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STUDENT SENATE

One vote prevents raised activity fee

By ERIN LaRUFFA
Associate News Editor

The Student Senate rejected by a vote of 14 to 13 a resolution to increase the student activities fee.

The vote between the 26 senators ended in a 13-13 tie. The tie meant that student body vice president Brian Moscona, who chairs the senate, had to vote. In voting against the resolution, Moscona said that he wanted a senate committee to look into the issue further to settle questions several senators had raised. The senate can then revote on the resolution, or an amended version of it.

The resolution called for an initial increase of \$10, which would bring the fee to \$75 for the 2002-2003 school year. The resolution would also have called for the fee to increase by \$5 every two years until it reached \$100. If the senate had passed the resolution, it would not have gone into effect but instead would have moved onto the Campus

Life Council for further consideration.

The senate originally discussed the resolution at its meeting on Feb. 6, but senators tabled the motion so that they could get feedback from their hall councils.

"I talked it over with my dorm, and most of the guys ... would rather increase it on a [year by year] basis," said Fisher senator Greg Celio. He added that the students he discussed the resolution with would also prefer to see campus organizations allocated less money so that a club would have to improve its programming in order to receive more funds.

Cavanaugh senator Lindsay Zika agreed, explaining that students at her hall council had a similar reaction as Fisher Hall council members did.

"They felt that this school too often raises money to solve problems," Zika said.

Off-campus senator Matthew Smith added that he could not support raising the fee when the University refused to fund a group like OUTReachND.

However, the Financial Management Board's Audra Hagan, who submitted the resolution to the senate, stressed that because of inflation, the

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campus dining"
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LISA VETTE/The Observer

Members of the Student Senate met Wednesday to vote on a resolution that would have raised the fee for student activities. In a close 14-13 vote the resolution was defeated.

activities fee needed to go up so that campus groups could maintain their level of programming.

"People are always asking us to do better. It's to do better

when you're constantly slipping backward," said Hagan. "Every year, the student activities fee becomes less and less able to provide for us."

Student Union secretary Tai

Romero agreed that passing the resolution was important.

"Seventy-five percent of us will

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RCLC celebrates first year

By MEGHAN MARTIN
News Writer

Renalda Robinson would be proud.

It has only been a year, but the community center in the Northeast Neighborhood that bears her name has already done much to foster the kind of neighborhood advocacy that this matriarch of the community worked so hard for.

First opened in February of 2001, the Robinson Community Learning Center was intended to be a place "where the neighboring community and university community could come together and break down the barriers that separate us ... to put names and faces to issues that we would otherwise have talked about as social problems," said Lou Nanni, the University's Vice President of Public Affairs

and Communication, and chair of the Center's Oversight Committee.

Initiated by the University's Office of the President, Nanni's former department, the planning committee's primary goal, as noted by current RCLC director Jay Caponigro, was to "weave together what would be a strong center" for the neighborhood community at the location of a vacant University-owned building. According to Nanni, it was important that the University not look beyond its neighbors' needs or "treat them with a benign neglect."

After securing support from a number of local and University departments, the planning committee worked with community members to gain insight into how best to fulfill the needs at hand.

Nanni said the project was a collaborative effort, combining a partnership with the Northeast Neighborhood

Council and the University's Center for Social Concerns to "create a community learning center ... for the community."

After six months of listening and learning, the committee, consisting of students, faculty, administrators, and community leaders, put its refined plan into action. Intended to be a beacon for the local neighborhood and not an advertisement for the University, Nanni said, "We felt that it was critical to the neighborhood to the south of us [that we create a place] where we could address their needs, but also show their strengths."

With that in mind, the Center was launched with a number of programs that have only gained momentum over the course of the year, such as exercise classes, an after-school program for

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Assoc. sports editor
moves up in staff ranksBy JEFF BALTRUZAK
London Correspondent

Andrew Soukup has been named The Observer's 2002-2003 Assistant Managing Editor and will direct editorial policy with The Observer's top two editors, incoming Editor in Chief Jason McFarley and Managing Editor Kate Nagengast announced Wednesday.

The appointment is effective March 18.

"It's an honor to be one of the paper's top editors and receive the chance to help shape The Observer's future success," Soukup said. "I look forward to working with Jason and Kate and this very talented, dedicated staff of student



Soukup

journalists."

As Assistant Managing Editor, Soukup is responsible for working in conjunction with the Managing Editor on staff recruitment and hiring and developing the mission of The Observer's seven editorial departments. He also will work closely with the Sports Department on training, writing, editing and design.

Soukup, a sophomore Knott Hall resident, is currently the paper's Associate Sports Editor. He began work for The Observer in fall 2000 as a sports writer and has worked as copy editor and production assistant in the department. He has been a beat writer for football, men's basketball, track and field and women's swimming.

A Holland, Mich., native, Soukup is a government major with a concentration in the Journalism, Ethics and Democracy program.

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New office emerges from diversity issue

By JUSTIN KRIVICKAS
News Writer

In an attempt to improve the quality of professors Notre Dame has to offer, the University has created a new administrative branch called the Office of Institutional Equity. The organization will play an integral role in the hiring and firing of University teaching and staff positions. Also, it will be involved in sexual harassment issues, and deal with affirmative action responsibilities within the faculty.

Rhonda Brown has been appointed to head the office. For eight years, she has been an administrator at the College of Holy Cross in Massachusetts, and she dealt with affirmative action issues within the college. Two years ago, Brown was contacted by Notre Dame and asked to head a similar program at the University.

This October, she began her work in the Office of Institutional Equity and met with members of the University staff.

"I had to learn what makes this place unique," said Brown.

With these connections, she was able to focus on and gain the support of the faculty for her program.

She said diversity helps to create well-rounded students by allowing them to learn from professors who come from a broader cultural basis. Diversifying the

student body is one way the administration has been working to improve Notre Dame through the years and now it will focus more attention to working with the faculty to enhance the teaching environment.

"My primary task is to diversify the faculty. We will make significant input into the fall searches," said Brown. "I want to know that the person we help to hire values diversity."

To help appeal to a wider range of potential faculty members, the office will assist in writing advertisements for vacant positions within the University departments. Also, the office will aid in overseeing the applicant pool and narrowing down the search to prospective candidates.

"It's a long process and will not happen over night, and there's always room for improvement," said Brown. "The faculty members must be able to grow as scholars and feel part of a community."

The University wishes to keep the faculty they hire for their good teaching abilities and experience. This new office is intended to help faculty members build strong connections with Notre Dame so that they want to remain in this teaching environment.

The offices are located on the second floor of Grace Hall.

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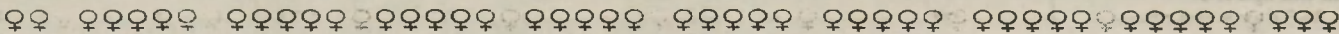
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SISTERHOOD WEEK: February 18-24

"Sisterhood Beyond Boundaries:
Lesbian, Bisexual & Straight Women in Community"

• Keynote Address:

Monday, February 18, 7:00 pm, Stapleton Lounge, LeMans:

Rev. Jennifer Walters, Dean of Religious Life at Smith College. "Hidden Wholeness, Holy Discord: Sexual and Religious Diversity in a Land of Things Unspoken." Followed by a reception.

• Film Series:

Tuesday, February 19, 7:30 pm, Madeleva 351:

"If These Walls Could Talk, 2" A film depicting the lives of three lesbian women from different eras. The first story, taking place in 1961, stars Vanessa Redgrave as a woman widowed when her partner of 50 years suddenly dies. The 1972 portion stars Michelle Williams, who finds dealing with the sexual politics of the gay community increasingly more complex when she falls in love with a boyish woman (played by Chloë Sevigny). The most modern piece, taking place in 2000, portrays a contemporary lesbian couple (Sharon Stone and Ellen DeGeneres) determined to have a baby.

Wednesday, February 20, 7:30 pm, Moreau 232:

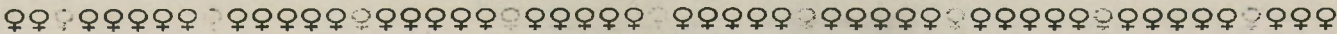
A 1996 award-winning documentary, "The Celluloid Closet" chronicles various Hollywood screen depictions of gays, lesbians, and bisexuals in mainstream film and the attitudes behind their subtle representations. It's packed with celebrity interviews, film clips, and insightful gems regarding subplots often missed by the audience.

• Alumnae Panel

Sunday, February 24, 4:00 pm, Moreau 232:

"Boundaries Past and Present: Sharing Experiences with Alumnae." Followed by a reception in Moreau Art Gallery.

Sponsored by: People in Support (PinS), Office of the Vice President & Dean of Faculty, Center for Women's Intercultural Leadership, MAG (Moreau Art Gallery), Gay & Lesbian Alumni of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's College (GALA-ND/SMC), and the Departments of: Communication, Dance & Theatre, English, Intercultural Studies, Justice Education, Philosophy, Psychology, Sociology, Women's Studies



SISTAR accepts grant applicants

By SARAH NESTOR
News Writer

The Student Independent Study and Research (SISTAR) program is currently accepting applications for this summer's participants. The SISTAR Program offers a grant to four students who work as junior colleagues with members of faculty on research projects during the summer. The SISTAR Program is open to full-time faculty and students in all disciplines.

"I think it is such a good opportunity to take charge of your own education. You work one-on-one with your professor. It is very satisfying and meaningful and there is no pressure of deadlines or competing homework," said Alissa Blair, a past participant.

The faculty member and student will be involved in separate projects that revolve around the same theme. The student is not just a helper but also a main contributor to the final result.

"I think a lot of students are intimidated by choosing a

topic. Approach a professor you could connect with and have a conversation with them to come up with a topic. You don't have to know everything about the topic before you start," said Angela Cederquist, a past participant.

The student receives a stipend of \$3,000 plus free lodging on campus. This also allows the student to attend a professional conference in the

"The student's determination is what holds the project together."

Alissa Blair
SISTAR participant

senior year. The faculty member will also receive a stipend of \$3,000.

The student's determination is what holds the project together. They should be there because it is important to them," Blair said.

This year written applications must be received in the Center for Academic Innovation by March 1 at 5 p.m. After handing in the application, the SISTAR committee will interview the student and faculty member to assess the project.

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MEXICO

Fox tells plan for U.S. border

Associated Press

MONTERREY

President Vicente Fox unveiled a plan Wednesday to develop Mexico's 2,000 mile border with the United States, calling the region known for its U.S.-owned factories, booming population and sprawling shantytowns, a "land of hope, a land of opportunities."

His plans call for a network of government sectors that will oversee more than 50 programs dealing with the effects of the North American Free Trade Agreement and other regional issues.

While NAFTA has dramatically increased U.S.-Mexico trade and brought hundreds of thousands of jobs to both sides of the border, it also has clogged roads with trucks, depleted water supplies and increased air pollution.

Uncontrolled growth has left cities with crumbling schools, overrun hospitals and dilapidated sewage systems.

Fox announced the plan in this northern Mexican city, where he was accompanied by the governors of Mexico's six border states and Mexico's border czar, Ernesto Ruffo, a post created by Fox to oversee the northern border's development.

Because of its rapid growth and development, "this part of our country in some ways is a land of hope, a land of opportunities," Fox said.

In the past six years, the Mexican border region has captured nearly one-third of the country's foreign investment. Salaries and education levels are twice the national average.

Fox said the border's "human capital is precisely what can give us a competitive advantage."

The region has been hit hard by the U.S. economic slowdown and tightened border security that has caused delays and hurt businesses that rely on cross-border commerce. Fox said he has con-

crete proposals to speed border crossings, but he did not elaborate.

He called for Mexican border states to work more closely with their northern neighbors.

Fox said the proposal complements his ambitious development program known as the Puebla-Panama plan, which envisions an infrastructure, investment and tourism corridor stretching from the central Mexico state of Puebla to Panama.

That plan aims to curb the flow of migrants from Central America and Mexico's southern states who have flooded the northern border's cities while attempting to illegally enter the United States.

In March, Monterrey will host the U.N. International Conference on Financing for Development, which will look at how to redistribute wealth and encourage development across the globe. Fox said he and U.S. President George W. Bush will renew U.S.-Mexico talks at the meeting.

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AIDS fund falls short of goal: Nine months after Secretary General Kofi Annan called on wealthy nations to contribute at least \$7 billion a year to a global fund to fight AIDS, donations have fallen far short of that goal. Advocates and some lawmakers blame the White House, saying its pledge of \$200 million this year sets a poor example for other countries.

U.S. plane crashes in Afghanistan: An Air Force plane crashed in a remote region of Afghanistan, American officials said Wednesday. All eight crew members survived. Some crew members were injured in the Tuesday evening crash but none of the injuries were considered life threatening, said Maj. Brad Lowell, a spokesman for U.S. Central Command at MacDill Air Force in Tampa, Fla.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Supreme Court shuts down Casino: Nine years in operation, the Speaking Rock operated by the Tigua Indian tribe in Texas was ordered closed on Monday night after the United States Supreme Court refused to grant a stay to let the 70,000-square-foot casino remain in operation while tribal leaders fight a protracted legal battle with state authorities who want the casino shut down.

Boston Globe loses law suit: A jury today ordered The Boston Globe and a former reporter to pay more than \$2 million to a doctor who a judge had ruled was defamed by an article about the death of a Globe health columnist from an overdose of experimental chemotherapy drugs. The Dana-Farber Cancer Institute and its former chief of staff were ordered to pay another \$2 million on claims relating to the doctor's employment and termination.

INDIANA NEWS BRIEFS

Endangered landmark list published: Riverfront Evansville's once-bustling downtown riverfront district tops a preservation group's list of Indiana's 10 most endangered historic landmarks. The Historic Landmarks Foundation of Indiana put the Ohio River city's Main Street corridor atop its annual list, which was released Wednesday. Downtown Evansville still boasts historic buildings that date from the 1850s to the early 20th century, but nearly half are empty, putting them at risk, the foundation said. The downtown area has been left barren as businesses and residents migrated to newer developments in the decades following World War II.

Market Watch February 13

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Up: 1,524	Same: 251	Down: 1,558
Composite Volume:	1,195,273,000	
AMEX:	847.96	+9.33
NASDAQ:	1,859.16	+24.95
NYSE:	576.09	+4.61
S&P 500:	1,118.51	+11.01

TOP 5 VOLUME LEADERS

COMPANY/SECURITY	%CHANGE	\$GAIN	PRICE
CISCO SYSTEMS (CSCO)	-2.43	-0.43	17.26
WORLDCOM INC-WO (WCOM)	-6.92	-0.54	7.26
NASDAQ-100 INDEX (QQQ)	-0.82	-0.30	36.33
METROMEDIA FIBE (MFNX)	+6.25	+0.02	0.34
SUN MICROSYSTEM (SUNW)	-3.69	-0.36	9.40

THE NETHERLANDS



AFP PHOTO

Slobodan Milosevic, the former Yugoslav president, addresses the United Nations tribunal in The Hague on Wednesday. The trial against Milosevic for alleged atrocities is Europe's most important war crime's case since Nuremburg.

Milosevic speaks out in court

Associated Press

THE HAGUE
U.N. prosecutors Wednesday screened graphic film of gaunt prisoners in Bosnian camps at the start of the second day of the trial of Slobodan Milosevic, accused of orchestrating a decade of murder and oppression in the Balkans in an unbridled drive for personal power.

The former Yugoslav president is the first head of state to be called to justice before an international tribunal. His case is the most prominent in international law since a military tribunal tried the Nazi leaders after

World War II.

With the prosecution's opening statement lasting longer than expected, it was unclear whether Milosevic would have a chance to begin his response before the end of the day.

Describing crimes in Bosnia, for which Milosevic had been charged with the genocide of thousands of Muslims at Srebrenica, prosecutors showed video footage of rail-thin and frightened internees at the Trnopolje prison camp in 1992.

At the Trnopolje, Omarska and Keraterm detention centers of eastern Bosnia thousands of

detainees were starved, beaten, sexually assaulted and tortured. Many were murdered and their bodies hauled off to be buried in mass graves, prosecutors say.

The pictures of the camps were what aroused international attention to the Balkan horrors that led to the establishment of the Yugoslav war crimes tribunal in 1993.

The prosecutors say the camps were part of a campaign to rid large portions of Croatia, Bosnia and Kosovo of non-Serb populations and create a "greater" Serb state.

Milosevic doesn't recog-

nize the authority of the court and plans to defend himself before the three-member panel of judges. His lawyers say he will seek to call high-ranking Western officials to testify, including the former President Clinton, and British Prime Minister Tony Blair.

Prosecutors spent Tuesday's six-hour hearings laying the groundwork for their case, attempting to link Milosevic to thousands of murders and the expulsion of nearly a million people from the three Balkan states. ly assaulted and tortured, prosecutors say.

Bush unveils Kyoto replacement

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

The Bush administration has drawn up an alternative to the Kyoto global warming pact, which 178 other countries accepted last year but the White House rejected, warning it would damage the U.S. economy.

The administration wants to link the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions to economic activity so that emission targets could expand or shrink with economic growth, according to a report by the president's economic advisers.

Such an approach would be "flexible in the face of economic growth, encouraging reductions without threatening the economy," the president's Council of Economic Advisers told him.

One official said the administration would lean on U.S. and foreign corporations to reduce their output of greenhouse gases.

It wasn't immediately clear how the government would achieve that. The report to Bush said the government should encourage businesses "to think about their own emissions and opportunities for reductions."

The report expressed doubts about the phenomenon of global warming, the effects of natural climate change and human activity, and its pace. However, a report prepared by the National Academy of Sciences for the White House concluded in June that global warming was a real problem that is getting worse.

The report to Bush last week warned that the Kyoto requirements could erode the nation's gross domestic product by up to 4 percent in 2010 "a staggering sum when there is no scientific basis for believing this target is preferable to one less costly."

RCLC

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local children and adult computer classes.

Nanni credits Caponigro and his staff for the center's success. Caponigro's staff consists of local and university community members, such as Marguerite Taylor, Renalda Robinson's daughter; Americorps volunteers, such as Khadijah Shabazz and Andrea Mechenbier; and local college students.

Through a partnership with the South Bend School Corporation, the RCLC has been able to offer both GED and English as a Second Language classes to adults in the community. The St. Joseph County Library has established the location as a permanent drop-site for books. The St. Joseph Regional Medical Center has provided RCLC members with health screenings and preventative care.

The University itself has taken enormous measures to enrich the opportunities offered to the Northeast Neighborhood.

Providing support for local

entrepreneurs, the Mendoza College of Business has launched the RCLC as an incubation center, which makes essential assistance available to those wishing to start their own businesses. The Office of Information Technologies has provided computers for the sought-after classes. The Department of Music has donated a number of keyboards to the center, and now offers piano lessons to roughly 20 children, taught by department staff members and graduate assistants.

The Snite Museum of Art, as well, has demonstrated support for the center. According to Andrea Mechenbier, youth program and volunteer coordinator, the Snite has been really proactive in getting money to help the children involved with the center. Through the grants it has secured, the museum was able to commission a Chicago-area painter to collaborate with RCLC children on their vision of the neighborhood; creating the

vibrant mural that can be found on the side of the building.

A second grant has been acquired to do the same with the center's teenage members. In addition, Jackie Welsh, educational curator of the Snite, leads an art program each week for the high-school crowd.

University departments are looking to add new features as well.

The Athletic Department anticipates adding sports activities to the current tutoring program's curriculum. Children would be paired with athletes to

create what Caponigro calls, "experiential learning through sports." Caponigro has made it a priority to "create new opportunities for children to learn in different styles," addressing specific learning difficulties that the RCLC's students encounter on a daily basis.

Promoting literacy, for instance, is a principal endeavor that Caponigro hopes to con-

tinue.

"We want to make a dent in the low [57 percent] high school graduation rate of South Bend," he said, starting with the Northeast Neighborhood community and eventually filtering out to the rest of the town, a feat that he believes can be accomplished. "With the talent that we have here, we have a real opportunity to make an impact."

Tutoring in general has become a main focus of the Center, with more than 50 students from kindergarten to sixth grade taking advantage of the program. According to Mechenbier, volunteers are the foundation of the program, with more than 250 to date. While both Mechenbier and the children's parents have seen the students' levels of understanding rise over the course of the program, she said. "The relationships between the kids and their tutors is notable—it has been the most impressive thing to watch."

RCLC staff members have seen a vast improvement in students' understanding and comprehension of their work, and positive results do not seem to be diminishing. "I think a lot of

the programs will grow beyond that 8000 foot space — into the parks, into the streets, into the neighborhood," Nanni said.

Since last February, the Robinson Community Learning Center has seen a lot of growth and participation. Due to the collaboration of University and neighborhood community members, the RCLC has been incredibly successful in establishing itself in the Northeast Neighborhood. The center will celebrate its success with an anniversary celebration Feb. 22.

University President Father Edward Malloy is slated to open the ceremony, with awards being presented to those volunteers and students who have demonstrated exceptional dedication to their work at the Center. At the culmination of the event, Caponigro will present the center's vision for the following year.

"There is nothing greater than having a dream — and being able to come back and see the reality exceeded," Nanni said.

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Fees

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participate in some club, and that's just clubs," Romero said. "We all participate, and I'm sure we're getting more than our \$65."

Saint Mary's representative Erin Casey added that students at the College pay a much higher fee.

"Sixty-five dollars to me doesn't seem like that much when I pay \$150," she said. "You're gaining so much from

student government, and you're giving them the power to do more for you."

In other news:

♦ The senate unanimously passed a resolution calling for increased student representation on the Academic Council. The resolution will now go to the University's Student Affairs committee for additional consideration.

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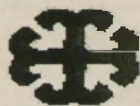
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2/14
thursday

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Monday-Friday during Lent

8:45 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Coleman-Morse Center Chapel

San Egidio Community

6:00 p.m.

Sacred Heart Crypt

2/15
friday

Eucharistic Adoration

11:30 a.m. - 4:45 p.m.

Basilica of the Sacred Heart

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Friday-Saturday

Fatima Retreat Center

Bible Study (in Chinese)

7:30-9:30 p.m.

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807 Mass

8:00 p.m.

Lounge, Coleman-Morse Center

2/16
saturday

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5:30 p.m.

Joyce Center

2/17
sunday

First Sunday of Lent

Basilica of the Sacred Heart

RCIA: Purification & Enlightenment

10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

330 Coleman-Morse Center

2/18
monday

The Way Bible Study

8:30 p.m.

331 Coleman-Morse Center

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Fisher Hall Chapel

CAMPUS MINISTRY

Reflections on Lent

Don't forget prayer

■ by Fr. Bill Wack c.s.c.

Director, Freshman Retreat Program

The season of Lent is already upon us. This is a time for us as individuals and as a church to discern where we stand with God. In Lent, we focus on how we have strayed from the Gospel call to love and service while praying for forgiveness and recommitting ourselves wholeheartedly. We hope to "find our way back" by focusing on the cross of Christ.

What will you do to re-commit yourself to Jesus this Lent? How will you remind yourself of the need to be reconciled with God and the church? How will you mark the next six weeks or so in order to prepare to celebrate the Pascal Mystery (i.e., the death and resurrection) of Christ?

The traditional Christian practices are especially appropriate for Lent: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Of those three, fasting seems to get the most attention. Many people "give something up" during this season as a way of helping them to stay focused on the cross of Christ. People often give up candy, sweets, snacking in between meals, meat, liquor, TV, video games, and the like. (Or how about cursing, arguing, being jealous or prideful?) If you do choose to do something like this, make sure it's realistic, not overbearing or physically harmful. The point is to remind you of your dependence on Christ alone, not to punish the body or yourself.

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Almsgiving also assists us in our effort to be Christlike. Certainly, this involves donating money to charitable organizations and to the church, but it could also be practiced in service to those who are less fortunate. Make a commitment to volunteer or give your time and talent to a local or international group. Look for ways in which you can serve your classmate, roommate, or others you see every day. Almsgiving is spending yourself on others.

But what of prayer? There are many ways to pray during Lent. Spend time in quiet contemplation in a chapel or in the Basilica. Go to the Grotto daily or a couple of times a week. Join a Bible study or a faith sharing group like Emmaus. Commit to doing a retreat. Talk to people around

you about your relationship with God.

There is another form of prayer which is being offered on campus right now: the Liturgy of the Hours. This prayer has roots that go back hundreds of years and was introduced by monks and nuns. This is a form of public prayer in which a group of people gather several times a day to pray the Psalms and Scriptures. There are several "hours" of prayer, and perhaps only contemplative religious can "afford" to pray all of them (at least seven times a day!). The reforms of the Church in the 1960s, however, made it clear that all Christians are invited to pray the Hours together whenever possible.

For those who pray this liturgy, most come together for two of the Hours: Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer. We in the Congregation of Holy Cross gather at least twice a day to pray these at Old College, Moreau, Corby, Columba Hall, Holy Cross College, and St. Mary's College, among other local places. Last Fall, several students approached us in Campus Ministry about the possibility of praying Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer together as a student body. We have welcomed the initiative and applaud the efforts of those who have been pursuing this. To that end: I would like to invite you to join us in this daily prayer. Perhaps this could be part of your Lenten commitment to deepen your prayer life? Or maybe this would prove to be an excellent way to start or end your day of classes.

Beginning yesterday, Morning Prayer is being prayed in the chapel of the Coleman/Morse Center at 8:45am, and Evening Prayer is at 5pm, Monday through Friday. There are books available in the chapel for the prayers, and even though the format looks daunting at first, anyone can get the hang of it after a couple of times. The prayers last about 10 or 15 minutes, depending on music or longer Scriptural reflections. You don't have to worry about standing out in the crowd, as this is a time for communal prayer. Basically, it gives us all a chance to use the gift of the Psalms (the prayer book of Christians) as a way of growing closer to God and each other.

Please consider joining us on a regular basis for these prayers. You may very well grow to love this ancient form of prayer and want to incorporate it into your life forever. It is a privilege to live among so many people of faith on our campuses. May God help us to take advantage of this, bringing us together often to offer Him praise and worship. And may the blessing of Almighty God be with us all during this Lenten season.

First Sunday of Lent

Mass Schedule

■ Basilica of the Sacred Heart Saturday, February 16 Mass

5:00 p.m.

Rev. Richard S. Bullene, c.s.c.

Sunday, February 17 Mass

10:00 a.m.

Rev. Charles B. Gordon, c.s.c.

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■ Around Campus Sunday, February 17

Spanish Mass

1:30 p.m., Zahm Hall Chapel

Law School Mass

5:00 p.m., Law School Chapel

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7:00 p.m., Mendoza COB Chapel

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STUDENT SENATE

Leaders probe Food Services on campus dining

By ERIN LaRUFFA
Associate News Editor

Food Services director Dave Prentkowski addressed the Student Senate Wednesday to explain the University's opinions of the dining halls.

Prentkowski began by explaining to senators the important role that the University sees for dining halls.

"They play a significant role in the student life and the culture of the University," said Prentkowski, who explained that much of his job actually involves working with the Office of Student Affairs. "The dining halls are a part of the residential experience — the eating in a community."

Flex Points 'n' Grab and Go take away from that experience to some extent, Prentkowski added. The University therefore seeks a balance between the convenience of Flex Points and Grab 'n' Go and the community of the dining halls.

Although Prentkowski said he has discussed possible improvements to Grab 'n' Go with Father Mark Poorman, vice president for Student Affairs, Poorman is not supportive of the idea.

"His feeling was to not make Grab 'n' Go more desirable because he wants students to go to the dining halls," Prentkowski said.

Dining halls also offer logistical benefits, according to Prentkowski.

"There are a lot of you guys on campus. The dining halls are made for volume. The Huddle is not," he said. Therefore, he said, lines at retail places such as the Huddle would get too long if more people ate there instead of at the dining hall.

Financial factors also play a significant role in how meal plans are structured.

"We base everything on how many meals we know the average student eats," said Prentkowski. "For us to start to change the model and give more flexibility, we have to start to say, 'What are we going to cut?'"

He also explained that students on the 21-meal plan do not actually pay for 21 meals.

"We're not charging you for 21 meals. We're charging you for 17," he said. "There's no money left over."

This year, students are eating more meals than Food Services expected, which means the budget for meals is running out of money, he added.

Food services may consider offering more meal plan choices, but students may have to pay more for certain plans, he said.

Another major cost factor is theft, particularly from the Huddle. Since a new camera system was installed there,



LISA VETTE/The Observer

Dave Prentkowski, director of Food Services meets with the Student Senate Wednesday to discuss dining options. Currently, Food Services is considering several alternative meal plans.

Prentkowski said, campus police have picked up an average of two people a day for attempting to steal from the Huddle.

Additionally, various changes are now in the works for LaFortune. Starbucks is scheduled to open by the end of spring break, and a Sbarros restaurant will replace Allegro by the fall, according to Prentkowski.

Therefore, Food Services is looking to replace Tomassito's in order to avoid having two pizza restaurants. Currently, Food Services is considering adding a sandwich shop or Mexican restaurant to the Tomassito's location, although Prentkowski said he has already

determined it is impossible to add a Taco Bell outlet there.

Pasquerilla East senator Nikki McCord questioned Prentkowski as to whether a healthy alternative could be added to the renovation plans for the student center.

"The problem we have in LaFortune is that we're bursting at the seams. We looked at concepts that were the most popular and the most [in demand]," said Prentkowski. He added that

Sbarros will offer healthy meals and that a Subway is one possible replacement being looked into for the Tomassito's location.

Elizabeth Lenn, the senator from Farley, also questioned Prentkowski about the differences between North and South dining halls in terms of food quality.

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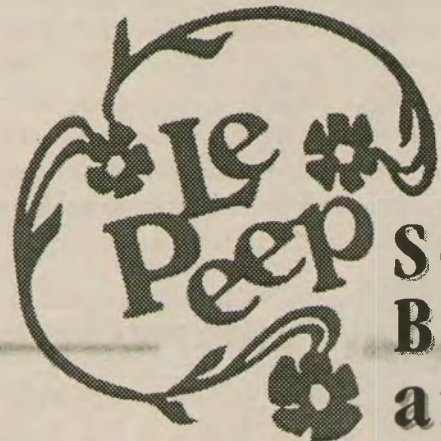
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Base holds 288 detainees

♦ Officials sort out details on captives of several nations

Associated Press

GUANTANAMO BAY NAVAL BASE

Officials who are interrogating detainees at Guantanamo said Wednesday they are having trouble sorting fact from fiction.

Thirty-four more detainees have arrived from Afghanistan at the U.S. Navy base in eastern Cuba, bringing the number of people held there to 288. The camp has a capacity of 320.

Interrogations began last month but the process has been tedious, officials say.

"We get many different stories, and quite often the way that you determine the truth is to match it against information you already have that you know to be truthful," said Brig. Gen. Mike Lehnert, the Marine in charge of the detention mission.

Lehnert said he believed the detainees were still withholding information but each day the picture was getting

clearer. In some cases, officials have learned the detainees' names through letters.

Many detainees "have been giving false names all along," Lehnert said, but "when we give them an opportunity to communicate with their loved ones they suddenly decide that it's very important that they tell their loved ones who is really there."

Since the first prisoners arrived just over a month ago, the population has grown to represent at least 26 nationalities. Detainees speak a dozen or more languages and dialects and represent at least two religions — Islam and Christianity, officials say.

In the most detailed breakdown, a senior Pentagon official said on condition of anonymity last week that the 158 detainees then at the camp included 50 Saudis, 30 Yemenis and 25 Pakistanis. There are also eight Algerians and three Britons as well as a handful of prisoners from Egypt, Australia, France, Russia, Belgium, Sweden and other countries.

Denmark said Tuesday that one of its citizens was among 34 detainees who arrived

here Monday, and requested U.S. permission to visit him as soon as possible.

On Sunday, a U.S. military official said the number of detainees at Camp X-Ray whose allegiance had not been established was larger than the number believed to be Taliban or al-Qaida.

Officials say some may belong to groups other than Afghanistan's ousted Taliban regime or al-Qaida, the international terrorist network that the Taliban sheltered.

Officials have emphasized the importance of the interrogations in the war on terrorism.

"The information that we develop comes from a variety of sources all over the world," Lehnert said. "Suddenly, seemingly irrelevant or nonessential pieces of information become much more important because people are able to see the big picture."

Information from Guantanamo interrogations reportedly helped officials identify 17 suspected al-Qaida members believed to have planned to attack the United States or Americans in Yemen on or after Tuesday.

Family accuses Walker of treason

♦ Family of slain CIA officer says American Taliban waged war on West

Associated Press

ALEXANDRIA, Va.

They showed up, unannounced, to call John Walker Lindh a traitor. The mother, father and widow of slain CIA officer Johnny Micheal Spann have a score to settle — and no hesitation about saying so.

"John Walker is a traitor because of the way he lived," Spann's mother, Gail, said Wednesday. "If you go back from the time he was 16 years old and just go through his history, you know, what more could I say?"

It's so simple and I hope that all Americans will feel the same way that I do."

She and Spann's father, Johnny, had traveled from Winfield, Ala., to see how Lindh would respond to the allegations against him.

The elder Spanns watched quietly alongside Spann's widow, Shannon. Their presence in the small courtroom and before reporters outside afterward made a dramatic statement as Lindh proclaimed himself innocent of conspiring to kill Americans and supporting the Taliban and terrorist organizations.

Spann and Lindh crossed paths in November in Afghanistan, in a prison where the young American Taliban soldier was being held with fellow fighters.

Spann and another CIA agent tried, apparently unsuccessfully, to interrogate Lindh. Later that day, during an armed rebellion in which the prisoners took control of the compound, Spann became the war's first combat casualty.

At that prison, Lindh disappeared with other captives into a basement where he was discovered almost a week later.

Though the government's indictment does not directly

accuse Lindh of killing Spann, it cites his presence at the bloody uprising as a reason for the murder conspiracy charge. If convicted on all 10 counts, Lindh could end up with multiple life sentences.

Spann's widow said that would not be enough for a man who "dedicated his life" to waging war against the West and Americans. Shannon Spann — a CIA employee herself who lives in northern Virginia — would rather see Lindh accused of treason, which could result in his execution.

"We expect Mr. Walker to be held personally responsible for all of the things that he has done," she said calmly. "Certainly I should have preferred the death penalty myself."

The defense contends Lindh intended to fight the anti-Taliban northern alliance, not Americans.

But Spann's family made it clear that is not their view — and said they

hope the court will agree. Spann's father said on ABC's "Good Morning America" he considers Lindh responsible for his son's death as an accomplice.

"We sent our sons and our daughters and our husbands and our wives and our fathers and our mothers to a faraway land to fight this terrible evil so we could continue to live and enjoy the freedom that we live in today," Johnny Spann told reporters. "As we all know, freedom's not free. Bodies have come home draped with flags. Mike's was the first. ... Americans will not tolerate traitors."

After the legal proceeding, Lindh's father, Frank, approached Spann's father in the crowded courthouse hallway. He tried to shake his hand, offer condolences and say his son was not involved in the younger Spann's death. Officials from the prosecutor's office, however, intervened to end the conversation.

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Police find man, fake IDs near Pentagon

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Federal prosecutors mindful of new terrorism warnings sought the identity Wednesday of a man charged with carrying fake identification on a road near the Pentagon. A judge ordered the man held.

"There is a substantial risk of the defendant's flight," U.S. Magistrate Judge Theresa Buchanan said of the man, identified in court papers as "Imad Abdel-Fattah Hamed, aka Imad Nimer."

A criminal complaint filed by the FBI revealed that Hamed was interviewed previously by the agency, on Oct. 22. An FBI supervisor, Steve Berry, would not elaborate on the initial interview.

Just hours after the FBI issued a terrorist alert Monday night, Hamed and another man were detained by state and federal law enforcement officials as Hamed drove a tow truck on Route 110, which passes close by the Pentagon. The route was closed to commercial and other big vehicles after the Sept. 11 terror attacks, one of which tore a hole in the side of the Pentagon and killed 189 people.

According to the FBI complaint, state police found a variety of driver's licenses and

other false government-issued documents. The men offered several explanations for why they were there and where they were going, the complaint said.

"Their motivations are still unclear," Virginia State Police spokeswoman Lucy Caldwell said.

The mystery rattled law enforcement and other government officials who have been on high alert since the Pentagon and the World Trade Center attacks. Monday night, the FBI issued its latest terror alert, warning of an unspecified attack possibly as early as Tuesday.

"The timing of this apparent attempt to breach security, after the latest FBI warning of a specific and credible terrorist threat, certainly gives me pause," Virginia Gov. Mark Warner said in a statement.

There was no indication of a connection between the men and 18 named Monday by the FBI as possible conspirators in

a terror attack thought planned for this week. A Justice Department official said a check of immigration records showed no indication any the 18 ever have been in the United States.

After questioning by the FBI, the passenger in the truck Hamed was driving was turned over to the Immigration and Naturalization Service. He was detained and was not identified publicly.

Meanwhile, federal law enforcement authorities took custody of Hamed, who appeared Wednesday at the U.S. District Courthouse in Alexandria, Va.

He is charged with committing identification document fraud and making false statements, which carry on conviction a sentence as high as 15 years in jail, according to prosecutor John Morton.

"We are busily engaged in determining what Mr. Hamed's true identification and true

nationality is," Morton said.

Hamed, clad in a white short-sleeved shirt and black jeans and wearing a mustache and beard, asked Buchanan what to do about his job and said he could afford a lawyer before being led away. Buchanan set a preliminary hearing for Friday.

Traveling south on Route 110 about 10:30 p.m. Monday, the tow truck drove past signs erected in November that prohibit commercial vehicles on the road, according to the complaint.

Officers in a police cruiser who watched the truck go by alerted a second team stationed farther along the road.

The second team questioned the driver and passenger, "both of whom appeared to be Middle Eastern males," according to the complaint, and found several false driver's licenses and other government documents inside. Several of the documents bore pictures matching those of the driver and passenger but had conflicting addresses, dates of birth and Social Security numbers.

The truck bore a Virginia inspection sticker and temporary Maryland tags, the complaint said.

FBI dogs searched the truck for weapons and explosives but turned up none, Caldwell said.

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ITALY China watches Catholics

Associated Press

VATICAN CITY

China has detained dozens of bishops and priests loyal to Pope John Paul II and is closely watching many more as part of its efforts to weaken the underground Roman Catholic Church, the Vatican's missionary news agency said Wednesday.

The news agency Fides released the names of 33 bishops and priests either detained or being kept under strict police surveillance and forbidden to worship. It said about 20 more priests, whose names were not known, also were being detained.

"The (Chinese) leadership has never given up its idea that religious freedom can only be a controlled semi-freedom," the news agency said, denouncing what it called "abuses and imbalances" in China.

Some of the bishops and priests have been arrested "on no charges, and disappeared ever since," it said.

Chinese officials in Beijing and Rome were unavailable for comment Wednesday, with all government offices closed for the lunar new year.

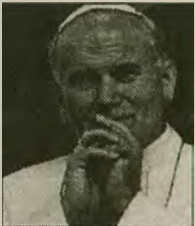
China has a state-sanctioned Chinese Catholic Patriotic Association that does not recognize papal authority. Millions of Chinese Catholics faithful to the Vatican worship in underground churches, where they risk arrest. Church leaders have sometimes been imprisoned for years.

The Vatican and China broke formal relations in 1951, as China's communist rulers kicked missionaries out of the country and forced Roman Catholics to sever ties with Rome.

Fides also accused the European Union and the United States of being sympathetic to China "because of its enormous market and its support for the war on terror."

"In this context, human and political rights are the last worry," Fides said.

The pope appealed to Beijing to October to normalize relations. China has said it was studying the appeal but it demands that the Holy See sever relations with Taiwan and pledge not to interfere in China's internal affairs.



Pope John Paul II

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

‘The Vagina Monologues’ violate Notre Dame

A few years ago, the New York Metropolitan Museum of Art displayed a painting of the Blessed Virgin with elephant dung thrown and smeared all over it. When the art museum received widespread criticism for showing such a tasteless and horrifically offensive piece, the museum spokesmen defended it in the name of “art.”

“The Vagina Monologues” is very likely the most offensive play in modern theater. Describing in graphic detail women’s most private body parts and encouraging females of all ages to get to know their vaginas by masturbating often and engaging in lesbian sexual encounters, this production flies like elephant dung in the face of all that the most chaste, most holy Virgin stands for at the top of the Golden Dome and in our hearts. That such a play should be allowed on Our Lady’s campus makes me want to vomit, weep, scream and pull my hair out all at once. Why have we allowed — and even welcomed — this vile desecration of our school, our faith and Our Lady?

“Any theater is nonetheless the highest form of art,” some might claim. Or, regarding any art form, “How can you censor true, heartfelt expression, no matter what the content?” Give me a break. The University buys into that? What if a student were to write and direct a play in which the actors have oral sex on stage in front of everyone in the audience? Or what if someone were to erect a new statue of Mary for the Grotto, except this time with elephant feces smeared all over it? Or what if someone were to take a bunch of pictures of vaginas and make an artsy collage to display at the Snite? Would you put it up? “The Vagina Monologues” is not art; it is desensitizing, morally repugnant trash.

How about the argument that this play should be allowed because it promotes greater understanding and appreciation of women? After all, it is being put on as part of the celebration of V-Day (Vagina Day) — a day to demonstrate against violence toward women. There are a few serious problems with this argument. One, the desensitization that occurs when such absolute immodesty is displayed and applauded can only decrease the modesty and reverence men should show all women. Rapes are proven to increase in frequency when men lose all respect for women and

their bodies. Two, Vagina Day is proudly sponsored by and donates proceeds to Planned Parenthood, an organization that fights for the right to destroy innocent female life. If V-Day is about ending violence against women, what about the roughly 2,300 women killed every day by abortions in the U.S.? Three, the play itself applauds the molestation of a 13-year-old girl by a 24-year-old woman, justifying the violent sexual invasion because of its lesbian nature.

By allowing “The Vagina Monologues” to be performed at Notre Dame, we are throwing dung in the face of our Virgin Mother, supporting abortion and stripping modesty from everyone involved. (One scene has a chorus of actors repeatedly yelling in unison, “Cunt, cunt, cunt, cunt.”) Most newspapers probably wouldn’t allow that word to be printed. So why are we allowing it to be shouted from a stage in DeBartolo Hall?

In the name of our Virgin Mother, Notre Dame, I beg the administration to disallow the production of this foul play immediately. In G.K. Chesterton’s book, “The Ball and the Cross,” a Catholic Scotsman breaks a store window and challenges a blaspheming atheist to a mortal duel, all because the atheist wrote an article tying Mary to ancient pagan goddesses. “The Vagina Monologues” openly flips the bird at modesty, chastity and virginity, and in fact at all women who consider their private parts private. What is Notre Dame’s administration willing to do to defend the honor of the Blessed Virgin and all her daughters? Roll over and die in the face of modernistic calls for “open-mindedness” and “academic freedom?” Or stand up and stop this travesty?

I urge all students to write letters to Provost Nathan Hatch calling for an immediate cessation of this production. I also invite everyone to join us as we pray the Rosary at 9 a.m. and at 5 p.m. every day outside Washington Hall, asking for the intercession of the Blessed Virgin to defeat this horrendous attack on modesty.

Sean Dudley

freshman

Carroll Hall

Feb. 13, 2002

Redefining the mission of today

Each day in the U.S., 960 women are raped. Nine hundred and sixty. That’s one woman every 90 seconds — of each and every day. Valentine’s Day probably doesn’t seem to be the most likely day for discussing such disturbing facts, but since I became part of the V-Day College Campaign movement, I have not been able to think of a better time to talk about violence against women.

Four years back, in 1997, Eve Ensler, the author of “The Vagina Monologues,” began a movement to raise awareness of sex-crimes against women. She called it V-Day and claimed Valentine’s Day for the event. After V-Day became a reality, Eve decided to involve college students in the movement. Since its modest beginning with 65 schools in 1999, the College Campaign has grown to nearly 450 colleges participating nationwide

and 700 worldwide.

This year Notre Dame will join the V-Day movement along with so many other colleges and universities across the nation. Part of our series of events will be two student-produced presentations of Eve’s play. Many people I’ve spoken to have had a typical Notre Dame reaction when asked if they will attend the production: muffled laughter and a quick exit. We are afraid of what is new and different and “The Vagina Monologues” is certainly both. I would like to point out what the Monologues are not: They are not foul. They are not disgusting. They are not man-hating. They do not promote any particular lifestyle. They are not just for girls. And now for what they are: “The Vagina Monologues” is a series of real women’s stories of love, anger, abuse, success, triumph and, most of all, hope.

These are the stories of women who

are looking for hope for their futures.

Hope that they can love themselves. Hope that they will survive. Hope that they will wake up one day and no longer fear violence. The stories that you will hear are real. They are true. Like the fact that, on average, one rape occurs every 22 hours on each college campus in this nation, these truths are not always easy to hear.

“The Monologues” will shock you.

They will make you cry. They will make you angry. But they will also make you laugh. They will inspire you. They will leave you realizing that it can be done. One day, Valentine’s Day will be known, as Eve puts it, as Victory Over Violence Day.

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“The greatest thing you’ll ever know is just to love and be loved in return.”

Christian
character in “Moulin Rouge”

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Hate crime legislation is hateful

At least once last year I received an e-mail petition from the Multicultural Student Organization urging me, a "multicultural" student, to support hate crimes policies. For those not familiar, hate crimes laws punish criminals motivated by hatred for race, religion, gender, age, disability or sexual preference. The language of the e-mail brimmed with hope, urging that such legislation would be one more step in the direction of equality and justice. The afflicted would be comforted by the knowledge that the perpetrator received a double dose of punishment, for hate crimes policies apply additional penalties to criminal acts. In other words, the punishment for good, old-fashioned homicide is increased if the perpetrator is also found guilty of "hateful" motives.

So, like any well-meaning, sincere, eager law student, I signed up, right? Wrong.

Hate crimes legislation is one of the worst ideas ever to enter a legislator's mind (although a terrific idea for politicians who need votes). First, hate crimes laws are reminiscent of penalizing thought crimes. Thoughts, no matter how hateful, must be accompanied by a criminal act (or at least an almost criminal act) in order for the state to prosecute. It is hard enough for a jury to determine, from an objective standpoint, whether or not the mere intent to kill existed — to add on top of that a determination of racist, sexist or agist motive is to wade more deeply into the psychology of the accused. The jury will find itself flailing in waters too deep and murky for it

to swim through.

Even if the jury felt it were up to the job, it would find a more fundamental problem: Hate crimes policies are incoherent. First of all, how does the policy-maker define "hate?" Which groups count and which do not?

Race is included as a factor for severer punishment — which races? Which religions? Which sexualities? Would a homophobe who murdered a homosexual count? Sure. Would a racist killing an African-American count? Of course. Would a black woman killing a Scottish Presbyterian solely on account of her intense hatred for Scottish Presbyterians count? Er, well ... hmm. Good question.

But this should count just as much as, if not more than, the previous two cases; it involves both ethnicity (Scottish) and religion (Presbyterian). Or what if a homosexual murdered a straight man on account of his bias against straight people? Umm, dunno ... another tough one. What about an

overweight man killed by one who loathed fat people? Definitely doesn't count. If only hate crimes legislation included hatred for economic classes, Sara Jane Olson could have been sentenced longer for offing a "bourgeois pig."

The fact is that hate crimes legislation tends to favor distinct groups of people over others.

Certain privileged, "persecuted" classes exist in the minds of the politically correct. Only certain classes of people have the right to special protection and special treatment on account of their being afflicted for many years past. This might be reasonable concerning two issues in this nation's history: slavery and segregation. The law has recognized that Equal Protection may sometimes mean redress for a class of people over the long run, rather than redress for individuals in particular cases. Which means that some people, for a certain amount of time, are more equal than others.

Some may agree with that; some may not. I only point out that such an agenda lies hidden in hate crimes legisla-

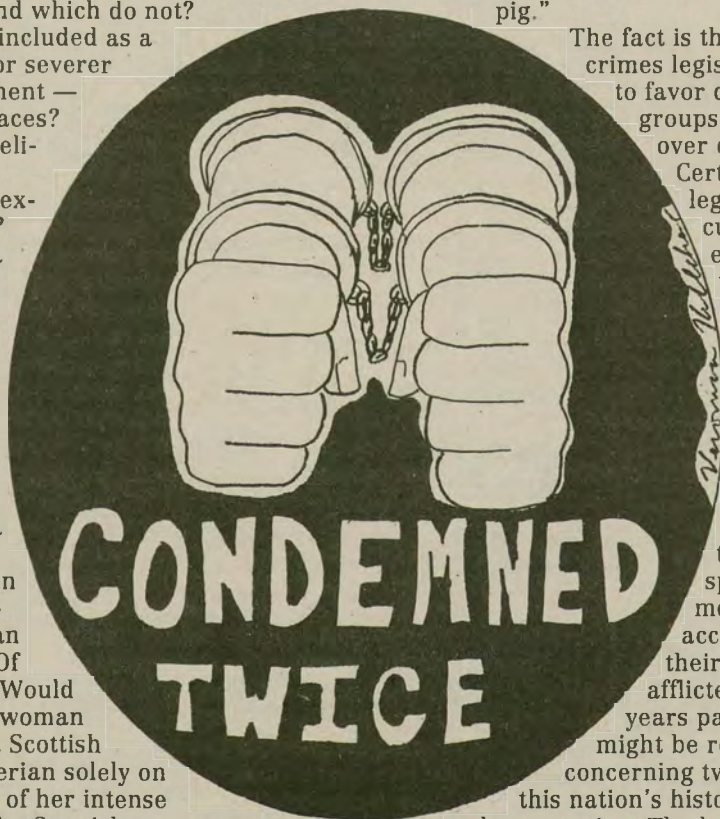
tion, except it is applied not only to favor certain minority races, but also to favor certain genders (female), particular sexual preferences (homosexual, bisexual, transsexual) and particular religions (anything but Christianity). And one sees that, in practice, this is exactly the way convictions fall. Punishment is meted out to heterosexuals assaulting homosexuals, but almost never the other way around. Penalty is given for whites attacking blacks, but not often vice versa. In theory, equality; in practice, bias.

Murder is murder is murder. I may kill from hatred of you for simply being who you are — tall, green-eyed, a good cook, a bad speller, whatever. Will the law then tell me that my motives are just not as bad? That my punishment for murdering will be less severe because I am in some way more innocent than those singled out for hate crimes?

In the end, the people decide which laws they want passed — and if the people want hate crimes legislation, they will get hate crimes legislation. Far be it from me to stand in the way of democracy. But, dear people, before you make your voices heard, I only ask that you think hard about the implications of such laws. They sound nice, they are well-meaning, they appear to do good — but they are bad policy. They are one more example of well-intentioned citizens seeking to work justice and producing just the opposite.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Differing views on effects of contraception

Others' use benefits Catholics

I do not mean to argue against any of the points Professor Rice made in his column Tuesday about contraception and its serious demographic effects. I would, however, like to point out a potential silver lining in the cloud that is our collective "race suicide."

An Italian friend of mine first made this observation when I asked him about the low Italian birth rate. He said that when almost everyone is practicing contraception or abortion to keep from having children to raise, then the only ones left actually having them are the devout. I found that to be a positive spin on a bad situation.

Let the liberals, atheists and selfish materialists contravene themselves out of existence. Then, in a few generations, if we serious Catholics do our part (as Professor Rice has done his), then the country will be half Catholic. We will have to have even more kids than would otherwise be necessary, since the bad guys still run the government, schools and media. So our families will suffer some attrition; but we can do it.

Imagine: Take 1,000 kids at Notre Dame who are faithful, generous and open to life, and suppose they go marry and have 10 kids each, raising them in the Church, not at the mall. Then their kids have 10 kids and do the same. In 50 years, you have 100,000 devout Catholics, minus the few who get led astray by those forces already mentioned. One hundred thousand serious believers can accomplish a lot. And the kids we cannot have ourselves, we can adopt, as ready-made troops whom we can form into soldiers for God. Having plenty of kids and raising them right may be all we can do to help our society, and kids are much more fun than expensive cars or houses.

Randall Lannie
class of '99
Feb. 12, 2002

Population changes should not be feared

This is in response to Professor Rice's article entitled, "Reconsidering contraception," which gives a summary analysis of Pat Buchanan's new book, "The Death of the West."

Am I the only one who disagrees with Buchanan that a reduction in birth rate because of contraception use is not a result of atheism but because individuals have overcome ideologies that challenge an individual's right to choose whether or not to bear children? There are huge numbers of people in this country — yes, even at Notre Dame — who are very religious people but who choose to use contraception because they would like to live their lives a little longer before making new ones.

A glaring theme throughout Professor Rice's column is a fear of change and a future that is not controlled by individuals of European origin. "In 1995 the populations of Europe and Africa were equal. In 2050 Africans are likely to outnumber Europeans by more than 3 to 1." Why this fear that people of non-European origin will have a larger population? It is painfully typical to hear these notions of fear directed not at an increasing African population but at the increased ratio of non-European to European populations. (Has anyone every noticed how tiny Europe is compared to the other continents?)

"This country is in a similar fix [to Europe] ...

In 2000, for the first time, there were more Muslims in the world than Catholics." Why do so many fear the reproduction of certain groups of people? Could it be a fear that past crimes against humanity might catch up to them? It is hard to believe that people of the West cannot comprehend that non-Western countries have much more to fear from us than we do from them.

"Americans of European origin are losing their dominance." Buchanan refers to this as "race suicide." Seeing race so rigidly has only led us into the absurd racial pall that we live under in this country. Races do not disappear as species become extinct. They are absorbed, changed and enculturated. Since this is Black History Month, we should be appreciating what we have gained from non-European cultures, not fear them.

To quote Ben Harper: "My choice is what I choose to do, and if it's causing no harm it shouldn't bother you." If it means that people of European origin will slowly disappear as their birth rates decline, as the article suggests, this should not cause any fear.

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OSCAR ANALYSIS

Academy announces nominations

By MELISSA RAUCH
Scene Movie Writer

As a result of its remarkable critical and commercial success toward the end of 2001, "The Fellowship of the Ring" leads this year's Oscar race with 13 nominations, followed closely by "A Beautiful Mind" and "Moulin Rouge," each with eight.

All three films, which many considered the favorites heading into the announcements, were selected as Best Picture candidates, along with "Gosford Park" and "In the Bedroom."

Sissy Spacek, the emotionally distraught mother of "Bedroom" and Halle Berry, the grieving widow in "Monster's Ball," are the frontrunners in the Best Actress category. Nicole Kidman followed her Golden Globe win with a nomination for "Moulin Rouge," while Judi Dench garnered yet another Academy honor for "Iris." Finally, by some unfortunate, incomprehensible twist, Renee Zellweger managed to pull off a nomination for "Bridget Jones's Diary" over the more deserving Naomi Watts of "Mulholland Drive."

For the men, no one was shocked to hear Russell Crowe's name announced for the third year in a row, this time for "A Beautiful Mind." The surprises came in the form of Will Smith ("Ali") and Denzel Washington ("Training

Day") who made history together as the first pair of African Americans nominated in the Best Actor category in the same year.

The selections were especially surprising considering the lackluster reviews and poor box office results of the films in which each starred. In the tradition of "Rain Man" and "Forrest Gump," Sean Penn was recognized for his work as a mentally disabled father in "I Am Sam." British actor Tom Wilkinson proved he would not be upstaged by his costar Spacek, and scored the final nomination for his impressive turn as an American father dealing with loss in "In the Bedroom."

Though their work was shut out in the Best Film category, David Lynch ("Mulholland Drive") and Ridley Scott ("Black Hawk Down") were compensated with nominations in the Best Director field. They face stiff competition, however, in the form of Robert Altman ("Gosford"), Peter Jackson ("Lord") and Ron Howard ("Mind").

Notable Supporting contenders are Jennifer Connelly for "Mind," a shoe-in to win among the actresses, and Jim Broadbent ("Iris"), Ben Kingsley ("Sexy Beast") and Ian McKellen ("Lord"), three Brits who will battle it out among the males.

See right for a complete list of nominees — well, the ones people care about, anyway.

Best Picture

"A Beautiful Mind"
"Gosford Park"
"In the Bedroom"
"The Fellowship of the Ring"
"Moulin Rouge"

Best Director

Robert Altman, "Gosford Park"
Ron Howard, "A Beautiful Mind"
Peter Jackson, "The Fellowship of the Ring"
David Lynch, "Mulholland Drive"
Ridley Scott, "Black Hawk Down"

Best Actor

Russell Crowe, "A Beautiful Mind"
Sean Penn, "I Am Sam"
Will Smith, "Ali"
Denzel Washington, "Training Day"
Tom Wilkinson, "In the Bedroom"

Best Actress

Halle Berry, "Monster's Ball"
Judi Dench, "Iris"
Nicole Kidman, "Moulin Rouge"
Sissy Spacek, "In the Bedroom"
Renee Zellweger, "Bridget Jones's Diary"

Best Supporting Actor

Jim Broadbent, "Iris"
Ethan Hawke, "Training Day"
Ben Kingsley, "Sexy Beast"
Ian McKellen, "The Fellowship of the Ring"
Jon Voight, "Ali"

Best Supporting Actress

Jennifer Connelly, "A Beautiful Mind"
Helen Mirren, "Gosford Park"
Maggie Smith, "Gosford Park"
Marisa Tomei, "In the Bedroom"
Kate Winslet, "Iris"

Animated Feature Film

"Jimmy Neutron: Boy Genius"
"Monsters, Inc."
"Shrek"

Writing (Adapted Screenplay)

"A Beautiful Mind"
"Ghost World"
"In the Bedroom"
"The Fellowship of the Ring"
"Shrek"

Writing (Original Screenplay)

"Amélie"
"Gosford Park"
"Memento"
"Monster's Ball"
"The Royal Tennenbaums"

The 74th Academy Awards, hosted by Whoopi Goldberg, will air live on ABC March 24 at 8 p.m.

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MOVIE REVIEW

Desperation in 'Ball' transcends racism

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Scene Movie Critic

"Monster's Ball" is not the feel good movie of the year. There is perhaps no aspect in it that leaves the audience with a positive outlook. However, it is a beautiful piece of film art. It is both astoundingly well written and well shot, and for those reasons, it cannot be denied consideration as one of the better films this year.

The film centers on Hank Grotowski (Billy Bob Thornton), a prison warden in Georgia. He is overseeing the execution of Lawrence Musgrave (Sean Combs), a convicted murderer. Although most might rightly be wary of a film that has P. Diddy among its cast, Combs fulfills his role adequately.

Trouble begins to erupt when Hank's son (Heath Ledger) makes an error before the execution. The error and ensuing argument lead to a disastrous consequence that leaves the viewer shocked.

Of course, the relationship between Hank and his son is never presented as a perfect one. In fact, it is so sick and twisted that it often leaves the viewer in disbelief. But as uncomfortable as the interaction between these two may be, one cannot deny the skill in both the conception and execution of the roles.

Thornton, especially, brings a subtle sense of being somewhat uncomfortable with himself, his actions and his preju-

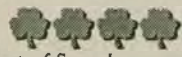
dices. This sort of meekness and social awkwardness brings lighter moments into the film's darkest scenes. It also draws on some of the audience's sympathy towards Thornton as an antihero. This idea of creating even the slightest bit of sympathy towards such ignoble characters is what makes the film such a great work. The interaction between the characters tends to leave the audience at the same time laughing, crying and shifting uncomfortably in their seats. It makes viewers react in ways that most films do not.

The real heart of the story is presented when Thornton, through a tragic chance encounter, meets Leticia Musgrave, (Halle Berry), the widow of the recently executed man. The two

begin to fall in love, and this brings a host of issues with which the pair must contend. Both characters must somehow deal with the tragic pasts they each have, and Hank must deal with his own history of racism.

Again, when discussing the pair falling in love, one must not expect a traditional romantic comedy; they come together to medicate each other's pain more than anything else. However, the rejection of the typical Hollywood norm is what makes "Ball" such a stand out.

The cinematography is the film's finest aspect. First, it is shot with a gritty approach that matches the tenor of the story and characters. Make no mistake, however; this is no "Blair Witch Project." Nothing is done by accident.

"Monster's Ball"

out of five shamrocks

Director: Marc Forster**Starring:** Billy Bob Thornton, Halle Berry, Heath Ledger and Sean Combs

Photo courtesy of USA Films

Halle Berry and Billy Bob Thornton are both up for acting awards in this year's Oscar race.

Within the overall realist grit of the film, an interesting visual tension is established as light and shadow are used to their fullest artistic potential. Characters are constantly moving in and out of shadows, letting the darkness hide their tragic pasts from each other. The light becomes a player because it is able to communicate a great deal about each character, allowing the film to be more subtle in its development.

This subtlety is what saves the film from becoming a typical rumination on

Southern prejudice.

Today, audiences like it when the film's emotions are clearly expected. They cry when Julia Roberts loses the man, and they cheer when she gets him back. "Monster's Ball" will settle for no such simple path. It approaches the viewer almost confrontationally. However, because it is a film that excels in almost all aspects, the challenge it presents is one worth taking.

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OSCAR ANALYSIS

Movie Scene's Best of 2001

Critics Jude Seymour and Matt Nania weigh in with their picks



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Both Sissy Spacek and Tom Wilkinson (left) deserve praise for their performances in Todd Field's "In the Bedroom." David Lynch's "Mulholland Drive" (middle) was the best film 2001 had to offer, although only the director himself was nominated for an Oscar. Steve Buscemi (right) was unfairly shut out of this year's Supporting Actor race.

Ever since Steven Spielberg's "Saving Private Ryan" lost to John Madden's "Shakespeare in Love" for Best Picture, media pundits have speculated that it is in each distributor's best interest to hold their best "Award worthy" movie for a late-year release. The rationale behind this strategy is, with a December release, "Shakespeare" was more fresh in the minds of Academy voters compared to "Ryan," which had a July opening.

The choices below are all end of the year releases, reflecting this pattern of leaving an indelible impression on voter's minds. Some of these selections, however, did not get nominated by the Academy on Tuesday, but it is imperative to recognize their achievement in the past year.

Best Picture: "Mulholland Drive"

The David Lynch TV pilot turned feature-length film was in a class by itself this year. No other single picture in 2001 did a better job of engaging the audience's intellectual capabilities while simultaneously providing a most entertaining trip through a world of dreams, obsessions and broken desires. "Drive" brought its detractors and supporters together to a common ground: Neither could stop discussing the movie's myriad turns, both in its narrative and its style. A hodgepodge of film noir, mystery, surrealism and dramatic motifs, "Drive" transfixed attention to the screen and demanded repeat viewings from the audience it captured.

Best Director: David Lynch, "Mulholland Drive"

"Drive" is the pinnacle of Lynch's directing and writing career and the fulfillment of great potential only hinted at by his earlier works. His skewing of a seemingly innocuous Nancy Drew detective story reminds us of another great Lynch film, "Blue Velvet." Lynch marries his unique narrative composition with his offbeat directorial approach, playing with conventions that provide equal parts frustration and stimulation. He is the grand master of "Drive," responsible for the remarkable casting of unknowns and the collaboration with Angelo Badalamenti on the movie's eerie score. In 2001, no director respected his audience more and packed more quality into a film than Lynch. This made him an easy choice for Best Director.

Jude Seymour

Scene Movie
Critic

Best Actor and Actress: Tom Wilkinson and Sissy Spacek, "In the Bedroom"

Todd Field, the writer-director of "Bedroom," deserves credit for the extraordinary performances of Wilkinson and Spacek. Field loaded the script with fragile emotions and unresolved issues. The two actors breathe life into their characters, building on Field's words with pained facial gestures, discomfiting body shuffles and wavering, delicate voices that reflect their character's emotional aches. Wilkinson and Spacek engage in an actor's battle, challenging each other to turn in their best performances by making their own performances so brilliant. "Bedroom's" audience receives the spoils of that challenge: two Oscar-worthy performances in one exceptional movie.

Best Supporting Actor: Tony Shalhoub, "The Man Who Wasn't There"

An extraordinary supporting actor makes the primary actors look better while simultaneously stealing a tiny piece of the spotlight themselves. Shalhoub plays Freddy Riedenschneider, the fast-talking attorney for the laconic Ed Crane (Billy Bob Thornton) in "The Man Who Wasn't There." His whirlwind appearances add humor to darker moments of the film while his character builds on the audience's fascination with Crane. Crane is a slow thinker, and I delighted in his vexation over Riedenschneider's yapping. Shalhoub manages to leave an indelible mark on the film without railroading the unfolding narrative, making him the best candidate for the award this year.

Best Supporting Actress: Maggie Smith, "Gosford Park"

Robert Altman's "Park" gives equal time to more than 20 different characters, yet one actor stands out. Smith plays Lady Trentham, a pill whose propriety exists alongside her testiness. Trentham's closed British society has become open to Americans, bringing out her acid tongue and her curiously funny witticisms. She steals moments not only with jokes, but also with the subtlety she brings to her character. Trentham journeys to Gosford Park not for the droll act of pheasant hunting, but because she fears Sir William will be revoking her allowance. Smith's handlings of Trentham's anxieties are the fruits of an established actor, leading to the creation of a truly unique character.

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I begrudgingly admit that the Academy did a fairly competent job in its selection of this year's Oscar nominations. None of the Best Picture contenders are particularly inferior. "A Beautiful Mind," Hollywood melodrama at its finest. "In the Bedroom." A fierce but subtle character-study. "The Lord of the Rings." An epic if there ever was one. "Moulin Rouge." A revitalization of the movie musical. And "Gosford Park," which I haven't seen but am confident contains faultless performances and expert direction from the legendary Robert Altman.

Still, the Academy isn't perfect — not by a long shot. If it were, then surely Jude and I would've been consulted for our picks. Here are mine.

Best Picture: "Mulholland Drive"

Despite the preceding complimentary interpretation of this year's Picture nominees, none come close to achieving the deranged beauty of "Mulholland Drive." David Lynch's opus of fantasies, nightmares and Hollywood. Far be it from me to say what qualities are needed in every film, but how can you possibly go wrong with mystery, a quirky sense of humor, dark satire, haunting music and gorgeous women? You can't. "Drive" is a bizarre but engrossing trip that stands as the high-point of not only Lynch's work, but of all films released this year.

Best Director: Baz Luhrmann, "Moulin Rouge"

Luhrmann is ridiculously absent from this year's list of Director nominees, despite the fact that "Rouge" is up for a total of eight awards, including Picture. The supplementary features on the film's packed DVD show a man in creative control of his vision, empowering his actors, dancers and designers to execute elaborate musical numbers at a level simply not seen in modern cinema. Luhrmann's snub in this category is unforgivable, but I'll turn the other cheek. At least they nominated Lynch.

Best Actor: Russell Crowe, "A Beautiful Mind"

For a star of his magnitude, Crowe sure knows how to disappear into character. His portrayal of mathematician John Nash in the historically inaccurate (not that it matters) "Mind" is a lesson to all leading men out there: You can't earn audience sympathy without first convinc-

Matt Nania

Scene Movie
Editor

Best Actress: Emma Thompson, "Wit"

Academy rules and regulations be damned: The best female performance of the year came from Thompson in HBO's "Wit." Originally meant for theatrical distribution, the film had difficulty finding a studio that was willing to risk releasing a product about a dying cancer victim. Much of the script is presented in monologue as Thompson's character talks directly to the camera. This sounds like it would be boring, but the actress is given such delicious and witty dialogue that the rather plain visual scheme benefits our understanding of what her character is going through. That aspect, as well as her heart-wrenching depiction of a woman dehumanized by medical treatment, together makes for a performance you can't take your eyes off of.

Best Supporting Actor: Steve Buscemi, "Ghost World"

You've seen him in everything from "Fargo" to "Armageddon," always that odd-looking guy with the bug eyes and crooked teeth. In "World" he gets a fully fleshed-out supporting role that capitalizes on his weirdness as well as his casual humanity. Instead of nominating Buscemi in this category, the Academy chose "Training Day's" Ethan Hawke (Denzel Washington blew him off the screen) and "Ali's" Jon Voight (How many lines did he have? Eight?). But Buscemi doesn't seem to be an actor who cares much about award recognition. As his character says in "World," "I can't relate to 99 percent of humanity."

Best Supporting Actress: Jennifer Connelly, "A Beautiful Mind"

Connelly's mistaken inclusion in the Lead Actress category of this year's Screen Actors Guild Awards infuriated her agents and publicists, but maybe it points to an important aspect of her performance in "Mind." She holds her own — and then some — against Russell Crowe, the lead actor. Exhibiting both warmth and intelligence, Connelly finally garners the acclaim that has building since her strong turn in last year's "Requiem For a Dream." Both she and Crowe are the front-runners in their respective categories, so it seems that in this case the Academy is right on track.

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Miller ends 8-year U.S. drought in alpine skiing

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SNOWBASIN, Utah

The poor slalom gate, like all but one of Bode Miller's opponents, never stood a chance.

Miller's all-or-nothing second slalom run — he blew away the rest of the field by an amazing 1.18 seconds — catapulted him to a silver medal in the combined event Wednesday, ending an eight-year U.S. medal drought.

Miller fell in the downhill and slipped on the first slalom run. In his breakneck second slalom run, he shattered the gate as he twisted and turned toward the first medal by a U.S. male Alpine skier since 1994.

It was a second run in the tradition of great slalomers such as Alberto Tomba and Ingemar Stenmark, known for their amazing comebacks. It brought back memories of Tomba's silver-medal slalom at the 1994 Olympics, in which he rallied from 12th on the second run.

"It was a great run, that's what I was going for in a second run," Miller said. "I really didn't feel I had anything else I could do. I'd been trying to ski how I needed to ski all day and it wasn't working. So I skied how I wanted to ski."

He was 15th after the downhill portion, trailing eventual gold medalist Kjetil Andre Aamodt of Norway by a whopping 2.44 seconds. He moved up to fifth after the first slalom run, then passed three skiers on the final slalom run.

His day almost ended in the downhill, where he fell midway down the course. The left side of his body scraped the snow.

"The next thing I knew, I was down on my thigh sliding right at my coaches," he said. "I got up fast, not to try to stay on course and take second in the combined — it was to not kill myself and the coaches, because I was going about 65 mph."

Miller became only the second American man to win an Alpine skiing medal since 1984. The only other is Tommy Moe, who

won two medals at the 1994 Lillehammer Olympics.

Miller also became the first American man to win a medal in the combined event, in which results are an aggregate of the downhill and two slalom runs.

Miller's chances for a medal looked slim after the downhill portion and he was downcast after his first slalom run. He sent snow flying on that run when his skis failed to grip and he slipped at two turns.

An extremely difficult first-run slalom course narrowed the field considerably. Only 27 of the 47 racers who started the combined event Wednesday morning made it to the second slalom run.

Among those who fell on the first slalom was Casey Puckett of Aspen, Colo., who became just the second U.S. male Alpine skier to compete in four Olympics.

Miller remains a favorite in the slalom and a medal hopeful in the giant slalom next week.

Short Track Speed Skating

Apolo Anton Ohno stepped out from behind the wall and thousands of fans who've never seen a short-track race burst into wild applause.

Forget the hype. Enough of the controversy. It was time for one of America's best Olympic hopes to hit the ice.

Ohno began his quest for four medals by finishing second in his 1,000-meter heat Wednesday night, good enough to push him to Saturday's quarterfinals.

The 19-year-old former inliner from Tacoma, Wash., also was set to anchor the U.S. team that competed later Wednesday in the semifinals of the 5,000 relay.

Rusty Smith advanced in the 1,000 and four-time Olympian Amy Peterson, who carried the U.S. flag in the opening ceremony, made it through her first heat.

But all eyes at the Salt Lake Ice Center were on Ohno, whose first appearance of these games brought the sellout crowd to its feet in thunderous applause. While fans chanted "U-S-A! U-S-



AFP

American skier Bode Miller flies around a gate during a slalom run Wednesday. Miller won the silver medal, ending an eight-year U.S. drought in alpine skiing.

A!" for the first time all night, he took a deep breath as he toed the starting line.

The race was rather uneventful as Ohno settled in behind World Cup champion Kim Dong-Sung of South Korea, who won two medals at Nagano four years ago.

With the top two skaters advancing to the next round, Ohno knew there wasn't much need to challenge Kim as they pulled away from the other two skaters.

Still, the former teen-age helion with flowing brown hair and a soul patch below his lips couldn't resist a chance to give the fans a thrill. With just over a lap to go, Ohno daringly dipped

to the inside of the straightaway and nearly pulled even with Kim, stealing a glance at his rival.

Just as quickly, Ohno pulled out and tucked in behind the Korean, looking back with a half-lap to go just to make sure no one was challenging.

Women's luge

Sylke Otto of Germany won the gold medal in women's luge on Wednesday, pulling away from teammates Barbara Niedernhuber and Silke Kraushaar in the final two heats.

It was Germany's seventh gold medal in 11 Olympiads and its fifth medals sweep in women's luge. The German women have

won 26 of the 33 medals awarded since the sport was introduced to the Olympics in 1964.

Otto, the two-time defending world champion, had a four-run aggregate time of 2 minutes, 52.464 seconds and broke the track record twice in winning her first Olympic medal.

Niedernhuber, whose Bavarian neighbor Georg Hackl helped build her sled, earned her second straight silver with a time of 2:52.785. That earned her a measure of revenge against Kraushaar, who edged Niedernhuber for the gold in Nagano four years ago by .002 — the closest finish in Olympic history. Kraushaar won bronze this time in 2:52.865.

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OLYMPICS

Probe continues into figure skating controversy

Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY

An Olympic referee raised questions about the scores that narrowly gave the gold medal to the Russians in pairs figure skating, the head of the skating union said Wednesday.

It was the latest development in what has quickly become the biggest story of the Winter Games.

Ottavio Cinquanta, International Skating Union president, said he had received "certain allegations" from American referee Ronald Pfennig, who oversaw the nine judges who scored the competition. Pfennig could have been relaying a complaint from himself or any of the judges.

ISU rules prevent Pfennig or anyone else on the judging panel from talking publicly about decisions.

Cinquanta did not provide details of the allegations. Others also had questioned the results, "but the most important is the one of the referee," he said.

"He is the coordinator of the competition."

Cinquanta also said he was embarrassed by the furor over the Russians winning despite an obvious technical error. Canada's Olympic delegation has demanded an investigation, and the union said it would conduct a rare "internal assess-

ment."

That assessment could lead to revisions in judging, Cinquanta said.

Elena Berezhnaya and Anton Sikharulidze won the gold medal by the tiniest margin over Canada's Jamie Sale and David Pelletier on Monday night. They won a 5-4 split even though Sikharulidze stepped out of a double axel.

Sale and Pelletier skated cleanly and the crowd was chanting "Six! Six!" by the time they finished, begging the judges to award the Canadians a perfect score.

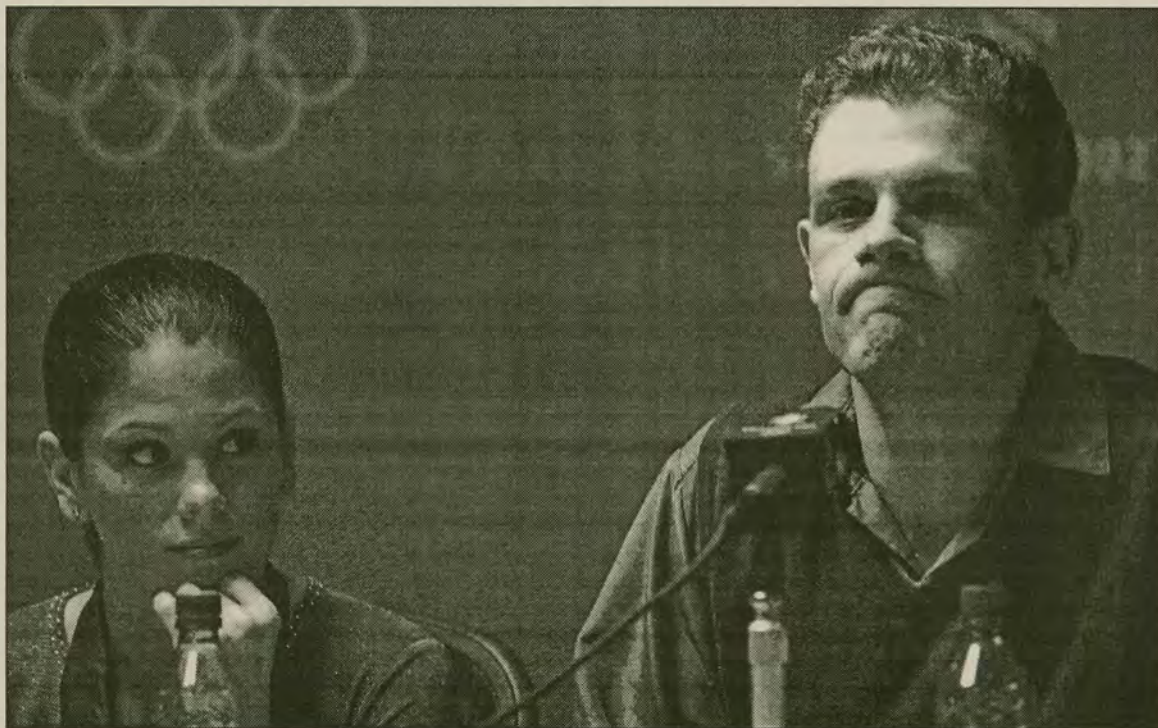
The Canadians got only four 5.9s for artistry, compared with seven 5.9s for the Russians. Boos rained down as the marks flashed.

Cinquanta announced that the executive council of the federation would meet on Feb. 18 to discuss judging and consider any revisions to the rules. However, he reiterated that the competition was over, meaning the Russians would keep their gold medal.

The Canadian Olympic Association sent a letter Wednesday to Cinquanta seeking an independent inquiry.

"We respectfully suggest to you that in order for such a review to have credibility with the athletes, the coaches and the public, it must be independently structured," COA president Michael Chambers wrote.

Canadian officials said they



AFP

Canadian figure skaters Jamie Sale and David Pelletier answer questions from the media a day after they finished second in the pairs' figure skating competition.

don't necessarily want to overturn the decision, but would be satisfied if both teams were awarded gold medals.

Chambers said they were filing the appeal now because, "There is no time to wait, we're at the Olympic Games now and we must file the appeal now for any hope of a decision before the end of the games."

Marilyn Chidlow, president of Skate Canada, said all the allegations have come to them sec-

ondhand. "We will look for that firsthand information," she said.

Reaction differed on opposite sides of the world.

U.S. coach Frank Carroll suggested that a French judge, Marie Reine Le Gougne, voted for the Russians in a deal to avenge a loss by the French dance team to the Canadians at the Grand Prix in Canada in December.

"Does that mean now the

Russian judge possibly is going to give the French dance team first in these Olympics? Carroll asked.

The ice dancing competition begins Friday.

Russian President Vladimir Putin sent a congratulatory telegram to Berezhnaya and Sikharulidze, expressing "his sincere congratulations on the superb victory," the Kremlin press office reported Wednesday.

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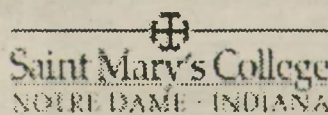
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BOXING

Tyson license faces opposition

Associated Press

ATLANTA — Already shunned by Nevada and other states, Mike Tyson faces opposition in Georgia as he searches for a site to fight heavyweight champion Lennox Lewis.

"I know there might not have been much discretion about the issuance of the license and the way the law was written, but there are other hurdles that have to be overcome and I personally don't think we should have the fight," Georgia Gov. Roy Barnes said Wednesday.

Since being denied a boxing license Jan. 29 by the Nevada Athletic Commission, Tyson's promoters have been shopping his contracted title bout with Lennox Lewis around the country. Atlanta has emerged as a candidate, along with Los Angeles, Colorado, Texas and other states.

Tyson was granted a boxing license last week by the Georgia Boxing Commission, but the commission said the state also requires a promoter's license and a show permit, neither of which Tyson's camp has applied for.

A Georgia boxing license costs \$10 and is issued to "just about

anybody who asks," said Les Schneider, a lobbyist for the commission.

Tom Mishou, head of the Georgia Boxing Commission, said "the personality of a boxer that's going to be on the card" doesn't necessarily carry much weight in an application for a promoter's license or show permit.

A spokeswoman for Atlanta Mayor Shirley Franklin said Franklin is still gathering information about a possible Tyson fight and should have a response later this week.

The governors of Texas and Colorado also spoke out against their respective states holding the fight.

Texas Gov. Rick Perry cited Tyson's "bad behavior and unresolved criminal charges" as strikes against the boxer in a Wednesday letter to the chairman of the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation.

"Since Mr. Tyson has criminal charges pending against him for violence against women, recently sparked a brawl at a pre-fight news conference, has refused to submit to required drug tests in other states and has had boxing licenses revoked and refused in the past, I ask that his request to fight in Texas be denied,"

Perry wrote in a letter to Chairman William Fowler.

Colorado Gov. Bill Owens called on the state to "act swiftly and decisively and reject any application for Tyson to fight here."

"I believe the accomplishments of great boxers in the past such as Muhammad Ali are being tarnished by the inappropriate and illicit conduct of Mike Tyson," he said.

Tyson adviser Shelly Finkel said Atlanta ranks "very high" on his list.

"They are a great sports city, it has the right facilities, they have direct flights to London, so Lennox's fans can be there," Finkel said Wednesday.

The company that wants to produce the fight says it considers the Georgia Dome to be the "the front-runner" among the locations it has proposed, which include sites in Florida and Texas. ARK Associates is holding the dome for June 8 for a possible fight.

"The promoters from both sides are both excited about the possibility of coming to Atlanta," ARK president Noah Lazes said. "They obviously want to explore all options to make sure the fight is placed in the very best venue."

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Henderson signs contract with Boston

Associated Press

Rickey Henderson and the Boston Red Sox reached agreement on a minor league contract Wednesday, giving baseball's career leader in runs, stolen bases and walks a chance to play his 24th season in the majors.

The deal, confirmed by his agent, Jeff Borris, came a week before Boston's full squad reports to spring training in Fort Myers, Fla.

If Henderson makes the Red Sox — it would be his eighth big league team — the 43-year-old outfielder is expected to back up Manny Ramirez in left and be a part-time DH. The Red Sox dramatically revamped their roster in the offseason following a late slide in 2001. They juggled their outfield by signing free agent Johnny Damon, trading away Carl Everett and letting loose Dante Bichette, Darren Lewis and Troy O'Leary.

As he did last year, Henderson remained a free agent throughout the winter. He signed with San Diego last

March and batted .227 with eight home runs and 42 RBIs with the Padres.

On his final swing of the season, he got the 3,000th hit of his career. He scored 70 runs, giving him a lifetime total of 2,248 to break Ty Cobb's mark, and stole 25 bases to extend his own record to 1,395.

Henderson's specialty is getting on base. His 81 walks last season gave him 2,141, moving him past Babe Ruth's mark.

There was a chance Henderson would return to play for the Padres, although not until May.

Henderson broke into the majors in 1979 with Oakland and spent his first six years with the Athletics. He later played for the New York Yankees, Toronto, Anaheim, the New York Mets and Seattle.

Henderson is a .280 hitter with 290 HR and 1,094 RBIs in his 23-year career. He's a 10-time All-Star, last making the team in 1991, and also holds the career record of 79 leadoff home runs.

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OLYMPICS

History doesn't favor skaters

♦ Canadian figure skating pair unlikely to get gold medal

Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY Roy Jones Jr. had just finished beating on Park Si-hun's head for three rounds in the 1988 Seoul Olympics when the referee sheepishly lifted the hand of the South Korean in victory.

Three of the five judges gave Park the gold medal in a decision so outrageous that even the hometown crowd was stunned.

"I can't believe they're doing this to you," referee Aldo Leoni whispered to Jones.

Sensing they might have gone too far, officials quickly selected Jones as the outstanding boxer of the games. But he never got a gold medal, despite reports of payoffs that found their way into files of East German secret police.

If history is any indication, Jamie Sale and David Pelletier won't get a gold medal, either.

The Canadian pairs skaters are merely the latest losers in Olympics that have a rich history of judging controversies. There's usually at least one to add some spice to every games, winter and summer alike.

They usually come in figure skating and boxing, though there have been others in gymnastics and basketball.

All, though, have this in common — they are never overturned.

"Judges are judges, people are human and results are results," said Francois Carrard, director general of the International Olympic Committee. "That's life."

Jones knows that well. He spent nearly a decade trying unsuccessfully to get international Olympic officials to give him the gold he deserved.

Along the way, he was recognized as the best pound-for-pound fighter in the world and received the Olympic Order, the highest honor of the International Olympic Committee.

But the gold? No, that went to Park, who was last seen with it hanging from his neck, just beneath an embarrassed grin.

"I will die with a little hope in me" that the gold medal will somehow come his way, Jones said a few years ago.

Jones had his Olympic hopes shattered, but he's not alone. A South Korean boxer was so upset by his loss during the same games that he staged a sit in, refusing to leave the ring for an hour. Four years earlier, New Zealand's Kevin Barry won a silver medal while lying on his back after Evander Holyfield was disqualified for hitting after the bell.

And it's no Olympic secret that boxers from Africa will never win a close decision.

Things got so bad in Seoul that the sport was nearly banned from the games. Now, the same is being said

about figure skating, where intricate alliances and flat-out ineptitude among judges has produced more than 75 years of controversy.

"This is the worst thing that's happened to figure skating in a long time," said veteran U.S. coach Frank Carroll. "I can understand where, watching that, if the International Olympic Committee said, 'We don't want figure skating in the Olympics anymore.' Who's going to argue with that?"

Salt Lake City's genteel crowds booed when Sale and Pelletier were given second, but that was mild compared to the 1956 games in Cortina, Italy. There, a crowd that had grumbled all along about the judging became unruly when the popular German couple of 12-year-old Marika Kilius and 19-year-old Franz Ningel finished fourth.

They pelted the judges and referee with oranges, and the ice had to be cleared three times before competition resumed.

The crowd, of course, is often at odds with judges, even from the comfort of their living rooms.

The 1972 U.S. basketball team refused its silver medals in a protest after a referee allowed the Soviet Union three extra chances to make the winning basket with three seconds left in the gold-medal game.

The Americans protested to a five-man committee, backed up by the timekeeper and another referee.

Of course, they were denied.

It's an Olympic tradition almost as old as the torch.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

'Cats move past Vanderbilt 67-59

♦ Prince leads Kentucky with 20 points

Associated Press

LEXINGTON, Ky. Tayshaun Prince scored 20 points and Keith Bogans had 12 as Kentucky beat Vanderbilt 67-59 Wednesday night.

Gerald Fitch and Jules Camara each had 10 points, and Marquis Estill added nine points and seven rebounds for the Wildcats (17-6, 7-4 Southeastern Conference), who beat the Commodores for the 18th straight time.

Matt Freije and Chuck Moore each scored 17 points to lead Vanderbilt (14-10, 4-7), which has never won at Rupp Arena in 25 games.

Kentucky shot 39 percent and made just three field goals over the final 15:24 of the game. Vanderbilt shot 36 percent overall and missed 15 of 22 3-pointers.

Kentucky led 32-23 at halftime and pushed the

margin to 39-28 on Estill's 3-pointer from the top of the key with 17:20 remaining. Bogans' 3 put the Wildcats up 44-30 with 15:20 to play.

A 7-0 run cut Kentucky's lead to 44-37 with 12:22 remaining. Moore's 3-pointer pulled the Commodores to 56-52 at the 3-minute mark, but they would get no closer.

The Commodores out-rebounded the Wildcats 35-33 but turned the ball over 17 times, leading to 22 Kentucky points.

Bogans hit consecutive jumpers, including his first of three 3-pointers, to spark a 13-0 run that gave Kentucky a 19-8 lead at the seven-minute mark.

David Przybyszewski's 3 pulled the Commodores to 28-21 with 2:15 remaining. Corey Smith's dunk off a steal in the closing moments of the half cut the Wildcats lead to 32-23.

For the half, Kentucky held Vanderbilt to 32 percent shooting and held a 20-16 advantage on the boards.

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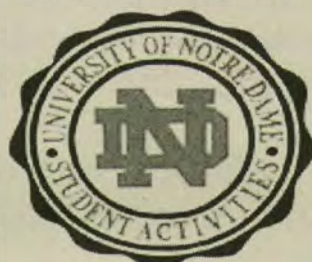
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- 9:00 p.m. - Midnight ND Express Pool Room open, LaFortune Student Center Basement
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- 10:00 p.m. - 2:00 a.m. Emily Hart Valentine Cafe, LaFortune Student Center Sorin Room*
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- 7:30 p.m. Movies: *Serendipity* and *The Princess Bride*, DeBartolo 101 and 155*
- 8:00 p.m. 807 Mass, Coleman-Morse Center Student Lounge
- 8:30 p.m. - Midnight ND Express Pool Room open, free billiards, LaFortune Student Center Basement
- 9:00 p.m. Crafting Corner: Calligraphy, LaFortune Student Center Dooley Room
- 9:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m. Card/Game Night, Center for Social Concerns
- 9:00 p.m. Comic: Erin Foley, Washington Hall
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Saturday, Feb. 16

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NFL

Fiedler signs new deal with Dolphins

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Associated Press

MIAMI
Quarterback Jay Fiedler, who has played for four teams in six seasons, decided against testing the free-agent market and instead signed a five-year, \$24.5 million contract to remain with the Miami Dolphins.

The deal, which runs through 2006, was announced Wednesday. It contains a \$4 million signing bonus.

Had Fiedler pursued free agency, the Dolphins could have kept him by matching any offer.

"This was the one place that I wanted to be," said Fiedler, who has 34 touchdown passes and 33 interceptions in two seasons with Miami. "The excitement level I have coming back is definitely high, knowing the coaching staff is backing me, and knowing they have the respect that I can be a winning quarterback."

Fiedler, 30, is 21-10 as a starter for the Dolphins and has led them to the playoffs in successive seasons. In 2001 he threw for 3,290 yards with 20 touchdowns and 19 interceptions, and in the final seven regular season games he threw 11 touchdown passes with just four interceptions, one of the league's best ratios.

Five times last year, he rallied the Dolphins to victory in the fourth quarter.

"I don't think there is a player on our football team who has had more of an impact in

helping us win," Dolphins coach Dave Wannstedt said. "Jay has proven he can win."

The Dolphins have an option for the fifth year that must be exercised after 2003 season.

Fiedler will make the NFL veteran minimum of \$525,000 in 2002 and could collect another \$500,000 in incentives. In the first 14 months of the deal, Fiedler could earn \$7 million in bonuses.

"This puts my salary comparable to where other starting quarterbacks are being paid," said Fiedler, who made about \$1 million last season. "With that affirmation, I have arrived."

"I was truly happy here, but it wasn't a situation where I was going to come back no matter what. Certainly the Dolphins had to step up and meet some of my needs as well."

Fiedler, going into his seventh season, found stability in Miami after serving as backup at Philadelphia, Minnesota and Jacksonville.

"You want continuity on a solid organization," Fiedler said. "Bouncing around to as many teams that I've been on, I've been able to see what types of teams there are out there."

Fiedler's re-signing will likely put an end to speculation that Troy Aikman might come out of retirement to play for Miami.

"You hear all the rumors," Fiedler said. "I went up and spoke to Dave Wannstedt about my situation. He clearly stated that I was the guy that they wanted. That was all I needed to hear. I have to take the word of my coach as the most credible source."

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Bucs simliar to Irish

If you've been following off-season NFL news even somewhat closely over the past couple of weeks, then you have to feel bad for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

Here's a team that is stacked with talent up and down its roster, has great potential for success in upcoming seasons, and has a high profile head coaching vacancy — that nobody wants to fill.

Wait a minute — that sounds a little familiar doesn't it?

Yes, that's right; just in case you disgusted fans and alumni out there thought that Notre Dame held an exclusive monopoly on the embarrassing head coaching search, the head honchos over in Tampa are out to prove you wrong.

No, it's probably not the "second greatest job in the world" (behind coaching the New York Yankees, of course), and it doesn't have more than 100 years of history on its side, but the fact that Tampa Bay head coaching candidates are running from the job like it's the ebola virus is nonetheless surprising.

It could be just an eerie coincidence, but it appears that the Buccaneer ownership has followed the Notre Dame blueprint for the bungled coaching search — drawn up only

months ago — right down to a tee.

Consider the following:

Both teams took major public relations hits when their main targets embarrassed them in front of a national sports audience. Notre Dame was humbled when George O'Leary "forgot" that he never really lettered in college football, while Tampa put their franchise in the hands of Bill Parcells, who suddenly decided he'd rather go fishing in Florida than coach a football team there.

Both teams unsuccessfully tried to lure John Gruden away from the Oakland Raiders and ran headfirst into the furious beast that is Al Davis. Notre Dame finally

decided that they couldn't wait until the end of the NFL season to court Gruden, while the Tampa owners realized that Davis' rumored asking price of two first round picks, a second rounder and their first born children was a little too steep.

And along the way, both teams were rejected countless times by other candidates, who may or may not have even been considered for the vacancy in the first place.

At least Notre Dame eventually ended up with a quality coach in Tyrone Willingham. One gets the feeling that Tampa's options are looking more and more grim every day.

To put the issue in perspective, consider the fact that Notre Dame supporters get offended when guys like Steve Mariucci and Mike Shanahan profess no interest in the head-coaching job. To date, Tampa

Bay's refusals have come from, among others, Marvin Lewis and Ralph Freidgen.

To be fair, Lewis was adequately qualified, and probably deserved the job as much as anyone, but Ralph Freidgen? How sad is the state of affairs within your program if a college coach with only one year of experience is politely declining your offer?

So far, the only person who has actually declared interest in the Tampa job is 76-year-old Marv Levy.

No offense to Marv, but ending up with a 76 year-old man as your new head coach has all the excitement of interviewing Lou Holtz for the position and having him recommend his son, Skip, instead.

Tampa Bay needs to right this ship as soon as possible because its premier players are reaching the prime of their careers, and the prestige the Bucs built up as a franchise is growing smaller every day.

Maybe the Bucs will eventually nab Gruden from the Raiders' grasp. Maybe they will land a highly regarded college coach. Maybe Parcells will change his mind (again) and return to lead the team to glory.

But whatever ends up happening, one fact has become quite clear during the past several months: Football coaching jobs just don't sell themselves like they used to.

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Hornets pound injury-stricken Bulls 113-91

◆ Mercer, Oakley and Anthony miss game with injuries

Associated Press

Even though two more starters went down with injuries, Chicago Bulls coach Bill Cartwright wasn't making excuses.

Lee Nailon scored 24 points and the Charlotte Hornets led the Bulls by as many as 40 in a 113-91 victory Wednesday night.

"We weren't ready to play and we didn't establish ourselves defensively," Cartwright said. "We didn't share the ball. I won't call it being selfish, I'll call it trying to do too much."

The Bulls played the second half without starters Eddie Robinson and Brad Miller. Robinson scored 14 points in the first half before suffering a

strained groin. Miller bruised his left calf.

"Brad is day-to-day. With Eddie it may be a while before we get him back," Cartwright said.

Chicago was already without injured players Ron Mercer, Charles Oakley and Greg Anthony.

Baron Davis added 18 points and 12 assists and Jamaal Magloire had 17 points and 10 rebounds as the Hornets snapped a three-game home losing streak.

A.J. Guyton scored 19 points and Ron Artest added 10 on 4-of-12 shooting for the Bulls, who had beaten the Los Angeles Lakers and Milwaukee in their last two games, but fell to 3-23

on the road. The Hornets shot 55 percent for the game and outrebounded the Bulls 48-40.

"It was a good way to start the second half of the season," Hornets coach Paul Silas said. "I thought they would present a much bigger problem for us. They played the night before and were probably tired."

Leading 43-37, the Hornets went on an 18-4 run to take a 20-point lead before settling for a 61-43 cushion at half-time. Stacey Augmon scored eight points and the Bulls committed four turnovers during the spurt. With Robinson and Miller out in

"It was cool, we were sharing the ball tonight. Everyone got involved and it all worked out."

Baron Davis
Hornets guard

thesecond half, the Hornets poured it on.

Robert Traylor's alley-oop dunk from Davis at the buzzer gave Charlotte a 93-60 lead after three quarters. The lead ballooned to 40 in the final period as the Hornets improved to 3-0 against the Bulls this season and 10-2 in the past 12 meetings since 1998.

"It was cool, we were sharing the ball tonight," said Davis, who recorded his 21st double-double of the season. "Everyone got involved and it all worked out."

Charlotte led 32-28 after the first quarter, most remembered for a technical foul on the Bulls for having six players on the floor. Artest appeared to be unsure if he

was supposed to be in the game or not, then tried to casually walk off the court as Hornets' players screamed at the officials. Nailon hit the technical free throw.

Miami 112, Orlando 95

The Miami Heat knew just when to step on the accelerator. The Orlando Magic just ran out of gas.

Eddie Jones scored 24 points and Alonzo Mourning added 18 to lead a well-rested Miami to a victory over Orlando.

Playing for the first time since the All-Star break and on seven days' rest, the Heat topped the 100-point mark for only the fourth time this season and won for the 11th time in their last 14 games.

"It's like a sprint now," said Heat guard Eddie House. "It was a good win, a needed one coming out of the break. It helped that we had everybody contributing and playing."

Brian Grant added 15 points and Rod Strickland had 14 as the Heat shot 55 percent. The Heat, once 5-23, have won 14 of their last 20 games and are beginning at least whisper about making a run at a play-off spot.

"If we continue to give that type of effort, we're going to be a team to be reckoned with," Mourning said.

Tracy McGrady scored 26 points and Pat Garrity 25 to lead the Magic.

Orlando, coming off Tuesday's home victory against New York, lost for only the fourth time in its last 10 games.

"We were tired after last

night," Orlando coach Doc Rivers said. "We were out of sync on defense, and the Heat never really faltered. They had that long break and we played last night. That was really the big difference in the game."

The Heat led 56-43 at half-time, putting together a 14-5 run during the final five minutes. Mourning scored 14 points in the half, with Jones adding 10.

Orlando made it 80-72 after three periods, with McGrady scoring 13 points, including a pair of 3-pointers. The Magic pulled within 73-69 on McGrady's fast-break dunk, but the Heat outscored Orlando 8-4 over the final 1:48.

Jones and Jimmy Jackson hit back-to-back 3-pointers to push Miami's lead to 86-76 with 9:06 left in the fourth quarter, and the Magic never drew closer than eight points the rest of the way.

"The back-to-back 3-pointers was the turning point," Rivers said. "We couldn't come back after that."

The Heat outrebounded the Magic 45-26. Mourning had his way against Horace Grant, and Patrick Ewing, 39, wasn't able to provide much relief for Orlando. Horace Grant scored 8 points and Ewing managed just 4 points in 11 minutes.

"With our height and power inside, we should dominate this team on the boards," said Brian Grant, who added six rebounds. The 100-plus points was a rarity for the Heat, who went the first 35 games without reaching that mark this season.



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Colorado stop Blues 3-1

♦ Roy saves 33, Keane picks up assist in victory

Associated Press

DENVER

Recently acquired forward Mike Keane helped set up Dan Hinote's go-ahead goal, and the Colorado Avalanche headed into the Olympic break with a 3-1 win over the St. Louis Blues on Wednesday night.

Rookie Radim Vrbata also scored for Colorado, and Greg de Vries had an empty-net goal in the final minute.

Patrick Roy had 33 saves, and St. Louis' Brent Johnson stopped 16.

Hinote's shorthanded goal put Colorado ahead 2-1 at 17:45 of the second period.

Keane, playing in his first game for Colorado after Monday's trade with St. Louis, brought the puck down the left side. After being spun around by a defender, he passed to Adam Foote, whose shot from the right point was redirected in by Hinote.

The Blues pulled Johnson with 1:10 left, and de Vries had the empty-netter 19 seconds later.

Although St. Louis outshot Colorado 15-8 in the first period, the score was tied at 1.

The Blues' Pavol Demitra scored an unassisted goal just 1:07 into the game. Roy attempted to clear the puck, which deflected off Colorado defenseman Martin Skoula's

skate to Demitra, who shot from the right circle.

Vrbata tied it at 13:49 with a rebound goal, his 11th. It was Vrbata's fifth goal in the past four games.

The Blues had a number of scoring chances late in the period, including Demitra's partial breakaway.

Roy stopped Mike Eastwood on a shorthanded breakaway early in the second period.

Roy stopped Scott Young on two in close shots, the last at 13:39 of the third period.

Detroit 2, Minnesota 0

Dominik Hasek recorded his fourth shutout of the season and the 60th of his career as the Detroit Red Wings beat the Minnesota Wild.

Hasek, who will head to Salt Lake City along with 10 other Red Wing players Thursday to compete in the Olympics, finished the night with 21 saves.

The Czech goaltender spent most of his time diving on the ice, helping to hold off the Wild.

Kirk Maltby and Mathieu Dandenault scored for Detroit, both off assists from Steve Yzerman.

The Wild hung tough with the league-leading Red Wings, mostly because of goalie Dwayne Roloson, who was almost as impressive as Hasek. His best stop of the night came late in the second period after Brendan Shanahan led a 3-on-1 break right at him. Shanahan, who scored the winning goal against Montreal on Monday

night, got off a close shot, but Roloson made the save with his stick, bringing the crowd to its feet.

Despite Roloson's 22 saves, the Wild couldn't crack Detroit's defense.

After a scoreless first period, Maltby scored his eighth goal of the season at 16:48 of the second. Sitting behind the net, Yzerman spotted Maltby streaking in from the left circle and sent the puck to him. Maltby's shot narrowly avoided Roloson's glove.

Dandenault scored Detroit's second goal with 2:38 remaining in the game after taking a pass from Yzerman from the right circle. Dandenault streaked in from the left and beat Roloson's glove side.

The Wild blew several scoring opportunities. Their best chance came midway through the second period. Pascal Dupuis led a breakaway with Antti Laaksonen trailing. Dupuis closed in on the net and fired the puck, but Hasek came up with the save.

Minnesota was 0-for-5 on the power play.

Hasek also received two penalty minutes with 5:05 remaining. With the Wild desperately trying to score, Andrew Brunette collided with two Detroit players in front of Hasek and was upended into the net. Hasek, along with the other two players, ganged up on Brunette.

Shanahan served Hasek's roughing penalty. Brunette was also assessed a penalty in the fray.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Oklahoma St. upsets Oklahoma in OT

Associated Press

STILLWATER, Okla.

Fourth-ranked Oklahoma brought out the best in struggling Oklahoma State.

The Cowboys (No. 15 ESPN/USA Today, No. 16 AP), who came in having lost five of eight, got a career-high 22 points from Ivan McFarlin and a double-double from Melvin Sanders to beat the Sooners 79-72 in overtime Wednesday night.

McFarlin scored three straight baskets and had eight points in the overtime, helping Oklahoma State (19-6, 6-5 Big 12) survive without leading scorer Maurice Baker, who missed his second straight game with a sprained ankle.

"We needed to win it bad," said Sanders, who had 12 points and 11 rebounds. "We had our backs against the ropes, to tell the truth — 18-6, we didn't have our star player. Probably nobody thought we could win, but this is going to help us out a lot."

Oklahoma coach Kelvin Sampson said he never doubted the Cowboys would give his team all it could handle, even though Oklahoma State had looked ugly in losing at Fresno State on Sunday without Baker.

"Basketball is a game of today," Sampson said. "That was last Sunday. Today, they were good and that was a tough team out there tonight."

Oklahoma (19-4, 8-3) got 27 points and 11 rebounds from Aaron McGhee but scored only one basket in the final 1:30 of overtime.

McFarlin scored consecutive inside baskets on assists from Victor Williams to give Oklahoma State a 69-67 lead with 2:18 left. McFarlin then stole a pass took it the other way for a dunk and a four-point lead at the 1:57 mark.

"You have to make big plays and have to make defensive plays in order to make a big gap in the game," McFarlin

said. "Fortunately that steal, it made a big presence on the scoreboard."

After McGhee scored on a follow shot with 1:39 remaining, Williams scored on a leaner in the lane. Then the Cowboys, who were just 4-for-12 from the foul line in the first half, made six straight from the line to seal the victory.

Fredrik Jonzen, who made four of those free throws, had 19 points for the Cowboys. Williams had 13 points and six assists.

Jason Detrick had 15 points for Oklahoma.

Sampson said he felt the game turned early in the second half, when the Cowboys scored the first nine points to take a 33-31 lead. Sanders started the run with a 3-pointer and a dunk off a steal.

"I thought the key to this basketball game, no matter how you slice and dice it, was the first five minutes of the second half," Sampson said. "We have a seven-point lead, and they come out and really take it to us."

The teams traded the lead seven times after that before the Cowboys scored eight points, including fastbreak baskets by Williams and Sanders, to take a 56-51 lead with 3:37 remaining.

Hollis Price, who finished with 10 points, then made four free throws in a 6-2 Oklahoma run that got the Sooners within 58-57 with 2:32 to play. A free throw by Williams and a shot in close by McFarlin pushed the lead back to four with 1:27 left, but McGhee and Detrick each made two free throws in the final minute to tie it at 61.

An Oklahoma State turnover gave Oklahoma a chance to win the game in regulation, but Quannas White's jumper from the left wing missed.

Oklahoma State, which committed 25 turnovers against Fresno State, had just eight Wednesday.

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Sophomore Katie Miller throws a pass toward the basket during Wednesday's loss to Adrian.

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only 10 shots.

"There was a nice stretch in the second half where we got the ball to Anne Blair probably four or five times in a row and she scored at will," said Smith. "Then we couldn't go down and get any defensive stops."

A slow start also didn't help the Belles chances for victory.

"I think we just came out with a little bit lack of

intensity," said Smith. "Obviously Adrian made some good adjustments and they were pretty fired up to play and we just didn't quite match their intensity."

Sophomore guard Katie Miller agreed with Smith.

"We didn't play well at all," said Miller. "No one really stepped it up for our team. Anne had a really good game at the end but it just wasn't enough to get us going."

The Belles will not have much time to feel sorry for themselves because they play Kalamazoo who

is in second place in the conference on Saturday in the regular season finale.

"One of the biggest things [for the next game] is to have pride," said Smith. "You know when you're playing at home it's a chance for us to send our seniors out with a great game to finish their career out at home. It's a chance for us to come out and prove ourselves and show the crowd how much we've improved this year."

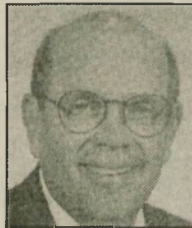
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MEN'S TENNIS

Tennis coach inducted into Richmond HOF

Special to The Observer

Notre Dame head men's tennis coach Bob Bayliss was one of six individuals inducted into the University of Richmond Athletics Hall of Fame Sunday afternoon in the Jepson Alumni Center. Bayliss, who earned a bachelor's degree in 1966 and a master's degree in 1971 from the university, played No. 2 singles and No. 1 doubles as a senior on the Spider tennis team.



Bayliss

"It was a tremendous thrill for me to go back to my alma mater and be honored in such a manner with a number of other great athletes, particularly Tim Finchem, the commissioner of the PGA, who was a freshman when I was a senior," said Bayliss. "I am humbled and thrilled to be in the Richmond Hall of Fame. I look forward to going back to reunions and staying active with my alma mater."

Bayliss is in his 33rd year as a collegiate coach and has guided Notre Dame to a 268-124 (.684) record since he began coaching the Irish in the fall of 1987. His teams have made appearances in each of the last 11 NCAA championships, the

longest current streak of any Notre Dame team. In his career, Bayliss owns a 550-218 mark. His .716 winning percentage ranks as the fourth-highest among active collegiate coaches and seventh on the all-time NCAA list. Prior to coaching the Irish, Bayliss spent three years at MIT (1985-87) and 15 at Navy (1970-84).

Just three years after arriving at Notre Dame, Bayliss led Notre Dame to its first national ranking in school history in 1990. One year later, he led his team to a berth in the NCAA championships for the first time in the program's history. The following season, Bayliss' Irish finished 23-4 and advanced to the 1992 national title match before falling to Stanford. Notre Dame's march to the championship match as the No. 10 seed still makes the Irish the lowest seed and only non-Sun Belt school to reach the NCAA final since the team format was adopted in 1977. The Irish reached the national quarterfinals again in 1993. In 14 years at Notre Dame, Bayliss has coached his players to 14 All-America honors.

Bayliss was named Intercollegiate Tennis Association national coach of the year in 1992 and has won regional coach-of-the-year honors 14 times, including last season. He has been named conference coach of the year six times in his career and has helped Notre Dame capture two BIG EAST titles.



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John's, who remains winless in the Big East and falls to 3-21 on the year.

"I think [the Irish players] knew what the record was," McGraw said. "They knew they hadn't won a game in the Big East. We knew we were going to win. I think a more experienced team would not have let that happen, but this team has a lot of young players, and we just really didn't come out and play hard."

McGraw was also disappointed in the effectiveness of her bench. Other than Flecky, no Irish reserve scored more than one field goal. Freshman Kelsey Wicks, who usually provides a spark off the bench, was scoreless, including a 0-6 mark from behind the 3-point line.

The Irish did succeed, though, on defense. St. John's shot just 22 percent from the floor for the game, and their 31 points were the fewest by an Irish opponent since Valparaiso scored just 27 on Jan. 21, 1982. The Irish came away with 14 steals and forced St. John's into 21 turnovers.

"Tonight we were working on a little more pressure and trying to create some turnovers," McGraw said. "I thought we did a pretty good job there. That's something that we really haven't been doing too well lately."

Another area in which McGraw thought the team could have improved was in terms of physical play. The referees allowed the athletes to play a physical game, and McGraw thought St. John's took advantage of that

while her team did not.

"I think we need to play at that level," McGraw said. "We need to play a more physical game and be more comfortable in that type of game, because it was very consistent at both ends and we did not take advantage of that."

McGraw was pleased with her team's ability to distribute the basketball.

Notre Dame shot 39.3 percent from the field and rarely had to force shots at the buzzer. In transition, though, the Irish came away with only eight fast-break points.

"I thought we had the right people shooting the ball even though the shots didn't drop, and we did a pretty good job on the boards," McGraw said.

"Overall we're still doing a lot of good things, we just need to score more points in transition."

All areas will need to be improved by Saturday. Rutgers is only 8-15 this season and just 5-7 in the Big East, but traditionally plays well at home.

The Scarlet Knights also boast an aggressive defense, which poses a threat to a Notre Dame team that may come in without its leading scorer.

"To think about going into that game without Jackie, who's our leading scorer, makes it even more difficult," McGraw said. "We're going to have a lot of work to do in the next couple of days to find out who's going to replace her in the starting lineup if it comes to that and how we're going to make our changes. This is a very tough match-up for us."

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DUFFY-MARIE ARNOULT/The Observer

Notre Dame point guard Le'Tania Severe brings the ball upcourt despite heavy pressure from St. John's Kenyawna Hudgens. Severe scored seven points and added eight assists in the win.

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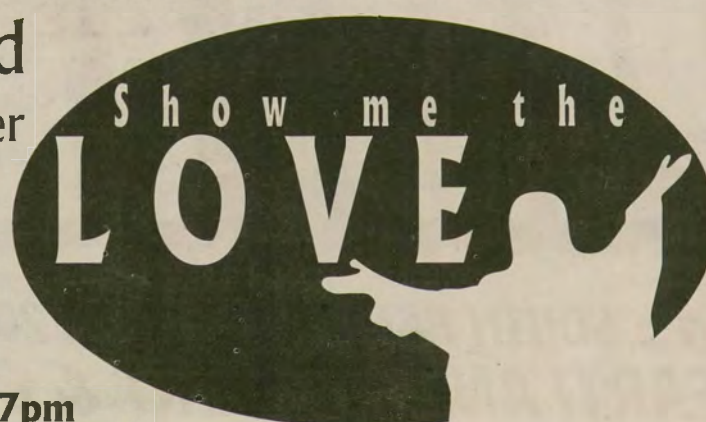
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recognition than what we're getting."

Come tonight, Notre Dame's griping about the lack of national respect will be shoved aside, as the Irish look to beat Rutgers for the second time in eight days.

Thomas was instrumental in Notre Dame's 89-72 win against the Scarlet Knights last week. He scored 32 points and shot 7-for-9 from behind the 3-point line.

"The thing that's lost is that we put it on them pretty good eight days ago, and that's kind of been lost in mix of Saturday's game," Brey said. "And I think I'm going to have to remind our guys they'll really be after us [tonight] and they play very well at home."

Brey compares the Louis Brown Athletic Center, one of the toughest places to play in the Big East, to Indiana's Assembly Hall, where the Irish lost to the Hoosiers by a point.

Rutgers is nearly unstoppable at home. In 12 home games this season, they've won 11, including four out of five in Big East play.

"Rutgers, I think, is kind of shell shocked that we beat them," freshman forward Jordan Cornette said. "They're expecting

to get the best of us at their place."

In order to contain the Scarlet Knights, the Irish will have to contain streaky guards Jerome Coleman and Ricky Shields, who scored 15 and 12 points, respectively, against the Irish earlier this season.

Rutgers can also throw the ball into Rashod Kent, who picked up 12 points and five rebounds in last week's meeting.

"Last time, we were able to do what we wanted on offense," Thomas said. "The hard thing was stopping them on defense. I think they're a great offensive team. They're one of the better ones we've played so

far. For us to stop them we have to limit their offensive production."

Note:

Tonight's game begins at 9 p.m. and is nationally televised on ESPN.

The Irish have struggled in nationally televised games this season. Notre Dame has lost its last seven games it has played before a national audience — including three losses from the 2000-01 season. Ironically, Notre Dame won its last national television game at Rutgers last season.

"It's real frustrating for us. We feel like we've done enough so far, even though we're not satisfied. But we're definitely up to receive more recognition than what we're getting."

Chris Thomas
Irish point guard

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Notre Dame forward Ryan Humphrey flies through the air as he tries to block a shot attempt by Rutgers' Sean Axani during Notre Dame's 89-72 win last week.



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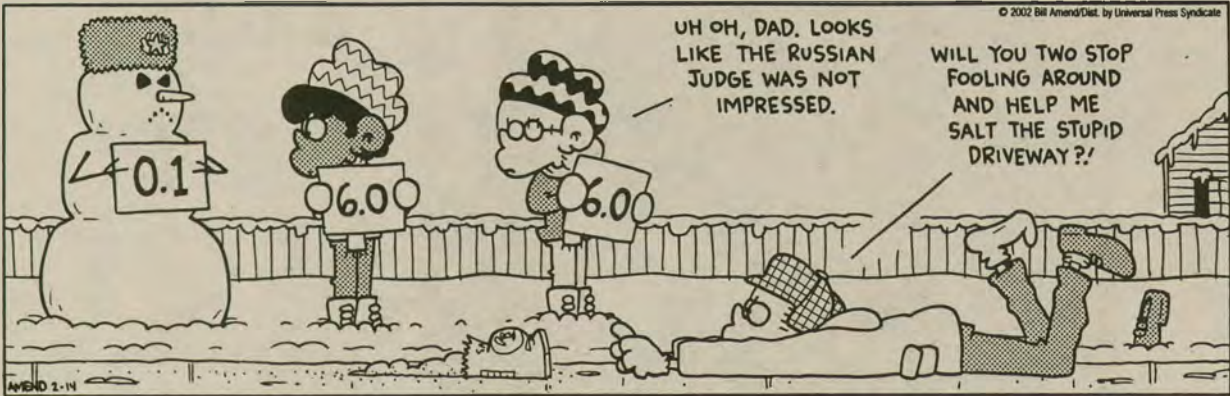
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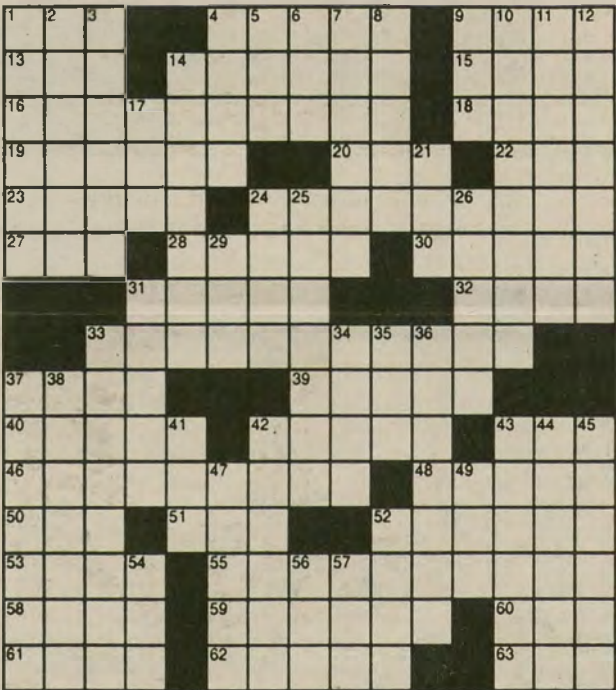
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LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You will be emotional about money matters. Stop being so generous with your friends and family. If you are smart with your cash you will lock it up in a solid investment. ☉☉☉

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You'll have to be careful how you

deal with your partner today. Any thoughtless comments will get blown out of proportion. Time spent with friends may be fun but if someone you love is feeling left out you may end up in an emotional feud. ☉☉

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Hurting Irish



DUFFY-MARIE ARNOULT/The Observer

Irish head coach Muffet McGraw and two members of the Notre Dame training staff huddle around Jacqueline Batteast early in the second half of Notre Dame's 66-31 win against St. John's Wednesday night.

◆ Batteast, Bustamante injured as Notre Dame blows out St. John's

By NOAH AMSTADTER
Sports Editor

Amidst Notre Dame's biggest win of the season, the team may have sustained its greatest loss.

Early in the second half of Wednesday night's 66-31 drubbing of St. John's in the Joyce Center, Irish freshman forward Jacqueline Batteast fell to the floor and had to be helped off the court.

Batteast later returned to the bench with

an ice pack on her right knee. The status of Notre Dame's leading scorer for Saturday night's game at Rutgers, and the rest of the season, is uncertain, pending a MRI this afternoon.

Batteast's classmate, guard Allison Bustamante, also had to be helped off the floor after spraining her ankle under the basket with 13:19 left in the game.

Bustamante, who missed four games earlier this season with the same injury, is also questionable for Saturday.

Lost in the injuries were two more strong efforts from the team's veterans, and a surprising performance from a rookie. Senior Ericka Haney made five of eight attempts from the field, and went 4-4 at the free-

throw line, for a season-high 14 points. Alicia Ratay also scored 14 for the Irish, while freshman Katy Flecky came off the bench to record a double-double, with 12 points and 10 rebounds in 24 minutes.

"I thought Katy Flecky had a great game," Irish head coach Muffet McGraw said. "It took her a little while to get going in the first half, but to come up with a double-double in 24 minutes, I think that's pretty outstanding."

Despite the lopsided final score — the 35-point win marks the greatest margin of victory for the Irish so far this season — McGraw was disappointed in her team's intensity against Big East cellar-dweller St.

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SMC BASKETBALL

Belles fail to grab a win

By JOE HETTLER
Sports Writer

In the days leading up to last night's battle between Saint Mary's and Adrian, Belles head coach Suzanne Smith praised her team for their solid defense and improved rebounding in recent wins.

Unfortunately for Saint Mary's, the Belles did neither well last night in a 70-57 conference loss to Adrian.

Deidre Mangan and Anne Blair led the Belles in rebounding with only four each as Adrian grabbed a 45-30 edge in that category.

"[Rebounding] was probably one of our biggest weaknesses tonight," said Smith. "But it started more with our defense, we weren't matched up so it was hard to box out then."

Adrian was lead by the MIAA conferences leading scorer, Ra'Sheida Edwards who had 17 points and 12 rebounds. Kim Hall added 16 points as Adrian connected on 46.8 percent of its field goals.

Blair was the only player on her team to tally double figures in scoring. She had 22 points on 10-16 shooting. Freshman Emily Creachbuan, coming off of a 26-point performance was held to only nine points and attempted

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Second-place Irish in search of national respect

◆ Five-game win streak on the line against Rutgers

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Associate Sports Editor

After winning five consecutive Big East games, capped by a quadruple-overtime win Saturday against Georgetown, the Irish felt they finally deserved some respect.

Too bad national pollsters thought otherwise.

In the latest ESPN/USA Today Coaches' poll, Notre Dame received just seven points. They fared slightly better in the AP

poll, picking up 87 points, still nearly 46 points behind No. 25 USC.

That, Notre Dame believes, just isn't right.

Just ask Chris Thomas, who was named Sports Illustrated's Player of the Week following his performances against Rutgers and Georgetown.

"The thing I'm just most upset about with all these accolades this week is that we only have seven votes in the ESPN poll," Thomas said. "That's the main thing here."

But while Notre Dame coach Mike Brey said the Irish should be ranked after last Saturday's win against Georgetown, he's not too worried about where the

Irish end up in the polls. Respect, he said, will only be expected on one day.

"I only want it on March 10 on Selection Sunday," Brey said. "For our guys, maybe they'd like to see us in those polls and, hey, I would too, but I'm not losing any sleep over it."

Seeing teams with similar records ranked ahead of Notre Dame, however, has Irish players a little miffed.

"It's real frustrating for us," Thomas said. "We feel like we've done enough so far, even though we're not satisfied. We're far from being satisfied. But we're definitely up to receive more

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ERNESTO LACAYO/The Observer

Irish point guard Chris Thomas looks to pass the ball during Notre Dame's win against Rutgers last week.

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