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Hallahan resigns over Bishop's dance view

◆ Chief of staff wanted stronger stance on student interests

By MEGHANNE DOWNES
Associate News Editor

Chief of staff Pat Hallahan said he will resign when student body president Libby Bishop returns this weekend from the Board of Trustees meeting in Naples, Fla. because the two differ on policy issues, specifically hall dances.

"I am resigning as chief of staff because of differences with Libby particularly on the dance issue and that came to a head at the Senate meeting on Monday," said Hallahan, who is running for student body president with sophomore

class president Jeremy Lao.

Hallahan said the comments he made during Monday's Senate meeting concerned Bishop and they discussed with a t options to t a k e . Hallahan told Bishop he could still perform the duties of chief of staff but he could not sit there and not voice his opinion with regard to the report.

The possibility of the chief of staff resigning arose after Hallahan, speaking at a Senate meeting Monday concerning Bishop's report to the Board of Trustees, told the group that the Office of Student Affairs

would not consider bringing back in-hall dances for at least two years. Upset by the comments, Bishop approached Hallahan after the meeting and the two discussed his resignation before Bishop said she wanted to think the decision over because she did not think it was necessary.

"I said that I would resign. It was getting harder to work for her when she would not inform me of issues. It was difficult to get in touch with her and she never got back to me before she left, Wednesday, [to discuss his possible resignation]" said Hallahan.

Hallahan said he made his decision when Bishop did not contact him before she left for Florida. He chose to resign now because he thought Bishop was indecisive and he did not think it was productive for student government to pro-

long the decision.

Bishop said she was sorry to see Hallahan leave and that it was the best decision for both Hallahan and the office. She attributed Hallahan's resignation to the stress created from being chief of staff and campaigning for student body president.

Hallahan said his life was busy, but stress was not the reason he decided to resign.

"It really was a situation where we couldn't work together on this issue and I still have time to work with other senators and [Hall

President's Council] stuff. If we didn't disagree I wouldn't be resigning," he said.

Trip Foley, student body vice president, said, "I am sorry to see him go and I think Pat has done a outstanding job and he has been a real leader in the office."

As chief of s t a f f , Hallahan ran the day-to-day operations of the office and was the top policy advisor to

Bishop.

Erin LaRuffa, public relations officer for the Office of the Student Body President,

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"I said that I would resign. It was getting harder to work for her when she would not inform me of issues."

Pat Hallahan
chief of staff

Boat Club survives another day

By JASON McFARLEY
News Writer

Despite campus rumors that The Boat Club will lower its sail for good this weekend, the popular student tavern has yet to navigate the legal hot water it may have cruised into following the Jan. 24 raid that nabbed some 200 underage Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students.

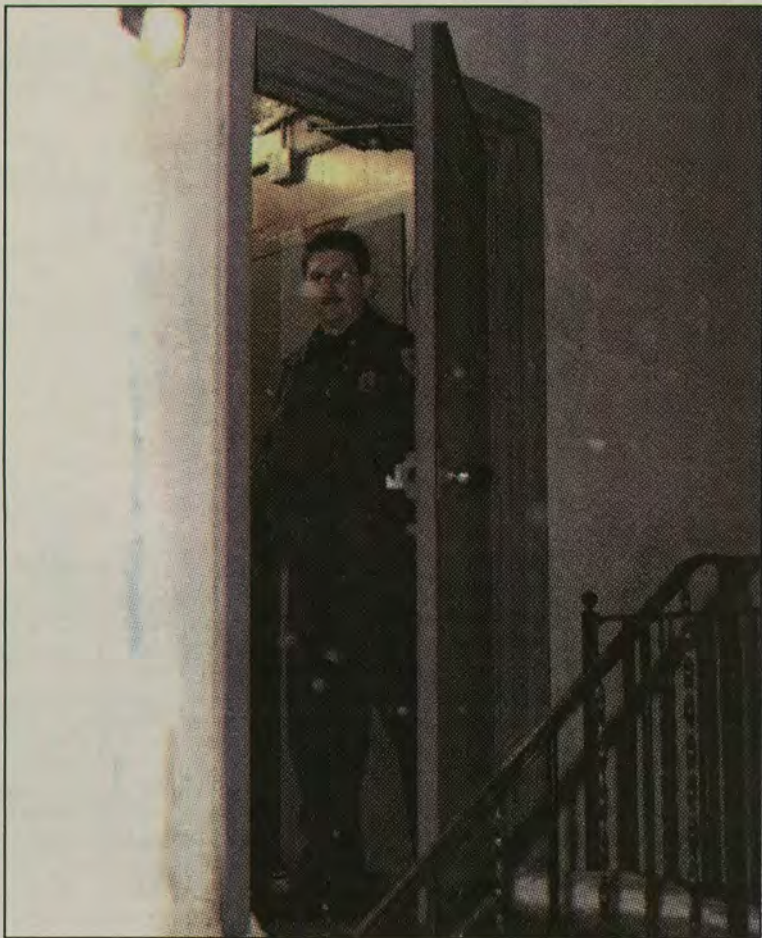
State excise police last week sent the report on the raid to the Indiana Alcohol and Tobacco Commission, and ATC prosecutor Fred Bauer has not yet recommended sanctions, said Mary DePrez, chairwoman of the Indianapolis-based commission. Bauer will review the case and propose any penalties to the commission before formally contacting the bar's owner, she said.

DePrez wouldn't speculate when the prosecutor would make his recommendation on the case. But in an interview last week with The Observer, she said typically no more than a month passes between when bars are raided and when they hear from the ATC prosecutor.

Excise, Indiana State and South Bend police raided the bar at 106 N. Hill St. early Jan. 24 and issued 213 minor in a tavern citations, mostly to Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students. The sweep — believed the biggest in South Bend history — followed a two-month investigation into complaints of underage drinking at the bar, police said.

The Boat Club was well known on both campuses as a haven for freshmen and other students under 21 years old. It was a popular destination on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights.

The bar has remained open



TIM KACMAR/The Observer

A police officer looks out from the Boat Club during the bust early on Jan. 24. Officials have not yet recommended sanctions against the bar, and the doors will stay open in the meantime.

since the bust two weeks ago, but regular patrons say attendance has dwindled and that bouncers ask for two or three forms of identification at the entrance.

Rumors this week on campus suggested that the bar would permanently close after the weekend.

Boat Club owner Mike McNeff hasn't returned repeated phone calls requesting comment.

In a handwritten statement to The Observer last week, however, McNeff thanked students for their loyal patronage

of the bar.

"I want to thank everyone who has come out and supported the 'The Boat,'" he said. "A special thanx to the girls who made the 'Long Live the Boat' shirts and all the die hards that won't abandon ship at the first site of an iceberg."

Past large-scale raids of student bars in South Bend have resulted in huge fines and loss of liquor licenses for tavern owners.

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Female candidates in election races

By JASON McFARLEY
News Writer

Voters first did it in 2001, when they elected Brooke Norton.

A year later, they did it again, ushering Libby Bishop into office.

But this year, Notre Dame undergraduates won't even have the chance put a woman in the top student government job. Women appear on only two of the seven tickets running for student body president and vice president. And neither female candidate heads her ticket.

The dearth of female office seekers — and the fact that no female students are campaigning for the top post — is surprising, said Bishop, the current student body president.

"I was surprised. I expected to see more female candidates," Bishop said. "It doesn't necessarily hurt the election, but I had hoped to see more women run."

Bishop herself was moved to run for office following Norton's election two years ago as the first woman president.

"Brooke as herself inspired me to run," Bishop said, "and part of that was her being a female."

In 2001, Norton defeated a field of opponents that included several women candidates, including one all-female ticket. Last year, Bishop and male running

mate Trip Foley competed against three tickets, including another female-headed one.

This year, Mimi Matkowski and Lauren Meagher are vice presidential candidates on male-led tickets. Matkowski is running with Joe Muto, and Meagher teamed with Charlie Ebersol.

Like Bishop, Meagher too was surprised by the drought of female contenders this election season, "but in the end, it comes down to the ticket with the desire to run."

"I firmly believe that the most qualified people should be elected, male or female," Meagher said.

Matkowski did not return calls requesting comment for this story.

For her part, Meagher said she never considered running for president. She was interested in the vice presidential job from the start.

"My business background and strong sense of organization and leadership makes me a better vice presidential candidate," said Meagher. "No, I did not consider running for president because my strengths suit the vice president's role."

In the 30 years since the University first admitted women as undergraduates, female students have won the vice presidency several times.

Outside of student government, women have held other prominent positions. In 2000, Molly Kinder became the first female member of the Irish Guard, the tradi-

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INSIDE COLUMN

Who do you represent?

Two weeks ago, 20 Saint Mary's students traveled to Washington, D.C. to participate in the annual March for Life — they each paid a small fee to ride a United Limo bus for 12 hours and paid for their own meals while in the capital city. Four other Saint Mary's students also made the trip to Washington that week to attend the Never Go Back pro-choice conference — they traveled by plane, the cost of which was paid for by the College in addition to the students' meals.

Saint Mary's homepage states that the school is "the nation's premier Catholic women's college." Does anyone see a problem here?

It is clear from the organization's Web page and the relevant advertising for the conference that the main purpose of the event was not the development of leadership skills, as some have claimed, but rather the furthering of the pro-choice cause. For a school that apparently claims some affiliation with the Catholic Church, funding such an activity as the Never Go Back conference seems deeply disturbing.

Saint Mary's Center for Women's InterCultural Leadership, which provided a grant for the conference travel costs, is a separate entity within the College with separate funding approval procedures.

But the overall picture still does not add up: Students who wished to attend a pro-life activity did not receive any financial support — although they never asked for it — while those who desired to attend a pro-choice event were funded in full.

I certainly don't mean to imply that students at Catholic schools should not be allowed to express their beliefs and disagree with what the Church teaches on a given issue. On the contrary, Catholic colleges must encourage open debate and free discussion on all sides of controversial issues. Yes, academic freedom is absolutely vital to the life of a college.

But when Saint Mary's chooses to fund a pro-choice event, it crosses a line. It no longer promotes academic discourse. It takes a position, and it stops the discussion. Some will be satisfied, others will be hurt.

Paying for students to attend a pro-choice conference while choosing not to offer the same level of support for a pro-life event sets a terrible precedent for Saint Mary's as a Catholic academic institution. Saint Mary's must foster open debate and encourage its students and faculty to openly express a wide variety of opinions. But the College is a Catholic institution and that should mean something.

Saint Mary's is both a Catholic and an academic organization — it should not prefer one identity over the other. The Catholic tradition is one of tolerance and love and it must be considered in a partnership with Saint Mary's academic mission.

Has Saint Mary's set itself down the slippery path of Boston College and Georgetown, where students joke that BC stands for "barely Catholic" and crosses are prohibited in the classrooms? Will Saint Mary's financially support the position of other students who may hold pro-capital punishment, anti-gay, anti-Semitic or racist views? The answer remains to be seen.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Teresa Fralish at tfralish@nd.edu.

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CAMPUS NEWS	WORLD & NATION	BUSINESS NEWS	VIEWPOINT	SCENE	SPORTS
Nothing to do? Compete for charity.	Iraqi scientist talks to U.N. inspectors	Dow Jones continues to drop	Pro choice trip educated SMC students	What about the woods?	McGraw talks about Title IX
The annual Late Night Olympics is tonight and raises money for charity.	An Iraqi scientist agreed to meet in private with U.N. inspectors Thursday.	A weak productivity report along with war fears led many investors to sell causing the Dow to drop.	The Observer Editorial supports the funding of the Saint Mary's pro-choice trip for education purposes.	Scene reviews "Out of the Woods."	Muffet McGraw participated on a presidential commission evaluating Title IX.
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WHAT'S HAPPENING @ ND

- ◆ Mass for Peace and Justice, Basilica of the Sacred Heart, 5 to 6:30 p.m.
- ◆ Lecture: McMullen Perspectives Lecture, McKenna Hall Auditorium, all day.
- ◆ Notre Dame Architecture Student Drawings: Designs for a New Snite Museum, Snite Museum of Art, all day.

WHAT'S HAPPENING @ SMC

- ◆ Josten's Ring Sales, Hagggar College Center, 11 a.m.
- ◆ Disability Awareness Speaker, Le Mans, noon.
- ◆ Lilly Foundation, Hagggar College Center Parlor, 8 a.m.
- ◆ Student Athletic Advisory Committee Meeting, Le Mans, noon.

WHAT'S GOING DOWN

Easy parking not an option for one student
NDSP found a University employee's parking decal in a student's vehicle Wednesday. NDSP referred the case for administrative review.

Cell phone found and returned
A cellular phone was found at O'Neill Hall Wednesday. It was turned in to NDSP for safekeeping, before it was released to the owner.





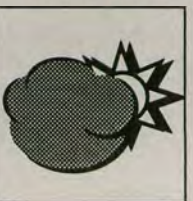

Employee finds cash, turns it in
A University employee found cash in O'Shaughnessy Hall and turned it in to NDSP for safekeeping Wednesday.

Ring found outside Walsh Hall
A University employee found a ring outside Walsh Hall and turned it in to NDSP for safekeeping Wednesday.

Compiled from the NDSP crime blotter.

WHAT'S COOKING

North Dining Hall	South Dining Hall	Saint Mary's Dining Hall
Today's Lunch: Breaded cheese sticks, meatball stroganoff sauce, smoked creole flank steak, roasted poupon potatoes, apple cobbler, Swiss spinach, Oriental vegetables, scrambled eggs, apple pancakes, O'Brien potatoes, sweet and sour chicken, cheese enchilada, Mexicana couscous	Today's Lunch: Collard greens, turkey turnovers, London broil with wine marinade, cheddar-baked pollock, shrimp creole, potatoes au gratin, grilled turkey sandwich, chicken teriyaki, portobello fajita	No menu was available.
Today's Dinner: Pork loin with apples, hot applesauce, whipped potatoes, apple cobbler, baked haddock jardiniere, steamed carrots, steamed broccoli, mixed vegetables, baked sweet potatoes, steakhouse fries, Cantonese BBQ chicken, jalapeno poppers, California rancho rice	Today's Dinner: Chicken cacciatore, gorgonzola sauce, French bread pizza, roast top round, oven-fried chicken, grilled Polish sausage, rotini with vegetables, Polish-style kluski noodles, cabbage, honey-mustard chicken, seasoned fries, onion rings, Chinese noodles and snow peas with soy dressing, flatbread beef pizza	

LOCAL WEATHER	TODAY	TONIGHT	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
						
	HIGH 20 LOW 12	HIGH 15 LOW 10	HIGH 25 LOW 18	HIGH 20 LOW 3	HIGH 18 LOW 8	HIGH 18 LOW -2

Committee to discuss SMC meals

By AMY GREENE
News Writer

Students at Saint Mary's are implementing a new dining hall committee this semester. Formed by Student Activities Board President Adrienne Dorbish and Sophomore Class President Sarah Brown, the committee will serve as a touchstone between the student body and the Noble Family Dining Hall staff. Dorbish and Brown hope to effectively voice student concerns about the current meal plan options and the quality of food in the dining hall.

"There are numerous students that intern or student teach and are forced to be off campus all day," said Dorbish. "These students do not eat 14 meals a week, but are forced to pay for the Option 14 plan," she said.

The dining hall, operated under Sodexo Campus Food Services, currently offers two meal plans to students.

Option 14 yields students 14 meals per week and \$125 of Munch Money per semester. The Carte Blanche plan allows students to have unlimited meals, but only \$10 in Munch Money per semester.

Dorbish and Brown are proposing an Option Seven and Option 10 meal plan as alternatives for students.

"We want to allow students to purchase fewer meals and have more munch money on their student account. We are also hoping to have some hot breakfast food served earlier in the morning so nurses and student teachers who are up very early in the morning can eat something more than cold cereal or fruit," Dorbish said.

Dorbish also said she believes the majority of the student body is unsatisfied with the quality of food in the dining hall this year.

"The dining hall staff works very hard to please the variety of students on campus," she said, "but I still feel

many of the students are displeased with the food at times."

Dorbish hopes to conduct a student survey as one of the committee's first projects that will ask students their opinions on the quality and variety of food in the dining hall, as well as their views on the current meal plan options.

"I think a committee like this could help alleviate a lot of the problems in the dining hall," said senior Lauren Dasso. "Efficiency is a huge issue. A lot of students don't have time to wait in the long lines and set an hour for lunch aside everyday."

Dorbish, Brown, and other members of the Board of Governance will meet with Kevin Kirwan, district manager of Sodexo Campus Services, next week to discuss concerns about the dining hall's current operations.

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Hallahan

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said Hallahan was justified in his decision. "I don't think it is a good working relationship if you can't voice an opinion without causing problems," said LaRuffa.

Bishop, Foley, Hallahan and LaRuffa met when they returned from winter break to discuss the Board of Trustees report and decided a proposal would be made to bring back

in hall dances, said Hallahan.

Hallahan said Bishop did not ask him to help draft the report and it was frustrating to read the "watered down" report at Wednesday's Senate meeting.

Hallahan said he disagreed with Bishop's decision to take out the proposal and this was the opportunity to take a stronger stance with the Board of Trustees.

"We have a different leadership style," Hallahan said. "I am much more aggressive, whereas Libby is more com-

promising."

"Overall it was a weak report and its unfortunate because we were in a good position to put dances back in the hall," LaRuffa said.

LaRuffa said Bishop's fall report on residentiality impressed the Board of Trustees and now was the opportunity to make a proposal regarding in hall dances due to connections between the topics.

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Late Night Olympics help raise funding

By CAITLIN EARLY
News Writer

The 17th Annual Late Night Olympics kicks off today at 7 p.m. in the Joyce Center.

Tonight's wide array of activities will include 15 team sport competitions, along with two mens and womens events, an exhibition basketball game between the rectors and the Special Olympians at 9 p.m. and an Open Skate from 10 p.m. until midnight.

The donation for the night will be \$1 at the door of the Joyce Center. Aside from the scheduled events, there will also be a deejay, concessions and prizes, such as University sports apparel and gift certificates. All the proceeds from Late Night Olympics will benefit the St. Joseph County Special Olympics.

Based on higher entrance fees for dorm teams, raffle tickets sales, a 50/50 drawing and the Penny Wars, Bill Reagan, director of Special Events at RecSports, is hopeful that this year's donation to the Special Olympics will exceed the \$6,000 contribution that resulted from last year's Late Night Olympics.

"We would encourage all students, even if they have not signed up for a dorm team to stop by on Friday night to support the Special Olympics," said Reagan. "Friday's Late Night Olympics will be a fun night for sport, camaraderie, and service."

Reagan, along with Gale Bowman, interhall sports supervisor, began planning for Late Night Olympics in October. After working in cooperation with the hall presidents and a special student planning committee to organize the

night's events, Reagan and his staff are expecting more than 1,200 members of the Notre Dame community to come out for Late Night Olympics.

"As this is my first year as Director of Late Night Olympics, I wanted the thrust to be on the Special Olympics," said Reagan. "Through the advertisements and poster campaign, I wanted to show an ND student lending a helping hand to a Special Olympian to emphasize that Late Night Olympics is a noble cause to raise money for the Special Olympics."

The idea for Late Night Olympics originally came to Notre Dame by way of Sally Derengoski, current director of RecSports and RecServices, who had previously been involved with a similar project during her time at Indiana University.

Since its inception in 1986, Late Night Olympics raised a total of \$60,000 for the St. Joseph County Special Olympics.

The St. Joseph County Special Olympics sponsors 258 athletes in

variety of different sports throughout the year. A portion of the money from this year's Late Night Olympics will be directed towards supporting the basketball team, which has its sectional event on March 15. If the team is successful in sectionals, it will advance to the State tournament on March 22.

"It is a fun night for our athletes and as in past years, we hope to receive a good contribution," said Marilyn Palmer, county coordinator for St. Joseph County Special Olympics.

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Bill Reagan
RecSports director of special events

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Former United Way executive admits theft

Associated Press

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. — A former United Way executive pleaded guilty Thursday to stealing nearly \$1.9 million to buy expensive show horses in what is believed to be the biggest embezzlement case in the agency's history.

Jacquelyn Allen-MacGregor worked in the Capital Area United Way in East Lansing for 20 years before resigning as vice president for finance in November. Prosecutors said she stole the money over seven years, beginning in 1996, and used it to fund her quarter horse business.

In pleading guilty to federal counts of check forging and engaging in an illegal financial transaction, Allen-MacGregor said she once paid \$45,000 for a horse.

Allen-MacGregor, 46, faces up to 10 years in prison on each count at sentencing in May. She agreed to let the United Way seize and sell her assets in an effort to recoup the money.

The plea comes eight years after William Aramony, a former chief of the national charity, was convicted of defrauding United Way out of \$600,000 to support a lavish lifestyle for himself and his girlfriends.

Following public scrutiny of charitable organizations following the Sept. 11 attacks, United Way of America last month instituted some additional checks and balances in its accounting procedures, said Brian A. Gallagher, president and chief executive officer of the Alexandria,

Va.-based organization.

Allen-MacGregor said she stole the money by writing checks to herself on the Capital Area United Way account and forging the names of required co-signers. When the bank returned the canceled checks to the agency, she destroyed them.

The chapter now uses an accounting firm to reconcile bank statements.

Allen-MacGregor also said she deposited the money into two accounts she shared with her husband, one personal and one for the horse business, Celebration Quarter Horses. She said her husband knew nothing about the transactions because she handled the family's finances.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Daniel Mekaru said more than 300 forged checks have turned up dating to 1996; 45 turned up from last year alone.

Allen-MacGregor pleaded guilty to help make amends, defense lawyer Brian Morely said. She declined comment as she left the courtroom.

"Her mood is as you'd expect — troubled, devastated," Morely said.

Besides the possibility of prison time, she faces a maximum fine of \$250,000 and three years of supervised release on each count.

The theft hurt the reputation of the East Lansing chapter, and its president, Bob Berning, resigned Feb. 3. Gallagher said the chapter must be open about its problems and work hard to correct them to win back public trust.

Priest gets 10 years for abuse

Associated Press

ROCKVILLE, Md.

A Georgia priest convicted of sexually abusing two brothers while a student at a Washington seminary in the 1970s was sentenced to 10 years in prison Thursday.

The Rev. Wayland Brown was sentenced in Montgomery Circuit Court, three months after his guilty plea to battery and abuse. The boys were 12 and 13 years old when the abuse began in 1974 at their Gaithersburg home.

One of the brothers told Judge Ann S. Harrington on Thursday of the shame and bitter memories he has lived with since the abuse, which he said kept him from forming close relationships and drove him to consider suicide.

"Father Brown robbed me of my future and shackled me with chains of guilt," the man, now 42, said in a wavering voice. "Father Brown made me hate being me."

A pre-sentencing memoran-

dum by prosecutors painted Brown as a serial molester who abused several boys throughout the 1970s and 1980s. One, who grew up in Georgia and now lives in Oklahoma, testified that Brown abused him on a trip to Disney World in 1978.

Brown was removed from a post at a Savannah, Ga., parish in 1988 and has lived in Savannah since, running a bookkeeping business. He apologized Thursday to the brothers and the Oklahoma man, all of whom were in court.

"There is no excuse for what I did, there cannot be," he said. "I hated myself for what I did."

Elsewhere Thursday, five men who say they were sexually abused by priests years ago, including one man who said he was fondled in a confessional, sued a Roman Catholic diocese in Pennsylvania.

In two lawsuits, the men said they were abused by two priests in the Altoona-

Johnstown diocese — Monsignor Francis McCaa and the Rev. Francis Luddy — while they were preteens or teenagers in the 1970s and 1980s. One man said he was abused for six years.

The lawsuits claim the church was negligent and failed to provide a safe environment for children, said a lawyer for the men, Richard Serbin. He said McCaa and Luddy were not named as defendants because the statute of limitations has expired.

In a statement, diocesan spokeswoman Sister Mary Parks said the diocese was "deeply sorry for the pain of any victims of sexual abuse" but declined to comment on the lawsuits.

McCaa resigned in 1985 and has since been barred from public ministry, Parks said. Luddy was formally dismissed from the priesthood in 1988 after a previous lawsuit alleging sexual abuse. Neither man's whereabouts could immediately be determined.

Candidates

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tionally all-male squad that protects the marching band and cheers on the sidelines during football games.

Meagher believes it's important to recognize the leadership roles, both political and non, that women hold across campus.

"Women all over the Notre Dame campus have leadership positions, and I applaud those inside and outside student government," she said. "In

terms of bringing something special to student government in particular, the success of the candidate depends on her leadership ability and personality."

While surprising, the lack of female candidates this year isn't necessarily troubling to Bishop. She said she hopes to see more women run in the future and eventually hold her office again.

The current president isn't worried if that doesn't happen next year — or even the year after.

"We've had two years with women in office," Bishop said.

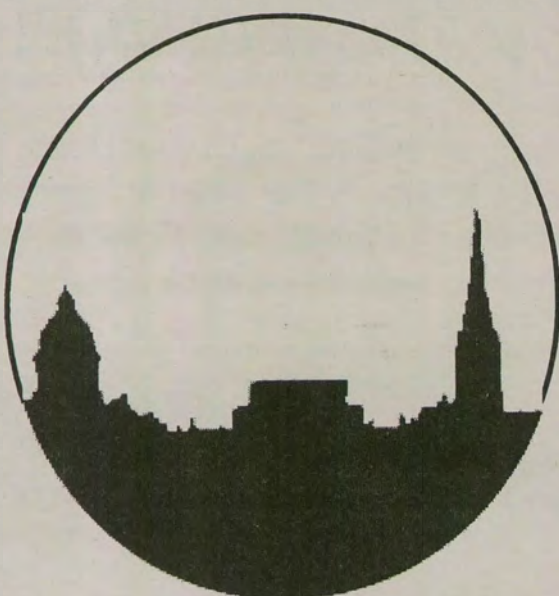
"I'm not concerned if there's not another female president now or a few years from now. The ground has been broken."

Students can vote in Monday's general election for one of seven tickets: Mike Bott and Mike Kirsh, Ebersol and Meagher, Ryan Gagnet and John McCarthy, Pat Hallahan and Jeremy Lao, Muto and Matkowski, Matt Padberg and David Rail or Drew Updike and Eric Tarnowski.

Voting is conducted online from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

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IRAQ

U.N. inspectors talk to Iraqi scientist in private

Associated Press

BAGHDAD

An Iraqi arms expert submitted to a private interview with U.N. weapons inspectors Thursday, a top Iraqi official said hours after the top U.N. nuclear inspector demanded a "drastic change" in Baghdad's level of cooperation.

If confirmed, it would be the first time a scientist linked to Iraq's weapons programs has spoken to inspectors without Iraqi officials present. Such interviews have been a top demand of U.N. inspectors, hoping the scientists will reveal clandestine weapons programs.

"One of our scientists is being interviewed alone, as we speak," Iraqi presidential adviser Lt. Gen. Amer al-Saadi told a Baghdad press conference. He did not give any details or identify the scientist. There was no immediate confirmation from U.N. officials.

Earlier Thursday, top U.N. nuclear inspector Mohamed ElBaradei demanded Baghdad show greater cooperation, as he and fellow chief inspector Hans Blix briefed British Prime Minister Tony Blair on their way to Baghdad for talks this weekend.

"They need to show drastic change in terms of cooperation," ElBaradei said. "Our

mission in Baghdad this weekend is crucial. We hope we will secure full, 100 percent cooperation on the part of Iraq."

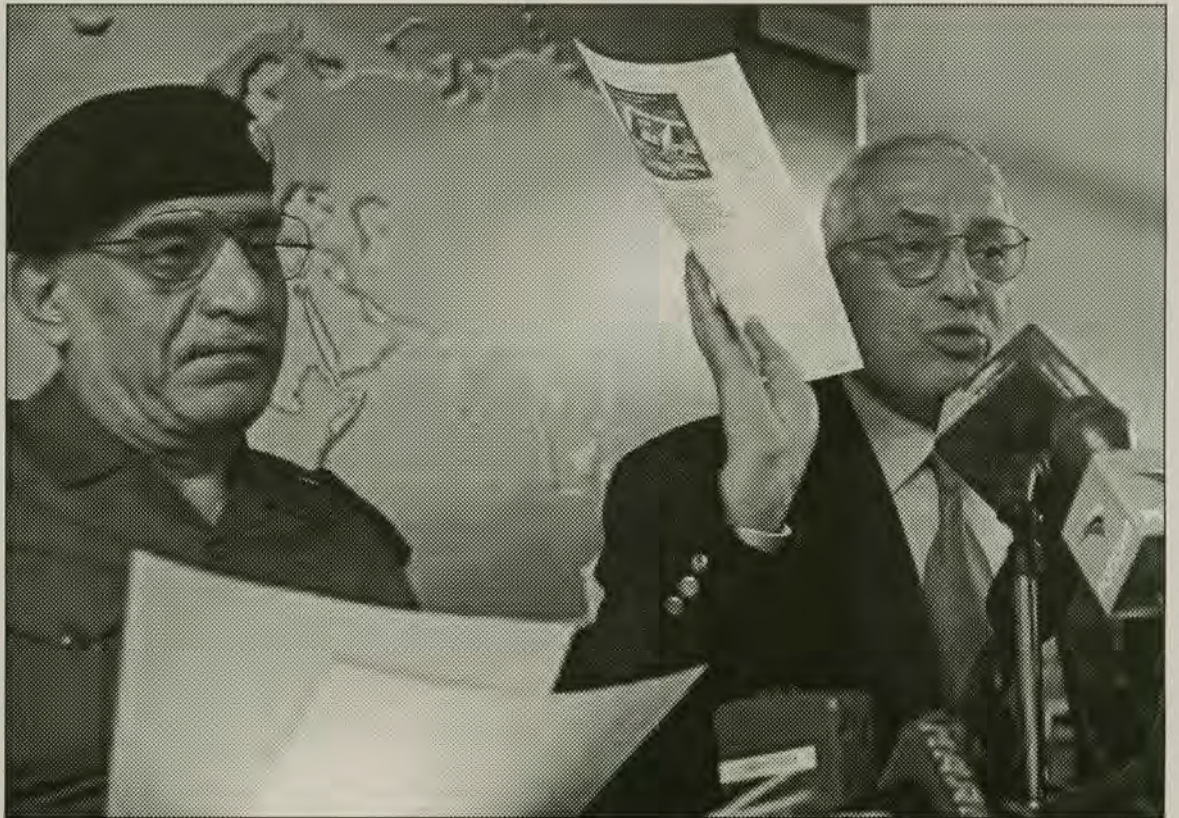
Blix and ElBaradei are to present their latest report to the U.N. Security Council on Feb. 14, and Secretary of State Colin Powell said Thursday that their visit to Baghdad would be key to seeing if Iraq intends to cooperate.

In Washington, Powell told senators Thursday that "within weeks" the Iraqi situation will be brought to a conclusion "one way or another."

A day earlier, Powell laid down the U.S. case against Iraq in a speech to the Security Council, presenting tape recordings, satellite photos and testimony he said constituted "irrefutable" proof that Iraq was hiding weapons of mass destruction.

Blix and ElBaradei will challenge Iraqi officials to respond to issues raised by Powell at the Security Council Wednesday, said Hiro Ueki, their spokesman. Al-Saadi and other Iraqi officials dismissed Powell's testimony as full of fabrications.

Preparations for a possible U.S.-led war on Iraq moved forward as Turkey's parliament voted to allow the United States to begin renovating military bases and ports, a first



Reuters

General Amir al-Saadi (right) and Hussam Mohammed Amin, head of the Iraqi National Monitoring Directorate, display evidence produced at the U.N. Security Council. U.N. weapons inspectors privately met with an Iraqi weapons expert for the first time Wednesday.

step toward opening the way for the deployment of U.S. troops.

NATO gave tentative approval to a U.S. plan to prepare to protect Turkey if it

comes under counterattack from Iraq. France, Germany and Belgium had opposed the plan for weeks, but the preparations will begin Monday unless they raise new objec-

tions. Of the 15 Council members, only the United States and Britain have offered unwavering support for forcibly disarming Saddam.

RUSSIA

Russia halts tourist space flights despite fiscal problems

Associated Press

MOSCOW

Russia's decision to suspend tourist flights into space after the Columbia disaster is causing a money crunch and the country needs other sources of foreign cash to fulfill its role as the sole nation capable of supplying the International Space Station, Russia's space chief said Thursday.

Russian Aerospace Agency Director Yuri Koptev said the country's \$130 million space station budget this year is "barely enough" to pay for the two Soyuz and three Progress ships it has already

pledged to send to the station.

Earlier this week, Russia decided to suspend flights for paying tourists and crews on short-term visits into space — a move that will cut another \$45 million from the budget, Koptev said.

Koptev said during a trip to India on Thursday that other partners in the 16-nation project should cover the additional costs, the ITAR-Tass news agency reported.

The Soyuz crew capsules and Progress cargo ships are now the only link to the space station and the three-man crew currently in space.

Another two to three cargo ships will

be needed each year to run the station without shuttles, and each costs about \$22 million, Koptev said.

"The approach to the 2004 ISS budget should be changed" to pay Russia for the extra spacecraft, the ITAR-Tass quoted him as saying.

In the past, U.S. shuttles have ferried long-term crews to the station, while Russian rockets have carried cosmonauts and space tourists on short visits. The cosmonauts fly up on a fresh Soyuz craft — leaving it behind as an escape module for the crew — and return on the old one.

An American and a South African have

paid a reported \$20 million each to fly to the space station aboard Russian rockets, and Russia had planned to send more space tourists to the station this year.

Koptev said that his agency would start detailed talks with NASA in 2-3 weeks on how to run the station during the break in shuttle flights.

The prospects of future flights were suspended pending the outcome of the investigation into Saturday's U.S. shuttle disaster that killed seven astronauts. According to estimates, it might take from six months to 2 1/2 years to resume the shuttle flights, Koptev said, according to the ITAR-Tass.

WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Zero tolerance for genital mutilation:

An inter-African committee on female genital cutting called Thursday for an annual observance of Feb. 6 as an international day of zero tolerance of the practice. In a declaration issued at the end of a three-day conference, the committee said the day would serve as "a way to reflect and deliberate on as well as draw attention to the practice that is still common in many places in Africa."

Protestant militants mourn in Belfast:

With a bagpiper's wail and revenge in the air, more than 5,000 Protestant extremists walked Thursday behind the coffin of a senior Belfast terrorist gunned down in an internal feud that threatens to claim more lives. An "honor guard" of masked men in leather jackets fired a volley of shots over the casket of John Gregg, 45, a commander in the outlawed Ulster Defense Association, the major anti-Catholic paramilitary group.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Cheney remembers fallen astronauts:

Official Washington mourned the seven Columbia astronauts Thursday as ambassadors to the universe who met their deaths while trying to improve life on Earth. Leading the tributes under the soaring arches of Washington National Cathedral, Vice President Dick Cheney said the disaster would not ground the nation's manned space program.

Sex criminals slip through govt. cracks:

In a startling new survey, a child advocacy group found that states across the country have lost track of tens of thousands of rapists, child molesters and other sex offenders who are supposed to be registered in Megan's Law databases. An Associated Press investigation revealed California had lost track of at least 33,000 sex offenders. Parents for Megan's Law contacted all 50 states by telephone to ask about the accuracy of their registries.

Bush calls on God during 'testing time':

President Bush and members of his war council prayed Thursday for God's guidance through "a testing time for our country," citing the showdown with Iraq, the constant threat of terrorism and the space shuttle's demise. "One thing is for certain, we didn't ask for these challenges, but we will meet them," Bush said at the National Prayer Breakfast.

Reagan marks 92nd birthday at home:

Ronald Reagan, who has been in seclusion since disclosing in 1994 that he had Alzheimer's disease, celebrated his 92nd birthday Thursday at his Bel-Air home with wife Nancy. Joanne Drake, the former president's chief of staff, said a low-key affair was planned. She said chocolates — Reagan's favorite — would play a part in his day. "He's comfortable and doing as well as anyone could expect for a man of 92," Drake said. "He's going to be around a long, long time."

States losing track of sex offenders

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO

In a startling new survey, a child advocacy group found that states across the country have lost track of tens of thousands of rapists, child molesters and other sex offenders who are supposed to be registered in Megan's Law databases.

Prompted by an Associated Press investigation that revealed California had lost track of at least 33,000 sex offenders, Parents for Megan's Law contacted all 50 states by telephone to ask about the accuracy of their registries.

It found that states on average were unable to account for 24 percent of sex offenders supposed to be in the databases. And 19 states, including Texas and New York, said they were unable to track how many sex offenders were failing to register, or simply did not know.

Federal law requires the addresses of convicted sex offenders to be verified at least once a year.

But the survey found that up-to-date addresses for more than 77,000 sex offenders are missing from the databases of 32 states. And in the other 18 states and the District of Columbia, which are responsible for 133,705 offenders, thousands of the ex-convicts may have disappeared.

"They're implementing Megan's Law, then turning their backs on it," said Laura Ahearn, executive director of the non-profit agency in New York. "They need the technology and the staff to track down their sex offenders."

All states responded to the group's survey, but only 32 were able to provide failure rates. Many of these said they have never audited their sex offender registries and provided only rough estimates of their accuracy.

The survey, which the group plans to release Friday, relied on the word of officials in each state, unlike the AP's analysis in California, which was based on a CD-ROM of data taken directly from the registry.

The survey said Oklahoma and Tennessee had the highest rates of noncompliance, both at 50 percent. A Tennessee official

disputed this, and Oklahoma's Corrections Department spokesman, Brian Johnson, said the figure was just his best guess.

"I don't have any specific actual information in terms of the level of noncompliance," he said. "We've not done a study of that that I'm aware of."

The databases are supposed to help the public and police monitor sex offenders by keeping track of their home and work addresses and other personal details. Adults can search the database at sheriffs' offices or police departments, assuming the information is kept up to date as required.

All states have versions of the law named for 7-year-old Megan Kanka, a New Jersey girl who was raped and killed by a child molester who had moved in across the street.

But many states admit they don't know whether the databases are accurate - and they have little staff to do the work.

In Oklahoma, Johnson's department mails address verification forms each year to 5,415 sex offenders, who are required to update and return them. But no one monitors how many of forms come back and how many don't.

Johnson said he spends about a third of his time on sex offender registration. One full-time worker has the rest of the responsibility.

The advocacy group said Tennessee's Bureau of Investigation told it half of the state's 6,300 sex offenders were out of compliance with the law. But a spokeswoman for the agency, Jeanne Broadwell, said 37 percent of 5,812 offenders were missing. She couldn't explain the discrepancy.

The agency receives most of its updates from local law enforcement by mail, Broadwell said, and it usually takes about six more weeks to put it into the Megan's Law database.

Among the states with the best compliance rates is Florida, where state officials told the group only 4.7 percent of 27,689 offenders have failed to update their addresses.

Florida's Department of Law Enforcement sends letters out each year and has a full-time staff of 11 to keep close track of

those that come back. Offenders who don't respond often get a visit from police, spokeswoman Mary Coffee said.

"We send a notification to law enforcement that says, 'Here's the guys who didn't report.' Certain agencies have entire units who follow-up on these folks," Coffee said.

Several state agencies, including the department that issues driver's licenses and state identification cards, which sex offenders in Florida are required to keep, have direct electronic access to the database.

"We have legislative and technology help that helps us do our best keeping track of these folks," Coffee said.

Ahearn said she was surprised that some populous states reported very different results. For example, Massachusetts told the group it had lost track of 44 percent of its 18,000 offenders, while Illinois said it lost just 14 percent of its 17,087.

After the AP's story about the California database, state and federal lawmakers, advocates for crime victims and police demanded efforts to improve Megan's Law databases. But with California and other states facing big budget deficits, more money will be hard to find.

Johnson, the Oklahoma official, also said he doubts the databases will ever provide more than a false sense of security.

"There's three reasons to have a sex offender registry," he said. "One is public protection, the second is it supports law enforcement investigations and it might prevent future acts of criminal behavior. I'm not aware of any research that says any of those things are accomplished."

Polls: UN okay still key issue

♦ Poll says that most Americans still want U.N. OK before war on Iraq

Associated Press

Secretary of State Colin Powell built public support for a possible war with Iraq with his address to the United Nations laying out the case against Saddam Hussein, according to several polls taken after his comments Wednesday.

The number who say Powell has made a very strong case against Iraq was about six in 10 or more, according to polls by NBC News, ABC-The Washington Post and CNN-USA Today-Gallup. But that support is strongest if this country has the support of the United Nations.

About half, 51 percent, said the United States should take military action against Iraq only if the United Nations supports it. Almost four in 10, 37 percent, said the United States should take military

action even if the United Nations does not support that approach, according to the NBC poll.

Almost two-thirds in the CNN-USA Today-Gallup poll said Powell made a very strong case that Iraq is hiding evidence from weapons inspectors. About half that many felt he has made a very strong case that Iraq has links to Osama bin Laden and his terrorist group al-Qaida.

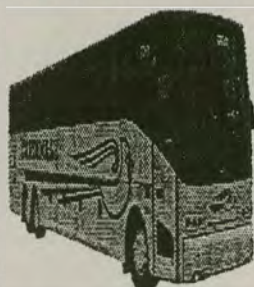
The ABC-Post poll said six in 10 believe the Bush administration has presented enough evidence supporting its position on Iraq - an increase from 48 percent who felt that way three weeks ago. The number in that poll who said this country should give U.N. inspectors a few weeks or less before acting was 59 percent, up from 51 percent before Powell's speech.

The ABC-Post poll of 504 adults and the NBC News poll of 514 adults had error margins of 4.5 percentage points. The CNN-USA Today-Gallup poll of 601 adults had an error margin of plus or minus 4 percentage points.

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INTEL CORP (INTC)	-1.28	-0.20	15.38

IN BRIEF

Discrimination cases at 7-year high:

Federal job discrimination complaints filed by workers against private employers jumped more than 4 percent in 2002 to the highest level in seven years. The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission said Thursday that complaints increased to 84,442 during the 2002 budget year, up from 80,840 the previous year. Complaints in 2002 reached the highest level since 1995, when 87,529 were filed. The poor economy, an aging and multinational work force and backlash from the 2001 terrorist attacks likely contributed to the increase, said EEOC Chairwoman Cari M. Dominguez. She noted the large increases in allegations of religious, age and national origin discrimination.

Tyson executive caught on tape:

Prosecutors played secret tapes Thursday of a man described as a manager at Tyson Foods arranging for the delivery of hundreds of illegal immigrants from an undercover agent posing as a smuggler. "Hell, I put over 700 people to work," said the man on the tape, whom prosecutors identified as plant manager Robert Sanford. "I'm going to need to replace 300 or 400 people — maybe 500. I'm going to need a lot." Tyson and three officials are charged with conspiring to smuggle illegal immigrants to work on the production lines of the company. Tyson, the country's largest meat processor, supplies about one-quarter of the nation's chickens.

Venezuelans slam money controls:

Venezuela's business leaders warned Thursday that foreign currency controls imposed by President Hugo Chavez will breed corruption, fuel inflation and push the nation's fragile economy to the brink of collapse. They also suspect Chavez will use the controls to repress opponents and punish those who staged an unsuccessful two-month strike seeking to oust him.

Productivity news hurts Dow

◆ War fears contribute to overall market decline

Associated Press

NEW YORK

A tepid productivity report gave investors more reasons to sell Thursday, sending stocks moderately lower and carrying the Dow Jones industrials and Standard & Poor's 500 index to levels not seen in nearly four months.

Analysts said trading was uneven as investors made short-term bets on whether or when the United States would wage war on Iraq. Tensions with North Korea also pressured the market.

"It's been sloppy and choppy in the last few sessions as speculative trading entered the fray," said Bryan Piskorowski, market commentator at Prudential Securities. "The lackluster productivity figures are definitely not a step in the right direction."

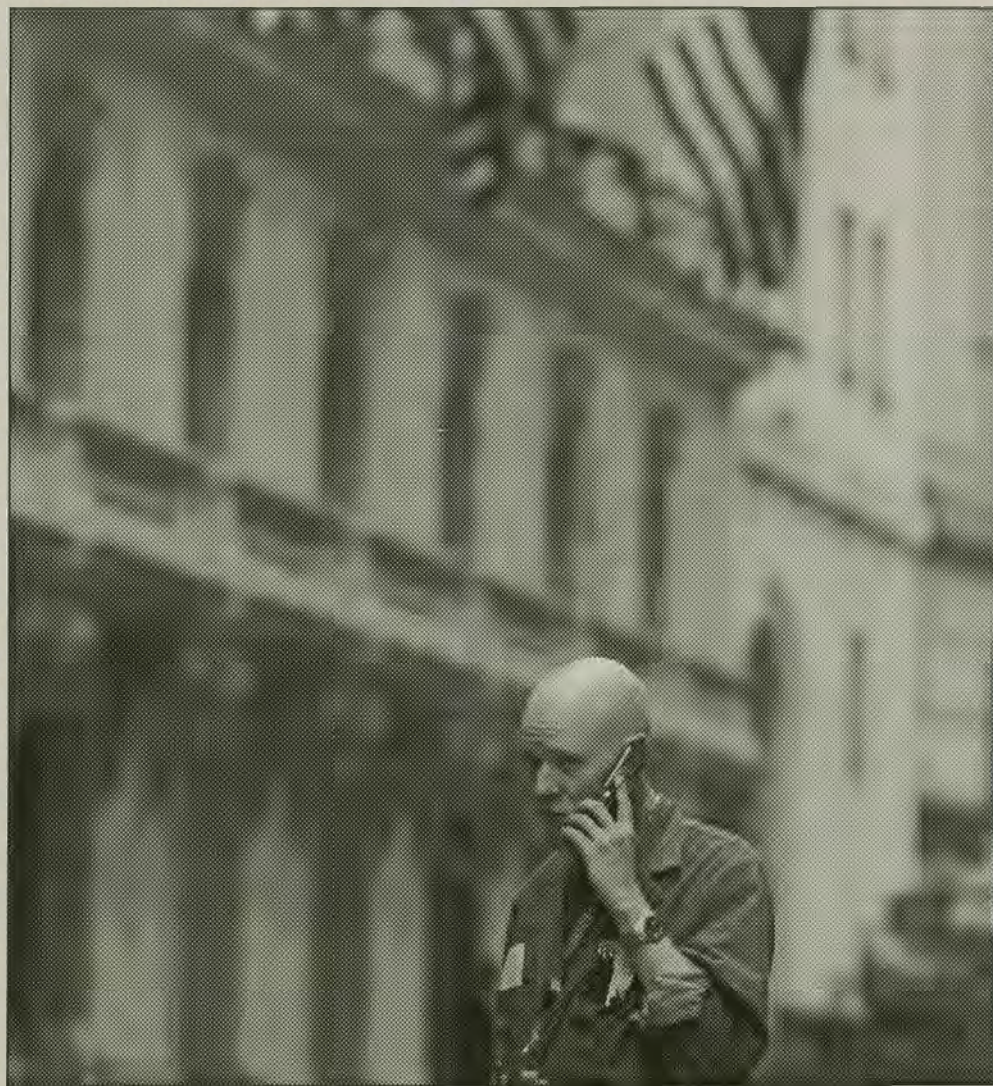
"There's a massive wait-and-see mentality here, not only on Wall Street but Main Street as well," he added. "With that being the case, speculative action is making the most of it."

The Dow fell 55.88, or 0.7 percent, to close at 7,929.30, giving the blue chips a three-day loss of 180 points. It was the lowest level for the Dow since Oct. 14, when it closed at 7,877.40.

The broader market was mixed. The S&P 500 index dropped 5.44, or 0.6 percent, to 838.15, its lowest level since Oct. 11, when it closed at 835.32. The Nasdaq composite index inched up 0.23, or 0.02 percent, to 1,301.73.

A pair of mixed economic reports, particularly one showing sluggish productivity, added to the market's foul mood as investors also kept watch over the situation with Iraq.

The Labor Department reported that U.S. compa-



Getty Images

A trader talks on his cell phone outside the New York Stock Exchange. Stock markets tumbled again on worries about a possible war with Iraq.

nies' productivity fell at an annual rate of 0.2 percent in the final quarter of 2002, the worst showing in more than a year. Economists predicted a 0.7 percent rise.

Separately, the department said new claims for unemployment benefits fell last week by a seasonally adjusted 11,000 to 391,000. That was a turnaround from the previous week when claims rose by 19,000, suggesting the pace of layoffs may be stabilizing though employment remained sluggish.

Analysts say investors remain hesitant to commit to stocks due to concerns about a war with Iraq; that reluctance has fed steep declines in the past three weeks. But they add the market could see some

short-term rallies based mostly on bargain-hunting and generally positive earnings news.

On Thursday, Secretary of State Colin Powell told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee the Iraq situation will be brought to a conclusion "within weeks."

Meanwhile, the White House said it had "robust plans for any contingencies" involving North Korea, a day after the country said pre-emptive attacks on its nuclear facilities would trigger "total war."

"It's only the uncertainties of the Iraqi confrontation that are currently bedeviling the markets," said A.C. Moore, chief investment strategist for Dunvegan Associates, cit-

ing recent data showing improvements in profits, as well as the manufacturing and service sectors.

"Should that be a short-term affair and successful business, there could be a very strong lift to stocks from current levels," he said.

Agilent Technologies slid \$4.06, or 24.9 percent, to \$12.26 after warning that its latest fiscal quarter loss would be greater than its previous forecast and Wall Street's estimates.

PepsiCo fell 86 cents to \$40.22 after the soft drink maker reported fourth-quarter income that met analysts' expectations.

Allstate dropped \$2.37 to \$32.02 despite reporting fourth-quarter operating income that beat expectations by 10 cents a share.

SEC: analysts to certify opinions

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Stock analysts will have to certify that their reports and public comments reflect their true personal views and that they weren't paid by the companies they assessed, under a new rule adopted by federal regulators on Thursday.

The Securities and Exchange Commission voted to approve the rule, which it proposed last year in response to the collapses of Enron and other big companies whose stock analysts had publicly promoted despite harboring doubts about the companies' finances.

Wall Street analysts have been sharply criticized by regulators and lawmakers for touting stocks of companies for whom their firms do lucrative investment-banking business. Several prominent analysts, especially in the high-tech area, are under investigation for possible violations of federal law.

Some SEC commissioners said the agency needs to take more aggressive action to curb analysts' conflicts of interest, going beyond a recent \$1.4 billion settlement agreement by all the big Wall Street investment firms that resulted from an investigation led by New York Attorney General Eliot Spitzer.

The SEC, as a federal agency, should "impose a permanent solution to the issue of analysts' conflicts," Commissioner Roel Campos said at Thursday's public meeting.

President Bush's nominee to become the new SEC chairman, investment banker William H. Donaldson, addressed the issue at his Senate confirmation hearing on Wednesday. He expressed only qualified approval of Spitzer's action against the Wall Street firms, saying it was "constructive up to a point" as a supplement to SEC efforts but that state law-enforcement officials should take care not to intrude on the SEC's turf.

NASA not ruling out foam damage as cause of accident

Associated Press

SPACE CENTER, Houston
A day after all but ruling it out as a leading cause, NASA said Thursday that investigators are still considering whether a piece of insulating foam that struck Columbia's wing during liftoff was enough to bring down the shuttle.

Shuttle program manager Ron Dittemore said that even though the possibility appeared remote, investigators must remain open to every option as they put together a so-called fault tree into what caused Columbia's fiery breakup just minutes from its landing Saturday.

"The foam that shed off the tank is just one branch, and we are pursuing that even though we scratch our heads," Dittemore said. "We are going to pursue it until we pound it flat."

Eighty-one seconds into launch, a 2 1/2-pound, 20-inch chunk of foam from

Columbia's external fuel tank broke off and slammed into the shuttle's left wing.

The accident investigation board, led by retired Navy Adm. Harold Gehman Jr., arrived at Johnson Space Center on Thursday and met with Dittemore and other shuttle officials. NASA Administrator Sean O'Keefe pledged from Washington that "every single piece of evidence, every fact, every issue" will be checked, and the board's conclusions will be final and absolute.

Before ruling the foam out as a culprit, NASA will be testing its impact on the thousands of fragile thermal tiles that cover each space shuttle.

On Monday, NASA officials had said the foam may well be "the leading candidate" for the cause of the accident.

Two days later, Dittemore all but discounted the theory that it was the main cause, saying NASA computer simulations had shown the debris hit wasn't severe and couldn't have been the sole cause of the disaster.

Dittemore said the camera views of the flyaway foam during liftoff could have been better. "It's a disappointment that the camera with the very best view turned out to be out

of focus," he said.

Engineers also have not yet written off the possibility that other debris during the Jan. 16 liftoff might have damaged Columbia. Nothing else unusual was photographed, however.

Engineers taking part in NASA's so-called reverse analysis struggled Thursday

to make sense of the eight minutes recorded between the time the first sign of trouble appeared aboard Columbia over California - a surge in temperature in the left landing gear compartment - and the shuttle's final, dying moment over Texas.

Most of the debris field has been in East Texas and Louisiana, but Dittemore said none of the shuttle parts considered crucial to the investigation had yet been found. He said reports of debris west of Texas, including in California, had not been confirmed as shuttle parts.

NASA has been swamped with reports of sightings, some of them caught on camera, of pieces coming off Columbia as it streaked across California. Dittemore

said the reports have yet to be verified, and he stressed that all indications in Mission Control suggested no such breakup so far west.

Gehman, appointed by NASA to head the investigation board shortly following Saturday's accident, helped probe the 2000 terrorist attack on the USS Cole.

Meanwhile, in the nation's capital, Vice President Dick Cheney addressed a memorial service for the seven astronauts

Thursday at the National Cathedral, where a stained glass window holds a piece of moon rock.

"They were soldiers and scientists and doctors and pilots, but above all they were explorers," Cheney said. "They advanced human understanding by showing human courage."

"The foam that shed off the tank is just one branch."

Ron Dittemore
shuttle project manager

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President Bush tells Hussein 'the game is over'

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Edging closer to war, President Bush declared Thursday "the game is over" for Saddam Hussein and urged skeptical allies to join in disarming Iraq.

Bush said he would welcome a new U.N. resolution on Iraq if it made clear the world body was ready to use force if Saddam will not reveal and give up any weapons of mass destruction as demanded by an earlier resolution.

Britain is likely to introduce such a resolution authorizing force after top weapons inspectors return from Baghdad and report to the Security Council on Feb. 14, British and U.S. diplomats said Thursday.

Unlike Britain, France has balked at the idea of war, and Jean-Marc de La Sabliere, French ambassador to the United Nations, said Thursday, "the time has not come" for a second resolution.

"The U.N. must not back down," Bush said. "All the world can rise to this moment."

"Saddam Hussein will be

stopped," Bush pledged, warning anew that the United States will act along with allies if needed. He spoke before cameras in the White House's Roosevelt Room with Secretary of State Colin Powell at his side. Behind the president was a painting of Theodore Roosevelt, who led the United States into war with Spain in 1898, on horseback.

At the United Nations in New York, the Iraqi representative, Mohammed al-Douri, said of Bush, "It sounds like he wants a resolution for war."

In Baghdad, an Iraqi arms expert submitted to a private interview with U.N. weapons inspectors, the first sign of cooperation in that area.

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George W. Bush
U.S. President

Bush ticked off a series of accusations that Powell had lodged on Wednesday in the U.N. Security Council, including authorization by Saddam to his lieutenants to use chemical weapons.

"Saddam Hussein was given a final chance," Bush said, referring to the resolution approved unanimously in November by the Security Council that launched new U.N. inspections. "He is throwing that chance away,"

the president said.

Pointedly, Bush did not renew past appeals to Saddam to reveal the chemical and biological weapons and the nuclear and missile programs the United States contends Iraq has.

In Paris, French President Jacques Chirac said that France's position had not been changed by Powell's presentation at the United Nations.

"We refuse to think that war is inevitable," Chirac said through a spokesman. The evidence furnished by Powell "justifies continued work by the United Nations weapons inspectors. Iraq must answer their questions and cooperate more actively," the French president said.

In London, British Prime Minister Tony Blair acknowledged he could have trouble persuading many Britons to support a war against Iraq unless the idea first won U.N. approval.

But Blair also said that if Iraq refuses to cooperate with the weapons inspectors,

and one of the five Security Council members with veto powers tries to block a vote

authorizing a military response, his government may have no choice but to participate in a U.S.-led attack.

White House aides said the next few days would be dedicated to turning up pressure on reluctant allies such as France and Germany and other U.N. members.

Bush was silent on a timetable.

Earlier Thursday, Powell told senators at a hearing that a key to winning Security Council support would be a two-day visit to Baghdad this week-end by chief weapon inspectors Mohamed ElBaradei and Hans Blix.

Diplomatic prospects, Powell said, hinge on whether Iraq displays "a serious change of attitude and the commitment to com-

ply that one can believe in."

His plans call for going to South Korea to attend the swearing-in of new President Roh Moo-hyun on Feb. 25 and he is also likely to go to China.

The visits would give Powell an opportunity for further consultations with South Korean leaders on North Korea's nuclear program and with Chinese leaders on North Korea and on Iraq.

At the White House, Bush said, "Saddam Hussein has the motive and the means and the recklessness and the hatred to threaten the American people."

"The dictator of Iraq is making his choice," Bush said.

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George W. Bush
U.S. President

He suggested anew that there is a link between Saddam and the terrorist group al-Qaida.

"The same terrorist network operating out of Iraq is responsible

for the murder - the recent murder - of an American diplomat, Laurence Foley," Bush said. Foley, a U.S. Agency for International Development official, was killed last November outside his home in Amman, Jordan.



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Educational goals justify
pro-choice trip funding

A Catholic college is not an oxymoron — but it is a study in duality. The Catholic Church is an institution of strict doctrine and devout followers. Institutions of higher education promote novel, diverse ideas and questioning minds.

But what happens when students at a Catholic college raise questions about Church dogma?

When four Saint Mary's students received funding from the College's Center for Women's Intercultural Leadership to attend a pro-choice leadership conference in Washington, D.C. they raised questions.

Why did students from a Catholic college want to attend a leadership conference that promotes ideas that conflict with Catholic teachings? Why did they receive funding from a department in the College? Does CWIL, founded on a \$12 million grant from the Lilly Endowment, have an obligation to uphold the College's Catholic traditions? Is there anything wrong with exploring ideas that differ from the views held by the Catholic Church?

We don't know. But we do know that there is a difference between exposure and espousal.

There is nothing inherently wrong with Catholics attending a conference to learn more about a highly controversial issue. After all, no one would oppose a Catholic college that funded a pro-life conference. Education should be open-minded and unbiased. Even a religiously affiliated college has a responsibility to honor

its commitment to education before its vow to religious stewardship.

CWIL was not wrong to fund the students' exploration. In fact, any scholarly environment should demand inquiry. College students, Catholic or otherwise, are charged with a duty to educate themselves and make informed decisions — even when the Catholic Church already has a stance on the issue.

According to its executive summary, CWIL was established to help Saint Mary's "build on its position as the nation's premier Catholic women's college and its tradition of pioneering change in women's education to create a new and unique locus for innovative thinking, reflection and action."

The students who attended the conference were immersed in a pro-choice, feminist environment that would be impossible to replicate at Saint Mary's or Notre Dame. That doesn't mean that the women embraced this new rhetoric — they may be pro-choice, they may be pro-life, they may be undecided on the issue.

Upon returning from the conference, all the College should ask them to be more thoughtful, more reflective and more active. Their trip has already fostered discussion on an important issue. Now these women have a duty to share their experiences with the students who share their faith — students who probably have questions of their own.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Department split harms students

The recent suggestion that the Economics Department be split in two tears at the heart of the University. To do so would be an injustice to students at a school that sells itself as emphasizing justice, compassion and selflessness. Further, this suggestion is only the latest exhibit of the University's move from a commitment to its own Catholic values towards a desire for acceptance in a sinful world of corporate greed.

As an Economics major, I took a course called Economics of Poverty with Professor Jennifer Warlick. My classmates and I went out and filled a shopping cart with the government's suggested menu for those on a fixed income and ate a fat-filled meal that shed more light on America's domestic policies than any mathematical equation. Warlick, by the way, was presented the Frank O'Malley Award for excellence in undergraduate teaching at last year's commencement. So a few students apparently appreciate this type of learning.

I was given the rare opportunity to work hand-in-hand with the South Bend Heritage Foundation on a revitalization

project for South Bend's Northeast Neighborhood. We compiled crime statistics for the different zones of the neighborhood, interviewed residents and sat in on town hall meetings. Again, putting a face on policies and numbers that strikes a much different chord than a zero next to an equal sign.

I also learned about health care policy in America and development economics with an eye towards meeting the necessities of life for the poor and sick, young and old both here and abroad. At the same time, I completed a very solid core of work in macroeconomics, microeconomics, statistics and international finance. Splitting apart the Economics Department robs those who desperately need this type of eye-opening, beyond-the-numbers experience. Most of my classmates had aspirations for careers in law, finance, business or graduate study. Each of these fields presents the ultimate question: do the right thing, or do what best benefits the bottom line.

The current Economics major gives

these students an opportunity to not just crunch numbers, but lift their heads from graph paper and a TI-86 and see the faces and issues beyond the dollar signs. Most Economics majors at other schools are denied this opportunity.

If Dean Mark Roche's proposed plan comes to fruition, tomorrow's lawyers, executives and professors will gain the best understanding of modern economic thought available. A new breed of professor will come in to give students an unmatched level of neoclassical comprehension. All of this bodes quite well if you're concerned with academic ranking as Roche obviously is. But does it really foster Notre Dame's values in the College Roche is paid to run?

Future graduates will lose the opportunity to put a face on textbook theories and derivative equations. After years of bucking the trend within the discipline and fostering less mainstream values that answered to the University's mission, our fine program will buck to the national trends on one hand and create an unappealing, under-supported major on the other.

The winners here? Those administrators who pad their walls and resumes with top-tier rankings. The losers? That silent, unimportant voice that pays the bills — the students.

Noah Amstadter
class of '02
Feb. 5



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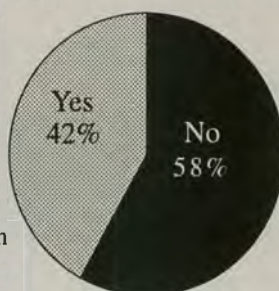
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NDTODAY/OBSERVER POLL QUESTION

Do you agree with Saint Mary's decision to fund a student trip to a pro-choice conference in Washington, DC?

*Poll appears courtesy of NDToday.com and is based on 324 responses.



QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Whenever you find yourself on the side of the majority, it's time to pause and reflect."

Mark Twain
American writer

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Another year, another disappointing election

I always get the urge to write about the campaign for student government when I'm rushing to the bathroom. It's strange. Last year this time, I wrote an article criticizing all the candidates for their vapid, useless campaign promises and claimed that such promises would never come to light.

John Little

Unfortunately for us, I'm always right. I'm back to report for you, and lo and behold, as I predicted, the Libby Bishop presidency has been a total failure. Worse than simply not passing her flex-options program, Bishop will now travel to Florida to explain to the Board of Trustees that she is "recognizing a division in this report over opinion on in-hall dances."

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Obnoxious

Bishop knows what the result of expressing this "division" will be — the Trustees will do nothing to bring back the SYR. Guess that must be what she wants. Perhaps as a student government official you just become too buddy-buddy with administrators to be able to stand the ground you promise in campaign season, perhaps the administration has sweetened the pot.

Oddly, in a comment about Bishop's being elected last year, Gary Caruso reminisced that some 30 years ago, the student body president traded fighting for students for a recommendation to Yale. Am I saying that this happened with Bishop? No. She could have turned for less, or for nothing. She could just be naive or weak. But when Bishop didn't include the Senate's proposal for a probationary return of the SYR next year in her meeting with the Board of Trustees, she sold out every student on this campus. In the end, it is always we students who lose while these candidates are padding their resumes — or rather, you students. I won't be here next year.

So, Notre Dame students, how does it feel to be sold out? Worse yet, you're being sold out by someone you elected who promised that she "want[ed] to be so much more responsive to students, and not become self-absorbed." Guess that got lost somewhere.

Well, Notre Dame, this is your past student administration, and I say all this not in an effort to condemn an individual person, but in an effort to condemn the system which has created the situation in which we find ourselves. Now it's time to choose your next administration.

For those of you who haven't been here for the last four years, I'll summarize what student government has accomplished while I was here at Notre Dame: a extra slice of PB&J in Grab 'N Go, cereal in Grab 'N Go, "Founder's Day," three terrible different plans for football ticket distribution and I can't think of anything else. It's all fluff, nothing of substance. Well, except the PB&J. Thanks, LaFratta.

Now let's list just four of the bad things that happened due to student government failing to take a stand, or alternatively, actually going

behind students' backs to support and advocate. The following were banned: the graffiti dance (seniors will remember), dorm dances, tailgating and hard liquor in the dorms. Is there a fair trade-off here? I don't think so.

You might be wondering why I'm bringing this all up and what I hope to accomplish. Well, the truth is I want to encourage students not to write off candidates that have supposedly "unattainable" campaign goals, because the truth is folks, they're not going to achieve any of their goals. Your goal in electing a student body president should be choosing a person who most represents what you want to see happen at your school and who will be the most willing to fight for you over the administration every single time. In terms of what will get accomplished next year, the candidate you elect is irrelevant. In terms of what your choice says to the administration, your choice of candidate is very relevant.

My hopes for a new student body president? Personally I'd love, just like last year, to see academic free speech, student representation on ResLife panels and a candidate fully willing to dissolve student government in protest of its ineffectiveness rather than cave to pressure from the administration. In short, I want a candidate with the fortitude to stand up for students — for real — instead of just padding their resume.

The time for the silly argument about what is and what isn't possible is over. You should be electing a candidate that reflects the changes you want to see on campus, and the changes that, without a belligerent administration could be achieved. If a forum for discussion of theology is what you want to see in Legends, I urge you to vote for a candidate that provides that. If you want printers in every dorm, there is a ticket to satisfy your agenda. Similarly, if you are looking for ResLife reforms or parietals changes, there are platforms that support your ideas. You have everything from several tickets of over-ambitious, administration-coddling, self-important nerds to Hawaiians with bodyguards.

Just make no mistake about it. Student government is not, under any circumstances, going to have an effect on your life. Better to have a leader who gives the administration as many headaches as they give us, or no government at all, than to have what we have right now — appeasement, ineffectiveness and a demeaning of our value as students and human beings.

John Little is a senior MIS major. He would like to remark that he has no personal relationship with anyone in, or desiring to be in, student government, which gives him the ability to be a total jerk to the lot of them. He's looking forward to a personal helper monkey in his future. His column appears every other Friday. He can be contacted at jlittle@nd.edu.

The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Appreciating students' devotion to social action

When I agreed to participate in the debriefing of participants in the Center for Social Concerns' Urban Plunge, I did so largely to support the mission of the Center. I expected to occupy my usual professorial role of mediator and guide.

Most professors in mid-life and mid-career, as I am, have their role and their intellectual world fairly well defined. I also knew to expect students that were polite, prepared, respectful and well-schooled in the spiritual compassion arising from the Catholic character of this university. This had been my experience with undergraduates at Notre Dame.

What I did not expect was the thoughtful, beautifully articulated, careful consideration of their experiences. These students did not allow me my usual conceits and directions. They questioned me, each other, and the world at large. Some of them also had profound answers that were not only spiritual but also fundamentally intellectual. At universities, we can all agree that our core mission is the intellectual and social maturation of our students and the growth of our collective body of knowledge. We often forget that universities also allow teachers and scholars to grow emotionally and intellectually from our contact with students.

The connection between social knowledge and social action has bedeviled sociologists of all generations. My profound understanding of that connection came not from the literature or from discussions with colleagues but from a group of students in a lounge in Molloy Hall. They understood that that it is both the large gestures and the small and both thoughts and deeds that set the ground for social action. As one student said, it is not about changing the world but about acting on our shared humanity.

My generation understood the need for social action. This generation appears to know how and why to act. Thank you for this lesson. I think I needed it.

Felicia LeClere

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Student politics create student apathy

As I stare down the barrel of impending graduation and look to the future with much trepidation (thanks to the Jumble for improving my vocabulary), I find myself wanting to share thoughts about the Golden Dome, particularly student politics.

I opened my copy of The Observer today with shock and chagrin. I cannot believe that one of the finest papers in all of the land would choose to endorse the Charlie Ebersol-Lauren Meaghen ticket. Frankly, it sickens me. Since when has Notre Dame politics been about being "slick and charismatic" or about having "personal connections?" Those are signs of a U.S. election, not of one under the loving gaze of Our Lady.

Notre Dame elections should be about being an insider in the political machine — about getting in early, getting entrenched and then becoming president as the capstone of a wasted political career. Or, they should be about having a woman somewhere between marginally attractive and totally hot on your ticket. Notre Dame elections are about these things and nothing more.

I regretfully say that I will not be voting in next week's elections. Furthermore, I feel that The Observer severely wasted its endorsement this year.

Andy Nelson

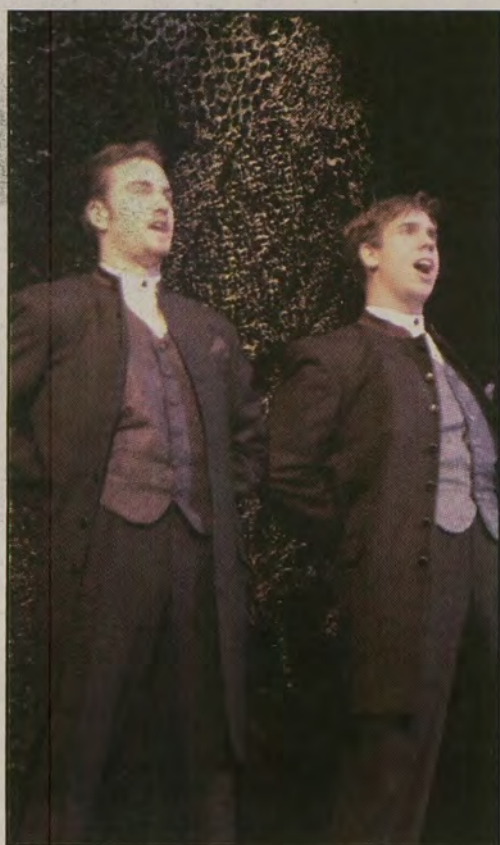
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Giants and witches

The Pasquerilla East Musical Company

Above, Little Red Riding Hood, Molly Hayden McShane, the Baker, Ryan McLaughlin, Jack, Matt Patricoski, and Cinderella Devon Candura walk into the woods. To the left, the Princes, Zach Linnert and Brian Grundy, sing about Repunzel and Cinderella. Below, the Baker and his wife celebrate her pregnancy.

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By CHRISTIE BOLSEN
Assistant Scene Editor

Once upon a time, fairy tale characters were relegated to their own stories. In "Into the Woods," the Pasquerilla East Musical Company changes this to bring to life princes, witches and beautiful maidens all drawn from a vast collection of classic fairy tales.

The plot of "Into the Woods" mingles characters from an assortment of fairy tales, all ginterconnecting in a fun-filled, action-packed ride. Act I opens by introducing three different storylines onstage at once, with the focus bouncing between them.

Cinderella (Devon Candura) wishes to go to the King's festival; absentminded Jack (Matt Patricoski) is told by his mother (Erin Porvaznik) that he must sell his beloved cow Milky-White; the Baker (Ryan McLaughlin) and his wife (Patricia Gilbert) long for a child; and the famished Little Red Riding Hood (Molly McShane) bursts into the house of the Baker and his wife to gather sweets and breads for her granny.

The Baker and his wife soon learn from their ugly witch neighbor (Lindsey Horvath) that the Baker's father stole from her garden years ago. In order to undo the witch's curse and have a child, she orders them to find four ingredients for a potion before three days' time: "the cow as white as milk; the cape as red as blood; the hair as yellow as corn; the slipper as pure as gold."

During the frenzied search that ensues, more characters play additional roles in the pandemonium, including the Narrator and Mysterious Man (Michael Federico), a ravenous Wolf (Tom Anthony), two princes (Zachary Linnert and Brian Grundy), a gigantic beanstalk, a dead Giant, a flour-covered cow and more. All problems are resolved as Act I ends, and it seems that all are destined to live happily ever after.

Then Act II starts.

The action continues as the characters are reintroduced, all considerably happier with their new lives. A sudden disaster involving another giant, however, reunites the characters in the wood once again. The play concludes with several surprising twists and tragedies, with a finale more realistic and less bright and shiny than Act I's.

The orchestra is magnificent with Stephen Sondheim's difficult music, and provides an emotional musical background as well as sound effects. The wonderful lyrics

and songwriting allow for standout performances by the many talented singers in the cast. Candura shines in gorgeous solos, like "No One is Alone," and plays Cinderella as a character who changes a great deal during the course of events.

"Cinderella matures from the first act to the second act. As you can see in the first act, she is young and naïve when making decisions about the prince because she doesn't really know what she wants out of life. In the second act she's able to understand herself better and make her own decisions," Candura said.

"The other thing I really like about her is that she sort of



"Into The Woods"



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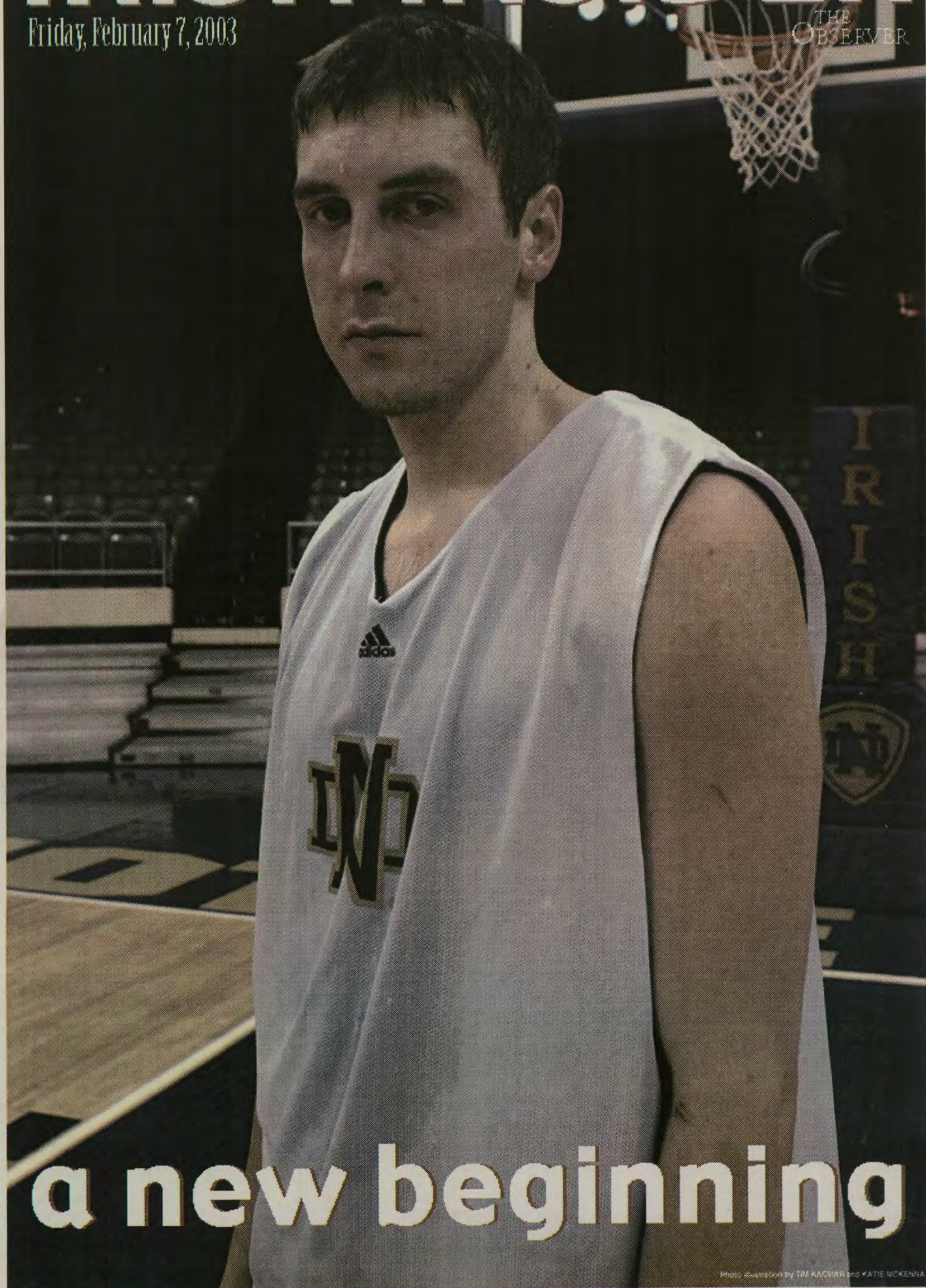
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Lindsey Horvath

"Into the Woods" is playing at V
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a new beginning

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Pittsburgh game much more important after loss

By CHRIS FEDERICO
Sports Writer

They had the inside track to the Big East West Division title, and now they have to work and get some help.

After knocking off Georgetown in double overtime last Saturday, and after Big East leader and then second-ranked Pittsburgh lost to Syracuse later that night, Notre Dame stood in the driver's seat to take its second divisional title in three years.

With a one-game cushion over mighty No. 4 Pittsburgh, virtually all that would stand in their way would be a home matchup against the Panthers Sunday, assuming the Irish could handle the rest of their Big East opponents in the second half of the season.

But that was before No. 10 Notre Dame was upset Wednesday night at Seton Hall 78-72.

And now the Irish have their work cut out for them.

Currently, Notre Dame stands tied for second place in the West at 6-2 with Syracuse. After the Irish loss to the Pirates Wednesday night, the Panthers reclaimed their spot atop the standings.

Now if the Irish are to win the division, they will need to defeat Pittsburgh in the Joyce Sunday and take care of business for the rest of their Big East schedule by winning out. Then the Irish need some help from teams under them in the West Division standings.

If Notre Dame and Pittsburgh were to finish with the same conference record, the tie-breaking procedure would begin with head-to-head matchups, then record in the division, followed by record against the third place team in the division and continuing down through the standings until a distinction can be made.

Got that?

What it really boils down to is that if the Irish beat the Panthers Sunday and then both teams win the rest of their conference games, Notre Dame would need Syracuse to finish ahead of Seton Hall in the Big East standings, because Pittsburgh's conference loss

came to the Orangemen and the Irish lost to the Pirates.

But now the Irish have to focus on a very formidable opponent in the Panthers, a team that manhandled Notre Dame earlier this season in a 72-55 victory at Pittsburgh's Petersen Center.

"The last time we played them, I think we went in there with the mindset that they were going to lay down for us based on the things we had done and the teams we had beaten at that point in the season," said Irish guard Torrian Jones, who played an instrumental role in Notre Dame's 93-92 victory last Saturday over Georgetown by sinking the game-winning free throw. "Obviously, that didn't happen, and it was really just the opposite."

Indeed, the Panthers had little difficulty disposing of the Irish in their first matchup as four Pittsburgh players scored in double digits.

Pittsburgh center Ontario Lett scored 20 points and grabbed eight rebounds as their was little opposition from the undersized Irish post players.

In addition, the hyped-up matchup between two of the conference's top guards in Notre Dame's Chris Thomas and Pittsburgh's Big East Preseason Player of the Year Brandin Knight wasn't much of a contest. Thomas was just 2-for-15 shooting for five points in one of his worst performances of the season. Knight appeared to be much more at ease in leading the potent Pittsburgh offense, sinking an efficient 60 percent of his shots for 12 points.

As a team, the usually accurate Irish shooters only made 32 percent of their shots, while Pittsburgh shot 53 percent during the game.

"We just need to play better as a team this time around," Jones said. "They have talent on the outside with Knight, but they can also take you inside like they did the last game against us. We just have to try to play better defense as a team to shut them down."

Tipoff Sunday is 3:30 p.m. in the Joyce Center.

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Chris Thomas and the Irish look to bounce back from Wednesday's loss to Seton Hall against No. 4 Pittsburgh Saturday.

	COACHING	STYLE OF PLAY	POST PLAYERS	PERIMETER PLAYERS	BENCH	INTANGIBLES
NOTRE DAME	Brey is well on his way to establishing a quality basketball program. He prepares his team well in practice, but sometimes doesn't pull the reins hard enough when his charges lose control on the court.	One of the few teams in the Big East who doesn't play a physical style of basketball, the Irish rely on their perimeter game to spur them to victory. And when the perimeter isn't clicking — like it was at Seton Hall — the Irish are in trouble.	Francis has seen the most minutes of the Irish big men, but he is still developing. Cornette, meanwhile, has shown exceptional defense in the post and Timmermans is playing arguably the best basketball of his career.	Carroll and Thomas drive the Irish offense — without them, Notre Dame wouldn't have 18 wins. The duo averages 38.8 points a game. Miller provides another scoring threat, but his value to the Irish comes in his defensive play.	The Irish are an eight-man rotation, and one of the biggest guessing games revolves who the Irish will bring off the bench. Jones provides athleticism, Quinn provides offense and Timmermans bulk.	Coming off a tough road loss to Seton Hall, the Irish are going to be angry. More importantly, they're looking for revenge in front of a raucous home crowd that will be fired up for a nationally televised game.
PITTSBURGH	In just four seasons, Howland took a team that finished 13-15 his first year and brought them to the Sweet 16 last year. He coaches his teams well in games and is adept at putting the right player in the game in the right situation.	The Panthers love to run their shooters around — dragging opponents into — big physical post men. And if the shots don't fall, something that hasn't happened too much this season, Pittsburgh always can dump the ball inside.	Going inside isn't the Panthers game. But that doesn't mean they don't have the talent. Lett averages 11 points and six rebounds a game, but more importantly, he and Troutman crushed the Irish when the two teams last played.	Knight is the guard everybody loves to talk about, but he has a strong supporting cast along the perimeter. Page and Brown are ever-present 3-point threats capable of quickly dismantling opposing defenses.	Pittsburgh loves to play as many as 10 players a game, mixing and matching parts to tailor their squad to take advantage of opposing weaknesses.	Higher-ranked. On the road. Tops in the Big East West Division. In other words, the Panthers have everything to lose. However, a weak non-conference schedule means they need a quality win come tourney time — a win the Irish could provide.
ANALYSIS	Sunday's game features two coaches who took stagnant teams and turned them into viable programs. Neither have a clear advantage over the other.	Notre Dame's style of play has worked like a charm before, but against good teams, the Irish quickly become one-dimensional. Plus, Pittsburgh destroyed the Irish last time.	This isn't even close. The Irish lost to the Panthers a month ago because Notre Dame's big men couldn't keep up with Pittsburgh's big men. If Notre Dame wants to win, this is a matchup they have to solve.	Carroll and Thomas compose arguably one of the best backcourts in the nation. Yet in big games, against talented guards, Thomas tends to falter. Carroll's consistency will still carry Notre Dame on Sunday.	Neither team has a true advantage when it comes to the sixth, seventh and eighth man. Depth is rarely an issue for either teams, and both squad's bench players have talents that allow coaches to form a specific game plan.	The Irish haven't lost at home this season, and for good reason. Every opposing coach after every game has called the Joyce Center one of the toughest places to play in the Big East. How will the Panthers handle that challenge?

Transferring his happiness

Two years after he left Maryland for Notre Dame, Dan Miller couldn't be happier

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Sports Writer

His old Maryland clothes are stuck in his closet back in New Jersey, one of a handful of reminders of a past Notre Dame forward Dan Miller is eager to leave behind.

There are the questions, too, about the national championship Maryland won while Miller sat out an NCAA-mandatory one year for transferring to Notre Dame.

There's the calls he makes to his Terrapin friends, many of whom he is still close to.

Yet Maryland is unquestionably part of Miller's past. Notre Dame is his present.

"I'm happy," he said. "I'm happy with how I'm playing right now. Things are just a lot happier for me."

The Maryland years

When Terrapins coach Gary Williams first came calling at the Maryland household, he enticed the McDonald's All-American to come to College Park to play basketball. And Miller's Maryland career started strong.

During his freshman year, Miller averaged a little more than 14 minutes a game, and he was one of two freshmen to play all 34 games. His sophomore season was much better, as Miller moved into a starting position and averaged 30 minutes a game. His teammates

awarded the gritty 6-foot-8 forward the "Unsung Hero" award. Then, something happened.

Miller's minutes his junior season vanished almost

instantly. He unhappily moved back into a reserve role, and although the Terrapins made it to the Final Four, the season wasn't much fun for Miller. How could it be for a player who started one year and then averaged fewer than 20 minutes a game the next?

"He didn't get along with his coach real well. He didn't like the style of basketball he played, and he wasn't real happy," Irish tri-captain Matt Carroll said.

So Miller decided to leave.

Why exactly he left, he won't discuss. It's a subject he'd rather leave in his past, no matter how many times people bring it up.

But when Notre Dame played Maryland in December, Williams agreed to interviews only on the condition that Miller's name never came up.

"I didn't like my situation, and I didn't like where things were going," Miller said sim-

ply. "I wanted a change of scenery."

A year without basketball

When Miller made his decision to transfer, he went to a coach he knew well.

Mike Brey had coached Miller's brother Greg during his tenure at Maryland, and Miller respected Brey's hands-off approach that gives players freedom when they're on the court.

For Miller, the coach was more important than the location.

"When I had one year left, I don't think I had much time to work with a coach," he said. "I wanted to come here and build a good relationship with [Brey] because I knew him."

NCAA rules stipulated that Miller had to sit out an entire year after his transfer, meaning Miller would put in all the work in practice without seeing the results in a game.

Every game, he walked out of the tunnel with the rest of the Irish squad. The only difference was that they were wearing uniforms, and he had on khakis.

"It was difficult at times because you're not playing basketball in the winter," he said. "My teammates and everybody did a great job keeping me motivated, and I did a lot of work with the strength coach."

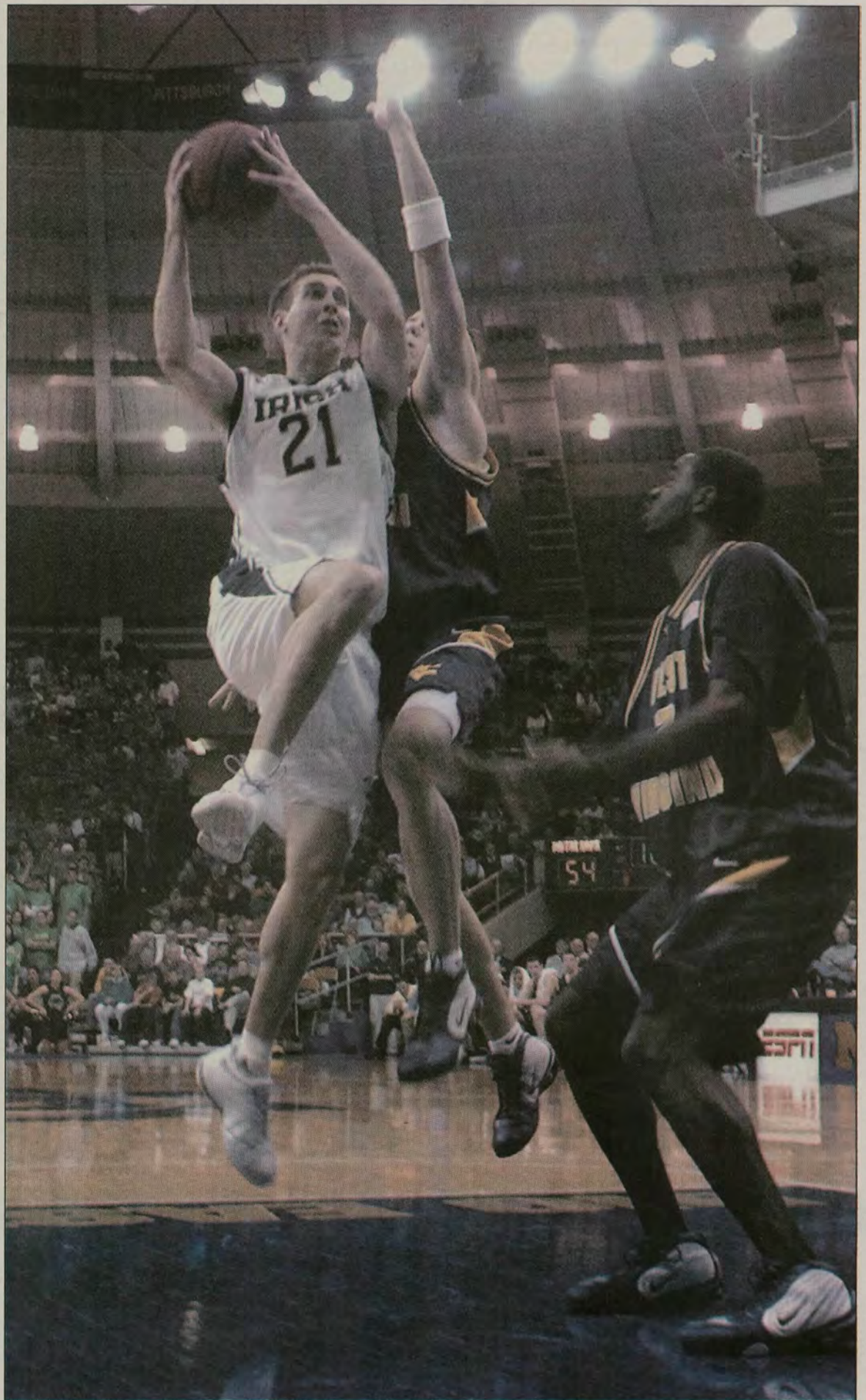
One of Miller's greatest assets came in the form of ex-teammate Ryan Humphrey, who intricately understood how difficult sitting a year out could be. When

Humphrey transferred from Oklahoma four years ago, his teammates helped him through the season. Now it was Humphrey's turn to help Miller.

"He knew what I was going through, he knew what to say and how to help me stay motivated," Miller said. "I'd always talk to him and he'd relate things to his situation."

Things became compounded even more when Miller's old team started making a run to the national championship. When Miller left the Terrapins, he was keenly aware that the squad could have won a title. But it was something else for him to sit and watch the game on television with other members of Notre Dame's basketball team.

"Other people were saying so much to him about it," Carroll said. "He made his decision, and he wouldn't have been happy the whole year except in March."



ANDREW KENNA/The Observer

Dan Miller elevates toward the basket during Notre Dame's win against West Virginia earlier this season. Since transferring from Maryland, Miller has provided the Irish with grittiness on the court and leadership off of it.

A year left

Miller entered the off-season with a renewed vigor, eager to again begin working with the prospect of playing in games again.

Yet Brey cautioned his fifth-year senior to avoid playing out of control, something Miller was able to hold in check.

After all, Miller had exactly one year to make his mark on Notre Dame, and Brey didn't want his player burning himself out.

"He told me I didn't need to think about that stuff, because it would come naturally if I played my game," Miller said. "I tried to do that

and play my game and let things happen by myself.

"I'm interested in winning. I'm not interested in stats and stuff."

"I didn't like my situation, and I didn't like where things were going. I wanted a change of scenery."

Dan Miller
senior

that gives players quite a bit of freedom on the floor. He loves running up and down the floor, launching 3-pointers and playing solid defense. He loves the minutes he's playing — 34.3 a game — and the points he's scoring — 14.2

a game — but loves Notre Dame's 18 wins much more.

And his leadership in the locker room — leadership springing from a Final Four run — is invaluable.

Miller tries to avoid looking back on his three years at Maryland. He doesn't glance down at his hand where a national championship ring could have been had he stayed with the Terrapins.

But he doesn't mind saying that the change was worth it.

"When I first met him, I knew he just wanted to play bad and last year was real tough for him," Carroll said. "He had to practice, he couldn't play at all. But now, he loves playing in games."

"He's a lot happier now." A lot happier.

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Jones provides the spark as Irish 6th man

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Sports Writer

Ask any member of the Leprechaun Legion who is the sixth man for the Notre Dame basketball team, and they'll likely say the green-clad student body.

But ask anyone on the team who plays that role and you'll probably hear the name of reserve guard Torrian Jones.

The Irish junior has only averaged five points and 19 minutes a game this year, but he has specialized in being the player who brings a spark to the court coming off the bench.

"He definitely brings a spark when he comes in the game," Irish captain Matt Carroll told und.com. "Whether things are going good or bad and he is coming in, we know he is going to bring a lot of energy into the game."

Even though Jones has yet to start a game this season for the Irish, much of the team's success has been due to Jones' play off the bench. And that role has been one Jones has embraced and thrived in through Notre Dame's first 22 games.

"Jones is a winner, man," Irish coach Mike Brey said. "He's a guy that's going to go out there and do whatever he has to to get the win. He understands his role coming off the bench, and he's willing to do whatever you ask. He's a beautiful guy to coach."

Last Saturday, Jones showed just how important that role could be in Notre Dame's 93-92

double-overtime win over Georgetown. With starting point guard Chris Thomas fouled out of the game, Jones made his presence felt in the extra periods, flying all over the court on defense, grabbing rebounds and eventually sinking the game-winning free throw with just 5.5 seconds remaining.

But even with the clutch free throw and Jones' sporadic high-flying dunks — like the one he slammed home in the first overtime against the Hoyas after exploding past a Georgetown defender from the 3-point line — Jones has been known mostly throughout his career at Notre Dame for his tenacious defensive skills.

"I like to be that spark off the bench, which has been my role, since I arrived here," Jones told und.com. "Also I like to come into the game and just change the pace of it. Defensively, I like to bring a presence on the floor, which has been my specialty since I was a freshman in high school."

Whether it be taking the defensive burden off of Thomas' shoulders for a bit or getting in the face of the opponents' top shooters, Jones has drawn a lot of attention as one of the fiercest defenders in the Big East.

"I take it as a compliment in this stage in my career," Jones said. "I'm not sure I'd like to be known as strictly a defensive player for the rest of my career, like those are my only abilities, but right now I'm happy people see that part of my game."

But anyone who watches

Notre Dame in the dwindling minutes of a close game and sees Brey attempt to send Jones to the court for each defensive possession knows that is where the junior guard excels.

Sunday, those defensive skills will be tested once again as No. 4 Pittsburgh and Preseason Big East Player of the Year Brandin Knight travel to the Joyce Center.

The Panther point guard averages 10.3 points and 6.5 assists a game this year and is often revered as one of the most explosive players in the game.

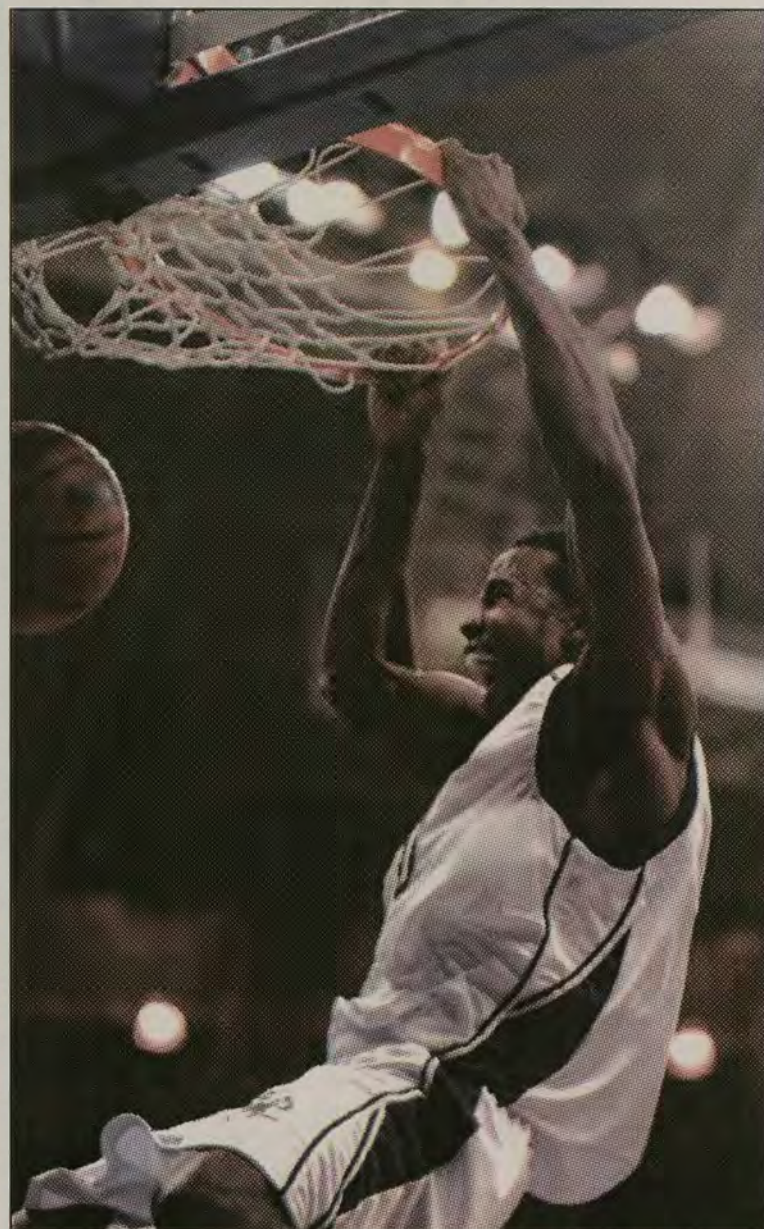
Along with Thomas, Jones will often have the burden of staying close to the quick Panther guard Knight.

"Knight is one of the best players in the game, and it's always a challenge to guard someone of his skill level," Jones said. "Obviously he wouldn't be where he is today if he couldn't handle the man pressure. If it falls on me to guard him, hopefully I'll be able to slow him down."

If the Irish are to upset Knight and the Panthers Sunday, Jones will be a big part of the action coming off the bench and giving that something extra to the Irish effort as he has for most of the season.

"I like coming off the bench a lot," Jones said. "I know I'm just as influential in the game as any other guy, and sometimes you need to have a guy who can spark you again."

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Torrian Jones screams seconds after slamming home a dunk during Saturday's double-overtime win against Georgetown. Jones has played an integral role coming off the bench.

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and wolves, oh my!

Company presents "Into the Woods"



extent of their love during turmoil. Both use their powerful voices during climactic moments as two of the main characters.

McShane is delightful as the independent, sensible and fearless Little Red Riding Hood, while Anthony is wonderfully malicious, sneaky and smooth-talking as the sinister Wolf. His "Hello, Little Girl" is as well-sung as it is disturbing. One of the most complex portrayals, however, is Horvath's Witch. At once frightening and cruel, she harbors motherly instincts and hurt feelings when betrayed by Rapunzel (April Trimble).

Two of the best moments in the play occur during duets between Linnert and Grundy's arrogant and competitive princes. Hysterically comical and cleverly self-indulgent, the two "Agony" performances are among the most hilarious parts of the play.

The dance sequences, both those with only two characters and those with the entire cast, are lively and add to the action without taking away from it.

Kat Walsh, who choreographed the production, feels that the audience can learn from the characters.

"I think the message is important at any time in your life, in any era. It's something you can relate to ... for kids it's a fairy tale, for young adults it's cool to watch, for people who are in college you're at a turning point in your life and for older people it's something to look back on," Walsh said.

Director Lizzie Bracken agrees that the play will appeal to a variety of people. "It's a lovely production, it's meant to be beautiful and we've all struggled to keep that consistency with every aspect of it, to make it enchanting," Bracken said.

The cast and crew have worked since October, and the result includes touching, lyrical melodies as well as light, bubbly tunes. The play is lengthy with one intermission, but the plot moves so quickly that it is hard to notice. With impressive mood changes, from ominous to cheery to hopeful to dismal, in everything from the acting, singing, dancing and lighting, this fantastic production should lure many people "Into the Woods."



Above, Cinderella weds her Prince after the classic fairytale takes place.

To the right, the Step-sisters, Shawna Monson and Cheryl Turski brood following Cinderella's marriage to the Prince. Bottom, Jack sings to Little Red Riding Hood.

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becomes a mother figure at the end, and all this time she had been praying to her own mother who passed away. She finally steps out on her own," Candura said.

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"Giants in the Sky." McLaughlin and Gilbert also have excellent interaction as the quarreling husband and wife who realize the

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NHL

Lemieux ejected in Penguins' shutout loss

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH

Mario Lemieux was ejected for fighting late in Pittsburgh's 6-0 loss to Florida.

Lemieux, who had eight penalty minutes heading into the game, picked up 29 with 5:12 to play. He slashed Florida's Brad Ference and then dropped his gloves against the fourth-year defenseman. Lemieux, who was upset with Ference for a second-period cross-check to his back, was assessed minor penalties for slashing and instigating, a major penalty for fighting, a 10-minute misconduct and game misconduct.

Kristian Huselius and Matt Cullen had a goal and two assists each and Roberto Luongo made 28 saves for his fifth shutout.

Niklas Hagman and Marcus Nilsson scored 11 seconds apart in a three-goal first period for the Panthers, who moved within one point of Pittsburgh in the Eastern Conference standings. Ivan Majesky also scored in the first period, and Olli Jokinen added a goal in the third period.

Florida, coming off a 6-0 home loss to Toronto, fired 19 shots at Pittsburgh goaltender Sebastien Caron in the first period and 47 for the game, both season highs.

Luongo, who made 35 saves in a 3-0 victory over the Penguins on Jan. 18, has blanked Pittsburgh for 122:28 over three games. The Panthers have won four consecutive games against the Penguins and are 5-0-1 in their last seven against them.

Avalanche 1, Red Wings 0

Patrick Roy caught Ed Belfour again.

Roy recorded his 64th career shutout, tying him with Toronto's goalie for the most by any active goaltender, in Colorado's victory over Detroit. Alex Tanguay scored for Avalanche, who left Brett Hull waiting to join the 700-goal club.

Roy made 28 saves and earned a shutout against the Red Wings for the first time. His three shutouts this season have come in the past six games.

Belfour blanked Florida on

Wednesday night for his 64th.

Colorado is 5-0-2 since losing to Detroit on Jan. 16 at home, and is unbeaten in a season-best seven games.

Detroit is winless in its past five games, has won only once since beating the Avalanche, and is 5-8-1-1 in 2003.

Early in the third period, Hull had a great chance to become the sixth NHL player to score 700 regular-season goals. But Roy stopped his first shot from just under the right circle, and a goalpost stopped Hull's shot off the rebound.

Hull, whose Hall of Fame father Bobby Hull was in attendance, has not scored in six games.

The Red Wings pulled goalie Curtis Joseph for the final minute, and they had two chances to score, including one shot off Hull's stick with about 35 seconds left, but couldn't beat Roy.

Joseph made 20 saves. He is 0-4-1 in his past five games since stopping 36 shots at Colorado.

Late in the first period, Tanguay's shot got past a diving Joseph. Rob Blake's shot from the left circle went off the boards behind Joseph and toward Tanguay, who had a wide-open net to shoot at from the right circle.

It was Tanguay's 11th goal, and fifth in five games.

The Avalanche played in Joe Louis Arena for the first time since losing 7-0 in Game 7 of the Western Conference finals.

Bruins 6, Canadiens 3

Martin Lapointe scored his first goal since the second game of the season and Jeff Hackett stopped 28 shots against his former team as the Boston Bruins beat Montreal.

Glen Murray, P.J. Axelsson, Nick Boynton, Kris Vernarsky and Joe Thornton scored Boston's other goals. Brian Rolston had three assists for the Bruins, 4-1-0-1 in their last six games.

Former Bruins Mariusz Czerkawski and Joe Juneau had Montreal's goals, with Czerkawski collecting a pair.

The Bruins grabbed the lead for good when Lapointe scored



Reuters

Pittsburgh's Alexei Kovalov crushes Florida's Andreas Lilja with a hard check Thursday night. Despite Kovalov's hit, the Penguins lost 6-0.

off the rebound of Rolston's shot with 1:40 left in the opening period, making it 2-1.

Hackett, acquired via San Jose on Jan. 23 after being dealt by Montreal earlier that day, still was wearing his Canadiens' pads and mask. He was tested early as Murray was whistled for a double-minor for high-sticking 10 seconds into the game. But Hackett stopped the few chances the Canadiens got.

Even though his new equipment arrived in the first week after the trade, Hackett has still worn the red, white and blue pads and mask he had with Montreal — an odd sight with the Bruins playing their long-time rivals.

Murray scored his team-leading 28th goal to make it 3-1 in the second period with Boston on a two-man advantage.

Czerkawski scored on a backhandler from in close, cutting it

to 3-2 midway into the second period.

Boynton beat goalie Jose Theodore with a slap shot from the point, making it 4-2 early in the final period. But Juneau slipped a wrist shot by Hackett.

Flyers 2, Senators 2

Eric Chouinard scored in the first period and assisted on Jeremy Roenick's goal in the second, lifting the Philadelphia Flyers to a tie with the Ottawa Senators.

Chouinard, acquired from Montreal on Jan. 29, scored his second goal in three games with Philadelphia before setting up Roenick's 18th goal of the season.

Flyers goalie Roman Cechmanek made 43 saves as Ottawa outshot Philadelphia 45-30 overall, including a 19-11 margin in the opening period.

Senators captain Daniel

Alfredsson had two assists, setting up first-period goals by Zdeno Chara and Todd White. Ottawa beat the New York Rangers 5-3 at Madison Square Garden on Wednesday to end a three-game losing streak.

Rookie Martin Prusek subbed for Senators All-Star goalie Patrick Lalime, who missed the game because of the flu. Prusek is 9-1-1 for Ottawa.

Philadelphia learned earlier in the day that left wing Simon Gagne will miss at least three weeks after suffering a partially torn right groin in the Flyers' 2-1 win over the Islanders on Tuesday.

Chara opened the scoring with his fifth goal on a power play, scoring just two seconds after Philadelphia killed off the first of two minor penalties.

Chouinard drew the Flyers even just 1:44 later with a power-play goal.

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Associated Press

NEW YORK

Kobe Bryant and Shaquille O'Neal have the Los Angeles Lakers playing like champions again.

Bryant dazzled New York with an array of drives, jumpers and dunks, and O'Neal overpowered the Knicks inside as the Lakers won 114-109 to enter the All-Star break with a winning record for the first time this season.

"Kobe and Shaq have shown they're the top two dogs in the league," teammate Robert Horry said. "They're carrying us. You have to give the credit to those two guys."

Bryant matched his season high with 46 points and O'Neal added 33 as the Knicks had no answer for Los Angeles' dynamic duo. Bryant (40) and O'Neal (28) combined to outscore the Knicks in the first three quarters as the Lakers took a 97-67 lead.

The Lakers (24-23) then survived a spirited fourth-quarter rally by the Knicks to end the first half of the season with their fifth straight win, including four on the road.

"That was quite a show the first three quarters," Lakers coach Phil Jackson said. "Shaq and Kobe put on a show tonight. It was a spectacular performance by Kobe tonight."

After a sluggish start left the Lakers 11-19 following a Christmas Day loss to

Sacramento, the three-time defending champions have won 13 of 17 to close within 11 1/2 games of Houston for the final playoff spot in the West.

"We just have to keep doing it," Jackson said. "The championship rings don't mean anything unless we do it on the court. We found out the hard way that no one is really impressed by the championship banners."

Bryant and O'Neal are a different story.

Bryant has scored at least 35 points in five straight games, scoring 201 points in that stretch. This scoring spree coincides with Jackson telling Bryant to take over more of the scoring load.

"He's opened the offense up and allowed me to penetrate more," Bryant said. "I'm getting the ball in position where I can score quickly. I'm being more assertive."

The Knicks, who had won seven of 10, played the second half without leading scorer Allan Houston, who left the game with a bruised right wrist and is day to day.

Latrell Sprewell led New York with 24 points, Howard Eisley added 16 and Charlie Ward had 15 points and 11 assists.

Bryant had 16 of his 22 third-quarter points during a 25-9 run that put the Lakers up 95-61 with 1:41 to go.

Bryant started the run with a driving layup, knifing through the center of the Knicks' defense for the easy basket. He added three 3-pointers, a runner and a turnaround jumper from deep on the baseline. He flexed after his final 3 gave the Lakers a 34-point lead.

The Knicks didn't go away, scoring the first 16 points of the fourth quarter to get within 14.

Sprewell, who made all nine of his 3-pointers Tuesday against the Clippers, hit a 3 to make it 103-91 with 5:34 to go.

A jumper by Michael Doleac made it 107-100 with 2:45 to go. After a turnover by Bryant, Lee Nailon scored underneath to make it a five-point game with 1:52 to go.

After another Lakers' turnover, O'Neal blocked Sprewell's layup attempt and made one free throw to make it 108-102.

Sprewell shot an airball when Bryant appeared to hit his arm on the way up. Bryant then hit two free throws to make it 110-102 with 30.3 seconds to play.

"Absolutely I was fouled on the play," Sprewell said. "To me it was an easy call."

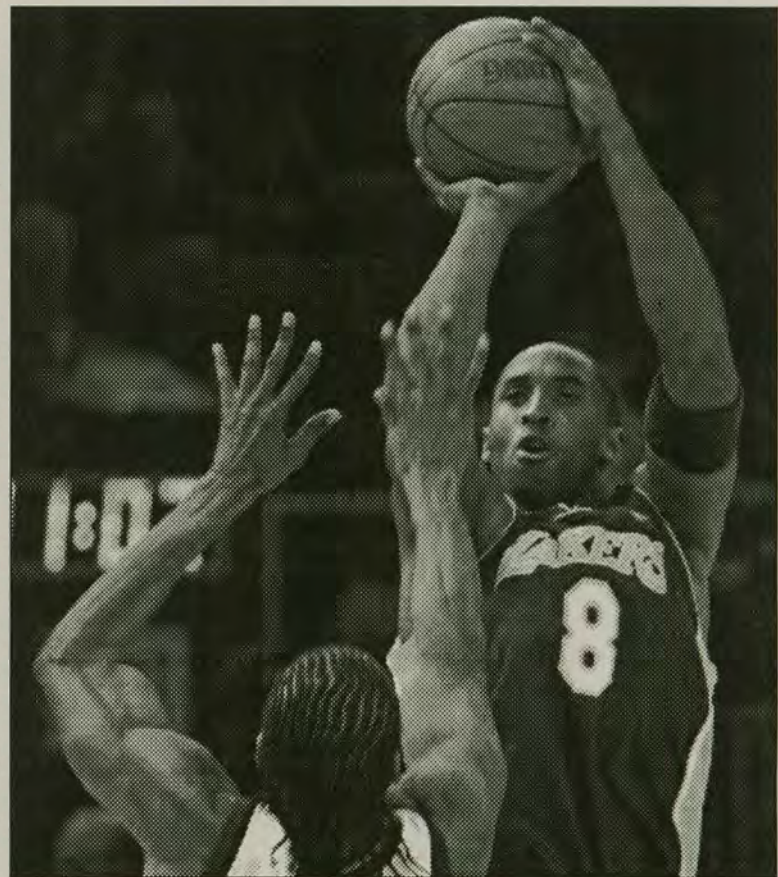
Bucks 97, SuperSonics 91

Ray Allen scored 14 of his 27 points in the fourth quarter as the Milwaukee Bucks beat Seattle, sending the SuperSonics into the All-Star break with a three-game losing streak.

Milwaukee goes into the break having won 11 of 14 games.

Allen and Michael Redd, who had 19 points, scored the first 22 points of the final quarter for the Bucks.

Kevin Ollie hit two free throws



Reuters

Los Angeles guard Kobe Bryant shoots over New York's Latrell Sprewell in the Lakers' 114-109 victory Thursday.

with 19.6 seconds left to give Milwaukee a 96-91 lead. Brent Barry's pass toward Rashard Lewis sailed high out of bounds and Allen hit a free throw with 14 seconds left for the final score.

Allen hit a 3-pointer, Toni Kukoc made a free throw and Anthony Mason added a baseline jumper with 2:06 left to cap a 6-0 run and give Milwaukee a 92-83 lead. Barry hit two free throws and Lewis scored on a

layin with 20 seconds left to bring Seattle within 94-91.

The Sonics kept it tight most of the game, one night after losing 114-74 at Boston. Gary Payton scored on a breakaway layup to tie it at 77 with 6:45 left.

Payton had 27 and Lewis 18 to lead Seattle.

Ansu Sesay hit a baseline jumper with a second left in the third quarter to give Seattle a 68-67 lead going into the final quarter.

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MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Contreras arrives in New York to sign contract

Associated Press

NEW YORK
Jose Contreras has a nickname as sharp as his pitches: "El Titan de Bronze."

And, he says, it was given to him by Fidel Castro.

Contreras finally made it to Yankee Stadium to finalize his four-year contract, \$32 million contract.

At his introductory news conference, Contreras said the Cuban president called him "The Titan of Bronze" because the right-hander was the Cuban ace. The nickname originally belonged to Antonio Maceo, the general who led the Cuban liberation army against Spain in the 19th century.

Contreras, however, wouldn't say what he thinks about Castro, whose communist regime has caused many Cuban baseball stars to defect, leaving their families behind.

"I can talk about Cuba. I can talk about Cuban baseball," Contreras said through a translator. "But I'm not here as a politician to talk about politics."

Dressed in a double-breasted blue-gray suit, the 6-foot-4 right-hander spoke softly about his departure from Cuba last fall and his hopes to make his mark in the major leagues.

His model is Roger Clemens, one of his new teammates in pinstripes. Will the Titan pitch inside, just like the Rocket?

"Si, si, si," Contreras said, words agent Jaime Torres didn't

need to translate.

"That's the difference for a pitcher," Contreras said. "That's how a pitcher lives, pitching inside."

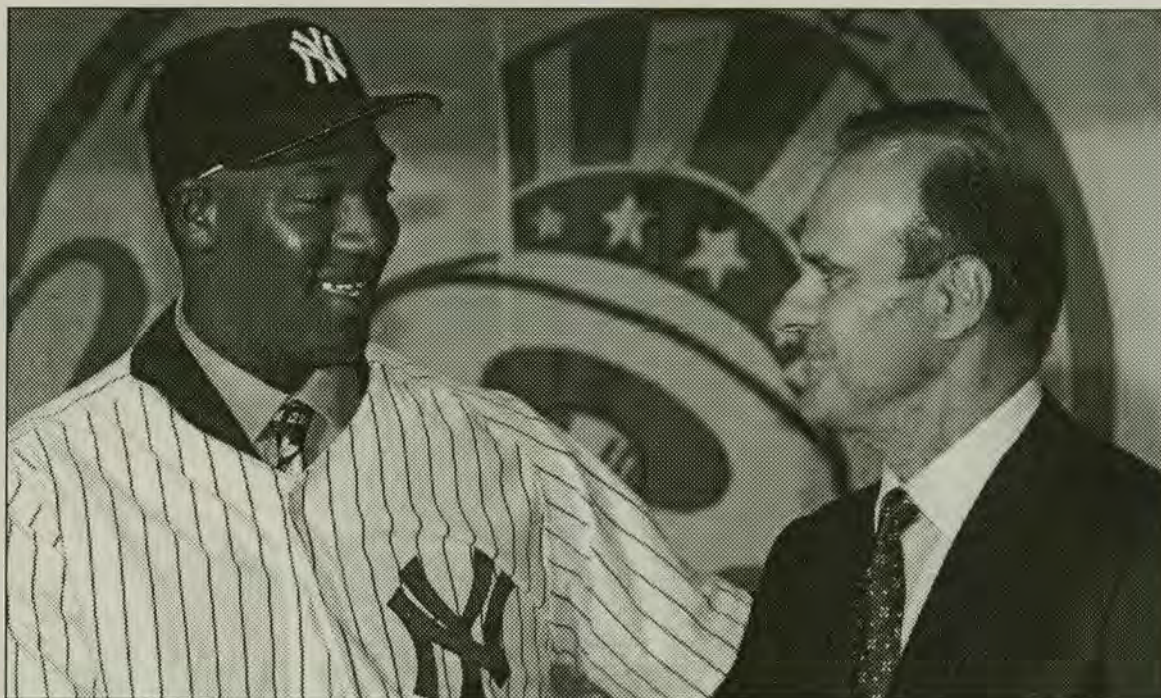
Asked what he admired in Clemens, Contreras cited "great, incredible physical condition and abilities," "pitching strategy" and "guts and bravado."

Contreras, who has a burly chest and tree-trunk legs, will get to start showing his stuff next week, when the Yankees open spring training in Tampa, Fla. He'll be scrutinized along with the team's other new foreign acquisition, outfielder Hideki "Godzilla" Matsui.

"These people have been superstars in their respective leagues," said Yankees manager Joe Torre, looking tan following a six-week vacation in Maui. "I'm curious. I really am. They're both going to need interpreters. But I bet they understand each other."

Contreras did not get quite the welcome given Matsui, a three-time MVP in Japan. When Matsui was introduced Jan. 14, the Yankees held a news conference at a Times Square hotel, and New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg was the official greeter.

Thursday's fiesta was held in the Stadium Club of Yankee Stadium, and Bronx Borough President Adolfo Carrion Jr. welcomed him "on behalf of all New Yorkers and 1.4 million residents of the Bronx, many of Latino descent."



AFP Photo

Newly signed Yankee pitcher Jose Contreras poses with New York manager Joe Torre. Contreras, a native of Cuba, defected from the island nation to sign with the Yankees.

PGA

Sutherland takes lead with 66

Associated Press

PEBBLE BEACH, Calif.

As usual, the weather was the talk of the Pebble Beach National Pro-Am — only this year, it's the complete absence of rain, wind and gloom that's bedeviling pros and amateurs alike.

Under a warm sun and windless skies, Northern

California native Kevin Sutherland shot a 6-under 66 for a one-stroke lead over Mike Weir and Robert Gamez.

Golfers expect weather trouble at Pebble Beach, which made the surprisingly calm conditions nearly as difficult to battle. Sutherland and a few others managed the fast fairways and hard greens — and the tourna-

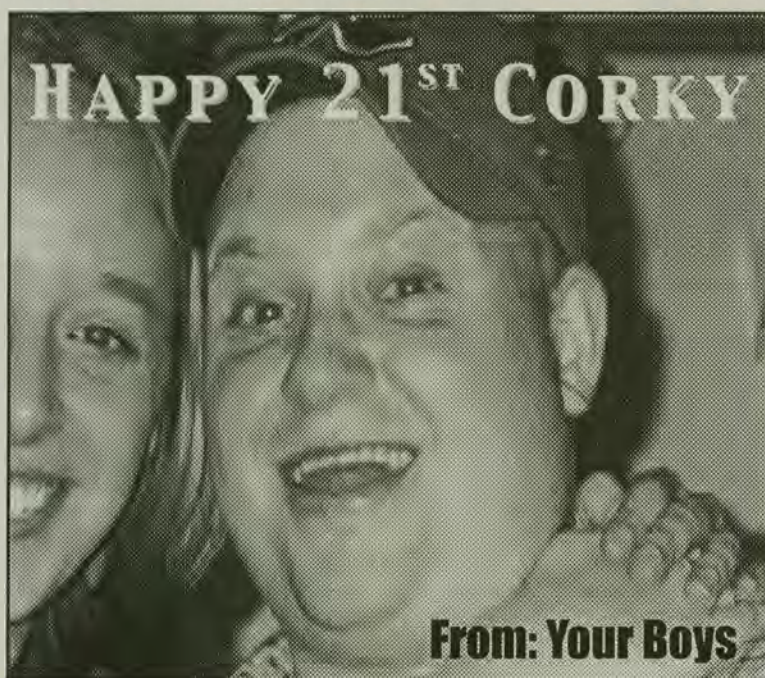
ment's usual six-hour rounds — resulting from the absence of recent rain at the tournament's three gorgeous courses.

"I've never seen the course as hard and as fast as this," said Sutherland, who had five birdies on the front nine at Pebble Beach Golf Links. "The fairways are really hard. The balls are going a tremendous distance. I'm in places I've never been before."

Sutherland was born, raised and trained a short drive away in California's central valley, from his childhood in Sacramento to his college days at Fresno State. Since he first tried Pebble Beach in the high school state championship, he estimates he has played here 70 times.

A lot of good it did him in these kind of conditions.

"This is going to throw a lot of people for a loop, but these courses are challenging enough," Sutherland said.



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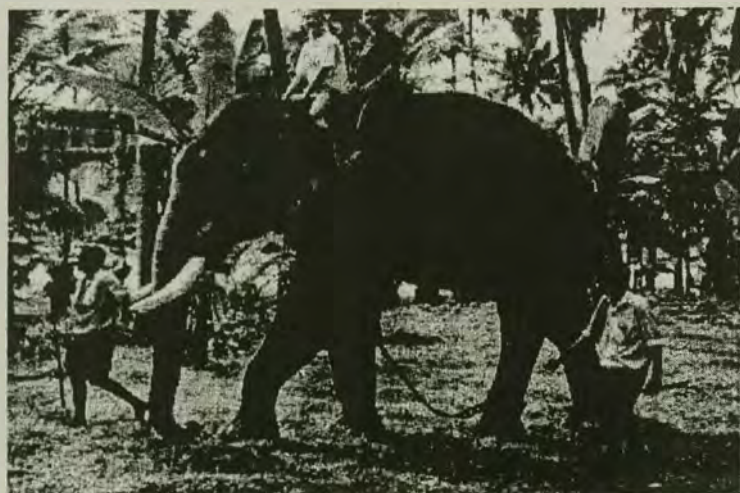
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NHL

Bankrupt Sabres seek additional credit line

Associated Press

BUFFALO, N.Y.

Along with asking for an additional \$15 million line of credit to cover operating expenses, the bankrupt Buffalo Sabres are seeking court approval to pay four players their deferred signing bonuses.

Sabres' attorney William Thomas is scheduled to make both requests in U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Buffalo.

The request for an additional line of credit was not unexpected. Judge Michael J. Kaplan granted the Sabres up to \$25 million in debtors-in-possession financing when he approved an initial \$10 million line of credit after the team filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection.

The Sabres, in jeopardy of folding or moving after the end of this season, owe their 40 largest creditors more than \$206 million.

The list of creditors includes four current players — forward Curtis Brown, goaltender Ryan Miller and defensemen Jay McKee and Brian Campbell. They are owed a combined \$541,666 in deferred signing bonus money due last month.

Miller, who is owed \$250,000, was not among the initial list of creditors because his signing bonus came due on Jan. 15, two days after the Sabres filed for bankruptcy.

If not paid, all four could be eligible to become unrestricted free agents at the end of this season.

In a written motion submitted to the judge, Thomas argues that failure to pay the players would cause both "distraction and negative publicity," and "lower the morale of the team and its fans (and) potentially result in lower

attendance at games."

Thomas also argues that failing to pay the players would reduce the franchise's value "and impede the debtors' efforts to sell its assets."

Herb Pinder, who represents Brown, welcomed the news while noting the Sabres had assured him Brown's \$133,333 bonus would be paid in early February.

"It's right on schedule," Pinder said. "We've obviously been expecting this, understanding that it was coming. ... Under the circumstances, it's understandable and at the end of the day no big deal."

Miller's agent, Mike Liut, was also pleased the bonus issue was being addressed.

"This was going to get resolved sooner or later. I'd rather it being sooner and rather have a hockey team in Buffalo," Liut said.

McKee, who's owed \$133,333, and Campbell (\$25,000) could not be reached for comment.

The Sabres' future has been in limbo since the NHL took control of the team last June. The team's sale hit a major setback this week when prospective owner Mark Hamister suspended his bid after his majority partner Todd Berman withdrew his \$27 million share.

Rochester billionaire B. Thomas Golisano, whose bid was rejected by the NHL last November, has since re-entered the bidding process and could submit a new offer by next week.

Golisano, however, would likely have to restructure his initial offer to satisfy both the NHL and Adelphia Communications, one of the nation's largest cable television companies and the Sabres' largest creditor.

NFL

Raiders get appeals ruling

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO

The Oakland Raiders weren't able to beat Tampa Bay in the Super Bowl, but they're winning parts of a battle with the Internal Revenue Service.

A federal appeals court ordered renewed litigation on the Raiders' income tax challenge stemming from the team's failed proposal to move to Irwindale.

In a separate action, the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals also sided with the Raiders over a tax dispute stemming from a scuttled agreement to build luxury boxes at the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum.

On that issue, the dispute was whether the team should pay taxes on a \$4 million loan it received from the Coliseum Commission. Under IRS rules, loans generally are not taxable income.

The \$4 million was given in

1984 to help the then-Los Angeles Raiders pay for 150 luxury boxes. That construction project, the subject of other litigation, was never finished.

The IRS and the federal tax court said the \$4 million should have been included in the team's 1984 taxable income. They concluded it was not a loan. The court said the money was taxable because the agreement to build the luxury boxes never bore fruit and the Raiders kept the payoff.

The 9th Circuit, however, concluded Thursday that it was a nontaxable loan as part of a failed agreement and therefore should not have been included in the team's income.

In the other tax case, the appeals court ordered more litigation on whether the Raiders should have been taxed for \$10 million advanced to the team in 1987 as part of a \$115 million proposed loan from the city of Irwindale. The money was sup-

posed to be used to build a stadium in that suburb just east of Los Angeles.

The \$115 million would have come from Irwindale's sale of bonds. But in 1988, the California Legislature said the city could not follow through with the bond sale. The proposal collapsed and the Raiders did not repay the \$10 million.

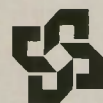
The tax court concluded that, since the deal terminated upon the demise of the bond sales in 1988, the Raiders should have included that \$10 million as income in their taxes that year because the loan had converted into income.

But the appeals court ordered the tax court to consider whether the \$10 million loan ever became taxable because it was tied to a project that unraveled. And if the \$10 million did become taxable, the appeals court said, the tax court should consider whether 1988 was the applicable year.

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East Division

Team	W	L	Pct.
Villanova	5	2	.714
Connecticut	4	2	.667
St. John's	4	3	.571
Boston College	3	4	.429
Providence	3	5	.375
Miami	2	6	.286
Virginia Tech	1	5	.167

West Division

Team	W	L	Pct.
Pittsburgh	6	1	.857
NOTRE DAME	6	2	.750
Syracuse	6	2	.750
Selon Hall	5	4	.556
West Virginia	3	4	.429
Georgetown	2	6	.250
Rutgers	1	6	.143

Womens College Basketball Big East Conference

Team	W	L	Pct.
Connecticut	8	0	1.000
Boston College	7	1	.875
Rutgers	6	2	.750
Virginia Tech	6	3	.666
Villanova	5	3	.625
Miami	5	4	.556
Selon Hall	5	4	.556
NOTRE DAME	4	4	.500
Georgetown	3	4	.429
Syracuse	3	6	.333
Providence	2	6	.250
Pittsburgh	2	6	.250
St. John's	2	6	.200
West Virginia	0	7	.000

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL

College Basketball Skills Competition
7 p.m., ESPN

SATURDAY

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Temple at Massachusetts 12 p.m., ESPN
Alabama at Florida 1 p.m., CBS
Wisconsin at Northwestern 2 p.m., ESPN
Connecticut at Providence 4 p.m., ESPN
Michigan State at Indiana 7 p.m., ESPN
Texas at Texas A&M 8 p.m., ESPN2
Louisville at Houston 9 p.m., ESPN

NBA BASKETBALL

NBA Rookie Challenge 4 p.m., TNT
NBA Slam Dunk and 3-Point Contests 8 p.m., TNT

HOCKEY

Detroit at Colorado 3 p.m., ABC

SUNDAY

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Pittsburgh at Notre Dame 3:30 p.m., ABC
Texas Tech at Missouri 1:30 p.m., ABC
Ohio State at Illinois 1 p.m., CBS
North Carolina State at Virginia 4 p.m., ESPN

NBA BASKETBALL

NBA All-Star Game 8:30 p.m., TNT

GOLF



Tiger Woods will make it official Thursday that he will enter the Buick Invitational after undergoing arthroscopic knee surgery on Dec. 12.

Tiger to return at Buick Invitational

Associated Press

NEW YORK

It's time for Tiger Woods to get back to work.

Woods, who spent the last two months recovering from knee surgery, will end the longest layoff of his career next week when he returns to the PGA Tour in San Diego.

"Things are progressing nicely, and I will officially enter the Buick Invitational on Thursday," Woods said on his web site.

In a conference call last week, Woods reported no pain in his left knee. He played 18 holes for the first time Tuesday with his

father and shot 66.

"The real test comes next week at Torrey Pines," he said. "That's when I will find out how the knee holds up in competition and what, if any, effect walking the course has on it."

The Buick Invitational is a good spot for him to return.

Along with having an endorsement deal with Buick, Woods won the tournament in 1999 and has never finished worse than fifth.

Plus, it will give him a chance to visit with Phil Mickelson, one of his chief rivals who caused a buzz

this week by saying Woods has "inferior" clubs and is the only player "good enough to overcome the equipment he's stuck with."

Mickelson later said his comments to GOLF Magazine were taken out of context and that he meant to explain Woods' talent.

"I heard it was said in fun and jest, but until I talk to him, I really don't know," Woods said. "Quite frankly, questioning my equipment is foolish. I'm not going to play with anything that is going to hold me back. My career will be judged on how much I've

won."

No one has won more than Woods among active players. He has 34 victories on the PGA Tour, and has an 8-0 margin on Mickelson in the majors.

"I really don't worry about other players or what they think," Woods said. "The real measuring stick on the PGA Tour is how much you win, and that is what drives me to compete at such a high level."

Woods has never missed more than five weeks since turning pro, but recurring pain in his left knee forced him to have arthroscopic surgery Dec. 12.

IN BRIEF

Justice confirms retirement after 14 seasons in baseball

David Justice is going through with his decision to retire.

The outfielder said after Oakland's playoff loss to Minnesota that he intended to quit baseball. On Thursday, he reiterated his playing days are over.

"Fourteen seasons is long enough," he told ESPN radio. "I have a diminished desire to play."

Justice, 36, went to the playoffs 10 times in 12 seasons, winning World Series titles with Atlanta in 1995 and the New York Yankees in 2000.

A three-time All-Star, he also played for Cleveland and Oakland, hitting .266 with 11 homers and 49 RBIs in 118 games last season.

He had a .279 career average with 305 homers and 1,017 RBIs. He became a free agent following the World Series and made no effort to sign.

A's general manager Billy Beane said he plans to discuss with Justice

staying with the organization in some capacity, possibly in a special assignment role. Beane said he was playing phone tag with Justice.

Calhoun cleared to coach in three-to-four weeks

Connecticut basketball coach Jim Calhoun had his cancerous prostate removed Thursday, and a full recovery is expected.

The 60-year-old coach will be released from the hospital this weekend and will be able to resume coaching in three-to-four weeks, Dr. Peter Albertsen said.

Albertsen, Calhoun's urologist, said there were no problems during surgery at John Dempsey Hospital.

"Coach Calhoun's cancer appears to be confined to his prostate," Albertsen said.

The coach was diagnosed with cancer Friday, and doctors said they caught the disease early.

Calhoun is in his 17th season at Connecticut, and assistant George

Blaney is coaching the team in his absence.

Reds win Chen arbitration

The Cincinnati Reds beat Bruce Chen in the first salary arbitration case this year, and the pitcher will make \$700,000 this season instead of the \$830,000 he asked for.

Arbitrators Richard Bloch, Kenneth Perea and I.B. Helburn issued their decision Thursday, a day after hearing the case in St. Petersburg, Fla.

The 25-year-old left-hander went 2-5 with a 5.56 ERA in six starts and 49 relief appearances last season, when he made \$300,000.

Reds general manager Jim Bowden and outside lawyer Mel Southard improved to 8-2 in arbitration cases.

Just 17 players remain in arbitration among the 72 who filed last month. Hearings are scheduled through Feb. 20.

MENS TENNIS

After slow start, Irish look to keep winning

By JOE LINDSLEY
Sports Writer

It took five matches — and the worst start in program history — for the Irish finally to earn their first win of the season.

Saturday, in West Lafayette, Ind., they hope to make Tuesday's win over Wisconsin the beginning of a win streak.

After suffering four defeats, the Irish began to miss the thrill of winning matches. They hope the taste of Tuesday's triumph will increase their appetite for victory.

The Boilermakers, ranked 46th nationally, may prove to be a more formidable foe than the Badgers. Notre Dame dominated Wisconsin, 7-0.

"Purdue is a good team," junior Matt Scott said. "They're probably a better team than Wisconsin."

Both the Irish and the Boilermakers face tough schedules this weekend. No. 10 Duke will visit Notre Dame on Sunday. Purdue begins a three-match homestand with a Friday match against Toledo. After Saturday's bout with the Irish, Purdue will contend with No. 57 Western Michigan Sunday.

Under coach Bobby Bayliss,

Notre Dame has never lost to Purdue. Last season, the Irish posted two shutouts against the Boilermakers, including a 4-0 victory in the second round of the NCAA tournament. And it was two current Irish players, sophomore Brent D'Amico and junior Luis Haddock, who clinched the doubles point that turned the tide in that match. Because of those stats, chances are high Purdue will be looking to make a killing against a 1-4 Notre Dame squad that has struggled this season.

"We're going to expect a battle," Scott said. "It's not an easy place to play. We're up for the challenge, and I like our chances. With [Tuesday's] win, we can use it to boost our confidence and take it hard to Purdue."

A Purdue injury could potentially bode well for the Irish. The Boilermakers' number one player, Scott Mayer, ranked 120th in the nation, may not play during one of the team's three weekend matches. Mayer had elbow surgery in November and the team does not want to aggravate the injury.

When Notre Dame welcomes Duke to the Eck Pavilion Sunday, the Blue Devils will either be rejoicing or recovering

after their Friday road match with No. 2 Illinois. The Illini defeated the Irish Jan. 29.

"[The Duke match] will be a tough battle," Haddock said. "Once again, we won't be expected to win. We have a chance. It's just a matter of trusting ourselves."

The Blue Devil squad boasts a good deal of talent, including junior Phillip King, who has been ranked as high as second nationally. Additionally, two Duke doubles pairs are top-25 caliber. Duke returns five of the top six players from the 2002 squad that finished ranked 17th after losing to Kentucky in the Round of 16 in last year's NCAA tournament's.

The Irish believe they are improving and overcoming their inexperience as a whole, and the team wants the win over Wisconsin to carry them mentally into this weekend. Additionally, Notre Dame hopes that its four initial defeats will serve as valuable lessons for a young Irish squad.

"We know it's a process," D'Amico said. "If you do the right things every day, good things will come out of it."

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Notre Dame junior captain Luis Haddock returns a shot in a match earlier this year.

SMC BASKETBALL

Belles hope to avoid sting

By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN
Sports Writer

To say that Saint Mary's has had a rough 2003 would be an understatement. After winning four games in 2002, the Belles have only won one game since the New Year began, as they have lost eight in a row, with their last win coming on Jan. 8.

However, Saturday presents the Belles with yet another opportunity to turn things around, as they travel to Kalamazoo to face the Hornets, who are tied for second place in the MIAA.

Kalamazoo (12-7, 6-3 in the MIAA), comes off a 56-52 win over Alma, while the Belles (5-15, 1-8), look to rebound from a 77-47 loss to Hope. The last time these two teams met, it was a battle until the end, as the Hornets pulled away with a 60-53 victory.

These two teams are evenly

matched, despite their different records. Kalamazoo is seventh in the MIAA in scoring, and Saint Mary's is eighth, averaging 59.2, and 57.1 points per game, respectively. Another plus for the Belles is that the Hornets are last in the MIAA in team rebounding, averaging only 31.5 rebounds per game. Saint Mary's has struggled in that department as well, creating an even matchup.

Sophomore forward Emily Creachbaum leads the Belles averaging 13.3 points, on 50 percent shooting, and 6.3 rebounds. However, she missed Wednesday's game with an ankle injury, and is only averaging 11.1 points and 3.6 rebounds in conference play.

Freshman guard Bridget Boyce (7.8 points per game, 80 percent from the free-throw line), and Anne Hogan (7.3 points, 5 rebounds), also contribute on the offensive end for Saint Mary's.

Kalamazoo will counter Saint Mary's with some balanced scoring of their own, led by Amanda Weishuhn, who is sixth in the MIAA, averaging 13.6 points per game, to go along with 5.9 rebounds. Vanessa Larkin (11.4 points), and Alissa Johnston (10.7 points), also average double figures for the Hornets.

Larkin, who has played well of late, was nominated for the MIAA Player of the Week, as was Saint Mary's point guard Katie Miller. Miller looks to help her team take better shots, as the Belles struggled against Hope, shooting 21 percent from the field, and are only averaging 36 percent for the season, while their opponents average 43 percent from the field.

Saint Mary's and Kalamazoo tip off at 3 p.m. at Kalamazoo's Anderson Athletic Center.

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field that could break four minutes," Irish coach Joe Piane said. "We need Luke to run well."

In addition to Watson, both the mens and womens teams will be looking to continue their strong early season performances this weekend.

The men have been led by their distance group and sprinter Selim Nurudeen. Nurudeen is among the Big East leaders in the 60-meter dash and the 60-meter hurdles, and is expected to contend for the 60-meter hurdles title at the Big East Championships. In addition to Watson, the Irish have many other runners that either are looking to qualify for the Big East Championship or are looking to strengthen their already solid qualifying times for that event.

"We still need to get a few more people in the Big East," said Piane.

For the women, the Irish will be looking for continued production from seniors Tameisha King and Jaime Volkmer. Also important will

be the depth of the Irish sprinters, including Big East qualifiers Kymia Love and Kristen Dodd. Lauren King and Molly Huddle will be looking to improve on their already strong times in the distance events.

The field this weekend will also include many talented athletes, making the Meyo one of the most important indoor meets in the Midwest.

The mens and womens teams for Michigan feature NCAA qualifiers, as the mens distance medley relay team also qualified for the NCAA's at the adidas Boston Games. Darnell Talbert will challenge Nurudeen in the 60-meter hurdles.

Arkansas' women team features NCAA mile qualifier Christin Wurth, while Angel Heath, the NCAA runner-up in the long jump last year, will challenge King in that event.

Clemson's Joana Costa is also expected to challenge Volkmer in the pole vault. Costa has previously qualified for the 2002 NCAA Championship and is a former ACC Champion in the event.

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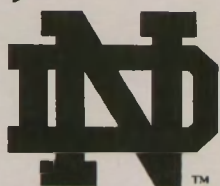
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MENS SWIMMING

Oakland provides last chance to break even

By LISA REIJULA
Sports Writer

Notre Dame's mens swimming and diving team will have one last chance to get back to .500 this weekend. The Irish will travel to Rochester, Mich., for a dual meet against Oakland University Saturday.

Last weekend the Irish beat Cleveland State before losing by the slimmest of margins to St. Bonaventure on the last relay. Notre Dame currently has a dual meet record of 6-7.

"We want to finish out the season strong," freshman Patrick Heffernan said. "We need to get some races in and we'd like to get a win."

Notre Dame showed its fighting side against the talented Bonnies. Down for the majority of the meet, the Irish rallied to gain a slight lead before the heartbreaking finish.

Oakland (8-5) and Notre Dame have faced several of the same opponents over the course of the season. Both teams fell to a tough Pittsburgh team, and both also beat Michigan State. However, the Grizzlies defeated St. Bonaventure on the road in January.

A standout for Oakland this season has been freshman Scott Dickens. Dickens set new Mid-Continent Conference records in both the 100 and 200-meter breaststrokes this year.

Named the conference's Newcomer of the Year and Co-Swimmer of the Year, Dickens is also a member of the Canadian National Junior Team.

Dickens earned four medals for Canada at the Australian Youth Olympic Festival and is aiming for the 2004 Olympic Games. He will be a formidable opponent for the Irish on Saturday.

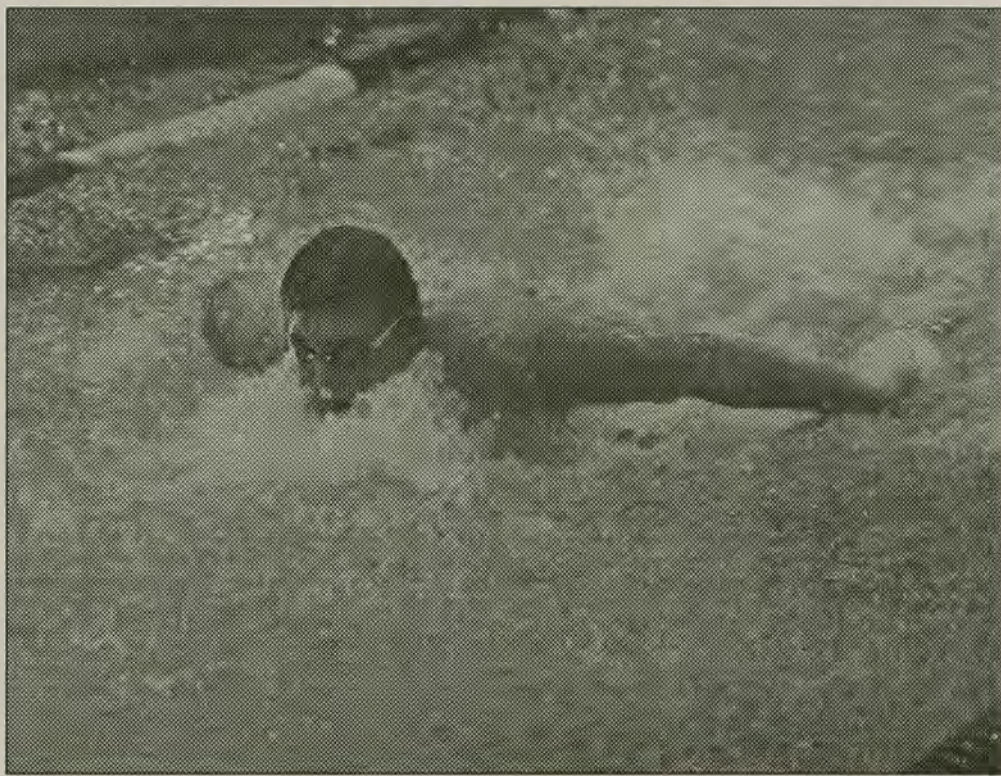
"It should be an exciting meet for us," Heffernan said. "There will be a lot of good races and I think we're up for it."

The Irish will compete in the biggest meet of the season in two weeks, when the Big East Championships are held in Uniondale, N.Y. The conference championships have been the long-term goal and focus of the team all year.

"We're going to rest and get geared up for the big show that's coming up," said Heffernan of the team's plans.

The meet is scheduled to start Saturday at 2 p.m.

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An Irish swimmer competes in the Notre Dame Relays earlier this season. Notre Dame looks to finish 7-7 in dual meet season with a win over Oakland.

FENCING

Different goals this weekend at Duke Duals

By MATT LOZAR
Sports Editor

After two weekends of facing top competition, the mens and womens squads have two different goals at this weekend's Duke Duals.

The womens team (12-2) looks to rebound from losses the past two weekends to No. 4 Ohio State and No. 1 Penn State. With no top 10 teams on the schedule this weekend, the Irish should be able to address their areas of concern.

"We are doing not bad. I am pleased but not happy," Notre Dame coach Janusz Bednarski said. "We have a lot of work to do. We need to improve the best fencers and get them to

win the bouts that they can. We also need to improve the weak part of our team which is sabre, and we are working hard to get this."

The womens sabre team has been the weakness in Notre Dame's two losses this year. In those setbacks, the sabre team went a combined 3-15. Junior captain Destanie Milo missed the Ohio State Duals due to an illness and is still getting back into form. Milo's illness forced Bednarski to use his not-so-deep bench, but they have

responded well with an overall record of 97-29, including a 57-15 mark last weekend.

Even with Bednarski trying to build the high team cohesion necessary to win the national championship, current improvements need to be made in a one-on-one situation.

"Each fencer is an individual, and we have individual workouts," Bednarski said. "We talk in training and are preparing them for bouts in high tension situations."

While the women are attempting to get their confidence back, the mens team (14-0) is trying to avoid a let-down after defeating No. 4 Ohio State and No. 1 Penn State during the past two weeks.

"It is another a problem, but we can't celebrate too long," Bednarski said. "We started training right after the competition which was related with talks about the situation that we can't celebrate too long."

"[Penn State] is a better team than us, but it is good news for us that we beat them."

The toughest competition for the mens team this weekend will come from No. 6 Stanford. Earlier this season at Penn

State, the Cardinal lost 16-11 to the defending national champion Nittany Lions. Despite his team having defeated the top-ranked squad, Bednarski knows this match is dangerous.

"They are a top team which always is in the top six in the country. We will check them out because we hear they are pretty strong but not super strong like Penn State," he said. "They are a dangerous team and have big individuals who can take others to victory. We have to be very focused this weekend."

The Irish will be tested by the Cardinal mens foil squad. Junior Mark Mulholland and sophomore Steve Gerbermann each earned All-American honors at last year's NCAA Championships. Gerbermann defeated mens foil captain Ozren Debic for third place 15-9.

Coming into the Duke Duals, the mens team looks to extend its 73-match winning streak, which is currently third longest in school history.

Other schools scheduled to compete in Durham, N.C., this weekend include Air Force, the host Blue Devils, Johns Hopkins and North Carolina.

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WOMENS BASKETBALL

Irish know Hokies present tough challenge

By JOE HETTLER
Sports Editor

Notre Dame won their second consecutive game Wednesday night against Georgetown and played their best half of basketball this season in the second half. But more importantly for the Irish, they had fun in the process.

"[The Georgetown] game was a great confidence builder for us," Irish coach Muffet McGraw. "Now we know how good we can be. We had a lot of fun too. Basketball was fun again and that was probably the best thing that came out of that game."

Unfortunately for Notre Dame not many teams have fun when visiting Virginia Tech, the team the Irish face Saturday at 2 p.m.

The Hokies, 15-5, 6-3 in conference, are 10-0 at home this season, while just 5-5 on the road or at neutral sites.

"They have a tremendous home court record over the last three or four years," McGraw said. "It's a really tough place to play. So we have our work cut out for us."

Junior forward Ieva Kublina, who averages 15.1 points per game, leads Virginia Tech, while Erin Gibson adds 11.8 points per contest. The Hokies distribute the scoring wealth

too, as four starters score in double figures.

Virginia Tech has been close in almost all of their games this season. They lost by just 12 to No. 1 Connecticut on the road, two to No. 22 Villanova and one point in overtime to Miami. The Hokies are coming off back-to-back conference wins over Providence and Seton Hall.

"They've just got a really solid five,"

McGraw said. "Kublina is very difficult to guard. She can shoot threes and score inside; she can do a lot of good things."

However, this may be a different Notre Dame team from a week ago. They've got a lot more confidence and it'd showed against the Hoyas. Notre Dame had four players score in double figures and used a 23-0 run to cruise to a conference win.

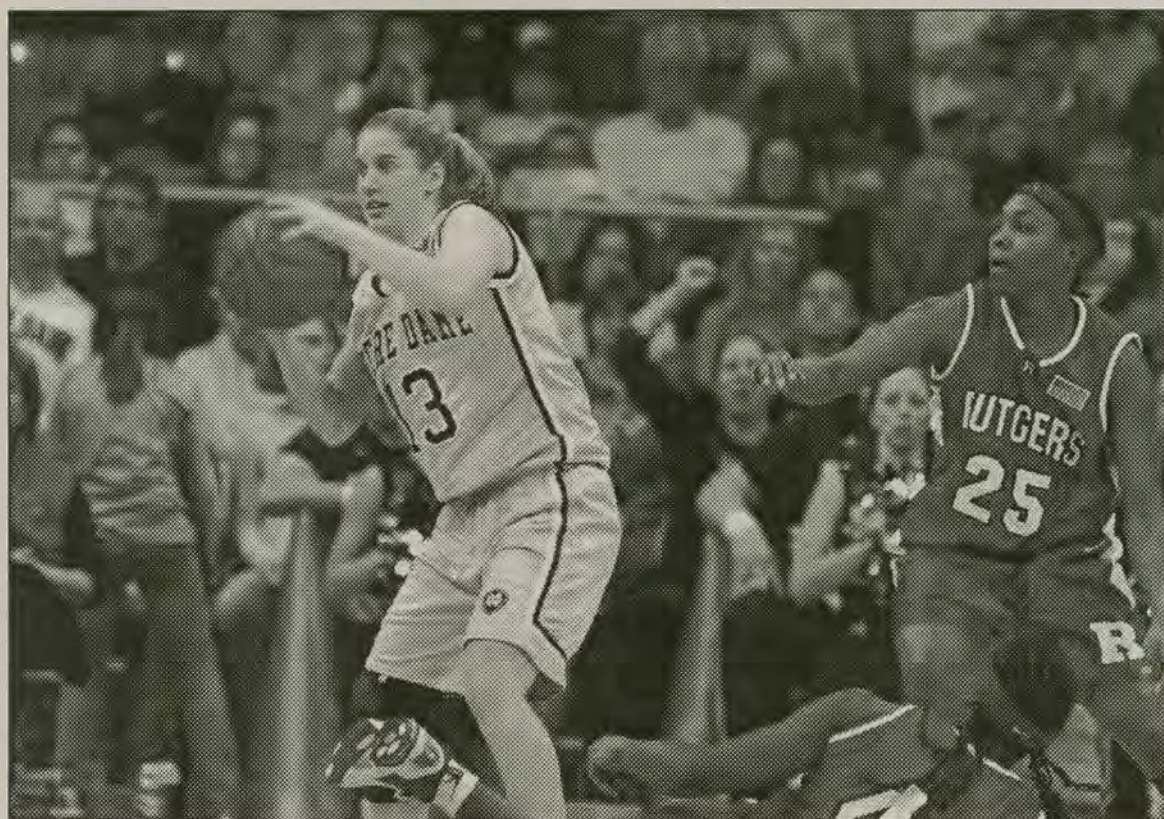
McGraw said she knows that the Irish are facing another formidable foe on the road, but she thinks her team will be ready for the challenge.

"They have a very talented team and they're on a roll," McGraw said. "Every game is important now for us. We really need to go down there and play well."

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Muffet McGraw
Irish coach



BRIAN PUCEVICH/The Observer

Freshman guard Megan Duffy attempts to evade two Rutgers defenders in a game earlier this year.

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a little bit was the widely accepted solution."

One final recommendation that the committee discussed involved interest surveys and what part they played in deciding how many men and women participate in each sport. McGraw and the committee agreed that it would not be wise to base the number of partici-

pants just on an interest survey.

"Women have not always known they were interested in sports," McGraw said. "Look at the crew team. We had 140 women go out for the crew team, when probably 139 of them didn't row in high school. So I think there's a great example of how women are interested."

McGraw also expressed concern at the meeting for walk-ons. Under Title IX, walk-ons are counted in the percentage of men and women in each sport.

But the committee recommended that walk-ons not be counted in these percentages.

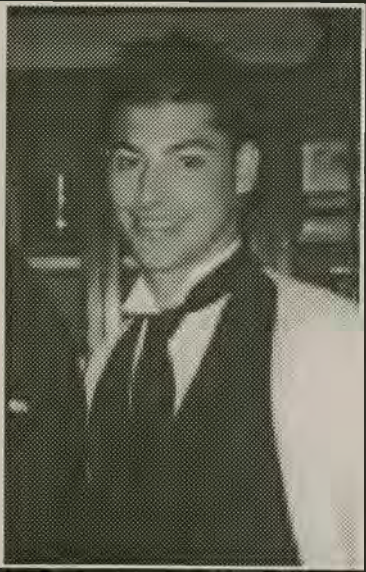
"We as a committed group didn't think that was fair, so we voted that walk-ons not even be counted in that proportion," McGraw said.

The group made their final recommendations Jan. 31 and submitted them to Secretary of Education Rod Paige.

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Watson chasing a record

◆ Irish host quality field at Meyo Invitational

By ANDY TROEGER
Sports Writer

Having already qualified for the NCAA Indoor Championships in the 3,000 meters, Irish senior Luke Watson will be looking to add another great performance to the Irish record books Saturday as Notre Dame hosts the annual Meyo Invitational.

The Meyo Invitational, held tonight and Saturday at the Loftus Sports Center, will highlight many of the top teams in the nation. Michigan, Central Michigan, Eastern Michigan, Windsor and Michigan State will be sending both their mens and womens teams, while Georgetown is sending only their men's team. Also competing on the womens side are Arkansas, Maryland, Clemson and Tulane.

In what could become the signature event of this year's Invitational, Watson will be looking to become the second Notre Dame runner ever to break the sub-four minute mile barrier against an elite field.

"There are five guys in the

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Notre Dame's Luke Watson competes in a meet against Ball State earlier this year. The senior looks to become the just second Irish runner to break a sub-four minute mile.

MENS LACROSSE

Irish host talented pro squad

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame mens lacrosse team will take on a team composed of current professional players, including several former Irish players, in a scrimmage Saturday at 7 p.m. in Loftus.

The Irish, who are ranked 17th in this year's Inside Lacrosse Magazine preseason poll, will face 11 teams ranked in the preseason top 25 this year.

This weekend's scrimmage will be a good benchmark for the Irish, who are coming off a somewhat disappointing 5-8 record from last year.

"This is a great way to prepare ourselves for the season," Irish coach Kevin Corrigan said. "We won't play a more talented team all year. We may play teams with better chemistry, but no one with better talent."

Corrigan said the Irish opponent this weekend is "a bunch of guys" who make up some of the finest lacrosse talent in the world.

Included on that team are Todd Rassas, a three time All-American while at Notre Dame; two-time Irish All-American Jimmy Keenan and the first All-American in Notre Dame history, Tom Glatzel.

Corrigan said the team might have the two best offensive players in the world today, as well as a defense that includes three members of the U.S. National Team.

"This will be a great test for us, not just man-to-man, but also to see how we play as a team," Corrigan said.

The Irish will need to start strong this season, as their first game is a road matchup against No. 15 Penn State. Starting was no problem for the Irish last year; it was finishing that was the team's Achilles' heel.

Out of the eight Irish losses last year, six were one-goal games, and three were decided in overtime.

"We just couldn't seem to get over that hump," Corrigan said. "I think we're a little more determined this year."

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TITLE IX

McGraw plays role on committee

By JOE HETTLER
Sports Editor

When a representative of the White House called Muffet McGraw early last summer, the Irish coach thought her husband was playing a joke on her.

But it was no joke when President Bush appointed McGraw to a 15-member committee called the Commission on Opportunity in Athletics in late June 2002. The group was to consider two-dozen recommendations concerning the opportu-



McGraw

nities for male and female student-athletes at college and evaluate the Title IX law.

Title IX has been a controversial issue since it was implemented in 1972. It states that colleges and universities must have an equal percentage of men and women playing sports as the percentage of men and women enrolled in the school.

This law has been criticized for hurting male sports while praised for improving female participation in athletics.

The commission was supposed to suggest ways to

improve the current law.

"Our charge was to listen to anybody that wanted to come to any of four town hall meetings across the country and hear anyone that had experiences with Title IX," McGraw said.

"We were supposed to listen, gather information and from that information make recommendations."

Muffet McGraw
Irish coach

"We were supposed to listen, gather information and from that information make recommendations." The commission started with 24 recommendations at the end of the four town hall meetings, and passed 22. McGraw said about half of the recommendation were general, while the other 11 were specific to changing the

law.

One proposal said that schools should have 50 percent male athletes and 50 percent female athletes, no matter what percentage of men and women attended the institution. That proposal tied at seven votes apiece.

McGraw said she voted against that issue because she didn't want to lose opportunities.

The committee also voted on whether to keep and clarify the Title IX law. That recommendation passed with a unanimous 15-0 vote.

"We wanted to clarify [the law] for everybody," McGraw said. "That passed 15-0, so it was interesting that kind of leaving it alone, but clarifying it

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SPORTS AT A GLANCE

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Notre Dame at Virginia Tech

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The Irish look to get third straight win with road victory over Hokies.

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The Irish can secure a 7-7 dual meet record with win over Oakland.

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Belles look to break an eight-game losing streak the Hornets.

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Pittsburgh at Notre Dame

Sunday, 3:30 p.m.

A pair of top 10 teams battle when the Irish host the Panthers Sunday.

Insider