album *Pinkerton*, writing 10 deeply personal and emotional songs about love, longing and loss.

When the album failed, Cuomo became a recluse, and it took five years before he came back with a third album.

Finally out of their haze, Weezer is touring again and not a minute too soon. The new songs have the fun energetic feel of the first album, but many fans were disappointed that the band played only one song from *Pinkerton*.

Weezer's fan base grew substantially during their five year hiatus, largely due to Napster and the ability to gain access to their live and rare recordings from *Pinkerton*.

Still, their live performances have not suffered. Ending the main set with one of their most loved songs, "Only In Dreams," Weezer gave their fans a great finale.

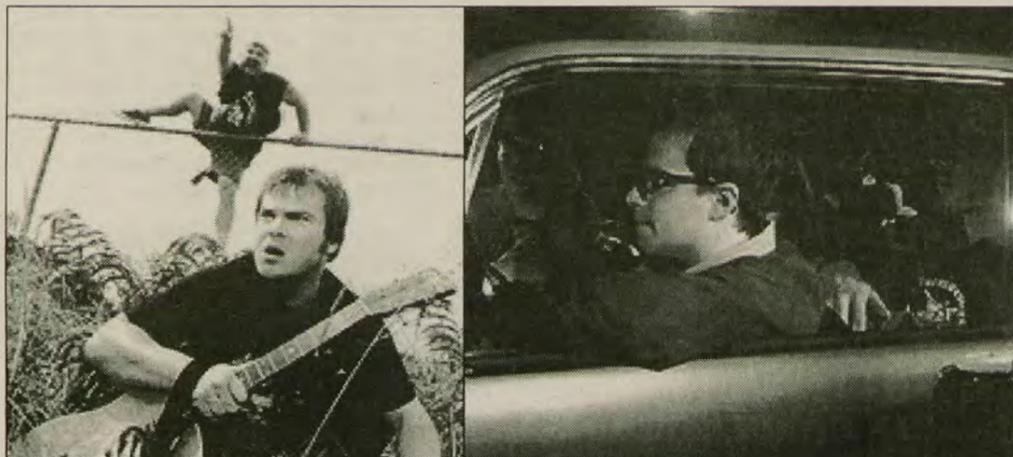
Back after five years, Weezer seems ready to continue building what they started seven years ago. With a new album due out this year, they are set to reaffirm their status as a great rock band.

**Jimmy Eat World,
Tenacious D and Weezer
Kalamazoo, Mich.
Dec. 6, 2001**

Tenacious D Set
Flash
Wonderboy
Tribute
Saxaboom
Inward Singing
Karate
Kyle Quit
Dio
Cosmic Shame
The Road
Chop Suey
Summer of '69
Socks
F*** Her Gently
Double Team

Weezer Set
Island in the Sun
Garage
Blue Moon
Crab
Tires of Sex
Change the World
Smile
My Name is Jonas
Photograph
Undone (The Sweater Song)
Don't Let Go
Say It Ain't So
Hash Pipe
Only in Dreams

Encore:
Buddy Holly
Surf Wax America

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Jimmy Eat World, Tenacious D and Weezer bring a variety of rock 'n' roll sounds and styles together for one of the most eccentric and stellar rock shows of the year.

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FEATURED COLUMN

The death of rap and other musical observations

So it's the beginning of a new year. And this is the first music spread of 2002. Ah, the possibilities.

It's tempting at this point to attempt to foretell the acts that will dominate the music scene this coming year, as if I was Miss Cleo or something, and I suppose I will, a little, but I think we can have even more fun just by taking a look at what's sitting around out there and evaluating just what is so god-awfully wrong with it.

On that note, we might as well start off with the most glaring of eminent disasters-to-be: Bubba Sparxxx. In his best effort to remain directly in Dr. Dre's shadow, famed hip-hop producer Timbaland went out and found a white rapper of his own, Warran Anderson Mathis, a.k.a. Bubba Sparxxx. But Bubba ain't no Eminem. In fact, if we're going to be honest, this fat whiteboy from the rural south could single-handedly be the death of rap music. Vanilla Ice may have brutally wounded rap once, but with rhymes like, "Y'all don't know me at all/ I say the same things but slower than y'all," Bubba is going to send rap straight to its grave. If any readers out there like Bubba and enjoy his music, and I have offended them with my bias, close-minded, hate speech, then I apologize, and I have just one question for you: does it hurt when people make fun of the fact that your parents were related before they got married?

Its not like rap has been doing itself any favors lately either though. Is there

some new prerequisite that before getting a record deal, every new rapper must place the word "Lil'" in front of his name? Lil' Bow Wow, Lil' Wayne, Lil' Kim, Lil' Mo, Lil' Romeo, Lil' Ric, Lil' Troy, Lil' Zane, Lil' Keke, (seriously, is it just me, or is there something ridiculously wrong here?) Lil' Cease, Lil' Zane, Lil' Jonny and last but certainly not least, Lil' Jon and the Eastside Boyz. Can't forget Lil' Jon and the Eastside Boyz, that would just be a travesty.

Ugh. Thankfully, some hip-hop artists hold themselves to a slightly a higher level. The Dilated Peoples' newest album, Expansion Team, is a landmark of mic skill and "musical mastery." Opening for Jurassic 5 on their latest tour, Dilated are slowly exposing the country to true hip-hop talent. Individual artists like Alicia Keys and Angie Stone are also striving to bring a bit of respect back to a severely damaged genre.

Let's just hope Bubba Sparxxx gets shot in one of those horrific drive-bies I hear are so common to the ghetto-ravaged streets of La Grange, Ga. before he can ruin everything.

Rock on the other hand, is still recovering from the utter beating it's received at the hands of pop music the past few years. But as Fred Durk is finally removed kicking and screaming from the rock spotlight, we're going to see the scene open up and welcome bands with actual talent and sincerity. Thanks to the spotless production of Dreamworks Records, emo rockers Jimmy Eat World have been polished and dubbed "radio-friendly," and seem ready to take the rock world by storm. After years of living underground, bands like Incubus and Hoobastank are quickly making L.A. the new Seattle. Their melodic grooves and intense rock spirit may just be strong enough to fight off the pounding headache that is pop music for good.

If it's Travis and Coldplay you can't get enough of, then check out the latest Brit-pop import, Starsalior, a band desperately attempting to distinguish itself from, well, Travis and Coldplay.

Other rockers on the rise include alt. country sensation Ryan Adams, former Basehead DJ and keyboardist Citizen Cope (Clarence Greenwood) and the young punkers Saves the Day. Each has their own unique style, untarnished — as of yet — by the alluring yet deadly siron song of the TRL monster.

Pop is, well, pop is what it always has been. Rock might be fighting back, but for now, pop still rules.

A new season of "Making the Band" will keep the guys in O-Town famous for least another 10 minutes. And as long as Britney continues to shamelessly flaunt everything her momma gave her, she'll have the funds to support bo Justin Timberlake long after his buddy Joey finally snaps after eating one too many of Chili's baby-back ribs (N'Sync are the new Chili's spokesboys), and goes on the brutal killing spree we all know he has in him, finally putting an end to awesome selling power of their "boy" band.

But if you're still waiting to find out who's really going to be hot this year, then you've missed the entire point of this column. When it comes down to it, it doesn't matter what you listen to, as long as you enjoy it. So what if Blink182 could be out played by an epileptic 12-year old with only one arm? If you have



Bubba Sparxxx could be the bullet to the head of rap music. Rap has survived embarrassments like MC Hammer and Vanilla Ice, but Bubba?

a good time listening to their latest single, that's what its all about. Who you listen to isn't nearly as important as whether or not you simply enjoy the music. And never let music snobs (like myself) tell you otherwise.

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Today

Concrete Blond - Group Therapy
Aria - Haze
Bad Religion - The Process of Belief
Blue Six - Beautiful Tomorrow
Alan Jackson - Drive

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The Chemical Brothers - Come With Us
Cracker - Forever
Teenage Fanclub - Howdy!
Lil' Keke - Platinum in the Ghetto
Nine Inch Nails - Live: All That Could Have Been
KRS-One - Spiritually Minded
New York Dolls - From Paris With Love
KMFDM - Boots
Sneaker Pimps - Blood Sport

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UPCOMING CONCERTS

Indianapolis

Slayer	Murat Egyptian	Jan. 29
Umphrey's McGee	Vogue Theater	Feb. 07
Crosby, Stills, Nash and Young	Conseco	Feb. 20

Chicago

Charlatans UK	Vic Theater	Jan. 22
Cheiftains	Chicago Theater	Jan. 24
Super Diamond	House of Blues	Jan. 26
DC Talk	Arie Crown Th.	Jan. 28
Stereophonics	Metro	Jan. 29
Linkin Park	UIC Pavilion	Feb. 01
Sister Machine Gun	Metro	Feb. 02
Umphrey's McGee	Park West	Feb. 02
Judas Priest	Riviera	Feb. 07
Sevendust	House of Blues	Feb. 08
Tangerine Dream	House of Blues	Feb. 09
Static X	Riviera	Feb. 12
Joe	Auditorium Th.	Feb. 14
Michelle Branch	Park West	Feb. 15
Hall and Oates	House of Blues	Feb. 20
NoFX	House of Blues	Mar. 23

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team dominated that battle. The Irish had 33 rebounds to the Huskies' 51.

"The defensive pressure was just outstanding," McGraw said. "I mean, people talk about their offense, but I think the thing that really makes them a great team is their defense."

That defense kept the Irish from taking more than one look per possession and made sure those looks didn't result in a score. The 53 points the Irish scored marks their second-lowest number of points scored this season and the 29 percent shooting percentage from the field in the first half fell well below the Notre Dame season average.

After allowing the Irish to stay within two in the first four minutes of the game (4-2), the Huskies allowed only three Irish points in the next eight minutes while they grabbed 18 themselves.

"Our defense definitely won the game for us tonight," Sue Bird said. "I think that was the key factor. We got them down."

"We just really wanted to do a good job to get them out of their game early," Williams said. "Make them do things they're not used to, penetrate, switch directions, get them out of their game. I think we did a good job of it."

The Huskies did a particularly good job shutting down Ratay and Batteast, who have been the leading scorers for the Irish in all but one game this season.

Batteast totaled only six points in 21 minutes of play. The freshman, who was used as the go-to player early in the game, fell under the pressure of the intense Connecticut defense.

"I don't think she started the game very well," McGraw said. "Jackie, I think, felt a little bit of pressure. I mean, we went to her very early. We probably should have let her get into the flow of the game and gone to a more veteran player."

Even the veterans felt the pressure of the aggressive Huskies.

Ratay, who has recently been scoring more than 20 points a game, was held to just nine. Last season, while the Huskies focused on All-American Ruth Riley and

point guard Niele Ivey, Ratay worked her way to being one of the best 3-point shooters in the country.

But on Monday, Connecticut could focus its attention on her.

"This year, they're focusing in more on her and you can see the strain that it's taking on her game," freshman Kelsey Wicks said.

While the Connecticut defense was busy keeping Notre Dame out of its game, the Husky offense was all over the court. If Williams or Cash couldn't get a good look inside, Bird was waiting outside to hit a 3.

"They have a lot of different weapons and a lot of different options," Ratay said. "If one's not working they can go to the next one and the next one and the next one and it goes on and on."

The Huskies grabbed 25 points on second looks, scoring on almost every offensive rebound.

The Irish loss margin was 13 points less than the average Husky opponent. Connecticut scored 10 fewer points than their season average of 90 points per contest.

While Ratay and Batteast struggled offensively, Wicks had her best game of the season, scoring a team-high 16 points, seven more than her previous career-high of nine. While all six freshman faced the biggest crowd and most talented team they've seen, Wicks was able to lead her team in scoring.

"I think a freshman coming into this environment and you don't know how they're going to react," McGraw said. "Kelsey really stepped up."

On the defensive end, Le'Tania Severe and Amanda Barksdale both had solid games for the Irish, and Batteast picked up where her offense left off. Severe grabbed four steals during the game while Batteast added three blocks to Barksdale's six.

With those positives playing in the backs of their minds, the Irish can see themselves being contenders the next time the teams face off.

"We'll be back," Wicks said. "We'll play them again and I think that we'll be a much better battle the next time."

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"This whole season is preparation for the future," McGraw said after the game. "Everything we do is preparation for next year, and this is going to be a very good team next year."

Then she paused for a second, not wanting to throw the current campaign to the wayside.

"We're going to be a very good team this year," she added.

Maybe so, because with the learning curve this team has exhibited since early December, they could be

quite good by early March. Back in early December, Notre Dame met then-No. 19 Michigan on a neutral court in Grand Rapids and looked confused and intimidated, falling 78-63 and shooting just 37.3 percent.

After that game I wrote a column suggesting that for this team to compete this year, the freshman must contribute — now. Some people told me I was expecting too much from a group of 18-year olds who had never played together before. They told me to give the kids time to develop, to learn to play with one another.

Well I don't expect a repeat championship this year, but after watching this team mature over the last six weeks I'm sticking to my guns, and here's why:

This team's best athlete, a player who can beat offenses inside and outside with moves that are physically impossible to defend, is a freshman: Jacqueline Batteast.

This team's best scorer in the low post, the one who can give the Irish an edge in rebounding and second-chance points, is also a freshman: Teresa Borton.

The one player who can come into a game and completely alter a defense with her ability to play all five positions? You guessed it, freshman Kelsey Wicks.

And the shooter who can punish a team for zeroing in

on Batteast and Alicia Ratay? That would be Allison Bustamante, a freshman.

Oh yeah, sophomore point guard Le'Tania Severe, the only true point guard on the roster and the slasher and defensive whiz who best resembles Niele Ivey, counts as a freshman here too after averaging less than five minutes a game while nursing leg injuries last season.

And Monday, the kids showed glimpses of greatness against a UConn team that's obviously the best in the country. They may have lost by 27, but No. 2 Tennessee and No. 3 Oklahoma could barely stay within 20.

First there was Wicks, coming off the bench to score a team-high 16 points in 27 minutes. The Wyoming native didn't seem to notice

the All-Americans in her face, the loud, nearly-capacity arena or the offensive struggles of her teammates. She just put 14 shots up, saw half of them go in and helped the Irish keep the gap under 30.

"Pretty much the open shots that I had I was like, 'Oh, it's open, I'll just shoot it,'" Wicks said. "I like to keep things very simple. I don't think too much, I just play."

That's an attitude also exhibited by Bustamante, who was forced into her first minutes at point guard when Severe picked up her fourth foul early in

the second half. The Miami native collected three assists to only one turnover, keeping the offense in flow while learning on the fly.

And Batteast, who made only two of 10 shots, had a valid excuse. A front court featuring three future WNBA players was told to focus in on her. But while she struggled to put the ball in the basket, she didn't carry her struggles over to the defensive end, picking up a steal and three blocked shots while helping to hold Swin Cash to 4-14 shooting.

As for the sophomore, Severe, she only collected four steals and seven assists

against Sue Bird, a Naismith Award candidate and undoubtedly the best point guard in the country.

So what do the Irish still need to do this season? For starters, take something away from every game. On Monday, the Irish played together for the first time in front of a hostile environment and ESPN cameras.

"You come into a game like this, it's preparation for the Big East tournament, for the NCAA tournament," McGraw said. "It's a big game atmosphere. The crowd is tremendous."

The youngsters also need to take a cue from Wicks and remain unflustered, no matter what the surroundings. This team is undefeated at home, but just 2-6 away from the Joyce Center.

"I think maybe just mentally when we're faced with the hostile environment of somebody else's house, we haven't had that killer instinct where we respond with the fierceness that you need to be a competitor," Wicks said. "I think that's kind of cost us a little bit, but we are developing and we're getting a lot better."

Each player also needs to settle into a role within the team, as they have begun to in recent weeks. McGraw pointed out Sunday afternoon that although the Irish go 10 deep in their rotation, teams with a solid core of veterans like UConn have the advantage of knowing how each teammate moves and thinks.

And last, the team needs to remain positive. After Saturday's home game against Virginia Tech, it wouldn't be overestimating the Irish to expect them to win out the Big East season. But even if they don't, they need to remember that there's only one senior on this year's roster. After all, the Irish were only 11-5 through 15 games in 1997-98, Riley's freshman year and Ivey's first full season.

"We're young. We're still growing. And if we continue to develop, we're going to be so much better and it's going to show the next time," Wicks said with a smile after the game.

Smart kid.

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NHL

Salvador's OT goal propels Blues past Bruins

Associated Press

BOSTON

The St. Louis Blues are making other teams take notice as they climb the standings in the Western Conference.

Bryce Salvador scored off a pass from Keith Tkachuk with 2:12 left in overtime Monday as the Blues set a franchise record with their ninth consecutive win, 4-3 over the Boston Bruins.

"It's quite an achievement for us," Blues goalie Brent Johnson said. "Tkachuk has been the key because he is such a force and controls the play."

St. Louis, which won for the first time this season when trailing after two periods, swept the home-and-home matchup against the Bruins, winning both games in overtime and improving to 10-2 in its last 12 games against Boston.

"They have won nine in a row because they have that feeling," Bruins coach Robbie Ftorek said. "They are hungry around the net and have the mentality that they will score all the time."

Salvador took a drop pass from Tkachuk and sent a slap shot past Byron Dafoe. The Blues' Mike Keane had tied the game with 3:40 left in regulation.

Tkachuk has figured in on six of St. Louis' last seven goals, as well as the Blues' last four game-winning goals.

"I always get up for the Bruins because they are my hometown team," Tkachuk said. "We feel we can take over a game and dictate what's going to place."

Benoit Hogue scored on a backhand through the legs of Johnson at 7:03 of the third to give Boston a 3-2 lead. It was Hogue's first goal since the Bruins acquired him from Dallas on Jan. 12.

Boston has converted one of its last 30 power-play opportunities but has 24 goals in its last five home games.

"We weren't doing the things that made us successful in the first period," Bruins forward Bill Guerin said. "If we have a 2-0 lead, the game should be in the bag."

Sergei Samsonov gave the Bruins a 1-0 lead after he converted a pass from Glen Murray and knocked the puck past Johnson at 7:47 of the first period.

Tkachuk tied it 2-2 for St. Louis when he redirected Al MacInnis' shot from the blue line and beat Dafoe inside the right post at 2:36 of the third period.

Pavol Demitra cut the lead in half for the Blues with 2:49 remaining in the second. Demitra and Tkachuk have combined for 17 points in the last five games.

Joe Thornton, who entered as the second-leading scorer in the NHL, had an assist for the Bruins that raised his total to 52 points.

Canucks 7, Hurricanes 5

Brent Sopel scored twice from 55 feet during the final 7:59 as the Vancouver Canucks blew a pair of two-goal leads but rallied to beat the Carolina Hurricanes on Monday night.

Trevor Linden sealed it with

his second of the game with 2:33 left on an assist from Sopel as the Canucks beat Carolina for the second time in nine days. Vancouver handed the Hurricanes their worst loss of the season, 7-1, on Jan. 12.

Brendan Morrison had three assists for his second three-point game of the season as Vancouver snapped Carolina's three-game unbeaten streak.

Erik Cole and Bates Battaglia scored within a span of 2:42 midway through the final period as the Hurricanes overcame 3-1 and 4-2 Vancouver leads to go up 5-4.

But Sopel beat Tom Barrasso just 22 seconds after coincidental minor penalties to Jeff O'Neill and Matt Cooke to tie it with 7:59 left, then added his fifth of the season 2:16 later on another shot just inside the blue line.

Meanwhile, Carolina's Ron Francis had three assists to give him 1,168 for his career and move within two of passing Ray Bourque for second on the NHL's all-time list.

Cole tied it with his 13th of the season with 14:40 left as he chased his shot from the right wing that was blocked by the Vancouver defense and stuck it by Peter Skudra, who was out of position trying to poke the puck out of the slot.

Battaglia took a perfect centering pass from Francis less than three minutes later for his 16th before the late rally by the Canucks, who have scored 32 goals in their last six games.

Dan Cloutier, tied for fifth in the NHL with 19 wins, was lifted midway through the first after injuring his left ankle. He

allowed one goal on three shots before being replaced by Skudra.

Vancouver went up 3-1 early in the second on a rebound goal by Jan Hlavac that chased Arturs Irbe after he faced a barrage of 22 shots in 25 minutes.

Less than six minutes later, Mattias Ohlund beat Barrasso from the slot to give the Canucks their second two-goal lead of the second.

Goals by Ron Francis and Battaglia pulled Carolina within one twice in the period.

Todd Bertuzzi extended his point streak to nine games when he scored his 14th less than six minutes in.

Penguins 5, Flyers 2

Mario Lemieux has needed very little time to make the Pittsburgh Penguins a whole lot better.

Aleksey Morozov, finding his scoring touch now that he's playing on Lemieux's line, had two goals and Lemieux set up four of Pittsburgh's five goals as the Penguins ended the Philadelphia Flyers' eight-game winning streak with a 5-2 victory Monday night.

The Flyers, winners of 14 of their previous 16, were denied their first nine-game winning streak since April 1995 despite Ruslan Fedotenko's two goals.

"It came to a screeching halt," Flyers forward Keith Primeau said. "We've had spells where it didn't look like we had our feet moving, but tonight it was for the whole 60 minutes. It caught up to us."

The Flyers never seemed to catch up to Lemieux as the Penguins opened a two-goal lead against backup goalie Brian Boucher, lost it briefly in the third period, then regained it on goals by Morozov and Robert Lang 48 seconds apart.

Morozov, a streak scorer most of his career, has five goals in three games since moving onto Lemieux's line shortly after the Penguins' owner-player returned Jan. 12 from a two-month layoff with a hip injury.

"I like to play with Mario — he's unbelievable," Morozov said. "I only need to be open, and he gets me the puck."

The Penguins, who recently had won only twice in a 16-game stretch, have been a much different team with Lemieux in the lineup, winning their last three — including the final two games of a western Canada swing that ended with a 1-0 win Saturday at Edmonton. Lemieux has eight points during the winning streak.

"Philly's one of the best teams in the league, but we're just a much better team with Mario," Penguins goalie Johan Hedberg said. "He's giving us the confidence to be good."

Hedberg stopped 22 of 24 shots in his first career start against Philadelphia, which drafted him in 1994 but never promoted him to the NHL.

Lemieux got the Penguins started by setting up Michal Rozsival's go-ahead goal at 12:38 of the first. Rozsival took Lemieux's pass in the right circle and put a wrister on net that eluded Boucher, who has allowed at least three goals in each of his last six starts.

"We gave him (Lemieux) a lot more room than a guy like that should have against our team," Flyers forward Mark Recchi said. "You give Mario Lemieux that much time, he's going to find people and make plays."

Mostly he found Morozov, who made it 2-0 early in the second, lifting in a backhand during a scramble in front of the net after Boucher turned aside a couple of shots. Morozov later added an assist.

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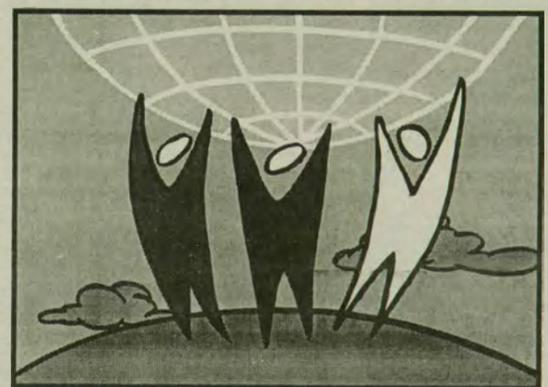


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MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Mets land Burnitz in 3-team, 11-player deal

Associated Press

NEW YORK

The New York Mets pulled off a three-team, 11-player trade Monday night, acquiring Jeromy Burnitz from Milwaukee and sending Glendon Rusch to the Brewers and Todd Zeile to Colorado.

The Mets completed an off-season overhaul of their offense, getting the slugging outfielder they had been seeking. Burnitz will fit into a lineup with newcomers Roberto Alomar, Mo Vaughn and Roger Cedeno.

New York also received pitcher Jeff D'Amico, infielder Lou Collier, outfielder Mark Sweeney and cash from Milwaukee. The Mets got minor leaguers Ross Gload and Craig House from Colorado.

The Brewers, who saved money by dealing Burnitz back to his original team, added a left-handed starter in Rusch. They also obtained outfielder Alex Ochoa from Colorado and infielder Lenny Harris from New York.

The Rockies filled their third base hole with Zeile. They also got outfielder Benny Agbayani and cash from the Mets.

GMs Dan O'Dowd of Colorado and Dean Taylor of Milwaukee have a history of making big deals. They took part in a four-team, nine-player swap on Dec. 13, 1999.

In that deal, the Rockies got third baseman Jeff Cirillo and pitcher Rolando Arrojo. Tampa Bay got third baseman Vinny Castilla, Milwaukee

acquired catcher Henry Blanco and Oakland got a minor leaguer.

This is the biggest deal since December 1994, when Houston and San Diego pulled off a 12-player trade — the most players dealt in the past 44 years. The Padres got outfielder Steve Finley and third baseman Ken Caminiti and Houston got outfielder Derek Bell.

After going to the World Series in 2000, the Mets went 82-80 last year, finishing with the fewest runs in the majors. They were second-to-last in average and homers in the NL.

Burnitz adds another big bat to a lineup that returns Mike Piazza and Edgardo Alfonzo. Burnitz, who played two seasons with the Mets, hit .251 with 34 homers and 100 RBIs last season, although he struck out 150 times.

The Mets only had 40 home runs from all of their outfielders in 2001.

D'Amico was 2-4 with a 6.08 ERA in 10 starts for Milwaukee last season. He missed four months because of an arm injury and had surgery

July 2 to decompress a nerve in his right arm. D'Amico was one of the top NL pitchers in 2000, going 12-7 with a 2.66 ERA.

After acquiring lefty Shawn Estes from San Francisco last month, the Mets had an excess of left-handed starters. They also signed free agent Pedro Astacio last week.

Rusch went 8-12 with a 4.63 ERA last season and joins a Milwaukee rotation that will probably include Ben Sheets, Jamey Wright and Ruben Quevedo.

Ochoa hit .276 with eight homers and 52 RBIs last season for Colorado. Harris has the most pinch hits in baseball history, breaking Manny Mota's record with his 151st on the last weekend of the season.

The Brewers wanted to shed the free-swinging Burnitz, who will make \$6.5 million this season and \$11.5 million in 2003. The Brewers became the first team to finish a season with more strikeouts — an all-time record 1,399 — than hits — 1,378.

Zeile, who will make \$6 mil-

lion this season, fills the hole at third created when the Rockies dealt Jeff Cirillo to Seattle. Zeile played first base in his two seasons for the Mets, but Colorado has All-Star Todd Helton entrenched there.

Zeile hit .266 with 10 homers and 62 RBIs last season. He underwent arthroscopic surgery on his right elbow in November, but is expected to be ready for spring training.

Agbayani, who will probably be a reserve outfielder with the Rockies, hit .277 with six

homers and 27 RBIs last season.

The other players the Mets acquired will probably be backups or stay in the minors. Collier batted .252 with two homers and 14 RBIs last season. Sweeney hit .258 with three homers and 11 RBIs in 89-at-bats in 2001.

Gload, an infielder-outfielder, hit .297 with 15 homers and 93 RBIs for Triple-A Iowa last season. House, a right-hander, went 2-2 with six saves and a 4.45 ERA for Triple-A Colorado Springs in 2001.

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NFL

Bettis set to play in AFC Championship

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH

Jerome Bettis said Monday he is certain he'll return from a seven-week layoff to play in the AFC championship game. He's also sure about something else.

No more needles.

Bettis, the Pittsburgh Steelers' Pro Bowl running back, said he realizes it was a mistake to get a painkilling shot just before Sunday's AFC playoff game against Baltimore. The injection apparently struck a nerve and caused one of Bettis' legs to go numb, preventing him from playing.

The Steelers went on to beat the defending Super Bowl champion Ravens 27-10 without him, and they would be favored to beat New England in the AFC championship game even if he doesn't play.

However, Bettis insists he will play, saying, "I could have played about 5 or 6 o'clock (Sunday) after the shot wore off."

Amos Zereoue ran for 63 yards and two short touchdowns as Bettis' replacement, but Bettis' presence would give the Steelers a difficult-to-defend asset that perfectly accompanies their dramatically improved passing offense.

Before he was hurt Dec. 2 against Minnesota, Bettis was averaging nearly 100 yards per game through 11 games.

"He'll definitely be the freshest man in the playoffs when he comes back," offensive tackle Wayne Gandy said. "For a man like him who is driven, who already is a

hard runner, if he gets a chance to play Sunday, he'll be running 100 miles per hour."

The Steelers will take Bettis' customary 100 yards.

Bettis said he's taken painkilling shots before without a reaction, and he has no idea why Sunday's injection went so wrong. He insisted he didn't need the shot because he reinjured himself.

"I knew there would be a lot of pain associated with the injury and I just wanted it to feel better," he said. "The scar tissue still has to tear, and it is nowhere near as strong as regular tissue, so there's going to be pain."

"It's nothing that will keep you from playing, it's just something you have to deal with."

Gandy estimated about half the Steelers get painkilling injections before a game, but said most get nothing more than the equivalent of three to four over-the-counter painkilling tablets.

"It's nothing but liquid Advil, but it doesn't tear up your stomach," he said. "You have to understand it's a game of pain. It's a hard, reckless game, and it (the shot) is really just to smooth those little irritating things that come up."

The Steelers got some welcomed medical news Monday when an MRI exam showed no ligament or cartilage tear in linebacker Earl Holmes' sore left knee. Holmes also expects to play Sunday.

"The doctor said it will be sore for a couple of days but, other than that, everything came back great," said Holmes, the Steelers' leading tackler.

Heavily favored Steelers not blowing off Patriots

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH

As the heavily favored Pittsburgh Steelers wrapped up a midweek practice before the AFC championship game seven years ago, an unfamiliar noise echoed through their Three Rivers Stadium offices.

BOOM-thwacka! BOOM-thwacka! BOOM! BOOM! BOOM!

The blaring boom box emanating from a meeting room — what kind of film session was this? — brought curious club officials scurrying out of their offices. Even coach Bill Cowher poked his head into a hallway and wondered what was going on.

Inside, a dance choreographer was reviewing dance steps, with a musical accompaniment, as 20 players rehearsed a Super Bowl video. Several other players also were finishing up Super Bowl-related rap songs.

That same week, many players talked about the difficulty in securing hotel rooms and airplane tickets in Miami for their families. And defensive end Ray Seals predicted that title game opponent San Diego wouldn't even score.

Amid the distractions and dance steps, the red tape and the video tape, the Steelers forgot one thing: win the football game.

The Chargers, one of the biggest underdogs in AFC title game history, seized on the Steelers' brazen overconfidence and used it for motivation in beating them 17-13.

"Nobody gave us any respect or any chance," Chargers defensive end Reuben Davis said. "We had to put up with that stuff about them making a rap video. Well, now they have six months to practice their dancing. They should be pretty good dancers in six months."

Now, these Steelers — only linebacker Jason Gildon remains from that 1994 team — performed a different kind of dancing

Monday. They sidestepped any comparisons to such mistakes in judgment by past teams, and promised not to be overconfident for Sunday's AFC championship game against New England.

Just like that 1994 team, the Steelers are coming off an emotional playoff victory over a big rival they played two times previously — then, it was Cleveland, now it is Baltimore.

Just like that 1994 team, the Steelers were big favorites in the AFC title game against an opponent they know little about. Just substitute New England for San Diego.

The Steelers talked Monday about the Super Bowl, but only because they will leave for New Orleans within hours of Sunday's game if they win, and Cowher needed to review logistical matters.

"It doesn't take a lot to get you ready to play this game," running back Jerome Bettis said. "You're playing for the opportunity to go to the Super Bowl. That's what you wait your whole life for."

Four years ago, Bettis played on the last Steelers team to lose the AFC championship game at home. But with John Elway quarterbacking the Broncos, that 24-21 loss wasn't nearly as unanticipated as the San Diego upset.

Now, several Steelers said this team is too focused and driven to get involved in attention-distracting diversions such as music videos.

With 13 regular season victories and another in the playoffs, this is the first Steelers team to win 14 games since the 1979 Steelers won 15 games and the Super Bowl.

"This team, all year, we show up to play," offensive tackle Wayne Gandy said. "I don't think there will ever be a lack of intensity or motivation. We lost a couple of games, but it wasn't about whether we showed up to play. It's never been about a lack of effort."

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Irish point guard Chris Thomas tries to pass the ball into Ryan Humphrey during Notre Dame's 83-73 loss against Georgetown Monday night. Thomas finished with 13 points.

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Men

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came via offensive rebounds as the Hoyas opened up a 16-8 lead five and a half minutes into the game. Georgetown extended their lead to 37-20 with a little more than six minutes to go in the first half before Carroll drained his first 3-pointer of the game. Notre Dame continued to fight their way back into the game and cut Georgetown's lead to 44-33 at halftime.

Both teams exchanged baskets throughout the first nine minutes of the second half until Sweetney hit a jump shot in the lane starting a 7-0 Hoyas run that extended the Georgetown lead to its biggest of the game, 70-52.

But Notre Dame refused to quit, cutting the lead to seven points with 1:06 left in the second half on a Carroll 3-pointer.

Unfortunately for the Irish, that would be as close as they would get.

After Kevin Braswell missed a free throw on the ensuing possession, Sweetney apparently reached over Carroll for the rebound and got fouled while attempting a put back. Brey

immediately left his coaching box, stormed to half court and after yelling at the official, received his first technical foul as Notre Dame's head coach.

"I thought [calling the foul on Sweetney] would have been a nice statement by a good official," said Brey.

That incident was not the only controversial call that the officials made during the game. In the first half Jere Macura and Harvey Thomas engaged in a scuffle yet no foul was called. Later in that half Thomas instigated a pushing match with Cornette with both players receiving technical fouls for the incident.

The Irish have now lost three straight and dropped to below .500 in Big East play at 2-3. Brey feels the Irish must rebound quickly if they hope to make a run at the NCAA tournament.

"We are going to try and get this home thing down," said Brey. "Our crowd has been fabulous these last couple of games. We are going to keep on plugging [so] don't give up on this team yet."

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Hoyas simply out-rebounded, out-muscled, out-hustled, and out-scored the Irish.

His replacement in the starting line-up, Jordan Cornette, actually played pretty well. But he spent most of the game matched up against Hoya bulldozer Mike Sweetney.

Sweetney is 6-foot-8, 260 pounds. Cornette is about 40 pounds lighter. A trash can would have a better chance stopping a garbage truck.

Swanagan's absence hurt Humphrey, too. Every time he got by one of Georgetown's mammoth big guys, another would appear in his face. No wonder he shot 8-for-22. His gold-toothed teammate wasn't there to draw one of those bodies away.

Cornette didn't play badly. In fact, he played fairly well.

But he just isn't Harold Swanagan.

"It hurt a lot," Humphrey admitted. "They just kept bringing guys ... Jordan's about 180. I'm not too far behind. It was physical."

Rebounds that Swanagan would usually grab ended up floating into the hands of a Georgetown player. The Hoyas tapped away loose balls without Notre Dame's gritty big man diving on the floor. As the game wore on and as the man who plays first and talks second sat on the bench, the Irish seemed to lose intensity and focus.

"When you're missing a guy like Swanagan," Georgetown head coach Craig Esherick said, "you're clearly not at full force."

Want to know how impor-

tant Swanagan is? With 4:22 left in the game, Humphrey hit a turnaround jumper to bring the Irish to within nine points. Immediately, the Joyce Center came roaring to life — yes, even the stodgy alumni in the courtside seats managed to stand up — and the Irish mounted their only serious run of the second half. Georgetown point guard Keith Braswell drove through the lane and threw up a shot that Cornette slightly deflected. Humphrey tipped the ball away from the basket, and the Joyce Center exploded.

But they settled down pretty quickly when Georgetown's Gerald Riley flew in untouched from the weak side — weak because Swanagan wasn't in the game — leapt into the air, and tipped the ball off the backboard and through the basket.

Forget about a simple blow to momentum — Riley dropped an atom bomb through the net that silenced the Joyce Center and Notre Dame's comeback hopes.

Had Swanagan been in the game, there's no way Riley would have been even close to the basket. Notre Dame's Mr. Hustle would have planted his body right in front of the Hoya, and the Irish rally might have continued.

But he wasn't five feet from the basket leaping for the ball, he was standing on the sidelines in dress shoes as the ball was tipped around. And as Riley floated to the basket, Swanagan even hopped a little, as if he could stop Riley from 70 feet away.

Too bad he couldn't. He wasn't in the game.

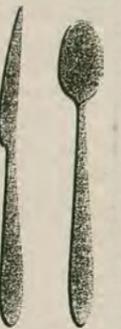
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NFL

No lead is safe for Rams' head coach Martz

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS

The St. Louis Rams were leading by 28, the clock was winding down, and Kurt Warner had a sore back and ribs.

And yet, there were Warner and Marshall Faulk, still out on the field right to the finish of Sunday's 45-17 playoff victory over the Green Bay Packers.

It's just the latest example

of coach Mike Martz never letting up.

Martz criticized himself Monday for leaving Faulk in.

"Marshall shouldn't have been in there," Martz said. "That's a bonehead mistake on my part."

But he had no regrets about Warner running the show all the way as the Rams (15-2) advanced to the NFC championship game for the second time in three years. Martz's justification: Quick throws off

three-step drops and easy handoffs meant almost no risk of injury, so why make a change?

While Warner had what for him was a mediocre game — 18-for-30 for 216 yards with two touchdowns and one interception — the Rams' revamped defense was superb. It had its biggest day in several seasons, making six interceptions, including three returned for touchdowns. Martz said he wanted to leave

Warner in so the Rams would have a better chance of holding on to the ball, allowing the defense to rest late.

Earlier in the season, Martz had other reasons for not emptying his bench.

◆ He left everybody in to preserve a 35-0 shutout over the Lions in October.

◆ When the Rams clinched the NFC West, he wanted starters on the field at the end even though they beat the Colts 42-17.

The Rams beat their opponents by an average of 31-17 in the regular season. They also whipped the Dolphins by 32, the Lions by 35, the Panthers by 34, and the Falcons by 29.

That should have opened the door for backup quarterback Jamie Martin and backup running back Trung

Canidate.

Instead, Martin threw only three passes in the regular season, and Canidate got most of his 441 yards rushing when he started two games while Faulk was out with a bruised knee.

Canidate didn't get any carries in four of the last five regular-season games, and he used mostly on kickoff coverage against the Packers.

"Everybody got out of there safe," wide receiver Torrey Holt said. "I never try to question our coaching. I'm a player, I get paid to play, he gets paid to coach and that's that."

Given the opportunity, Holt said he wouldn't want to be in there at the end of a blowout.

"I would love to be done for the day, let's be honest," Holt said. "With this defense, we can chill out."

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NBA

Bender leads Pacers in first career start

Associated Press

CHICAGO

Jonathan Bender got a chance to start and showed the talent that makes him a big part of the Indiana Pacers' future.

Bender played a career-high 46 minutes, scoring 18 points and grabbing a career-best 10 rebounds, as the Pacers snapped a five-game losing streak Monday by beating the Chicago Bulls 93-81.

"I thought I'd be further along right now, but I have to be patient with myself," said Bender, in his third season since going directly to the NBA from high school.

"I guess you could say it was my best game."

Reggie Miller scored 20 points, Al Harrington — in his fourth season after going from the preps to the pros — added 18 and Jalen Rose had 12 of his 16 points in the second half.

"It takes sacrifice and it's a process," Rose said of blending the young players with the veterans.

"There is an adjustment period and you've got to humble yourself. You've got to swallow your pride and understand there are better days ahead."

Miller, who didn't play in the fourth quarter, agreed.

"The only way this team will get better is for the younger

guys to get on the floor and make plays and make mistakes," Miller said. "It's a fine line. You still want to be able to win games."

Ron Mercer led Chicago with 18 points and Ron Artest added 16. The Bulls had 25 turnovers, 15 in the second half.

"When someone is out in the league, it always seems someone steps up," Chicago's Brad Miller said. "Bender stepped up today. I'm not sure they missed anything without Jermaine O'Neal."

Bender, starting his second straight game with O'Neal sidelined by injury, scored 16 first-half points and gave Indiana a 50-44 lead when he hit a 3-pointer from the deep corner just before the buzzer.

Indiana took a 69-61 lead after three when Austin Croshere hit a 3-pointer with just under a minute left and Harrington converted a three-point play with nine seconds remaining in the quarter.

Rose's steal, driving layup and free throw for a three-point play and another jumper by Croshere made it 80-65, completing the 17-4 run.

Chicago mounted a mini-rally to get within nine, but Rose sank a 3-pointer and Harrington hit two baskets as Indiana increased its lead and regained control.

Bulls' rookies Tyson Chandler and Eddie Curry, also

trying to make the jump from high school to the NBA, are still trying to find their way — just as Harrington and Bender were several years ago.

Chandler was scoreless in 13 minutes and Curry had three in 11 minutes.

Hornets 111, Knicks 68

As if a season of brutal basketball wasn't bad enough for the New York Knicks, now they're being humiliated, too.

In their most-lopsided home loss ever, the Knicks fell to the Charlotte Hornets 111-68 Monday for their eighth straight defeat.

"It's an embarrassment," point guard Mark Jackson said.

By the end of the game, which saddled the Knicks with their longest losing streak in 15 years, several players on the bench had towels covering their heads.

Coach Don Chaney didn't like what he saw.

"I thought they threw in the towel. I thought they gave up," he said.

Latrell Sprewell was scoreless on 0-for-9 shooting as the Knicks were held to their lowest point total of the season. The only other time in his NBA career he failed to score was on Nov. 9, 1995, when he missed all seven shots while playing for Golden State against Atlanta.

"I don't think we're treating the job as seriously as we need

to," said Allan Houston, who scored 11 points on 5-of-15 shooting.

"Our starters need to step up and make the right changes and hold ourselves accountable," he said. "This was the worst we represented ourselves since I've been here."

New York shot a season-worst 30 percent.

"I can't tell you what it is but bad basketball," Jackson said. "Top to bottom it's just bad."

The Knicks' previous worst home defeat was a 132-93 rout by Milwaukee on April 10, 1987. New York had not dropped eight in a row since Dec. 5-20, 1986.

"Latrell and Allan must play at a certain level for us to win. We may have to make some changes in the lineup," Chaney said.

Baron Davis scored 24 points, leading six Hornets in double figures.

"Usually we let teams right back in the ballgame," Davis said. "Today, our defensive intensity was there the whole game."

The blowout began early. The score was tied at 11 when the Hornets broke away with a 22-0 burst.

Charlotte led 39-19 after the first quarter, then held New York to only 14 points in the second period and took a 60-33 halftime advantage.

The Hornets extended their lead to 43 points in the third

quarter and sent the Knicks to their most-lopsided loss since Indiana beat them 131-86 on Feb. 20, 1980.

Davis, who also had nine assists, did not play at all in the fourth quarter. Neither did Davis Wesley or Lee Nailon, who each scored 16 points.

Elden Campbell added 13 points, Jamaal Magloire had 12 and Bryce Drew 10 for the Hornets.

Kurt Thomas led the Knicks with 16 points and Othella Harrington added 14.

"We just couldn't get it done out there today," Thomas said. "It was the worst game I have ever been a part of."

SuperSonics 109, 76ers 98

The Seattle SuperSonics couldn't miss. At least it seemed that way.

The Sonics set a team record by shooting over 66 percent and, behind Gary Payton's 28 points, beat the Philadelphia 76ers 109-98 Monday.

"We were in a rhythm with everybody shooting the ball well," Payton said.

Allen Iverson led the Sixers with 38 points, and became the eighth player in Philadelphia history to score 10,000 career points.

The Sonics shot 41-of-62 in ending the Sixers' four-game winning streak. Seattle's previous best was 64.9 percent against Houston on April 13, 1996.

A memorial Mass for Rev. George H. Minamiki, S.J.

Associate professor emeritus
of classical and Oriental languages and literatures

*will be celebrated Wednesday, January 23
at 5:15 p.m. in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart.
Rev. Jerome Neyrey, S.J. will preside.*

Father Minamiki, a priest of the Japan province of the Society of Jesus and a member of the Notre Dame faculty since 1968, died January 4 of a heart attack in Los Angeles, where he was visiting family. He was 82.

Father Minamiki taught Japanese at Notre Dame and for more than 20 years served as coordinator of the University's Year-in-Japan program. Before coming to Notre Dame, he spent 11 years as a teacher and administrator in Jesuit high schools in Japan, the last six as headmaster of Hiroshima Gakuin.

Father Minamiki, who received his doctorate from Notre Dame in 1977, was graduated from Loyola University of Los Angeles, his hometown, with a bachelor's degree in philosophy and held graduates degrees from Gonzaga University and Alma College.

Willingham will win the Notre Dame way

Just in case you were caught up in the nail-biting BCS season, with 13 points down being the closest any of the losing teams ever finished, Tyrone Willingham was named Notre Dame's head football coach on Jan. 1.

It turned out that throwing me out of a fictitious sleigh in a column right before exams isn't the only thing former Notre Dame coach George O'Leary hasn't done.

Calling him a 'former Notre Dame coach' doesn't even sound quite right, does it? I mean, how long was he here? Five days?

I may not have always been waving the banner of the Bob Davie Fan Club, but he at least earned the right to be called a Notre Dame head football coach through five years of hard work.

What we had on that Friday that finals kicked off was a muffed snap, a shanked punt. More embarrassing than a 5-6 season or a 41-9 bowl loss could ever be, the University of Notre

Dame, one of the proudest academic and athletic institutions in the country, got duped by a trick play.

Paid attendance that day? The entire sports world.

As a community, whether student or student-athlete, the best tradition in all of sports had become a sports page laughing stock.

We thought that possibly Jon Gruden would be our Pauly Shore, albeit with considerably more grit, and instantly stop all laughter from any team that even thought of playing the Irish.

Well, the laughter has stopped, and Gruden is still the coach of the Raiders.

Athletic director Kevin White did indeed get his coach from a program in California but from a college near Oakland.

At the press conference to announce his hiring, Willingham talked of the effect Notre Dame had on him when he was a child, saying: '... initially I developed a longing, some type of desire, some type of motivation to be at this place when I watched those [Notre Dame] highlights on Sunday, that something ticks, something special was there.'

That same attitude was what endeared Gruden to most of the stu-

dent body.

While Willingham's accomplishments at Stanford during seven years weren't drastically different from Davie's five years under the Dome, he now has the added resource of the Notre Dame name — the place synonymous with big time college football.

At least it should be, and it still can be. When asked if the Irish can still be a perennial top ten team, Willingham wasn't waylaid by tough academic standards or a tough schedule.

Instead, winning is not only his goal, but a requirement.

"That's why I am here: to reach that level of excellence that this university has always had. I believe it can be accomplished, and that's why I am here," he said.

He echoed that sentiment at halftime of the men's basketball game on Saturday, in between receiving raucous support from the student section and a lone guy simply yelling out: "Beat Michigan!"

Describing the hiring of a head football coach as "better late than never" appears to be as appropriate here as anywhere. It took them a little while, with a blown play along the way, but, by all accounts, Notre Dame got an excellent man for its most high profile

job.

While he was accepting that job on the first day of 2002, one thing Willingham said stuck with me.

"There is no question that this is the most high profile university in this country," he said, "and with that, it brings [a] bright light. But I have always said to my wife that if you are doing the right thing it does not matter how bright the lights are or how many lights, but if you are doing the wrong thing, it only takes a flashlight."

After the past few seasons, people have said that Notre Dame can't win again by having such high standards. Some have suggested these standards should be lowered, others, perhaps, that the great Irish tradition should be allowed to lapse.

Tyrone Willingham, a man who comes to South Bend with a better record than either Ara Parseghian or Dan Devine did, stands in direct opposition to both of these schools of thought.

Notre Dame will win, and win by its standards.

That's the only way it can be here. Contact Ted Fox at tfox@nd.edu. The views of this column are those of the author and are not necessarily those of The Observer.



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ND WOMEN'S SWIMMING

Nixon: I'm loving swimming again

◆ **Sidelined by injury last season, fifth-year senior powers past personal records**

By NOREEN GILLESPIE
Sports Writer

Hitting the wall with one hand, Carrie Nixon finished the 100-yard freestyle, took off her goggles and turned around cautiously to look at the scoreboard.

Illuminated by yellow glowing numbers, the board delivered good news: 51.11 seconds, good enough for first place.

It was her third win of the weekend, as she powered the Irish women's swimming and diving team to wins Saturday against both Illinois and Iowa in the Dual Meet Invitational held at Rolfs Aquatics Center.

It's the fastest Nixon has been at this point in the season since she began her swimming career at Notre Dame. A fifth-year senior, Nixon returned to the pool this year after sitting out last year because of a shoulder injury — but has realized her injury might have been more of a blessing than she'd ever thought.

"I'm loving swimming for the first time in awhile," Nixon said Saturday, after logging wins in the 100-yard butterfly, 100-yard freestyle and as a member of the 200-yard medley relay and 400-yard freestyle relay teams. "I love training, love going to meets. I'm loving the process of it more and more."

Nixon underwent surgery last fall when her labrum — the soft tissue that

connects the shoulder near the rotator cuff — tore. She sat on the sidelines while her teammates won their fifth Big East title and traveled to compete at NCAAs.

Nixon has been an integral member of the women's team since arriving at Notre Dame. As a junior, Nixon earned the Big East Swimmer of the Year award and placed fourth at NCAA Championships, the highest finish of any Notre Dame swimmer.

She and Irish head coach Bailey Weathers have approached this season cautiously — and the results have shown. Nixon has placed consistently at the top of both the sprint freestyle and sprint butterfly events all season, posting times that don't evidence she ever left the pool.

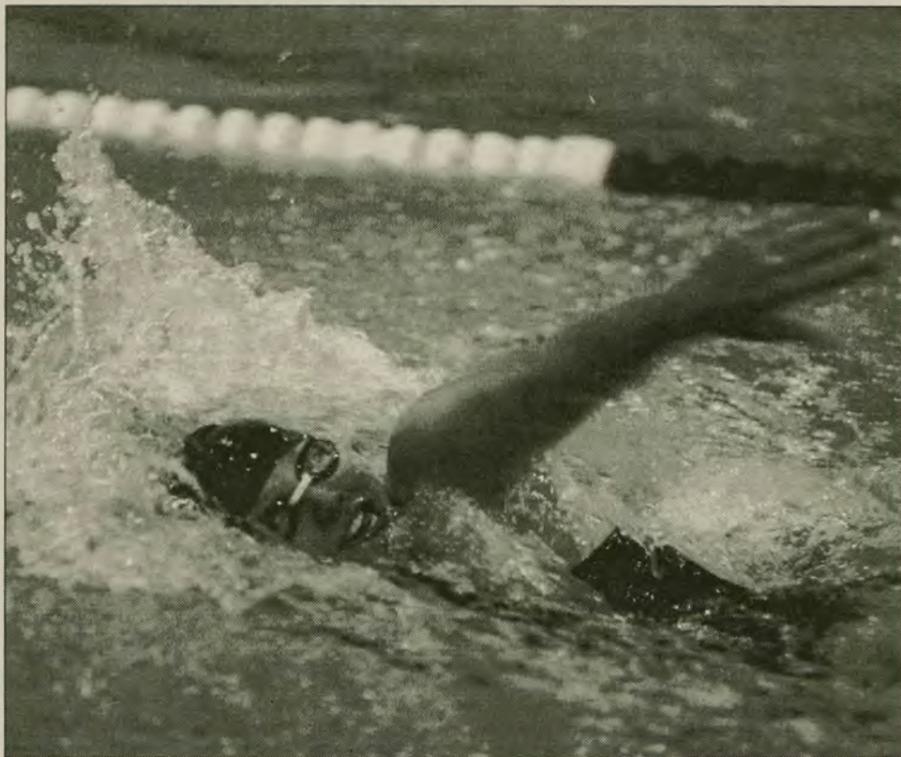
"We're trying to be a little more careful with her," said Weathers, noting that Nixon came through the critical period of winter training without a problem. "She's been prepared well, and she's a little more focused."

But that wasn't the case during October break training in Florida, when she had to spend a lot of time on the kick board, resting the shoulder that wasn't quite healed.

"In Florida it was a lot of stop and go," Nixon said. "But doing so well down in Honolulu was a big part of building my confidence."

Doctors have given her a clean bill of health, even though she cites "some flexibility issues" as lingering evidence of last year's injury. But looking towards post-season, Nixon focuses not on the past, but on the future.

"In general, I'm 100 percent healed at this point," she said. "Any pain is minimal compared to that."



NELLIE WILLIAMS/The Observer

A Notre Dame swimmer plows through the water during last weekend's Dual Meet Invitational.

Notes

◆ Several Irish swimmers walked away with big wins on the weekend. Sophomore Marie Labosky claimed wins in the 400- and 200-yard individual medley. Senior Kelly Hecking won the 100-yard backstroke, and freshman Kelly Barton won the 1,650 freestyle. Sophomore Laurie Musgrave won the 100-yard breaststroke, and sophomore

Lisa D'Olier won the 200-yard butterfly. ◆ Senior Heather Mattingly broke her own school record for 11 dives on the 3-meter board, finishing the event with a score of 531.80. She also won the 1-meter event with 291 points.

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Wednesday

Dr. Martin Luther King Celebration

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A Fireside Chat with Student Leaders and Others

7:00-8:30 p.m.
Coleman-Morse Center
Student Lounge

Coffee at the Co-Mo

8:00 p.m.
Lounge, Welcome Center

Interfaith Christian Night Prayer

10:00 p.m.
Morrissey Chapel

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Lounge, Coleman-Morse Center

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From the Inside Out:
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6:30-8:30 p.m.
LaFortune Ballroom

Campus Bible Study/CBS

7:00 p.m.
114 Coleman-Morse Center
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Confirmation Session #8

7:00 p.m.
330 Coleman-Morse Center

Eucharistic Adoration

Monday-Tuesday
11:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.
Fisher Hall Chapel

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Thursday

Dr. Martin Luther King Celebration

Making a Difference Piece by Piece
The Peace Quilt: Tied Together in the Single Garment of Destiny Prayer Service

7:00-8:30 p.m.
Keenan-Stanford Chapel

San Egidio Community

6:00 p.m.
Sacred Heart Crypt

Spanish Mass

1:30 p.m.
Zahm Hall Chapel

Law School Mass

5:00 p.m.
Law School Chapel

Learning to Talk About Race Pre-Retreat Plunge

February 1-2 Retreat
5:00 p.m.
Walsh Hall-Basement

MBA Mass

7:00 p.m.
Mendoza College of Business Chapel

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JPW Mass Reader Auditions

Monday and Tuesday
4:00 p.m.
Basilica of the Sacred Heart

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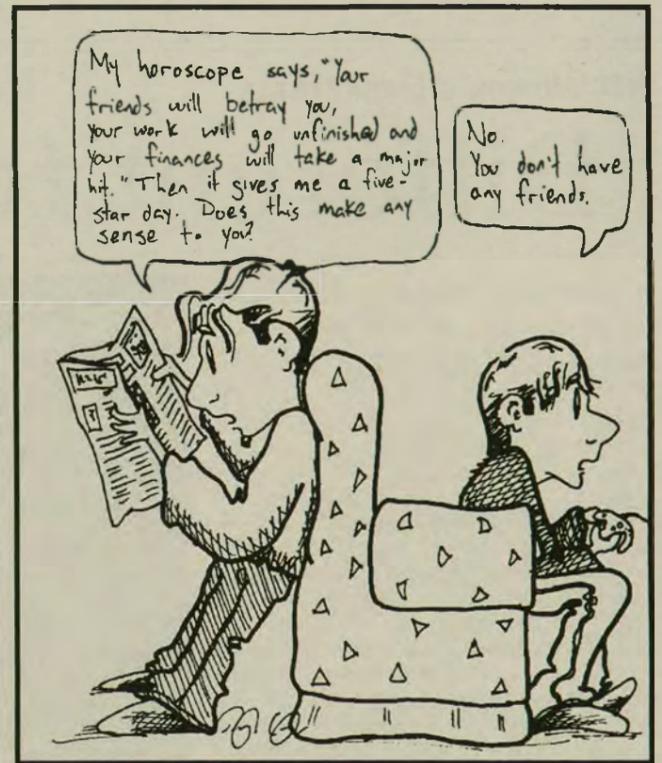
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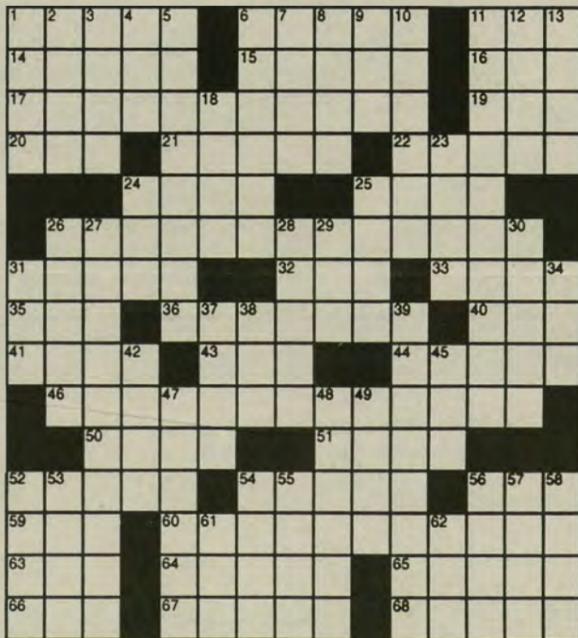


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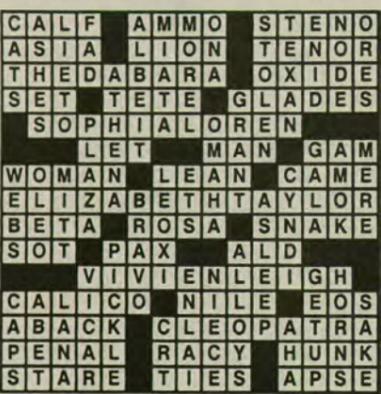
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ARIES (March 21-April 19): You have the ability to take control and make decisions. Your competitive drive will help you gain ground and position yourself strategically. The greater the challenge, the more you'll thrive. ☺☺☺

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Love and romance are apparent if you get out and mingle. Don't expect family to be pleased with your decisions today. Listen to advice but do what is best for you. ☺☺☺☺

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Your humorous outlook and quick wit will impress new acquaintances. An envious individual may challenge you to a debate. Remain calm and you'll outshine him or her. ☺☺☺

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Personal relationships may be your goal. Plan activities that are conducive to romance. If you are in a relationship, spend intimate time together — and if you are single, meet new people. ☺☺☺☺

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You will be entertaining at social functions and draw attention with your dramatic style. However, it may not be the kind of interest

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Secret enemies will be eager to spread rumors. Be prepared to counterattack. Problems with authority figures will arise unless you play by the rules. ☺☺

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Stick to a set budget today. You don't need to pay top dollar to have fun. Volunteer work will bring satisfaction instead of an empty wallet. ☺☺☺

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Jealousy may cause problems in a usually good relationship. Be sure you have all the facts before deciding to accuse your partner of something that he or she didn't do. ☺☺☺

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You need some excitement in your life, and meeting new people in exotic destinations will certainly satisfy your needs and your desires. Travel in pursuit of pleasure and knowledge. ☺☺☺

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): A secret love affair, though enticing, would bring bad along with the good. Listen to the advice given by those with experience and save yourself a lot of grief. ☺☺☺

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Expect opposition if you won't allow someone to have his or her own way. Your two choices are to strike out on your own or bend to this person's whims. ☺☺☺

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You won't be able to hide the way you feel and will have to discuss pressing issues, which could result in personal changes. It's time to make new friends who won't remind you of past mistakes. ☺☺

Birthdays: You're a straight shooter with integrity, but will always consider others and approach them diplomatically. Your strong character will be admired and lead to many opportunities throughout life.

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Different team, different result

◆ Huskies blow out Irish in rematch of NCAA Semi-final game

By KATIE McVOY
Associate Sports Editor

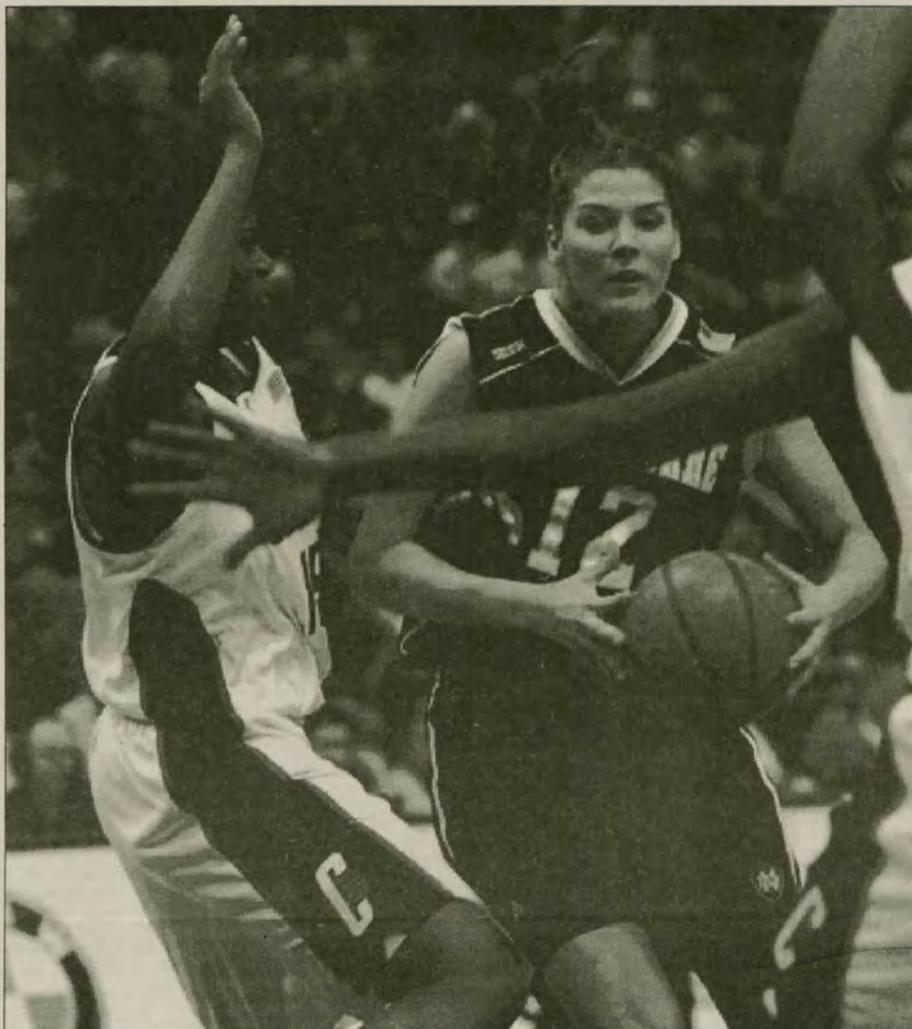
HARTFORD, Conn. In front of more than 16,000 fans at the Hartford Civic Center, the Irish suffered the same fate everyone of the Connecticut Huskies' opponents has suffered this season.

In 40 minutes of play, the undisputed No. 1 team in the country hit hard on offense and even harder on defense and came home with another double digit victory as the Irish fell 80-53.

"They're just outstanding," said Irish head coach Muffet McGraw. "You watch them on tape and you know they're good, and then you see them in person and they're really convincing, really from the defensive pressure and their offensive capabilities."

Despite solid efforts from some young Irish players, the Huskies, who remain the only undefeated team in college basketball (21-0, 7-0), out-shot, out-rebounded, and, ultimately, outran the Irish (10-7, 4-2). Four Connecticut players — Sue Bird, Tamika Williams, Swin Cash and Asjha Jones, hit double digits in scoring while holding Notre Dame's two leading scorers — Alicia Ratay and Jackie Batteast — to less than 10 apiece. And when it came to rebounding, there was no question which

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Notre Dame freshman Teresa Borton drives through the lane as Connecticut defender Swin Cash applies pressure. The Irish lost 80-53.

BRIAN PUCEVICH/The Observer

◆ Youngsters show promise despite 27-point loss

HARTFORD, Conn.

The 16,294 Husky sweatshirt-wearing faithful who made it to the Hartford Civic Center Monday afternoon probably thought that they saw the price Notre Dame is paying after topping UConn twice in three tries en route to a NCAA title last season.

And I'll bet the kids all around the country sitting in front of ESPN on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day thoroughly enjoyed the high-speed acrobatics Sue Bird and Tamika Williams performed at Notre Dame's expense.

But me? I looked at the game through my crystal ball and I saw next season's Big East champion, and I don't mean the team with the guy running around in the dog suit.

No, I'm not kidding. The Irish might be 10-7 after the 80-53 Huskies win, but even in the loss they showed the talent and versatility a team needs to win these days. And Irish head coach Muffet McGraw saw those same things.

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Noah Amstadter

Sports Editor

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Hoyas physically dominate in 83-73 win

◆ Sweetney picks up double-double, plows through Irish defense

By JOE HETTLER
Sports Writer

With Harold Swanagan unable to play due to a re-aggravated left ankle sprain, the Georgetown Hoyas pushed and bullied their way to an 83-73 victory against an undersized Notre Dame team Monday night.

Without Swanagan's presence the Hoyas three big men — Mike Sweetney, Wesley Wilson and Courtland Freeman — controlled the offensive and defensive boards as Georgetown out-rebounded Notre Dame 54-41.

"When you're missing a guy like Swanagan I think you're clearly not at full force," said Georgetown head coach Craig Escherick. "I thought we made them shoot tough 3s the whole game and I thought Courtland [Freeman], Wesley [Wilson] and Mike [Sweetney] played as well as they've played all

year." Sweetney, who was averaging 19.4 points and 9.4 rebounds per game coming into the contest, led both teams with 21 points and 16 rebounds. Wilson and Freeman each had 11 points and seven and six rebounds, respectively.

"Georgetown came in very ready to play today," said Irish head coach Mike Brey. "They're certainly the most physical team we have played all year. They just do a good job of just taking up space in the lane and making it look like there's not a lot of room in the half court."

Jordan Cornette started in place of Swanagan but gave up 40 pounds to the hefty Sweetney. Despite this weight difference, Cornette shot 5-of-8 from the field and ended up with a career high 11 points. Ryan Humphrey led the Irish with 19 points and 11 rebounds while Matt Carroll added 17 points, including three 3-pointers.

Yet the Irish were victimized from the start by lack of size and weight inside the key. Sweetney's first two buckets

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◆ Swanagan's presence sorely missed

Only when Harold Swanagan parks himself on the bench instead of under the basket do you realize just how much you miss him.

You miss his shut-up-and-play attitude, the way he leads by example and the presence he provides on the court.

You miss his unselfishness, his hustle, his size and his heart.

You miss the screens he sets that spring perimeter shooters free, the possessions he saves by chasing the ball from the rim to the floor, the rebounds he gets when tag-team post partner Ryan Humphrey is busy try-

ing to block shots.

Mike Brey has joked that if his star point guard is feeling tired, he can give the freshman a massage to get him ready to play. But what he really should be figuring out how to fix his gritty forward's bum ankle.

"At some point, you're kinda putting super glue on it on it all the time," Brey said. "... Yes, this was a big game, but we had to give it a shot without him and get him healthy."

Forget the super-glue — Brey should look into a titanium ankle replacement. Because when Swanagan's injury keeps him out of the game, like it did Monday night, the Irish are a completely different team.

"I thought it was a total, physical, mismatch," Brey said. "We were hanging on for dear life just because of the physicalness of it."

Had Swanagan played last night, the Hoyas and Irish would have been a pair of evenly matched teams. But with Swanagan out of the lineup, the

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