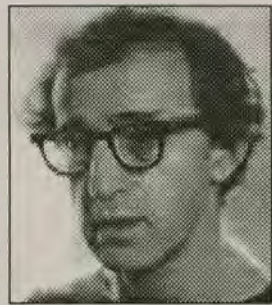


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## Leaders propose fee hike

By MATT BRAMANTI  
News Writer

Student government officials will propose an increase in Notre Dame's student activity fee this week. This year's proposal, however, provides for small annual increases, instead of the larger, more infrequent hikes of the past. The Financial Management Board, a unit of the Student Union Board, will recommend increasing the fee each year by 3/4 the rate of tuition increase. Tuition increases have generally been raised by 5 to 6 percent per year.

This year's student activity fee was \$80, compared to \$65 of last year. The money is a key source of funding for student organizations. Amy O'Connor, chair of the Club Coordination Council, said the plan is necessary to promote the "overall financial health of the student union."

"Most student activities are under funded," O'Connor said. "Currently, the student union is unable to meet the demands of the student body."

She said that The Shirt project generates a significant amount of money for student activities, but those revenues can be unpredictable. "If the market was saturated this year, we have

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## JACC ATTACK



TIM KACMAR/The Observer

The sea of green stormed the court in the final second of Notre Dame's most anticipated men's basketball game Sunday as the Irish take a bite out of No. 4 ranked Pitt.

## Women boxers may open Bengal Bouts

By JESSICA DALSING  
New Writer

The Women's Boxing Club is embarking on a new era of competition. Currently, competition between women boxers has been limited to unofficial sparring, but soon women boxers may be opening Bengal Bouts.

A proposal by the team's copresidents, Shelley Skiba and Laura Young, will allow for six women's bouts, or exhibi-

tion spars to open the men's boxing competition. RecSports and Health management must ratify the proposal before the women will be allowed to spar in public.

"As of yet, the proposal has met no major opposition," Young said.

The women's boxing club was started in the spring of 1997 and has grown to over 100 members. The club has a novice season and a veteran season ending with two weeks of sparring in the ring. The

proposal was a response to the advanced status of many of the women boxers.

"We wanted to offer the girls something more and we felt that they were ready for it," Young said.

Since 1931, the men's boxing club has been entertaining audiences at the Bengal Bouts, a fundraiser for Holy Cross missions in Bangladesh. Throughout the six years of the women's club's existence, the female members have been silent partners in run-

ning and sponsoring the competition. Yet, the issue of women's involvement as contenders had never been addressed.

Young said, "The idea was assumed as not [being] plausible, so [previous team captains] never asked. It is a natural progression for the club, but it will be a big step."

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## Poet reflects on past, hopeful of future

By KIFLIN TURNER  
Associate News Editor

As outspoken today as she was in the civil rights era, poet Nikki Giovanni captivated her audience Saturday with edgy humor and witty storytelling.

And for attendees expecting the average poetry reading, they were certainly amiss. Addressing the audience as though everyone were all lifelong friends, she invited them into her heart and mind as she would her own home.

Outpourings of laughter and spontaneous cheering



Nikki Giovanni

emerged from the crowd as she spoke of her own life's story, as a mother, and about her recent bout against cancer.

Giovanni voiced her support of the Mars probe and the similarity between the journey into space and that of the plight of Africans during the Middle Passage journey.

"I know that the trip to Mars has only one precedent," said Giovanni. "The trip to Mars can only be understood through Black Americans."

Introducing her poem, "Quilting the Black-Eyed Pea: We're Going to Mars," Giovanni described the qualities of traversing without certainty.

The psychological trip to another planet is much like the unnerving distress and hardship experienced by slaves as they left their own,

familiar homes to an unknown destination. With their lives torn apart, they managed to hold on to their own sense of humanity said Giovanni.

"Black Americans were the only people on earth taken somewhere they had no idea where they were going," she said. "But they made the decision to be human."

The Mars probe would change the way we look at space as well as discovering how human beings behave with no known landmarks, she said.

"I don't know anything as important in the 21st century than going to Mars," she said. "We're going to Mars because it gives us a reason to change."

The time to explore is now, said Giovanni.

"It is very important to know your moment. If you don't know your moment,

you're always going to be lost," said Giovanni. The experience should be universally shared she said.

"I believe in what I call the 10 percent solution. Every tenth person should know someone who's been to space." Bringing the past and future together with the parallels between the slave trade and the disorientation that goes along with space travel, Giovanni brought her talk back down to earth in the present day.

Pointing to the hip-hop culture and rap music as a movement to bring the youth to the forefront in actualizing change, Giovanni revealed a tattoo — "Thug Life," as a testament to her faith in the power of song.

"[The slaves] decided to fight a war with song," said Giovanni, much like today's generation speaks through hip-hop and rap she said.

If Martin Luther King were alive today, Giovanni announced with confidence that he would have braids.

Commemorating the 30th Anniversary of King's death Giovanni read, "This Is a Sacred Poem" on the struggle of leaders in the black community.

"It would be great to have Martin's voice speak for peace," said Giovanni. For those who voice skepticism about the future, she advised offered hope and inspiration.

"There is everything to be done—the world is opening," she said.

Infused with political and social commentary, Giovanni's anecdotes ranged from protecting social justice to animal rights.

Giovanni pointed to the blatant hypocrisy of Notre Dame alumna and U.S.

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INSIDE COLUMN

What are you listening to?

Did you know that you are possibly missing the best radio show streaming out of Notre Dame's Internet frequency, WVFI? The show I am referring to is "This is not America" brought to you by Lindsay Mollan and Kate Kalasky every Monday from midnight to 1:30 a.m.

The show brings the cool sounds of Brit Pop Rock to the Internet airwaves. There is a special emphasis on artists like Travis, David Gray, ColdPlay and often revisits an old favorite, David Bowie.

Just last week, I was a guest on the show so I was able to personally witness the enthusiasm for the British sounds. The two banter over the newest music coming over the Atlantic, weaving in sound bites about their recent trip to the David Gray concert in Detroit.

And if by a pure miracle, David Gray or someone close to him happens upon this humble column, I am positive that Lindsay [your biggest fan] would be more than thrilled if you called her show.

Beyond spinning tunes from the British Isles, the hosts sometimes try to liven up the radio waves and try their hands at match making. As a guest on the show, I became a target of their tomfoolery as they decided to auction me off for a date.

Describing me as a blond haired, blue eyed, political science major from New York caught me a date with their favorite listener from Virginia. My better judgment told me to forfeit this chance considering that Virginia is a bit far from the Bend and I can't say I am too intrigued by the idea of Internet dating.

But, it is these experiences that make college life interesting and add to the pile of possible stories to integrate into a political campaign speech or to tell the grandkids one day.

Whether you are into British Pop or just want to treat your ears to new sounds, it will be worth your while to give this little college show broadcasted out of LaFortune a try. It is an excellent accompaniment to help you finish up your work for the day or even something to lull you off to dreamland.

If you like the show I am sure Lindsay and Kate would love an Instant Message and you, too, could be mentioned on air or possibly auctioned off.

But, of course, I am a bit partial considering one of the hosts was my old roommate from my year abroad in Ireland. How can I not support the person who shared many moments as we traveled through Europe? From the time she insisted that we drink every brand of Scotch available in a sleepy Edinburgh pub to buying a flask for our new acquired taste for Scotch and naming it Braveheart.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Shannon Nelligan at nell2040@saintmarys.edu.



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- ◆ Reading with Joe Garden, The Onion Sophomore Literary Festival 7:30 p.m. at Washington Hall

**WHAT'S HAPPENING @ SMC**

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- ◆ Meet the Candidates For Residence Hall association and Student diversity Board elections 7 p.m. at Hagggar College Center, room 303

WHAT'S COOKING

North Dining Hall	South Dining Hall	Saint Mary's Dining Hall
<b>Today's Lunch:</b> Turkey tetrazzini, mushroom marinara, spinach-cheese tortellini, calzones, pretzel sticks, garden quiche, baby lima beans, baked potato neptune, beef tips and mushrooms, kluski noodles, roast top sirloin of beef, long grain and wild rice, Italian chicken sandwich, crinkle fries	<b>Today's Lunch:</b> Penne with gorgonzola, puerto rican pasta sauce, cheese and pepperoni, french bread, pizza, breadsticks, fresh corned beef, boiled cabbage, brown sauce, chicken gravy, whipped potatoes, peas and carrots, apple crisp, cheese strata, italian risotto, baked potato, spinach	<b>Today's Lunch:</b> Vegetarian paella, wild mushroom strudel, herbed pasta, marinara sauce, seafood international saute, grilled hamburger, grilled bratwurst, grilled cheese, french fries, BLT's, chicken breast teriyaki, vegetable lo mein, peas and carrots, deluxe pizza, cheese pizza
<b>Today's Dinner:</b> Turkey tetrazzini, mushroom marinara, spinach-cheese tortellini, eggplant parmesan, herbed vegetable medley, swiss steak, grilled salmon fillet, rotisserie chicken, roasted herb-garlic russet potatoes, shrimp poppers, crinkle fries, soft pretzel, pork tempura	<b>Today's Dinner:</b> Penne with gorgonzola, pastaria pesto sauce, cheese and pepperoni french bread pizza, breadsticks, southern fried chicken, collard greens with ham hocks, brown sauce, chicken gravy, whipped potatoes, corn, apple crisp, spinach quiche, baked herbed zucchini	<b>Today's Dinner:</b> Biriyani rice with cashews, baked potatoes, broccoli cuts, fettucine pasta toss, sweet potato biscuits, tortellini, dawg house bar, yankee pot roast, lyonnaise potatoes, corn and tomatoes, chicken fajita pizza, cheese pizza, bread sticks, vegetable and cheese chimichanga

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## Reading day hinges on trustee vote

By LAUREN CONDON  
News Writer

The Saint Mary's reading day proposal continues to move forward through the proper channels, toward approval. Two weeks ago, Board of Governance President, Kim Jensen, and Vice President, Elizabeth Jablonski-Diehl presented their proposal to the Saint Mary's Academic Standards Committee and now awaits the Committee's decision on approval.

The reading day proposal, previously known as the study day proposal, has been a concern to student government since 1992. The purpose of the reading day proposal is to leave the Friday before exams week open, so students could study, work on projects or meet individually with professors.

The Student Academic

Council and the Board of Governance already unanimously approved the reading day proposal.

Since Jensen and Jablonski-Diehl's presentation, the committee has talked to several academic departments to obtain their opinions.

The Academic Standards Committee will formally vote Friday. If the Academic Standards Committee votes "yes," then the proposal will move on to the Academic Affairs Committee. However, if the proposal fails then the process will be set back.

*"There was positive discussion [at the Academic Standards Committee presentation] and it was looking very good at the meeting."*

Elizabeth Jablonski-Diehl  
Student Body Vice President

"There was positive discussion [at the Academic Standards Committee presentation] and it was looking very good at the meeting," Jablonski-Diehl said.

If passed by both the Academic Standards Committee and the Academic Affairs Committee the reading day proposal will be implemented into the 2003-2004 College calendar as a pilot program.

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## Young alumni want more board activity

By JULIA MILLER-LEMON  
News Writer

For many young Notre Dame alumni, graduating from the University presents one of the most significant changes of their lives. Thanks to an expanding network of young alumni, recent graduates are being provided with increasing opportunities for maintaining close ties with the life they had on the campus.

"When I graduated I was devastated. I loved Notre Dame so much and knew exactly who I was when I was there," said Laura Merritt-Bird, a 1996 graduate and current Young Alumni Director. "I had this wonderful family on campus, and I felt like that was ripped from me when I graduated," she said.

Two years after graduating from the University, Bird contacted her local alumni club in Wisconsin looking to reconnect with the community atmosphere that she left behind in South Bend. She now sits on the Board of Directors of Notre Dame's Alumni Association as a Young Alumni Director, part of a group composed of 26 voting members who oversee 210 local clubs in 18 United States regions, as well as 40 international clubs.

Until the early 1980s, there were no Young Alumni representatives sitting on the Alumni Board – there was no one providing a voice for the recent graduates. In 1980, members realized that there needed to be a better mechanism for young alumni to voice their concerns to the national board. Thus, the position of Young Alumni Director was born.

The primary purpose of Bird and the two other Young Alumni Directors is to encourage the active involvement of young alumni in their local clubs, as well as to make sure that the Alumni Association provides "great opportunities

for young alums to stay connected to the University," Bird said.

Aside from being a channel for graduates to stay connected to other members of the Notre Dame community, the clubs provide a number of different activities ranging from volunteer opportunities, special masses and group game watches. Bird said that the main mission of the club is to "keep people connected to each other and to the core values of the University."

While the Alumni Association does not provide a formal career placement service for recent graduates of the University, the organization has worked to increase awareness about the concerns of young alumni. "[It] has been very receptive to the changing needs of graduates," said Bird.

According to Bird, the Alumni Association wants to welcome every single person into this extended Notre Dame family. Part of this means that at the local level, members are generally very receptive about linking recent graduates with good contacts for career networking among the area alumni.

Bird also emphasized the importance for recent Notre Dame graduates of becoming involved in the Alumni Association in whatever regional area students live in after graduation. In addition to joining their local clubs, seniors should register on IrishOnline during mid-July, a directory of all alumni and a prime resource for locating the whereabouts of other alums, said Bird.

When recent graduates add their name and contact information to this database, they will be included on the Alumni Association's mailing list, a direct way to obtain more information about local clubs and happenings.

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## Transpo changes route service

By LINDA SKALSKI  
News Writer

Transpo, which operates the public bus routes in South Bend and Mishawaka, recently completed an extensive city bus route evaluation of several existing routes and decided to change route No. 7 to better serve the Notre Dame campus area.

Transpo public bus route No. 7 now services students to and from main circle, Robinson Center and legal aid every half hour, free of charge for anyone with a Notre Dame or Saint Mary's ID card.

As a result, Notre Dame/Saint Mary's afternoon shuttle bus No. 2 will be discontinued March 1, and the route for shuttle bus No. 1 serving Notre Dame, Saint

Mary's and Holy Cross will be altered slightly to accommodate residents of University Village.

"Notre Dame was not the decision maker for these changes," said Daniel Skendzel, director of Administrative Services. "However, when we became aware that these changes

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Daniel Skendzel  
director of Administrative Services

would take place we saw a benefit to using this public service. Service and convenience are greatly enhanced with this change."

Although the change was implemented to benefit students, many volunteers at Robinson Center expressed apprehension about the new bus system.

"I hope it works out because I don't know the city well," said Arianne Watkins. "The other bus was pretty simple, and I'm not sure how this one is going to work out."

Skendzel does not foresee problems in the future, and believes that many people simply have a misconception about public transportation.

"I hope that through education and experience students will realize that this [is] a safe, convenient and efficient mode of transportation," he said. "It just makes sense to utilize public services, such as Transpo, when possible."

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# Lack of jobs keeps students in classrooms

By LYDIA LEUNG  
Michigan Daily

ANN ARBOR, Mich.

The job market is at a 20-year low, according to recently released statistics by the U.S. Labor Department. This information, combined with the uncertainty created by the possible war with Iraq and the flagging economy, caused University of Michigan engineering students from all disciplines to form long lines at booths of different companies at the Engineering Internship Fair Thursday.

Down from 150 companies that participated in the career fair held last September, only about 30 companies which included Shell, IBM, UBS Warburg and many other firms from across the nation came to recruit University students this semester.

The decline in companies' incentives to hire new workers was illustrated by a report conducted by Conference Board, a research firm that said the number of help-wanted advertisements in newspapers in the United States hit an almost 40-year low in December. Students said the wave of bad news concerning the job market is forcing them to think up ways to avoid entering the job hunt rat race.

"I think postponing graduation is a good idea," Engineering senior Francine Calderon said.

In anticipation of the gloomy economy, many graduating seniors have opted to value-add themselves by staying one more year at school to pursue their masters degrees.

"Last spring, we saw a lot of panicked students. This year, I think seniors are more prepared," said Stephani Townsend, campus recruiting representative of Lockheed Martin Corp. "We've seen more seniors are looking for internships because they are going to grad school." But some companies, such as Lockheed Martin Corp. an advance-technology company that supports NASA's shuttle program are "still strong in staff" and actively recruiting new blood, Townsend said.

"The (Columbia) shuttle was a tragedy, and we are doing everything we can to support NASA any

way that they are asking us to help. But there really is no effect on us," Townsend said. "We are strong and healthy, and have quite a few new contracts."

While Townsend said Lockheed Martin Corp. is hiring over 2,000 full-time positions and 500 interns nationwide this year, job-cut statements were making news all week. Bank of America, Circuit City and WorldCom announced that they are going to slash 900, 2,000 and 5,000 jobs respectively.

Although it was an internship fair, many students in line were trying their luck at securing full-time positions.

Alum Jonathon Frohlich, who graduated last December, said despite being optimistic about his ability to land a career soon, his job hunt was slowed down by the dismal economy.

"I've been to a couple of career fairs, done a little bit of online job search ... but I've got nothing more than an interview," Frohlich said.

With fewer participating companies and more students trying to find a job at the career fair, students said they did not get much time to talk to the recruiters because of the long wait.

"It's really impersonal. They just took my resume and stored it in their databases. I don't have much hope. There're just so many people," Engineering sophomore Joel Donoghue said. Although it was an internship fair, many students in line tried securing full-time positions.

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## Poet

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National Security Advisor Condoleezza Rice as well as President Bush for supporting affirmative action given their own, respective legacy status as college students.

She described her quest to promote awareness throughout her neighborhood about the unnecessary "murder" of squirrels as hurried drivers run them down.

Through her fight against cancer, she noted how watching a family of robins build a nest gave her peace and helped her recovery in her poem entitled, "A Robin's Nest in Snow."

About the irresponsibility of society when it comes to the environment, her observations are filled with scorn. "We're glad Earth won't put us on trial — who would vote for us, water?" said Giovanni. "Human beings need to get their lives together."

Giovanni is currently a professor of English at Virginia Tech, and has been named Woman of the Year by Ebony, and Mademoiselle. She is also the recipient of the Rosa Parks Woman of Courage award, NAACP Image Award and the Langston Hughes Award for Distinguished Contributions to Arts and Letters.

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a lot to lose in the future," she said.

Andrew Oxenreiter, student union treasurer, agreed. "The fixed fee that is now in place is too low to adequately meet the needs of campus organizations."

Both officials stressed the long-term nature of the proposal. "It's not just about the money," before presenting it to the Campus Life Council. "We

O'Connor said. "It's about fiscal responsibility for the future."

The Financial Management Board is currently writing a resolution. Members of that board are working to gain

want to do this in the next couple of weeks, before the final budget is approved [in March]," O'Connor said.

"Our proposal is basically a strong and informed recommendation," Oxenreiter said, adding that the ultimate decision lies with the University's officers.

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## Bush to U.N.: moment of truth approaches

Associated Press

WASHINGTON  
President Bush said Sunday that Iraq has fooled the world for more than a decade about its banned weapons and the United Nations now faces "a moment of truth" in disarming Saddam Hussein.

"It is clear that not only is Saddam Hussein deceiving, it is clear he's not disarming. And so you'll see us over the next short period of time working with friends and allies and the United Nations to bring that body along," Bush told congressional Republicans at a policy conference.

He said the terrorist acts of Sept. 11 changed America and the world.

Before the attacks, Bush said, "We were confident that two oceans could protect us from harm. ... We are now a battle ground. We are vulnerable."

Bush said the U.S. public needs to understand that the country is expanding the fight against terrorism to Iraq and elsewhere.

Saddam "wants the world to think that hide-and-seek is a game that we should play. And it's over," Bush said.

The president spoke as chief U.N. weapons inspector Hans Blix said in Baghdad that he saw a beginning of Iraq's understanding that it must seriously observe U.N. demands for

disarmament. U.N. nuclear chief Mohamed El Baradei said he expected the Security Council to give the inspectors more time "as long as we are registering good progress."

Asked later about Blix's statement, White House spokesman Ari Fleischer noted that the president has said: "Given the fact that Saddam Hussein is not disarming, time is running out."

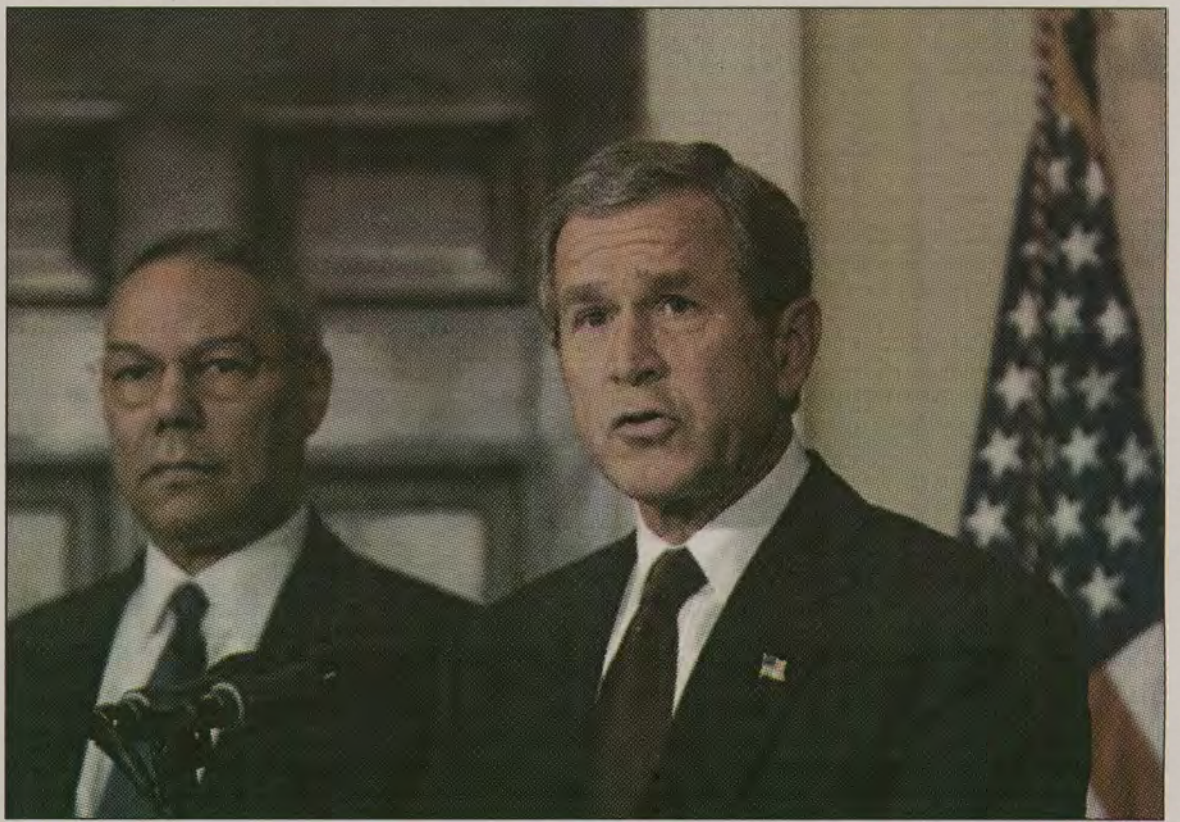
Blix and El Baradei are to make their next report to the U.N. Security Council on Friday. That could be pivotal toward determining whether the United States should launch military action against Iraq.

In his speech, given while the inspectors held a televised news conference from Iraq, Bush said, "It's a moment of truth for the United Nations. The United Nations gets to decide shortly whether or not it is going to be relevant in terms of keeping the peace, whether or not its words mean anything."

"But one thing is certain, for the sake of peace and for the sake of security of the United States and our friends and allies, we will disarm Saddam Hussein if he will not disarm himself."

Bush said "it is important for the country to realize that Saddam Hussein has fooled the world for 12 years, is used to fooling the world, is confident he can fool the world."

Earlier, Bush's national secu-



AFP PHOTO

In a policy meeting on Sunday, President George W. Bush said to Congressional Republicans that the United Nations faces "a moment of truth" in disarming Saddam Hussein. Secretary of State Colin Powell is pictured at his side.

rity adviser, Condoleezza Rice, dismissed movement toward compliance by Iraq as another attempt at "cheat and retreat."

"We have seen this game with Iraq many times before, throughout the '90s," she said.

Secretary of State Colin Powell said a reported French-

German proposal to increase the number of weapons inspectors in Iraq in hopes of averting U.S. military action is "a diversion, not a solution" to disarming Saddam.

"The issue is not more inspectors. The issue is compliance on the part of Saddam Hussein,"

Powell said on NBC's "Meet the Press."

The plan would call for the deployment of thousands of U.N. soldiers, reconnaissance flights and a tripling of the number of weapons inspectors, according to the German magazine Der Spiegel.

### SOUTH KOREA

## Americans gain support for action against North Korea

Associated Press

BUSAN

Thousands of South Koreans staged a pro-U.S. rally Sunday, prayed for North Korea to give up its nuclear ambitions and an envoy of South Korea's president-elect urged Washington to hold direct talks with the communist nation.

Returning from a visit to Washington and Tokyo, President-elect Roh Moo-hyun's envoy said he had made the case for dialogue.

"I asked Washington to open direct U.S.-North Korea talks soon without condition," Chyung Dai-chul told Korean

reporters, according to his aide Park Jinhung. Roh takes office Feb. 25.

President Bush believes the standoff can be resolved peacefully, but said Friday that "all options are on the table," suggesting that Washington would consider military action.

Relations between the United States and North Korea deteriorated in October, when U.S. officials said North Korea had admitted developing nuclear weapons in violation of a 1994 agreement. The United States then backed out of its part of the bargain, canceling fuel oil shipments.

U.N. nuclear chief Mohamed ElBaradei

on Sunday cautioned North Korea about indulging in "nuclear blackmail."

ElBaradei acknowledged North Korean humanitarian and security needs but said those issues "should be resolved quite independently."

"The lesson would be very dangerous if it shows that nuclear blackmail pays," ElBaradei told The Associated Press. "That, I think, is a very dangerous precedent."

Also Sunday, about 3,000 people attended a pro-U.S. rally in South Korea's second-largest city, Busan. The demonstrators, mostly Christians, burned a picture of North Korean leader Kim Jong Il,

waved American flags and prayed for an end to North Korea's nuclear ambitions.

"North Korea must stop nuclear development," said a statement by the National Council of Churches in Korea, which organized the rally.

But there is little sign of an end to the standoff after the North suggested it reactivated nuclear facilities that U.S. officials say could produce weapons within months.

North Korea accuses the United States of inciting the current nuclear tension as a pretext to invade the communist country, and has warned of a "total war" that could devastate both Koreas.

### WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

#### Papal envoy seeks Iraq's cooperation:

Pope John Paul II will send an envoy to Iraq to appeal for peace and to encourage Iraqi authorities to cooperate with the United Nations. Their mission is to "show to all the plea of the Holy Father in favor of peace and to help the Iraqi authorities make a serious reflection on the need for effective international cooperation, based on justice and international rights," spokesman Joaquin Navarro-Valls said. Meetings with top Iraqi officials, including possibly Saddam Hussein, were expected.

#### German-French Iraq plans spark anger:

Germany said Sunday it would join with France in presenting to the U.N. Security Council an initiative to disarm Iraq without war, a proposal that has heightened resentment by the United States. U.S. officials bluntly dismissed the French-German proposals as ineffective and a ploy to delay military action opposed by Berlin and Paris.

### NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

#### Lawmakers push missile-defense funds:

Two New York congressmen on Sunday outlined proposed legislation for the federal government to spend as much as \$15 billion to install missile defense systems on all commercial airliners. The electronic equipment proposed by Democrats Sen. Charles Schumer and Rep. Steve Israel could be turned on in case of attack to jam the guidance systems of portable, shoulder-fired anti-aircraft missiles. An unsuccessful attack on an Israeli airliner last year in Kenya raised concerns about the weapons.

#### Lawyer group considers enemy rights:

The American Bar Association is set to condemn the government's refusal to give legal rights to American enemy combatants, part of the Bush administration's terrorism fighting strategy. The ABA also is expected to press for more openness about government surveillance in the U.S.

#### Colo. may OK pet companionship law:

Several Colorado lawmakers are supporting legislation to elevate the status of cats and dogs from property to companions. The measure would allow people in Colorado to sue veterinarians and animal abusers and seek damages for "loss of companionship," up to \$100,000. Current law classifies them as property, and pet owners can seek only "fair market value" in a lawsuit.

#### End near for Galileo after 14-yr. orbit:

As NASA temporarily grounds its shuttle fleet following the Columbia disaster, an unmanned spacecraft that has been exploring the solar system for 14 years is nearing the end of its mission — and still revealing the secrets of a planet hundreds of millions of miles from Earth. Like many extended journeys, Galileo's will end soon with countless miles traveled, its fair share of breakdowns and album after album stuffed with snapshots.



# Students learn about disabilities

By AMANDA MISNIK  
News Writer

Saint Mary's Student Diversity Board wanted to educate the student body about how difficult it would be being disabled, but its focus was not only on physical disabilities but "invisible disabilities".

Two representatives from the Counseling and Career Development Center participated in "The Invisible Disability" discussions. Psychologist and director of the Counseling and Career Development Center Mary DePauw gave the presentation "Depression: An Invisible Disability." Counselor and Academic Success Program specialist Gina Christiana presented "Anxiety Disorders: An Invisible Disability."

DePauw spoke about the symptoms of depression and mania, how to recognize these medical disorders and treatment.

"People can't see it, and people can't recognize it for what it is," said DePauw. "[Depression] is an illness of the whole body, not just the mind."

The presentation began with a video that discussed symptoms of depression. DePauw explained that professional help should be obtained if at least five symptoms are experienced for two weeks or longer. Signs of depression include: sad or anxious moods, feelings of guilt or worthlessness, loss of interest in things once enjoyed, insomnia or over-sleeping, weight loss or weight gain and difficulty concentrating or making decisions.

According to DePauw, many people don't seek treatment

because they don't realize they are depressed or they blame the depression on personal weakness, believing that it is just life's problems. DePauw explained the difference between "a case of the blues" and depression. "You must sit down and talk it through with someone. When did it start? What are the patterns?"

"See where you learned negative messages ... enjoy the higher highs. Keep things in perspective," said DePauw.

She explained that a way of identifying depression is asking someone else, "Do you know what's wrong with you?" and "Do you feel like yourself?" If the answers are "I don't know" and "No, I don't," professional help should be sought.

According to DePauw when helping someone who is depressed you should be honest and show that you care. Know when your friend needs his or her own space, and always be supportive. "Let's be committed to support one another."

Depression affects approximately 18.8 million U.S. adults. Ten percent is adults, and 12.4 million are women, while 6.4 million are men. One in five people suffer from depression at some point in their lives, serious enough for medication.

Symptoms of mania consist of inappropriate irritability, severe insomnia, grandiose ideas, increased talking,

noticeably increased energy and disconnected or racing thoughts. Experiences of mania have mixed features, where some symptoms may be categorized under mania while others appear to be of depression. Physical examination and diagnostic evaluation will help treat this disorder.

"Know where you're going, and know what you want. Take time to invest in yourself," DePauw said.

On Feb. 7 Gina Christiana, Counselor and Academic Success Program Specialist, presented "Anxiety Disorders: An Invisible Disability."

"[Anxiety] is the No. 1 health issue of women in America, and is No. 2 for men," Christiana said. "It interferes with normal, everyday functioning of life ... it affects your whole being."

Several types of anxiety disorders exist. Panic attacks, obsessive-compulsive disorders, post-traumatic stress disorder, and generalized anxiety disorders are some of the most common mental illnesses in America. Forty million people in the United States are affected by these weakening disorders.

"There are treatments for everything," said Christiana. "[These disorders] basically take control of your life, [but] there is always light at the end of the tunnel."

The Student Diversity Board sponsored these events.

*"People can't see it, and people can't recognize it for what it is."*

Mary DePauw  
psychologist

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# Business Department organizes trip to NYC

By MELANIE BECKER  
News Writer

The Business and Economics department (BUEC) at Saint Mary's is now accepting applications for their third biannual trip to New York City from May 10 to 17.

Every other year the business department sponsors a one-credit course that focuses on business in New York City.

The New York program was created by the Business and Economics Department in 1997 in order to expose students to a range of career opportunities and give them connections to alumnae in powerful positions.

This year's coordinator is Mike Sanders, director of student programs to the BUEC department and cosponsoring the program is Jill Vihtelic, chair of the BUEC department. The two will accompany the students to New York.

The itinerary includes visiting approximately 10 corporations and many Saint Mary's graduates. This year's itinerary includes meeting Marguerite Schropp-Lucarelli, a 1993 graduate who now works for CNN Sports Illustrated, LeslieAnn Wade, 1985 graduate who now works at CBS Sports and Beverly O'Grady, 1963 graduate and president of the Wilkinson O'Grady Global Asset Management firm.

The group will visit the New York Stock Exchange, the Federal Reserve and will also

take time to see some of the Big Apple's other tourism sites. Sanders and Vihtelic would like to complete their tourist experience by standing outside of "The Today Show" for a morning.

"The New York program is a wonderful way for Saint Mary's students to connect with alums and other professionals in the real world. By visiting companies like MetLife, Sports Illustrated and Macy's Department Store, we were exposed to many different careers in accounting, marketing, finance and retail," said Sarah Blundy, a senior and May 2001 participant.

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Sarah Blundy  
senior

The cost of the program for this year's trip is \$1,195 plus

the cost for one credit of summer school through the college, which has yet to be determined. Roundtrip airfare, all transportation, hotel expenses for seven nights at the Lyden Gardens and at least seven meals are included in the price of the program.

The program is limited to 20 students and is targeted towards sophomores and juniors, but freshmen and seniors are invited to apply. Notre Dame and Holy Cross students also are allowed to apply, but Saint Mary's students will be given first priority. For further information, contact Sanders at 284-4499.

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## Market Watch February 7

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<b>NASDAQ</b>		
1,282.47	↓	-19.26
<b>S&amp;P 500</b>		
829.69	↓	-8.46
<b>AMEX</b>		
811.83	↓	-4.86
<b>NYSE</b>		
4,713.66	↓	-43.64

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COMPANY	%CHANGE	\$GAIN	PRICE
NASDAQ-100 INDE (QQQ)	-1.65	-0.40	23.81
CISCO SYSTEMS (CSCO)	-2.96	-0.39	12.85
INTEL CORP (INTC)	-2.15	-0.33	15.05
SUN MICROSYSTEM (SUNW)	-5.25	-0.17	3.07
LUCENT TECH INC (LU)	+8.61	+0.13	1.64

## IN BRIEF

## British treasury chief considers Euro

Treasury chief Gordon Brown said Sunday he has not ruled out recommending that Britain join the single European currency, with his department on track to complete its review of the issue by June.

Brown told the British Broadcasting Corp. that government analysts were examining the many ways in which adopting the euro would affect Britain's economy.

Prime Minister Tony Blair's government has said it favors joining the euro in principle, but will assess by June whether five self-imposed economic tests have been met before putting a decision on membership to voters in a referendum.

## Bethlehem Steel board sells assets

Bethlehem Steel's board voted unanimously Saturday to sell its mills to International Steel Group, a deal that could bring the once-mighty industrial giant out of bankruptcy and create the nation's largest steelmaker.

Bethlehem has been reviewing a \$1.5 billion offer from Cleveland-based ISG since Jan. 6, and the companies reached an agreement in principle last week after chief executive Robert Miller said he and financial advisers agreed it was "the best value achievable."

## Venezuelans to exploit natural gas

Venezuela has signed contracts with two foreign oil corporations to exploit the country's largest natural gas reserves.

ChevronTexaco from the United States and Norway's Statoil were awarded the rights to develop two blocks in the Deltana Platform, off the northeastern Venezuelan coast.

Energy and Mines Minister Rafael Ramirez said the deal will open the door for Venezuela to enter natural gas markets in the United States, Europe, Argentina and Brazil.

Venezuela, which has the largest oil reserves in the Western Hemisphere, is trying to reduce its dependence on oil by developing natural gas.

## Report: Lay had faith in stock

## ◆ Published report sheds light on Enron collapse

Associated Press

NEW YORK

Former Enron Corp. chairman and chief Kenneth Lay had nearly absolute faith in the company's stock, even as it plunged, with many of his share sales made only to cover margin calls, according to a published report.

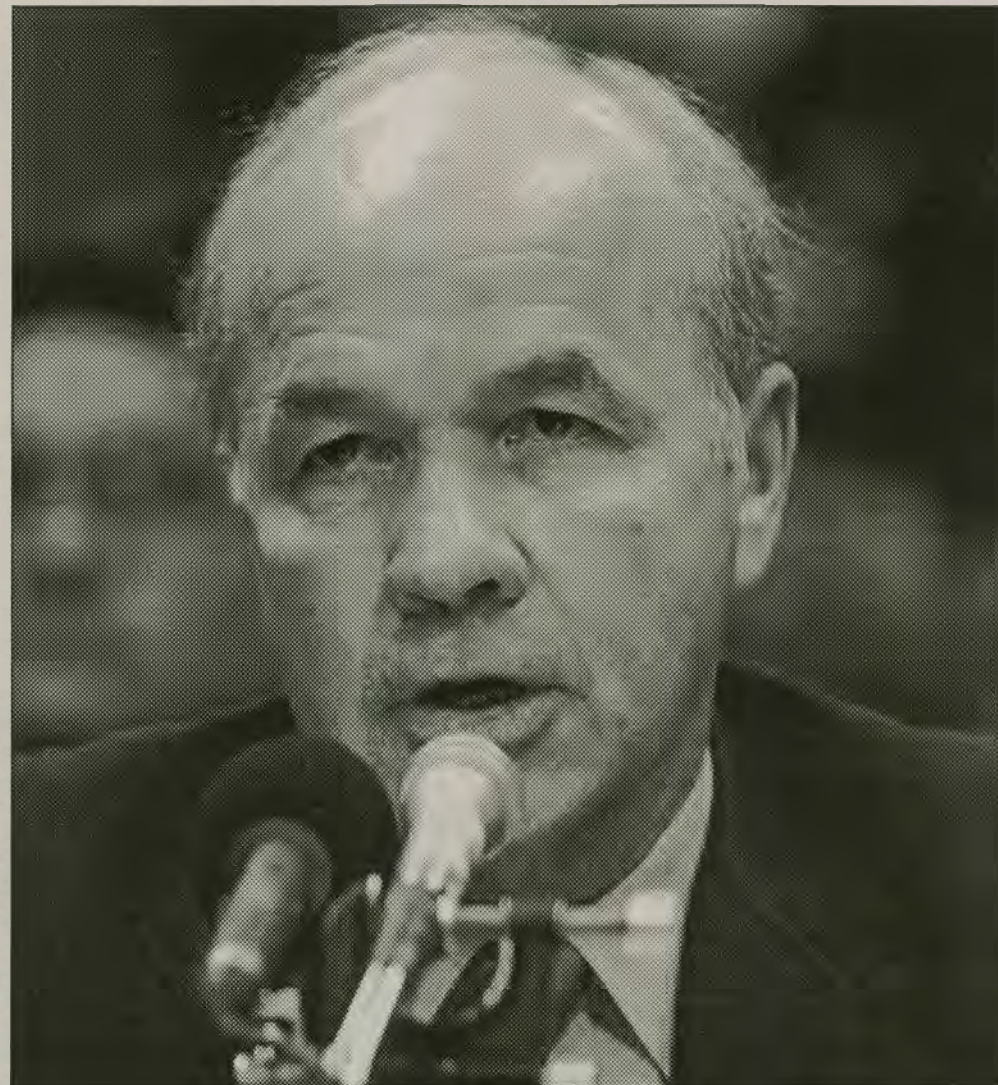
Lay's personal finances were structured similarly to those at Enron — a firm belief that the company's stock would never tumble. The New York Times reported Sunday after reviewing some of Lay's financial records, provided by people sympathetic to him.

The records appear to cast doubt on the widely held notion that Lay urged employees to buy Enron stock while he was secretly unloading his own shares in 2001, the newspaper said.

The records present evidence of reckless financial planning and hubris, potentially complicating prosecutors' efforts to build a criminal insider-trading case against Lay, the paper said. Prosecutors are nearing a decision on whether to charge Lay, the paper said.

Lay has maintained that his sales were only to cover calls on money he borrowed to fund stock buys and other investments, and not the result of his knowledge of Enron's deep flaws.

"There was no concern, no worries that Enron was going to collapse," one of Lay's former advisers told the newspaper. "Every step



Kenneth Lay, former Enron executive, testifies before a Senate Committee hearing in February 2002. AFP PHOTO

along the way, we felt like today is the bottom and tomorrow is going to be better."

Still, prosecutors might conclude that Lay structured his selling to hide his actions from the market or was aware of nonpublic information that should have led him to stop trading, the newspaper said.

As calls to pay his debt mounted, Lay sold nearly \$100 million of Enron stock in 2001, but the records show that he went to great lengths to hold onto the shares, the Times

said.

When falling share prices reduced his collateral — Enron stock — Lay sold other investments and persuaded a bank to accept an illiquid asset before he sold Enron shares.

In July 2001, Lay stopped his daily share sale begun a year earlier because he felt Enron's stock price was too low.

And in September 2001, Lay used a \$10 million incentive payment to pay down debt — relinquishing cash instead of selling Enron shares. That same

month, Lay began selling private equity investments that required additional cash, even though further sales of Enron shares would have provided that money.

Lay insisted that Enron shares be sold only to cover margin calls, advisers said. That left him with 1.2 million shares as Enron's stock price spiraled toward zero.

"He was always a bull on the stock, right up to the day that the company filed for bankruptcy," one adviser said.

## Cost-cutting lifted corporate earnings

Associated Press

NEW YORK

The jump in corporate earnings last quarter didn't come because there was a sudden surge in business. Much of it was fueled by cost-cutting across corporate America.

Profit growth far exceeded sales growth for many companies that recently reported their quarterly results. That means they successfully lowered expenses and were more productive with the resources they had, but still struggled to sell more goods, raise prices and find new customers.

At least many were making money, but it's tough to keep profits growing this way over time. Operating efficiencies don't help much in the long run if there isn't corporate expansion.

"In a bad economy, cutting costs is how companies achieve profits, but you still want to see your revenues

grow," said Marc Gerstein, director of research at the investment strategy firm Mulex.com.

Operating earnings, which excludes special gains and charges, jumped more than 16 percent this fourth quarter over last, compared with about a 6 percent gain in sales, according to a study by Prudential Securities of the more than 300 companies in the Standard & Poor's 500 stock index that have already reported earnings.

That stark difference exemplifies the weak economy's effect on business.

Since the dot-com collapse and the start of the economic decline almost three years ago, companies have been forced to slash staff, curb capital spending, close unprofitable facilities and sell or shutter underperforming divisions.

The result has been a surge in productivity that has helped boost profits. The output per hour of work

for all of 2002 grew by 4.7 percent, the strongest showing since 1950, the Labor Department said.

But while productivity has improved, companies haven't been able to grow their businesses. And that is really cutting into sales.

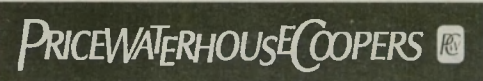
They can't raise prices because financially strapped customers will flock to cheaper alternatives. Those who are buying aren't going above and beyond what they absolutely need. And new clients are hard to come by.

But while cutbacks have helped lift recent profits, it will become more difficult for companies to rely solely on that to fuel earnings gains.

On Thursday, the government reported that the amount of output per hour of work at U.S. companies dipped in the final quarter of 2002. It was the biggest decline since the first quarter of 2001, when the economy was heading into a recession.



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# ABA may oppose U.S. on enemy combatants

Associated Press

SEATTLE

The nation's largest lawyers' group is set to condemn the government's refusal to give legal rights to American enemy combatants, part of the Bush administration's terrorism fighting strategy.

The American Bar Association also is expected to press for more openness about government surveillance in the United States.

The war on terror has been a prominent theme at the association's winter meeting in Seattle, a port city where signs of the heightened terror alert were evident with tighter security on the water, at the airport and the state border with Canada.

ABA leaders will vote as early as Monday on the proposal calling for lawyers to be provided to Americans and U.S. residents held as combatants to help them argue in court that their detentions are illegal.

The government will not release the names of those held as combatants, and only a cou-

ple of examples of detentions in America are widely known. The most high profile is Jose Padilla, accused of plotting to detonate a "dirty" bomb, which would use a conventional explosive to spread radioactive material.

Enemy combatants, a type of wartime prisoner, are held without charge or trial and are not allowed to see lawyers.

Miami lawyer Neal Sonnett said it is un-American to deny legal rights to Americans or anyone else in the country when they are apprehended.

"We cannot allow individual rights to be eroded as part of the war on terror," Sonnett said.

Supporting the government's policy is David Rivkin Jr., a lawyer from Washington, D.C., who said the administration has foiled crimes with information obtained from combatants. Giving them lawyers would ruin interrogations and threaten the public, Rivkin said.

"If we go in that direction it will disrupt our ability to stop attacks and a lot of people are going to die," Rivkin said Sunday during a debate with

Sonnett at an event jointly sponsored by the ABA and the more conservative Federalist Society.

The resolution was being revised to satisfy some critics, by spelling out that judges could impose restrictions on lawyer-combatant meetings so that national security is not compromised.

The 400,000-member lawyers' group also is weighing in on the increased surveillance power Congress gave the government after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks. An ABA resolution would ask lawmakers to amend the law and order more oversight of wiretapping and searches granted by the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court.

That panel of federal judges, who meet in secret, handles government requests to gather intelligence on suspected spies, terrorists or foreign agents in the United States. The court was created in 1978.

The administration has argued that the surveillance is important for its terrorism investigations.

The ABA would urge

Congress to require the court to give annual statistics of its work and clarify when it can allow surveillance.

Mark Agrast, a Washington, D.C., lawyer who heads the ABA committee that developed the proposal, said the court's activities are too secret, and the secrecy may conceal constitutional violations.

"You never know whether you've been under surveillance. That's a sobering power to give to anybody," Agrast said.

Scott Silliman, director of Duke University's Center on Law, Ethics and National Security, said he is not worried that the judges on the court are "going to be under the thumb of the attorney general."

He expects legal challenges to the government's monitoring in criminal cases that arise from information collected. "The courts need to speak before the ABA comes on too strong," he said.

Little was known about the secret court until last year, when it rejected a wiretap request by the Justice Department.

## Cult pursues claims

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS

It was a brutal and ultimately deadly confrontation that transfixed the nation for weeks in the spring of 1993: government agents facing off against a fanatic cult leader and his followers in Waco, Texas.

Nearly 10 years after the fire that ended the standoff and killed Branch Davidian leader David Koresh and scores of his disciples, survivors and their families are still pushing claims against the federal government.

On Monday, they're scheduled to make a last-ditch effort before the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals here, seeking to have the judge removed from their wrongful-death lawsuit and asking for a new trial.

In September 2000 in Waco, U.S. District Judge Walter Smith dismissed the lawsuit, backing the federal contention that agents had not used excessive force in their tear-gas assault on the cult compound. Smith found that the Davidians themselves set the fire that killed nearly 80 men, women and children.

Monday's appeal arguments are being made on behalf of the estates of 14 children who died in the fire, a 15-year-old girl who was badly burned and three parents whose children died in the blaze.

The Davidians, whose beliefs encompass fierce hostility against the government, say Smith's rulings in related cases, and comments on and off the bench, betray "deep-seated antagonism" and "preconceptions" against them. They say he expressed "negative characterizations" of them, including calling one Branch Davidian follower "crazy" and a murderer.

Government lawyers dismiss the bias claims.

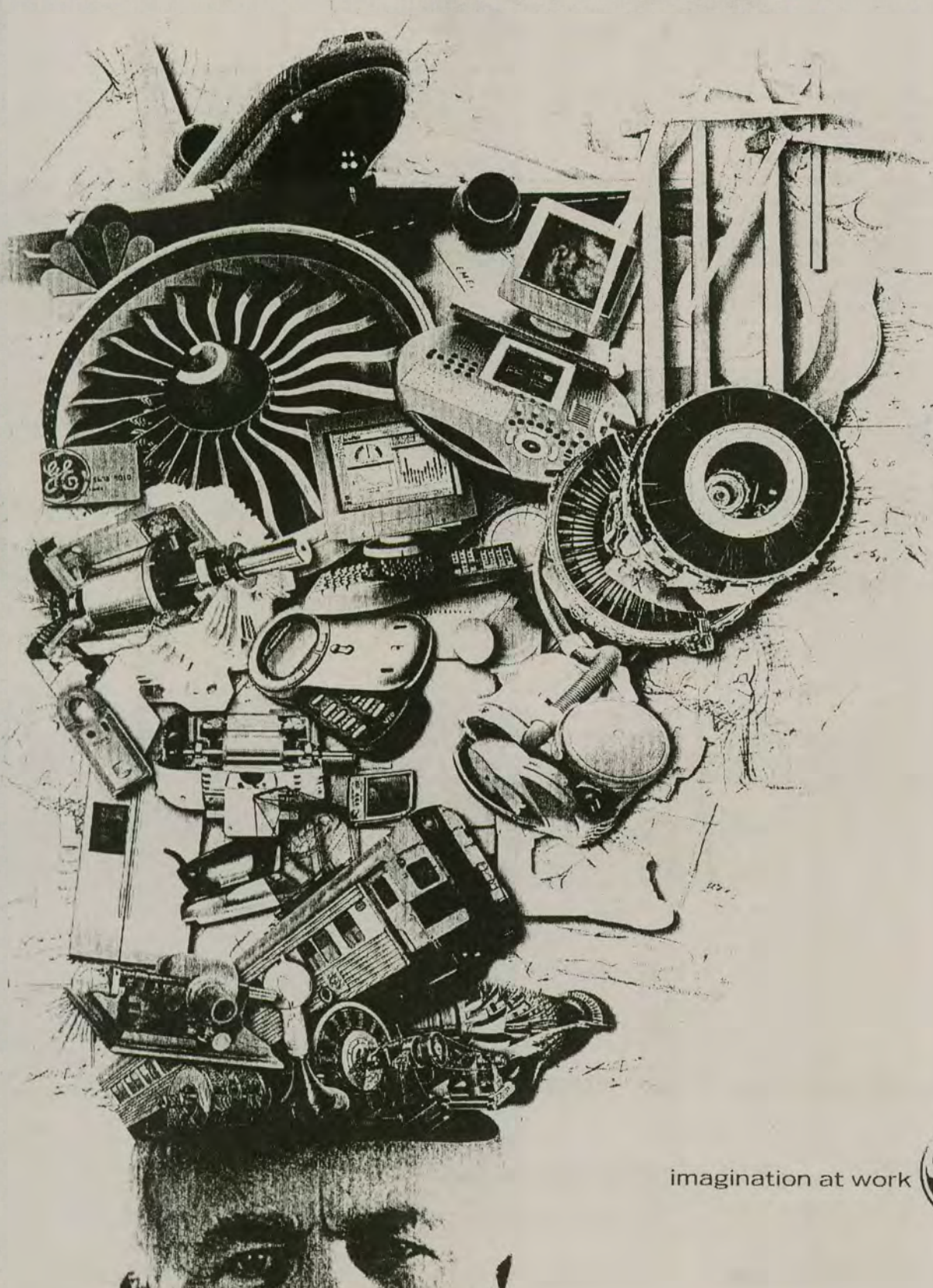
"To the contrary, Judge Smith displayed patience and diligence wading through enormously complicated legal and factual claims and gradually winnowing down the issues for trial," they say in their brief.

A lawyer for the Davidians, James Juranek, acknowledged that the odds are against him in court. Appeals such as his are "granted less often than they are denied," he said.

On Feb. 28, 1993, federal agents stormed the Branch Davidian compound looking for stockpiled automatic weapons and hand grenades. Four federal agents and three Davidians were killed in the clash.

For 51 days, the government attempted to get the cult followers to come out. On April 19, agents fired tear-gas rounds into the compound and fire consumed it.

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## Considering costs of human suffering

As the nation prepares for war with Iraq, the suffering of the war's likely victims, including untold numbers of non-combatants, weighs heavily on our minds. During the initial forum of "Peace and War 2003:

Debating the Issues," theologian Father Michael Baxter delivered a report on his recent visit to Iraq, where he celebrated Christmas with

members of the Christian community and interacted with other ordinary Iraqis. Baxter spoke movingly of a people who have been denied basic human needs, including adequate nutrition and health care, by the sanctions imposed on Iraq by the international community over the last decade. Antibiotics are absent or in short supply, for example, and the economic and social infrastructure of Iraq society has virtually collapsed.

Baxter came away from the experience, he said, with an rueful awareness that Iraqi Christians, who number approximately 1 million, are no more willing to oppose the brutal regime of Saddam Hussein than U.S. Christians are willing to launch a sustained and effective protest against the destructive and pernicious policies of their own government.

The consequences of such public opposition, of course, are far more severe in Iraq, where freedom of speech, assembly and religion are a distant dream and state torture and execution of dissidents are commonplace events. Respondents Dan Philpott, professor of political science, and sophomore Teresa Hansen made this point, albeit indirectly, in different ways.

Hansen, who is strongly opposed to war, spoke of her own participation in organized protests against the U.S. military build-up. One might add that such protests are protected by U.S. law and even encouraged by some public figures

as expressions of a thriving democracy.

Philpott underscored the paucity of effective options in responding to Saddam's ruthless repression of his own people and his designs on regional power. (During Saddam's rule perhaps 1 million Iraqis have been killed. Hundreds of thousands died in needless war, and others were simply murdered by the regime.) In an attempt to de-fang Saddam, the international community has tried diplomacy, sanctions, embargoes, positive inducement and even limited military strikes. None of this has worked.

Over the course of three panels thus far, no one has minimized the monstrous nature of Saddam or his regime. But some have questioned the motivations and intentions of the Bush administration.

Theologian Margaret Pfeil, invoking the John Howard Yoder's call for a just war theory "with teeth," expressed doubt that the U.S. government satisfies the "right intention" criterion for making war. If we are so concerned with liberating the Iraqi people, she asked, why did we wait decades to do so? The U.S. government showed little interest in the people of either Iraq or Iran, Pfeil noted, when it supported Iraq in the bitter and prolonged war of the 1980s. Nor was the senior President Bush particularly concerned with liberating the people of Iraq following the 1991 Gulf War. The current Bush administration, in its "realist" concerns with "regime change," whatever the cost in innocent lives, demonstrates that international law was indeed developed as a law for states rather than a law for the people.

Were the U.S. government truly concerned with the people who would become the victims of war, the following estimates would give pause. The United Nations, in a once-secret report (now available on the web) that draws upon data provided by the World Health Organization, estimates that 500,000 people would require medical treatment as a result of the military attacks upon Iraq. One hundred thousand citizens would be

wounded, and an additional 400,000 would fall ill after the bombing of water and sewage facilities and the disruption of food supplies. More than 2 million children under the age of five would require therapeutic feeding.

With such estimates in view, Vittorio Hosle raised the question of proportionality in considering the consequences of a pre-emptive strike against Iraq. What if the proposed war would end in the deaths of far more innocent Iraqis than would die otherwise (e.g., by a policy of containment, constant harassment and scrutiny of Saddam's regime)? How could we consider this a justifiable "humanitarian intervention"?

Christopher Rupar, a senior undergraduate in Air Force ROTC, argued that the U.S. military, far from being trigger-happy, shares a strong presumption against the use of force and seeks to limit the number of casualties on both sides. The military can play a constructive role in rebuilding war-torn societies, Rupar noted, in part by providing physical security and stability for post-war governments dedicated to democracy.

Pfeil nonetheless lamented the fact that Americans, and Christians in particular, have a long way to go in preparing themselves to pursue peace in the fullest sense of the term — the restoration of right relations with God and with one's neighbor. We are far from being converted to peace, far from exhausting every possible alternative to war.

Future panels will address the impact of a war on the Middle East and U.S. relations with Islam, the role of the media in framing perceptions of the crisis and the financial cost of the war.

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## Column wrong to disagree with funding

Theresa Fralish's Inside Column makes some generalizations and claims that fail to hold up upon closer reading. Fralish's main problem is that Saint Mary's is a Catholic institution and thus should not, and on some esoteric moral ground, cannot fund students to attend a conference of their choice. First, an institution of higher learning has an obligation to let their students learn, and this does not merely take place in theology class or church-sponsored catechism classes. Forming opinions, religious and otherwise, must be allowed and encouraged to occur on and off campus. Fralish makes the erroneous claim that Saint Mary's would not give funding to pro-life students to attend a D.C. rally, but instead sponsored the pro-choice trip. The fallacy of this statement is even acknowledged by the author. Those students who chose to travel to D.C. did not choose to ask the Center for Women's Intercultural Leadership for funding. These students are surely capable of making an application for funding and there appears to be nothing in the mission statement of the grant or the College that would dissal-

low a grant to these pro-life students.

The mission statement of the grant from the Lily Corporation speaks to allowing the women of Saint Mary's to experience "innovative thinking, reflection and action." The approval of a grant and the giving of monies, donated to the college by a private organization, does not make a statement regarding the morals of a student or their interests. Saint Mary's in its response and future actions will choose the path of education at a Catholic institution or to become intolerant and resemble institutions commonly referred to as Bible colleges, where morals are imposed and dissent is disallowed. The choice is clear: indoctrination should not be supported by Saint Mary's; inquisitive, educated students must be.

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## QUOTE OF THE DAY

*"America has tossed its cap over the wall of space."*

John F. Kennedy  
35th U.S. President



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## 40 miles closer to heaven

It took the space shuttle Columbia becoming a shooting star in the Texas sky to make space travel seem as extraordinary as it was so long ago.

The Soviet Union's launch of the bowl-ing-ball-on-a-tripod

called Sputnik shocked the world, but mostly because the U.S.S.R. had momentarily surpassed the U.S. technologically. But on May 25, 1961, when President John F. Kennedy boldly announced that America would send men to the moon and back, it was not solely for a Cold War advantage,

but for the advancement of all people. Despite his assassination and the deaths of the three Apollo 1 astronauts on Jan. 27, 1967, Kennedy's vision prevailed. When Neil Armstrong stepped on the moon, his first words didn't praise America, but all of humanity.

Sadly, since then space flight has made no further giant leaps for mankind. Beginning with the Apollo-Soyuz rendezvous in 1975 and continuing to the international space stations of today, the space program has mostly promoted diplomacy and peace. This is a fine goal, especially when compared to the superpower hostilities that spawned the space race, but not the exciting stuff of NASA's heyday.

Even the scientific missions, which Columbia's final voyage was, don't exactly thrill us. Among the studies the STS-107 crew undertook were for human physiology, fire suppression, global climatology and the German Space Agency's earth-shattering experiment involving "development of the gravity-sensing organs of fish in the

absence of gravity's effects." This is why we're spending billions of dollars to put human beings in a fragile pod attached to half a million gallons of rocket fuel? For fish?

Many publications have lamented the fact that Americans treat the shuttle program as so routine that it captures less of our imagination than television shows. However, the sad reality is that few people were consciously aware of the seven people who spent 16 days on Columbia because, quite frankly, their mission wasn't even as exciting as a Gene Roddenberry artificial creation. It had nothing to with which to capture our imaginations. The shuttles, which were given names like Enterprise, Challenger, Discovery and Endeavour, for the most part haven't lived up to them.

In the aftermath of the Columbia's explosive descent, the entire purpose of manned space flight is under scrutiny. If all we're doing is studying fish and fire suppression, it's been asked, why are we risking lives to do it? Shouldn't we just replace the shuttles with unmanned probes? And the blame may fall on an institution that's seen its ideals derailed and its budget slashed, yet still asked to perform miracles of modern science like putting people in orbit on a rocket and bringing them back in a glider (all with no real emergency contingencies), or deploying technological marvels like the Voyager satellites, the Hubble Telescope and the Mars Rover.

These criticisms lack both vision and imagination. Space flight represents the pinnacle of man's scientific achievements, quests to explore and fantasies to fulfill. It's like putting Marco Polo, Christopher Columbus, Marie Curie, Albert Einstein, Bill Gates and the Wright Brothers on a DC-9 (with nothing to consume but freeze-dried food and Tang) and strapping them to a Manhattan Project that launches them into Carl Sagan's and Isaac Asimov's

dreamscapes. Along the way, technological revolutions occur for the rest of us bound by gravity, from personal computers and the Internet to Teflon and Velcro.

Why do we go to space? Ask John F. Kennedy, who understood both the burdens and the rewards of the most awesome undertaking in human history. Ask the members of Apollo 11, who left a plaque on the moon that reads, "We came in peace for all mankind." We go to space for the same reason every brave soul who probes an uncertain new frontier, consequences be damned, has attempted their missions since the beginning of time: to see what's out there.

Now is precisely the wrong time to scrap manned space exploration. In addition to sending a horrible message to the future scientists of the world — that discovery isn't worth the risks — it nullifies the cause for which the brave crews of the Columbia, Challenger and Apollo 1 gave their lives (which, in an eerie coincidence, all happened during a six day span on the calendar). However uninspiring the Columbia's experiments might have been, the best way to honor its fallen heroes is to expand both the ideals and the missions of NASA.

After Apollo 17 left the moon in 1972, no human has ever traveled beyond low-earth orbit. After the massive commitment required to reach the moon, we were content to simply pack up and spend the next 30 years performing the cosmological equivalent of circling the block. There are no visionary dreams, no pushing the boundaries of human knowledge. In short, we need the courage to accept a Kennedy moonshot quest for the new millennium.

Something similar was proposed once, but although it sunk in a sea of bureaucratic red ink, it remains a feasible goal. On July 20, 1989, the 20th anniversary of the first moon landing, President George H.W. Bush laid out a three-step

project for an endeavor to Mars with an ultimate target year of 2019. Fourteen years later, on the 17th anniversary of the Challenger explosion, and four days before Columbia's breakup, President George W. Bush decided not to officially greenlight a new NASA project called "Prometheus," which will explore using nuclear power to fuel space travel, in his State of the Union Address (though he may still include funding for it in his 2004 budget). Bush instead included a \$1.2 billion proposal for hydrogen fuel-cell cars "so that the first car driven by a child born today could be powered by hydrogen." Children born in 2003 will reach their 16th birthdays in 2019.

With that synthesis in mind, it's time to combine these efforts. In 1961, John F. Kennedy issued a challenge to place not just an American flag, but a human being, on the moon in just over eight years. To reach Mars by 2019, we have twice the time and two new potential fuel sources to go with all the technological breakthroughs space exploration has brought us since. All we need now is the temerity we've lacked for three decades when, after taking that bold first step into the void, we retreated back to square one.

But if there's any legacy that Rick Husband, William McCool, Laurel Clark, Michael Anderson, David Brown, Kalpana Chawla and Ilan Ramon can leave us, it's that despite the risks, the voyage to the stars is still a noble enterprise and worth expanding upon to infinity.

*This column is dedicated to the seven members of STS-107, every NASA member who saw them through on their voyage into space and their families.*

*Godspeed to all of you. Mike Marchand's e-mail address is Marchand.3@alumni.nd.edu.*

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Mike Marchand

*Undistinguished  
Alumnus*

## Trip to Timbuktu allows for adventure rarely experienced stateside

I just returned from Mali the relative tourist Mecca of West Africa, Mali. Mali is most famous for Timbuktu, the mysterious city of gold that Europeans searched for and imagined about for decades and the murderous Niger River that prevented European penetration with mysterious tropical diseases and earned West Africa the fabled title of "The White Man's Graveyard." Anti-malarial drugs and the discovery of Timbuktu have since made travel in Mali less of a physical threat.

As a result of these developments, I convinced my brother to venture to Africa. Bush taxi problems and time did not allow us to go to Timbuktu, but we decided we got close enough to tell people we went there. Similar problems and inability to understand the river system eliminated a boat trip on the Niger. Instead we hiked for five days along cliffs and mud huts and took a boat trip on the Bani River.

All of these problems, accidents and lack of plans led to an adventure. We were in Mopti, a city on the confluence of the Niger and Bani Rivers, about to get a taxi home when some man came up to us. After brushing him off for a minute or so I asked him randomly if we could take a boat from there to Djenne. It started off as a game to see if it was even possible and, if it was, to hear the sales pitch he would give us. Our destination city was in the complete opposite

direction from where most tourists go and also, as I later learned, the wrong river.

Luckily this is one of the few instances that Africa is easier to get around in than other places. Tourist operators, being any local hustler on the street, make everything possible for a few dollars. So around 8 p.m. at night we met some random man, argued about which way the river flowed, wrote a "contract," gave him some money and said we would meet the next morning at 7. We went home that night uncertain whether it was some elaborate scheme to get some money.

Early the next morning we made our way back to the place we met the guy last night and realized neither of us can remember what the "guide" looks like; we hoped that he would remember us. Five minutes later he found us and we walked to our boat and met the two men responsible for our safety and security for the next two days.

The boat was about the size and space of three or four canoes put together. It was solid wood, with two long poles to propel us forward, a sail made out of old sewn together plastic rice bags and a mast that was already leaning slightly to the right.

We checked for water in the bottom of the boat, water to drink and enough food for the two days. With no real idea how far we were going, how we would get there or what was in between, we got into the boat and set off. Immediately one of the boat operators attempted to raise our rice bag sail. One of the strings that held the sail in place broke. The sail

fell into the river in a hopeless mass. Through McGyver-like ingenuity he repaired the sail with an old fishing net, and we were on our way again.

Moments like this continued for the next two days. All of our meals were cooked on the boat. Never before had I thought that an open fire on a wooden boat would be a good idea.

The entire boat was an example of an amazing recycling program of old rope, plastic and wood scraps. The endless hours on the boat allowed my brother and I to return to childhood imaginations, or perhaps African reality. In the pitch black we got stuck on a sand bar and became completely turned around. I was Tom Sawyer and he was Huck Finn. We passed villages where children cried or stared in amazement when they saw us.

Thirty-six hours later we arrived at our destination both relaxed and satisfied with the way the chaos and uncertainty went.

These are the types of days and adventures that I appreciate the chaos here that my life in the United States rarely allowed. Some days it is nice to not know how, where, what or even why. And also not to worry when the mast leans a little to the right.

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*Life in Africa*



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## The quotable Woody Allen

More than any other time in history, mankind faces a crossroads. One path leads to despair and utter hopelessness. The other, to total extinction. Let us pray we have the wisdom to choose correctly.

*It's not that I'm afraid to die, I just don't want to be there when it happens.*

Why are our days numbered and not, say, lettered?

What if everything is an illusion and nothing exists?

In that case, I definitely overpaid for my carpet.

*I am at two with nature.*

*I will not eat oysters. I want my food dead. Not sick. Not wounded. Dead.*

It seemed the world was divided into good and bad people. The good ones slept better... while the bad ones seemed to enjoy the waking hours much more.

*Interestingly, according to modern astronomers, space is finite. This is a very comforting thought, particularly for people who can never remember where they have left things.*

*I was once walking through the forest alone. A tree fell right in front of me — and I didn't hear it.*

What if nothing exists and we're all in somebody's dream?

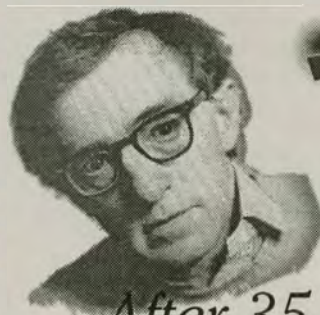
Or what's worse, what if only that fat guy in the third row exists?

*My one regret in life is that I am not someone else.*

*How can I believe in God when just last week I got my tongue caught in the roller of an electric typewriter?*

**Is sex dirty?  
Only when it's  
being done right.**

The difference between sex and death is that with death you can do it alone and no one is going to make fun of you.



That's

After 35 years of analysis, Woody

By C. SPENCER BEGGS  
Scene Writer

Woody Allen has been in the moviemaking business longer than most Hollywood directors and knows his Freud better than most analysts. Of course, it'd be hard to know where to start untangling the Gordian knot of neuroses of Hollywood's favorite schmuck.

Born Allen Stewart Konigsberg in 1935 to father Martin and mother Nettie in Brooklyn, N.Y., Allen changed his name to Woody during a brief stint at New York University when he began writing quips for famed New York Post gossip columnist Earl Wilson.

Disinterested in college, Allen dropped out of school (and by some accounts was suspended from) after only a year to begin writing for television. Allegedly he failed a class called "Motion Picture Production" during his time at NYU.

Allen became a writer for standup comedian David Alber. Two years later Alber brought Allen on board as a writer for Sid Caesar's legendary "Your Show of Shows." The young writer worked alongside other soon to be

famous names like Neil Simon and Mel Brooks.

Allen left television writing after five years to try his hand at his own material. He quickly made a name for himself as a standup comedian, often headlining at ultra-hip Manhattan nightspots like The Blue Angel. It was in his years in standup that Allen developed the neurotic Jewish New York sophisticate persona for which he has become known.

In 1964, Allen released a self-titled LP of his standup comedy that was nominated for a Grammy Award. His two follow-up albums were received with similar acclaim as well as a lawsuit for holding his ex-wife up to "scorn and ridicule."

But Allen felt that, like television writing, standup comedy limited

his creative options. Already dabbling in theatre and cinema, Allen wrote and starred in his first film "What's New, Pussycat?" in 1965, which was both a box office and critical success. A number of plays and short films followed including the James Bond spoof "Casino Royale." Allen was ready for his big break.

In 1969, Allen's first big-budget feature "Take the Money and Run" confirmed, or is it mitzvahed, Allen as one of Hollywood's most cutting edge and provocative directors.

Though a familiar Hollywood name, the New York native forewent the flare, fortune and fake breasts of California and moved into an apartment in Central Park East in 1970 where he established himself as one of New York's most prominent enthusiasts and cynics.

Biography aside, finding the real Woody Allen is a bit trickier to pin down than it seems. Allen, who has never shirked fame, insists that he is quite a different man than the ones he plays on the silver screen. But that seems a bit hard to digest. For example, take Allen's 1977 magnum opus "Annie Hall," which won the Academy Awards for Best Picture, Best Director, Best Writing (Screenplay Written Directly for Screen) and saw Diane Keaton take Best Actress in a Leading Role (Allen was nominated for Best Actor in a Leading Role, but lost to Richard Dreyfuss). Allen's character in "Annie Hall," Alvy Singer, is a sexually perverse standup comedian, an anxious Jewish New Yorker who's been in psychoanalysis for 15 years. Alvy is a neurotic mess of a man who can't seem to keep his love life together.

The real life Woody Allen is an apparently neurotic Jewish New Yorker, an award winning comedian, who has had a number of high profile marriages and high profile divorces including his 1992 split with longtime partner (though not wife) Mia Farrow that culminated in charges of sexual abuse of their adopted daughter and having an "unnaturally close" relationship with their son. To top it all off, Allen began a relationship with Farrow's adopted daughter Soon-Yi Previn, whom he eventually married and with whom he now has two chil-



AFI Photo

Woody Allen as Alvy and Diane Keaton as Annie in "Annie Hall." The movie was nominated for five Oscars of which it won four: Best Picture, Best Director, Best Screenplay (Screenplay Written Directly for Screen) and Best Actress in a leading role. Allen was nominated for Best Actor in a Leading Role, but lost to Richard Dreyfuss.



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Allen leaves his mark on cinema

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So, despite his insistence that he is actually a balanced, normal man, it's sometimes hard to separate the real Woody from his onscreen personae like the chronically depressed Singer in "Annie Hall" who sees the world as either vile or acutely vile.

"I feel that life is divided into the horrible and the miserable. That's the two categories. The horrible are like, I don't know, terminal cases, you know, and blind people—crippled. I don't know how they get through life. It's amazing to me. And the miserable is everyone else. That's all. So you should be thankful that you're miserable, because that's very lucky, to be miserable," Allen said in the movie.

*"I feel that life is divided into the horrible and the miserable. That's the two categories."*

Woody Allen  
writer

Allen has been one of Hollywood's most prolific filmmakers. He has written, directed, and starred in at least one film almost every year since 1969. Allen has been nominated for 15 Academy Awards; he has won three, two for Best Writing (Screenplay Written Directly for Screen) — one for "Annie Hall" in 1977 and another for "Hannah and Her Sisters" in 1986 — and best director for "Annie Hall."

Allen demands almost exclusive artistic control over his film. Often, the studios he works with are unsure of quite what they will receive until Allen turns over the footage. In fact, Allen has his cast members sign confidentiality agreements prior to shoots and only gives them the pages of the script that have their lines on them.

Allen's films tend to garner a mixed reaction from critics. Some feel that he's a bit formulaic in his writing; often casting himself as the angst-ridden schmuck they presume he really is against a hot-to-trot ingénue. It has been said that Allen's recent career appears to be a fall from grace from the innovative and edgy comedy of "Annie Hall" and "Hannah and Her Sisters."

But Woody is far from being washed up. His recent films, though not blockbuster-style successes like "Spiderman" and "Titanic" have enjoyed a positive reviews from audiences and critics alike. After all, Allen is one of the hardest working people in show business — producing at least a film a year for the past 35 years.

Movies haven't been Allen's only claim to fame. Woody began playing the clarinet at age 12 and has had a deep love for jazz music ever since. Allen almost always uses jazz in the soundtracks to his movies. Often, he sets his films in periods in which jazz was popular, such as his 2001 caper comedy "The Curse of the Jade Scorpion," which was set in 1940's New York big band jazz era.

In fact, Allen has his own jazz band (and a decent one according to a number of major reviewers in the scene). Allen headlined at Michael's Pub in New York for over 25 years before the jazz hotspot closed its doors in 1997. Now Woody plays with Eddie Davis & his New Orleans Jazz Band at the Carlyle

Hotel every Monday when he is not otherwise occupied with a film project. Allen has been so dedicated to his music that he does not attend the Academy Awards, which are always held on a Monday night; he did make a notable exception in 2002, when he appeared to plead the case for Hollywood to continue shooting movies in New York after the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

Though Allen often seems like a morose and hopeless neurotic, he quit therapy after almost 35 years. For a man whose writing obsesses over a Nietzschean recurrence of reliving his own shortcomings, Allen has matured not only as a writer and filmmaker, but as a person as well. Allen has survived 40

years of show business, 35 years of analysis, and hordes of nay-saying critics and continues to produce film after film.

Woody Allen has left, and continues to leave, his mark on cinema — not that he'd ever admit it. In his own words: "I don't want to achieve immortality through my work, I want to achieve it by not dying."

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## FILMOGRAPHY

A selection of Woody Allen films



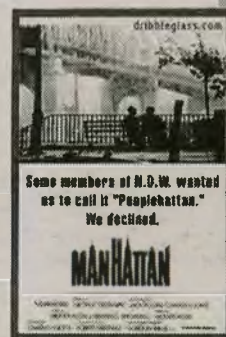
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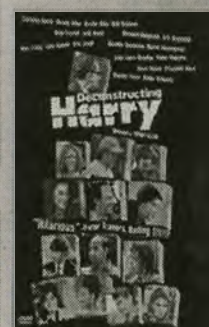
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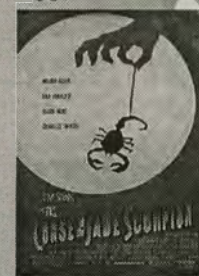
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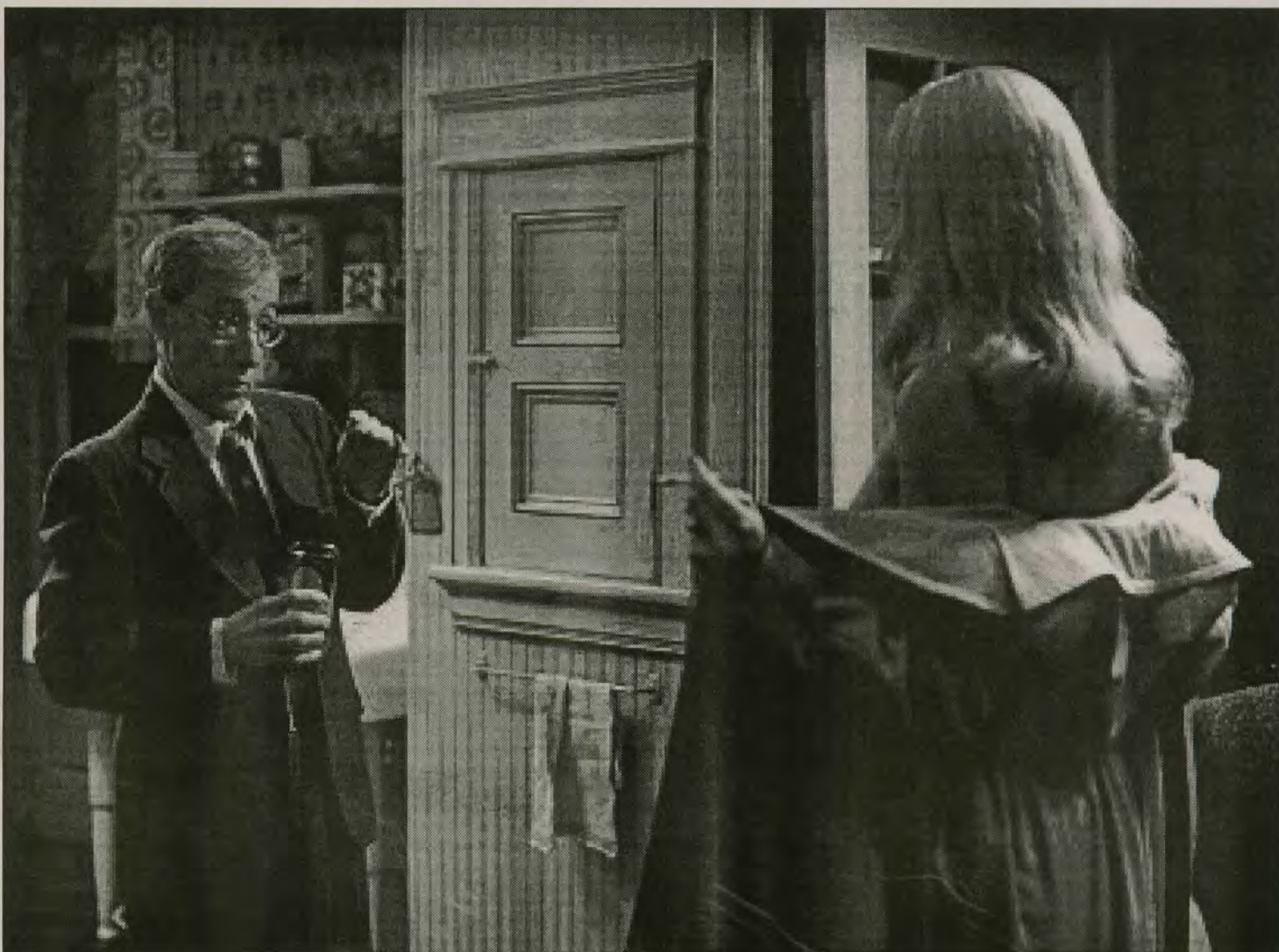
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With 65 years of life and 35 years in film behind him, Woody Allen continues to be a success at the box office. 2001's "The Curse of the Jade Scorpion" continued Allen's tradition of casting himself opposite the best and brightest stars like Helen Hunt and Dan Akroyd as well as the hottest like Charlize Theron.



## NHL

# Canadiens defeat Capitals to end losing streak

Associated Press

## WASHINGTON

Before Sunday, letting Mathieu Garon play in goal was about the only thing the Montreal Canadiens hadn't tried to end their four-game losing streak.

That streak disappeared after 25 saves from Garon in his first start of the season, Montreal's 2-0 victory over the Washington Capitals.

"I think it was really important for us to end that streak," Garon said. "I hadn't played for three weeks and I felt like I played last night. I felt really good."

"That was one of the best games that I have ever seen a goalie play," said Koivu, who scored the first goal late in the second period. "As a teammate, it's great to see a young guy coming up, being a backup, and getting two points for his team."

Washington, which had won three of its last four, tested Garon throughout in just his 17th NHL game. He was forced to turn away two short-range chances by Jaromir Jagr and Michael Nylander.

"They started their young goalie and we just weren't ready to play," Washington goalie Olaf Kolzig said. "He made some big saves for them. But I'd like to think that we've got a better hockey team in here than they do."

"It was a tough night for everybody," Jagr said. "I wish we would fight through it and score some goals. I had the feeling that we were going to get one, then we could get another one and maybe win the game. It didn't happen. We had some chances, but when we had it he would stop it."

In the second period, Garon made a save on Jagr that started a rush to the other end that set up Koivu's goal. Koivu took a pass from former Capital Richard Zednik and snapped a wrist shot over Kolzig's shoulder.

Jagr failed to earn a point for the first time in six games for Washington, which was shut out for the first time since a 2-0 loss to San Jose on Dec. 14, 2002.

## Stars 3, Kings 1

Mike Modano and Marty Turco made sure the Dallas Stars got a season-long six-game homestand off on the right foot.

Modano scored two goals, and Turco made 24 saves to stretch his unbeaten streak to 14 games

as the Stars beat the Los Angeles Kings 3-1 on Sunday night.

"You can look at a six-game homestand, but if you think things can take care of themselves, that's not how things work," said Stars coach Dave Tippett after his team stretched its franchise-best home start to 19-2-4-1. "We came out hard and got ourselves emotionally into the game. That set the tone for us."

Modano and Rob DiMaio scored in a 48-second span of the second period to give Dallas a 2-1 lead, then Turco took over with 10 saves in a third-period shutout. Turco is 10-0-4 over his last 14 games to tie the franchise mark of Don Beaupre, who won 14 straight for the Minnesota North Stars in the 1985-86 season.

"I got a couple of good passes, got some speed in the neutral zone," Modano said. "I think I caught them flatfooted. We knew we had to get that one to get everyone in the flow of the game."

Modano wrapped up the victory with 2:19 to play, working his way from the right boards to the front of the net for his 23rd goal.

"Every team we play against, at some point before the game the coaches tell the players that Modano can be dangerous," said Tippett. "Then when he scores, the players say, 'That's what the coaches were talking about.'"

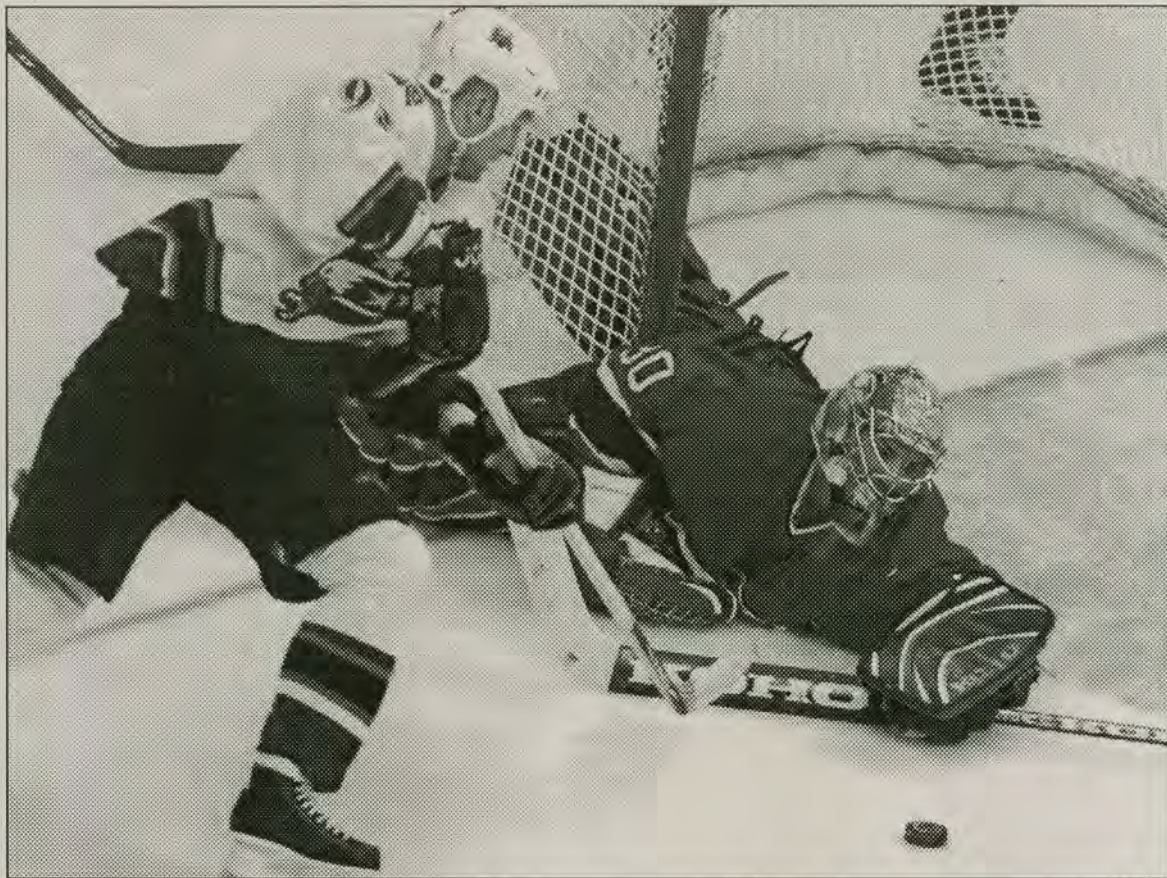
The Stars, 14-1-4 over their last 19 games to increase their league-best point total to 77, beat the Kings for the third straight time. Los Angeles won the first two meetings in the five-game season series that concluded Sunday night.

"We have a lot of guys out, but our team battles," Kings coach Andy Murray said. "Tonight, some mistakes hurt us. We can't feel sorry for ourselves, because the Dallas Stars aren't feeling sorry for us. That's what we have to deal with."

## Avalanche 4, Flames 2

Peter Forsberg scored three goals, Alex Tanguay and Greg de Vries each had two assists and the Colorado Avalanche beat the Calgary Flames 4-2 on Sunday night.

The Avalanche, extending their unbeaten streak to nine (7-0-2), moved ahead of Minnesota into second place in the Northwest Division. With 64 points, the surging Avs also have the fifth-best record in the



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Mathieu Garon has 25 saves in his first start of the season. He helped the Montreal Canadiens to break their four game losing streak with a 2-0 win over the Washington Capitals.

## Western Conference.

Backup goaltender David Aebischer had 38 saves for Colorado, while Calgary's Roman Turek had 21.

Forsberg, scoring on his first three shots, had the sixth hat trick of his career and second of the season. It also was Colorado's second hat trick in as many games: Milan Hejduk did it Saturday in a 5-3 win over Detroit.

After Tanguay won a faceoff in the Calgary end, Forsberg dug the puck off the boards and skated out to the blue line, where he spun and faked the Flames' Craig Berube. He then skated into the slot and fired the puck over Turek's left shoulder.

Jeff Shantz made it 3-0 when his shot from right of the goal deflected off Calgary defenseman Micki DuPont's skate and skid across the line just before Turek could swipe it away.

Iginla got his 20th goal at 8:43 of the third period. Conroy scored a power-play goal four minutes later on a rebound from right of the net.

## Mighty Ducks 2, Hurricanes 1

The Anaheim Mighty Ducks are in a groove that has them thinking about the postseason.

The Carolina Hurricanes are still going in circles, and the needle is stuck.

Paul Kariya scored his 20th goal and Jason Krog got his first career short-handed goal as the Ducks dealt Carolina its sixth straight loss, 2-1 Sunday night.

Jean-Sebastien Giguere made 28 saves for the Ducks, who have won five of their last six games and 10 of 14 after going 0-6-1 in their previous seven. They have a two-point edge over Chicago for the eighth and final Western Conference playoff spot.

"We have guys with more experience in our lineup, and that's giving us a little bit more of an edge," Giguere said. "We have so many guys now who know how to win, and it shows the young guys how."

"We've been playing a good team game, and the defense has been allowing one shot and taking the rebounds away. If you put all that together, you get the result you want."

Jeff O'Neill scored his 20th goal for the Hurricanes, who have gone from Stanley Cup finalists to bottom-feeder in less than a year. They are last in the Southeast Division with 14 losses in their last 15 games. They have dropped eight straight on

the road, getting outscored 37-14, and are only four points ahead of last-place Buffalo in the Eastern Conference.

"We kind of got a step behind, and we've been fighting it ever since. We know we can play better. ... We're extremely disappointed, obviously. We've got to find ways to win."

Sykora, playing in his 500th NHL game, has combined with Kariya and Adam Oates for 38 points and 14 goals in their last 14 games. Oates who needs three assists to tie Gordie Howe for sixth place on the career list.

"I saw the turnover as I was coming toward the puck, and I saw Sammy grab it," Krog said. "He looked at me, so I turned and headed up the ice, and he made a great pass on my stick."

"I wanted to make a deke on the goalie and the puck started rolling on me, so I tried to corral it and go five-hole with a quick shot. Luckily, the puck came right back on my stick."

Weekes, who sat out the third period of Friday's 8-2 loss at Los Angeles after giving up seven goals on 34 shots, won his first two games following his return from a concussion. He's lost 10 straight since.

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## MENS COLLEGE BASKETBALL

## Marquette defeats Wake Forest for 28th straight home win

Associated Press

MILWAUKEE Marquette needed Robert Jackson and Scott Merritt to be at their best.

The two post players certainly were, combining for 35 points, and Dwyane Wade had 18, including a memorable 1,000th point, as No. 15 Marquette beat No. 14 Wake Forest 68-61 on Sunday, the Golden Eagles' 28th consecutive home victory.

"I would say it was (their best game) because they had to guard really good (players)," Marquette coach Tom Crean said, referring to Jackson and Merritt.

Jackson had 19 points and 11 rebounds, and Merritt

added 16 points and nine rebounds as Marquette won its ninth straight game and ended Wake Forest's four-game winning streak.

Wade's milestone came on a breakaway dunk, his third of the game, that was part of an 8-0 run that gave Marquette (17-3) a 53-43 lead. Wake Forest (16-3) closed within four points twice over the final two minutes before the Golden Eagles wrapped it up from the free throw line.

Fans chanted "One more year," an obvious reference to the possibility of Wade jump-

ing to the NBA after completing his sophomore season.

*"They always chant 'One more year' but I've got two more years left."*

**Dwyane Wade**  
Marquette player

2003-04, Wade said, "No comment."

Josh Howard scored 14 of his 20 points in the second half and Taron Downey added 10 for the Demon Deacons, who average 81 points a game.

Wake Forest scored the first five points of the second half, all by Jamaal Levy, to take its only lead at 31-29. Marquette scored the next 11, starting with two field goals by Jackson and ending with Travis Diener's 3-pointer for a 40-31 lead.

Wake Forest answered with

a 7-0 run to close within two. Then, when it was 45-43, Merritt scored consecutive baskets and Wade's slam made it 51-43. The run was capped by two free throws by Merritt as Marquette built its biggest lead.

It proved to be enough to hold off the Deacons.

"Every time we made a run, they answered," Wake Forest coach Skip Prosser said.

The Golden Eagles led by as many as seven points and didn't trail the entire first half, which ended 29-26. Wake Forest stayed close despite foul problems on center Eric Williams, who had three called against him, two within 20 seconds. Williams played only 23 minutes, fouling out with 2:06 left after scoring four points. The Deacons lost despite out-

rebounding Marquette 48-35 as Levy grabbed 12 and Howard 10.

But Wake Forest shot only 33 percent (22-of-66), failing to take advantage of a 37 percent (21-for-57) effort by Marquette. The Deacons also had 17 turnovers to Marquette's 12.

"I thought both teams guarded hard and you could see that in the shooting percentages,"

Prosser said.

Crean said the game's festive atmosphere with an announced crowd of 17,370 had "a March feel to it."

"It was a hard-fought game and we knew it would be," he said. "It's the best team we've played this year. ... And that's what makes this win so special for us. It was a great win."

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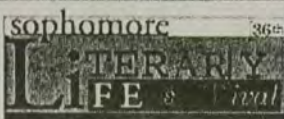
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## MLB

# Pitchers and catchers begin to report to spring training

Associated Press

Mike Piazza stepped off the plane and shuddered. Like a lot of places, New York was in a deep freeze.

"Man, my ears almost fell off," the Mets star said. "I'll be glad when we get going."

He's not the only one. Because with much of the country covered by snow and ice this winter, it just takes a few words to warm up baseball everywhere: It's time for pitchers and catchers to report to spring training.

The Seattle Mariners will be

the first team to open camp. They get going Sunday, and there's a reason for the quick start — Ichiro Suzuki, Freddy Garcia and the Mariners will play the major league opener real early, on March 25 in Tokyo against Oakland.

Within a week, every team will break out the bats, the balls and the big hopes. From Florida to Arizona, from Vero Beach to Scottsdale, optimism will mix with the sun and sand.

All over, teams are excited, particularly with so many top players having moved. Jim

Thome, Tom Glavine, Mike Hampton, Ivan Rodriguez and Jeff Kent switched sides, and the New York Yankees brought two newcomers to the big leagues — Japanese slugger Hideki Matsui and Cuban pitcher Jose Contreras.

Plus, camps will be full of fresh young faces, guys who sooner or later may become household names. Could the new star be 19-year-old Mets shortstop Jose Reyes, Cleveland first baseman Travis Hafner, or Phillies center fielder Marlon Byrd?

So why not be enthused, especially after what the Anaheim Angels accomplished last year?

Yet even the fabulous K-Rod, now about to receive a championship ring at 21, sounded like a seasoned veteran as the Angels prepared to open camp on Valentine's Day in Tempe, Ariz.

"Everything starts with zero," the reliever said. "The most difficult thing in baseball is to be consistent. You can have one good year but if the next is bad, you're defrauding everyone."

And remember how the spring started for the Angels last year? They got in an exhibition fight with San Diego, and Troy Glaus and Scott Spiezio were suspended. By October, Glaus was the World Series MVP, and Spiezio was a postseason star.

On the field, if there's ever a time to think big, it's now.

So maybe that's why Milwaukee ace Ben Sheets was looking ahead after a season in

which the Brewers lost 106 games.

"To be honest with you, I don't even think about last year. It all goes away — good year, bad year, doesn't matter. Just like a good game, bad game, you can't bring it with you," he said. "Clean slate."

The Rangers left Port Charlotte, Fla., where alligators used to sun themselves in ponds around the ballpark and former owner George W. Bush would stroll the grounds. The Royals exited their old Boardwalk and Baseball site in central Florida, which opened with a lot of fanfare in 1988 but quickly lost popularity.

This also will be the last time Philadelphia trains at Jack Russell Stadium in Clearwater, Fla. Nearly a half-century old, the ballpark is one of the coziest anywhere, with perfect touches — where else can fans find a warning track made of crushed seashells?

Meanwhile, a few familiar faces are still looking for jobs. Reggie Sanders and Kenny Lofton, who started for the Giants in Game 7 of the World Series, remain free agents, as do Rickey Henderson, Kenny Rogers, Chuck Finley and B.J. Surhoff. David Justice and Andy Benes, meanwhile, say they're done.

"Fourteen seasons is long enough," said Justice, whose teams made the playoffs in his last 11 years. "I have a diminished desire to play."

For everyone else, the exhibition games begin Feb. 27. That's when Baker and his Chicago Cubs will take on his old team, the Giants. The same day, Cincinnati will visit the Yankees in Tampa, Fla.

The Yankees already are gearing up for Matsui's arrival, and there's a plan to sell sushi at the concession stands at Legends Field.

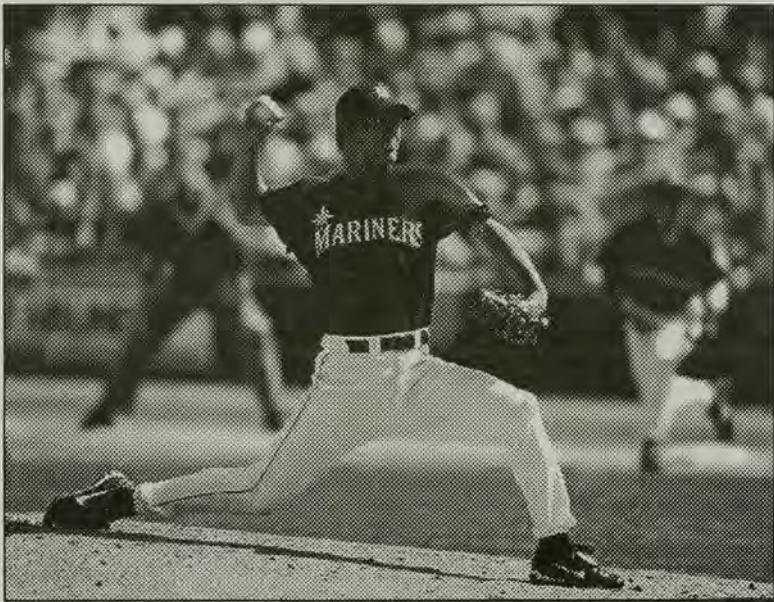
Derek Jeter, David Wells and manager Joe Torre also are prepared for owner George Steinbrenner's bluster. The Boss was not happy that his guys were whacked out of the playoffs by Anaheim in the opening round, and he let them hear it.

"We know what it's like to win, and we also know what it's like to lose. You don't want to lose anymore," Jeter said.

Besides, the Yankees don't need to look far for a reminder of the success Steinbrenner expects. Beyond the center-field fence at Legends Field, there's a message board that reads: Congratulations, Super Bowl Champion Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

The Bucs' home is Raymond James Stadium, right across the street from the Yankees' complex.

"I was happy for Tampa Bay. It's great. It's good that they won it," Wells said. "Now that spring training is here, and we're a Tampa product, hopefully it will be catching. The guys can catch on to what the Bucs did."



Kazuhiro Sasaki and the rest of the Mariners pitching and catching staff will be the first to report to spring training.

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team		team	
1 Connecticut (44)		1 Connecticut (40)	
2 Duke		2 Duke	
3 Tennessee		3 Tennessee	
4 LSU		4 LSU	
5 Kansas State		5 Kansas State	
6 Stanford		6 North Carolina	
7 Texas Tech		7 Stanford	
8 North Carolina		8 Texas Tech	
9 Louisiana Tech		9 Purdue	
10 Purdue		10 Louisiana Tech	
11 Texas		11 Mississippi St.	
12 Mississippi St.		12 Texas	
13 Penn State		13 Arkansas	
14 Arkansas		14 Penn State	
15 Minnesota		15 South Carolina	
16 South Carolina		16 Minnesota	
17 Georgia		17 Santa Barbara	
18 Vanderbilt		18 Georgia	
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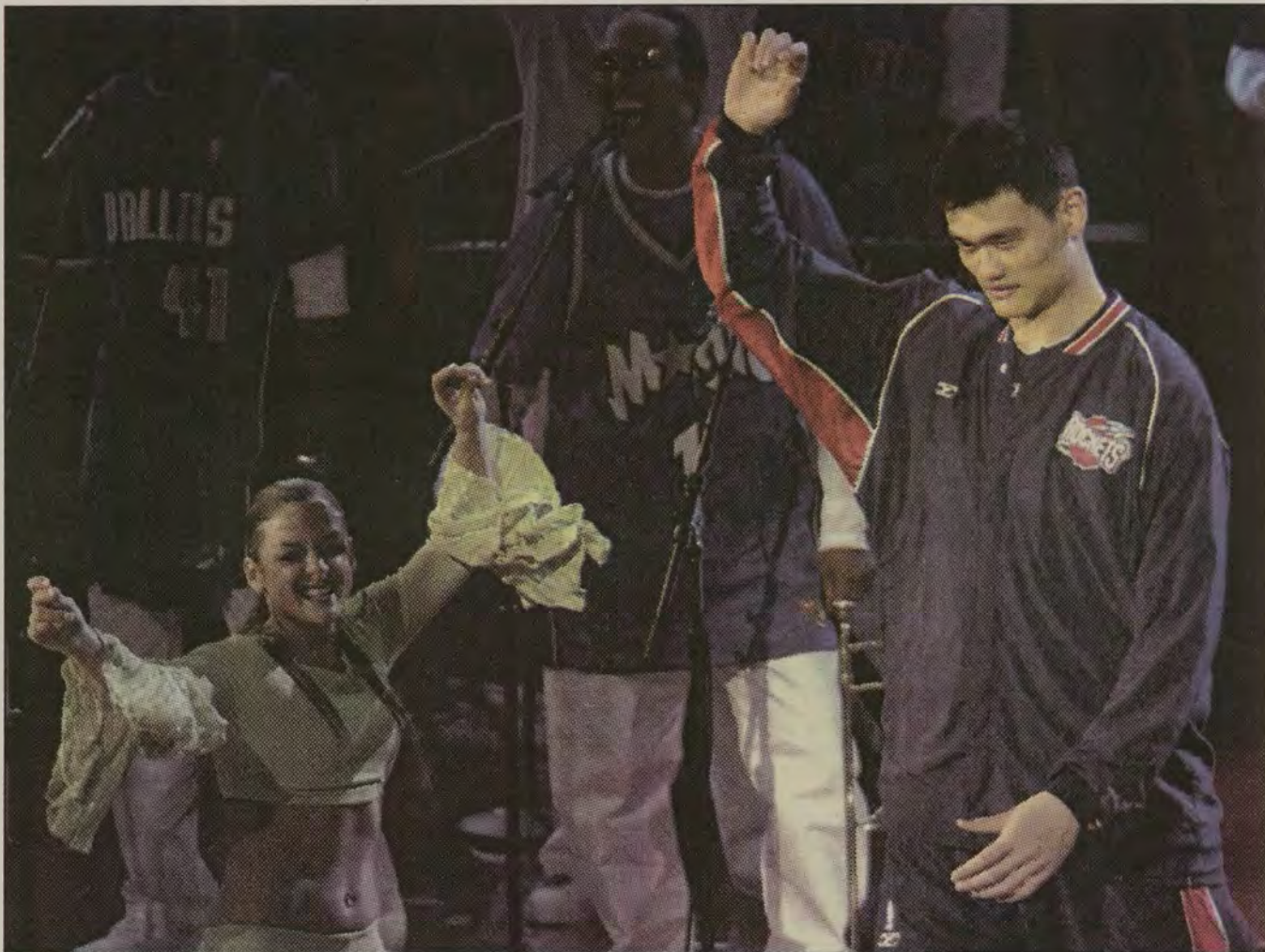
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AP		Coaches	
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2 Arizona		2 Arizona (8)	
3 Texas		3 Texas (5)	
4 Pittsburgh		4 Pittsburgh (1)	
5 Louisville		5 Oklahoma	
6 Kentucky		6 Louisville	
7 Oklahoma		7 Kentucky	
8 Maryland		8 Maryland	
9 Duke		9 Duke	
10 NOTRE DAME		10 NOTRE DAME	
11 Oklahoma State		11 Kansas	
12 Kansas		12 Oklahoma State	
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22 Alabama		22 Missouri	
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25 Stanford		25 Purdue	

## Mens College Basketball Big East Conference

West Division			
team	W	L	Pct.
Pittsburgh	16	2	.889
Syracuse	16	3	.842
NOTRE DAME	16	4	.818
Selon Hall	10	9	.526
West Virginia	12	8	.600
Georgetown	10	9	.526
Rutgers	10	10	.500

## NBA



Houston Rockets rookie center Yao Ming is introduced at the 52nd annual NBA All-Star game. Ming started for the victorious Western Conference, but only contributed a disappointing two points and two rebounds.

## Yao gives rookie performance in All-Star game

Associated Press

ATLANTA  
Yao Ming has seemed comfortable most of his rookie season, showing composure on and off the court.

His first All-Star game might have gotten to him, though.

Voted a starter for the Western Conference, Yao had only two points and two rebounds in 17 minutes, sitting out the fourth quarter and both overtimes.

Shaquille O'Neal, Tim Duncan and Kevin Garnett were the big men who got most of the play-

ing time down the stretch as the West beat the East 155-145 in double overtime.

Yao, picked No. 1 overall by the Houston Rockets in last year's draft, became the first rookie to start in the All-Star game since Grant Hill in 1995. His selection was helped by ballots printed in Mandarin for the first time; he outpolled O'Neal by nearly a quarter-million votes, even though Shaq averages nearly 27 points a game and Yao just 13.

But the 7-foot-6 Yao rarely looked to shoot when he had the ball,

making his only attempt. His lone basket was a dunk 65 seconds into the game after an alley-oop pass from Houston teammate Steve Francis.

His highlight of the night might have been winning the opening tip from Ben Wallace, finally stepping into the circle after fellow West starters Duncan and Kevin Garnett prodded him.

Yao did wear a pair of powder blue low-top shoes, a tribute to Michael Jordan's alma mater, North Carolina. The brightly colored shoes clashed with the red uniform of the West,

but Jordan was making his final All-Star appearance.

Yao's former teammates with the Shanghai Sharks were watching the telecast in China, where the game started at about 9 a.m. Monday morning. He joined Houston after the team reached an agreement with the Sharks and Chinese officials.

Yao was the 16th rookie in NBA history to start in the All-Star game, and the sixth center — joining O'Neal in 1993, Elvin Hayes in 1969, Walt Bellamy in 1962, Wilt Chamberlain in 1960 and Ray Felix in 1954.

## IN BRIEF

### Brodeur continues streak

Martin Brodeur made NHL history Sunday.

Brodeur stopped 19 shots for his league-leading 30th win of the season, leading the New Jersey Devils to a 3-2 victory over the Minnesota Wild. He now has won 30 games for the eighth straight year, a feat no other goaltender has accomplished.

Brodeur gave up two goals but also made some good stops. He made a sprawling glove save on Andrei Zyuzin midway through the second period to thwart a scoring chance, then kicked aside three shots in the frantic final 32 seconds to preserve the win.

The victory moved New Jersey within a point of the Ottawa Senators for the best record in the NHL. New Jersey is 13-2-1 in its last 16 games.

Minnesota had several good scoring chances in the second period, including a blast from the point by Filip Kuba, but Brodeur made a diving glove save to turn aside the attempt

with 4:09 remaining in the period.

Minnesota had three shots in the final 32 seconds, but Brodeur knocked them all down. The game ended with a physical altercation between White and Darby Hendrickson.

### Yellow Jackets remain undefeated at home

Jarrett Jack got a chance to chat with his favorite player — then went out and played like him.

The freshman point guard scored a career-high 20 points, banking in a crucial 3-pointer with 39 seconds remaining, and Georgia Tech beat No. 8 Maryland 90-84 on Sunday.

Jack was inspired by the presence of Stephon Marbury, in town for Sunday night's NBA All-Star game. The former Georgia Tech star sat a few rows behind the Yellow Jackets' bench.

"I talked to him before the game," Jack said. "He's my favorite player, and I modeled my game after him."

The defending national champions

will certainly tumble in the new rankings on Monday, losing again on the heels of an 86-78 defeat at home to Virginia.

Georgia Tech (12-8, 5-4) continued its Jekyll-and-Hyde season by improving to 11-0 at Alexander Memorial Coliseum. The Yellow Jackets have yet to win a road game, picking up their only other win at a neutral site.

B.J. Elder led Georgia Tech with 23 points, including two key baskets that stemmed Maryland runs in the second half.

"He's college basketball's biggest secret," Georgia Tech coach Paul Hewitt said of Elder.

Jack, whose previous high was 16 points, added a free throw with 25 seconds left and Anthony McHenry finished off the Terrapins with an emphatic slam, posing for the crowd with 11.3 seconds remaining.

The student body stormed the court after the horn sounded on Georgia Tech's most impressive victory of the season.

## around the dial

### COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Syracuse at Connecticut 7 p.m., ESPN  
Oklahoma at Texas 9 p.m., ESPN

### NHL HOCKEY

Sharks at Red Wings 8 p.m., ESPN2  
Blackhawks at Canucks 10 p.m., FSN



## MENS TENNIS

## Duke overpowers Notre Dame

By JOE LINDSLEY  
Sports Writer

The weekend started off well for the Irish mens tennis team, as it won its second match of the season Saturday at Purdue, but Duke put Notre Dame's fledgling win streak to an end as the Blue Devils dominated, 4-2, Sunday.

Notre Dame, which fell to 2-5 on the spring season, has struggled with securing the doubles point all season. The Irish rallied

after the Boilermakers swept the doubles portion of the match Saturday, but Notre Dame was not able to recover in singles after losing the doubles point against Duke Sunday.

No. 43 Notre Dame's close loss to No. 8 Duke was disappointing for an Irish team that began the season with the worst start in program history. Nevertheless, after playing the Blue Devils, the Irish believe they have what it takes to contend with a top-ranked team. Such a confidence will be crucial to the Irish in the upcoming weeks, during which they

will face some of the nation's very best squads.

"We're trying to look at it in a positive way," freshman Patrick Buchanan said. "We're obviously a young team right now. We're getting stronger from each of our matches and learning from our experiences."

Buchanan in part symbolizes the team's gradual

improvements. The Irish have a youthful roster, and inexperience has played in a role in their losing

start. Buchanan came into the week with a five-match losing streak, but Tuesday he clinched victory for the Irish against Wisconsin, and Saturday he contributed to the Irish win with his singles victory against Purdue. Sunday, the freshman defeated the Blue Devils' Ryan Heinburg, 6-4, 6-1. Additionally, transfer Nicholas Lopez-Acevedo defeated York Allen, 6-3, 6-1.

Sunday was not a great day for Irish veterans, but they had to deal with tough competition. Junior Matt Scott, ranked 119th, was

defeated by No. 77 Ludovic Walter, 6-3, 6-4. No. 72 Luis Haddock, a junior, was upset by the Blue Devils' Phillip King, 6-3, 6-1.

Jonathon Stokke prevailed over Irish senior Brian Farrell, 3-6, 6-3, 7-5.

The Irish were also lacking one of their best. Sophomore Brent D'Amico, who has gone 6-0 in singles play this spring, was injured during the doubles portion and could not play singles.

Saturday, playing at No. 46 Purdue, the Irish participated in another close match. Yet they were able to win, as they came from behind to triumph 4-3. The Boilermakers began the match by winning the doubles point and the first singles contest. Then the Irish won the next four singles events to secure the victory, their second of the season. Haddock, Scott, D'Amico, and Buchanan were the contributors to the Irish win.

Notre Dame will have some time off, to reassess its doubles lineup and to improve their confidence on the courts, before they head to East Lansing, Mich. Feb. 19 to take on Michigan State.

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## MENS SWIMMING

## Swimmers look to Big East Tourney after loss

By LISA REIJULA  
Sports Writer

In one of the fastest and competitive meets of the season, the Notre Dame men's swimming and diving team was edged by Oakland University, 151-149 on Saturday. The Irish finished the dual meet season with a record of 6-8.

"Obviously it stinks to lose, but it was a test to see where we were," said junior Matt Obringer. "We're partially resting for the Big East meet and we had some season-best times."

Notre Dame had the momentum to start, as the 200-meter medley team of Doug Bauman, Jason Fitzpatrick, Frank Krakowski and Tim Randolph took first.

In the 1,000-meter race, Patrick Davis notched a victory, while teammate Matt Bertke was second.

Other event winners for the Irish included Bauman in the 100 backstroke (50.75) and Jason Fitzpatrick in the 100 breaststroke (57.63).

Oakland answered back with victories in the 200-meter freestyle, 200-meter butterfly and the 50-meter freestyle to end the first half of the meet.

The Irish divers gave their team the lead again, as Joe Miller, Andy Maggio and Tong Xie swept the top three places in the one-

meter event.

However, Oakland soon took control of the meet. The Grizzlies grabbed victories in the 100 freestyle, 200 backstroke, 200 breaststroke and 500 free to catch up to the Irish.

The Irish stayed even with wins by Krakowski in the 100-meter butterfly (50.08) and Maggio in the three-meter diving competition (313.80).

The turning point of the afternoon was the 400 IM, as the Grizzlies finished one-two-three and gained crucial points. The 16 point gain pushed the Irish into a corner going into the final event.

In the 400 freestyle relay, Oakland overtook the Irish on the last leg, winning the race and the meet. However, Notre Dame's team of Randolph, Krakowski, Fitzpatrick, and Matt Obringer posted their fastest time of the season (3:06.31).

The Irish are optimistic even after the close loss.

"Overall the results were pretty positive," said Obringer. "It was definitely a good sign of our progress and hopefully a sign of good things to come."

The Irish will compete next in the Big East Championship on Feb. 20-22 in Uniondale, N.Y.

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3:57.83.

In addition to his record time, four other runners broke the four-minute barrier and the top five runners recorded the five fastest miles in the world this year. The top five runners were separated by less than half a second. Watson, who did not make his move until the final lap, did not take the lead until the final 30 meters. Watson credited his competitors for pushing him throughout the race.

"The pacing was perfect," said Watson. "I know this track so well that I know when it's time to make every move and that was an advantage. I like to finish hard [and] I like to beat people in the last 100 or 200 meters. That's always been a strength of mine, and I exploited that today."

"Watson has been just a terrific performer in cross country, indoor, and outdoor," said Irish coach Joe Piante. "He's a many time All-American and a real positive influence. He works extremely hard and everyone else follows his lead."

Two other Irish competitors also provisionally qualified for the NCAA Championships in the mile, as Eric Morrison finished at 4:01.90 and Kevin Somok finished at 4:03.82. They must wait for other results around the country to find out whether or not they will make the NCAA field.

"Somok and Morrison train with Luke every day," said Piante. "They know that if they can run with him they're going to run well and we saw that today."

In addition to Watson's record-breaking accomplishments, freshman Molly Huddle shattered the school record in the women's 3,000 meters. Huddle, who automatically qualified for the NAAs in the event along with teammate Lauren King, broke the old school record by more than fifteen seconds with her 9:14.33 time. She finished second in the race to Nike-sponsored professional Colette Liss, while King finished fifth with 9:19.52.



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**A Notre Dame runner paces himself in the middle of the pack during a race at the Meyo Invitational Saturday.**

Selim Nurudeen provisionally qualified for the NCAA Championship with his best 60-meter hurdle time of the season in 7.83. That time easily bettered the NCAA provisional qualifying mark and could put Nurudeen in the NCAA field.

Other strong Irish performances for the men included Vincent Ambrico who won the regular mile, and Chris Staron who finished third in the high jump.

For the women, Emily Loomis tied for first in the high jump, Kymia Love won the 400 meters, Jaime Volkmer tied for first in the pole vault, Tameisha King won the long jump, and the 4x440-yard relay team (Love, King, Tiffany Gunn, and Kristen Dodd) finished second with one of the fastest times in the nation.

"The sub-four minute mile and Chuck Aragon's record (3:59.9 in 1981) have been things I've been

chasing for two minutes now with a realistic chance of breaking. I needed all the conditions to come together on the right day, and that's something that really doesn't happen all that often. Today was just perfect. I felt great, the pace was perfect, the race was perfect, the competition was there, and all the elements fell into place."

"We had a wonderful day," said Piante, who credited both the facility and the packed crowd. "We had a couple of ladies [Huddle and King] qualify for the NCAA in the 3,000. Selim is ranked either eighth or ninth in the country [in the 60-meter hurdles] so that's marvelous. Luke's ranked number one in the country. What a day."

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But sometime during Watson's run for the records I realized something. Running really can be exciting. There are no timeouts, no breaks in the action. It is sport at its simplest, a race against the competition and a race against time.

Having five of the fastest runners in the world pitted against each other doesn't hurt either.

Watson was in fifth place during much of the race.

He was behind after a quarter mile.

At a half mile he remained in the lead pack.

After three quarters of a mile, he still trailed four other runners.

It was not until the final stretch, the final possible moment, that Watson made his move. "I like to finish hard, I like to beat people in the last 100 or 200 meters," he said after the race.

And beat them he did.

Watson's surge came just in time, as he took the lead within 30 meters of the finish line. To put that in perspective, the final 30 meters of a mile-long race is about the same margin that remained when Torin Francis gave the men's basketball team its final lead over Pittsburgh Sunday.

So it's easy to say that many races have close finishes. After all, some of the shorter track events are won by hundredths of seconds. Being close doesn't inherently guarantee greatness or excitement.

But Watson had one more thing going for him. Besides having a flair for the dramatic he also ran the fastest mile on the planet so far this year. The four men that he passed over the course of the last lap fared pretty well too. They finished with the second through fifth fastest miles in the world this year. Watson's time broke the old school record by two seconds, and he also became only the second Notre Dame runner to ever run a mile in under four minutes.

So next time you think about exciting moments in sports, think about that last second shot, the home run, and the touchdown. But don't forget about the fastest man on the planet this year.

His name is Luke Watson.

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# Declawed

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ter Torin Francis, whose bucket with just 0.6 seconds left to play put the Irish on top by two.

"Matt Carroll was saying how he'd never experienced that here, and we thought it shouldn't [be that way.] So we just came out here and we knew we wanted to win this game, and that we had to win this game, and in the end, it was a great feeling seeing our crowd run out there."

Pittsburgh guard Brandin Knight drained a three pointer — his only basket from the field all day — with 30 seconds left to knot the score at 64.

With the shot clock turned off, Irish point guard Chris Thomas let the game clock run down to close to five seconds before making his move on Knight. The sophomore drove left from a few feet outside the key and jumped near the free throw line for an apparent last second shot. But just before he came down, Thomas slipped a pass off to Francis in heavy traffic under the basket, and the freshman laid the ball in for the winning score.

"I saw [Thomas], and he was penetrating, so I cut to the basket, and he went up and saw me," Francis said about the sequence of the play. "I was right under the basket, and I got it. He threaded the needle, and I was right there to make a good catch. Then I just went up with it, just like that."

A list-ditch effort to get the ball in by the Panthers was stopped when Irish forward Jordan Cornette swatted the in-bounds pass out of the air near mid-court.

"I'm very proud of our team. We beat a very good basketball team today," Irish coach Mike Brey said after the victory, which

was Notre Dame's fourth over a top-10 opponent this season. "Everyone knows that Pittsburgh is very experienced and well-coached. They are a great defensive team, and I'm very proud of our guys because we never gave up."

After a lackluster first half in which they allowed the Panthers over 55 percent shooting, the Irish went into the locker room with an eight-point deficit.

"After the first half, we came in here down eight," Francis said. "We said to ourselves, that as a team, we just have to pick it up. It was embarrassing being down at our home court. They were having their own way all through the first half, but in the second half we went out there and little by little started making some stops."

The Panthers built their lead to 10 points early in the second period, but the Irish gradually worked their way back into the game, as the senior leader of the team — Carroll — began to take control.

With the Irish down nine points and just over 18 minutes to play, Francis missed the second of two free throws, but Irish center Tom Timmermans swatted the rebound out beyond the arc to Carroll, who was able to drain the three and narrow the Panther lead to six.

Just over a minute later, Notre Dame forward Dan Miller found Carroll on a break again from behind the arc, and the senior sank the shot to close the gap to

three points.

After a missed three-point attempt by Panther guard Julius Page, Carroll found Francis down on the block, and the freshman worked around Pittsburgh forward Ontario Lett for a layup to get the Irish within one.

"Coach Brey makes us understand that there is a lot of game to be played, especially when it is the first couple of minutes of the second half and anything can happen," said Carroll, who finished the day with 14 points and six assists. "We can put some points up quickly, and since we played good defense, especially in the second half, that was the turning point in the game."

The Irish would get no closer than one until just over 10 minutes remained, when Thomas intercepted a weak pass by Knight and drove to the basket for an easy layup to tie the game at 52.

Notre Dame guard Torrian Jones then

pressured the in-bounds pass and was able to tip the ball up to himself and move in for a shot when he was fouled. Jones sank one of his two free throws to give the Irish their first lead since 5:16 into the first half.

The play put the Irish on top and gave them the momentum heading into the last 10 minutes of play.

"We really feed and build off of [the crowd]," Jones said. "At that point, with a little momentum, I felt like I had a good time to make a play. ... That was a big turning

*"Everyone knows that Pittsburgh is very experienced and well-coached. They are a great defensive team, and I'm very proud of our guys because they never gave up."*

**Mike Brey**  
head coach



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**Irish center Tom Timmermans dunks during Notre Dame's 66-64 victory Sunday afternoon.**

point, because it showed that our defense was what was making us win the game. That's when we're at our best, when our defense is really playing well."

Pittsburgh reclaimed the lead on a pair of free throws from forward Chevon Troutman.

With the Irish down 56-55 and just 5:58 to play, Thomas dealt a deadly blow to the Panthers with a three-pointer from about five feet outside the arc, the first of his seven points in the last six minutes. The sophomore guard fin-

ished the day with 24 points and eight assists, and finished as the game's leading scorer.

"We challenged [Pittsburgh]," Brey said. "We got the ball and made better decisions, and I think we took a big step forward today."

The victory moved Notre Dame to 19-4 on the season and 7-2 in the Big East, while Pittsburgh fell to 16-3 and 6-2.

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**Notre Dame guard Chris Thomas drives on Pittsburgh guard Brandon Knight during Sunday's game. The Irish defeated the Panthers, 66-64.**

## Thomas

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opposing point guard.

A couple weeks ago, Thomas found himself in a similar situation at Boston College. He was facing Troy Bell, the clock was winding down, the game was on the line with two of the Big East's best guard's squaring off.

In Boston, Thomas waited until the clock ticked to less than five seconds, dribbled across the lane, and forced up an ugly shot that hit more of the floor than it did the rim, and the Irish needed overtime to escape from Conte Forum with a win.

So here smiled Thomas again, with the game on the line, the fans going nuts. He waited until the clock hit five seconds, took Knight across the floor laterally, elevated into the air, and ... passed?

That's not the Chris Thomas fans rip into for playing too out of control, for forcing up ugly shots at inopportune times, for playing more like a future NBA guard than a college point.

That's not the Chris Thomas who is merely shooting 36 percent from the field in Big East play.

That's not the Chris Thomas who, despite handling point guard duties, leads the Irish in shots attempted.

Coach Mike Brey loves to talk about how Thomas plays best when the lights are brightest. But when the spotlight shined brighter than it had before, Thomas passed.

Somehow Thomas had rifled a pass between a horde of Pittsburgh defenders to Torin Francis, who grabbed the pass, flipped it up off the backboard with his left hand and then exploded with jubilation as the ball floated through the net, giving the Irish a 66-64 lead. Sixth-tenths of a second remained, but the game was basically over.

In the 32 seconds between Knight's game-tying 3-pointer and Francis' game-winning 4-footer, Thomas grew up. A lot.

What was Thomas thinking when Knight started flapping his trap, when he said, "This is how it's supposed to be?"

"He must have been thinking individually," Thomas shrugged after the game. "I was thinking about the team."

Thomas called 2-Cross, which had Matt Carroll and Dan Miller coming off screens out to

the wings as decoys, simultaneously clearing out the middle of the floor for Thomas and giving Francis room to work around the bottom of the basket. In a perfect world, Thomas would first penetrate the paint and then look down low.

"When he looks at me with that confidence in his eyes," said Brey, who had a timeout left but let his sophomore call the play, "I'll second the motion."

A few seconds later — Brey told him to wait until seven seconds were left, but Thomas waited two more ticks just to be sure the Panthers couldn't get another shot off — Thomas came alive. He dribbled across the lane, elevated for a wild shot, saw two Pittsburgh defenders elevated with him, and noticed six other players on the court turned to look for a shot.

Francis was the only one whose eyes were on Thomas, not the ball. He slid across the lane and into Thomas' line of sight, grabbed a pass and flipped it home. "Catch and shoot, really," Francis said. "It was pretty simple."

The crowd exploded, but Francis didn't hear it — at first. He was too busy letting a primal scream escape from his throat and slapping high-fives with Thomas to hear the deafening roar inside the Joyce Center.

"It was one of the biggest shots I've made," he admitted.

Sure, six-tenths of a second remained, but Cornette knocked away the inbounds pass to end the game. Sure, officials said they had to review to see if there was any more time left on the clock, but the game was over. Two hundred-plus students on the court with the fate of the game in the balance tends to bring new meaning to the phrase "home-court advantage."

Thomas is still learning the nuances of playing point guard, of how to pass the ball to teammates, of how to balance his incredible athleticism with necessary prudence. He scored 24 points against Pittsburgh, but few will remember any of his baskets.

His last pass, on the other hand ...

"I told him he cheated because he was supposed to take the shot," a bewildered Knight said after the game. "I said, 'It was just me and you. And you cheated and passed.'"

Who said cheaters never prosper?

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# SPORTS

Monday, February 10, 2003

## MENS BASKETBALL

### It's the 'Pitts' for Panthers

#### ◆ Francis' late layup lifts Irish over No. 4 Panthers in 66-64 comeback win

By CHRIS FEDERICO  
Sports Writer

Notre Dame tri-captain Matt Carroll had recently lamented that he had never experienced the thrill of being mobbed by a crowd of crazed fans and students rushing the court of the Joyce Center in his four years with the Irish.

Sunday afternoon, that all changed as No. 10 Notre Dame pulled off a 66-64 upset of No. 4 Pittsburgh before a sellout crowd at the Joyce Center.

"We couldn't ask for anything better. The fans were unbelievable today," Carroll said after the last-second victory. "I had no idea. There were 20 people jumping on my back. I looked up and there was a big wave of green coming on me."

Just four days after being on the losing end of such a celebration after Notre Dame's 78-72 to Seton Hall, the Irish players saw Sunday's matchup with conference rival Pittsburgh as an opportunity to turn the tables.

"We had talked the other day about crowds rushing the courts, because at Seton Hall, their crowd rushed the court when they beat us," said freshman cen-

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Notre Dame forward Torin Francis celebrates scoring the game-winning layup in front of two Pittsburgh defenders Sunday. The Irish upset the fourth-ranked Panthers, 66-64.

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#### ◆ Thomas grows up with game-winning pass

Chris Thomas dribbled down the court, bouncing the ball in his left hand, pointing to his teammates with his right.

About five feet in front of him, crouched in his defensive stance, Pittsburgh's Brandin Knight started yapping at Thomas, goading him on, egging the sophomore to challenge him.

"This is how it's supposed to be," the senior barked at the sophomore.

Thomas just smiled. Clock winding down, game on the line, two of the Big East's best guards squaring off. "Those kinds of situations don't come along too often," he said.

Normally, Thomas thrives on the one-on-one matchups. In fact, he often thrives so much on them that the game and even the team get forgotten as Thomas wages his own personal war against the

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Andrew Soukup

Sports Columnist

## TRACK AND FIELD

### Watson: 3:57.83

#### ◆ Senior finishes first in Meyo Mile, claims world's fastest mile time this year

By ANDY TROEGER  
Sports Writer

An impressive performance earlier this month in Boston qualified Luke Watson for the NCAA Championship in the 3,000 meters, and created high expectations for Watson in the running of the Meyo Mile Saturday.

All those expectations were exceeded, as Watson came from behind on the last lap to finish first in the Meyo Mile in front of an energized crowd at the Loftus Sports Center. In the process, he broke the four-minute mile barrier and the school record in the mile, automatically qualified for the NCAA Championship, and ran the fastest mile in the world so far this year in

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#### ◆ Watson's last-second surge added excitement to a usually mundane event

When you think of an exciting moment in sports what usually comes to mind? A last second shot? A last minute touchdown, or maybe a bases loaded home run in the bottom of the ninth inning? A race perhaps?

Wait a minute, a race? Exciting?

So maybe most sports fans would not consider a race, such as Luke Watson's school record mile at the Meyo Invitational, to be high on the list of exciting moments. We might concede that it was a great accomplishment, but exciting? Probably not.

Andy Troeger

Sports Columnist



Irish runner Luke Watson circles the track at a recent meet. Watson broke the four-minute mile mark Saturday at the Meyo Invite.

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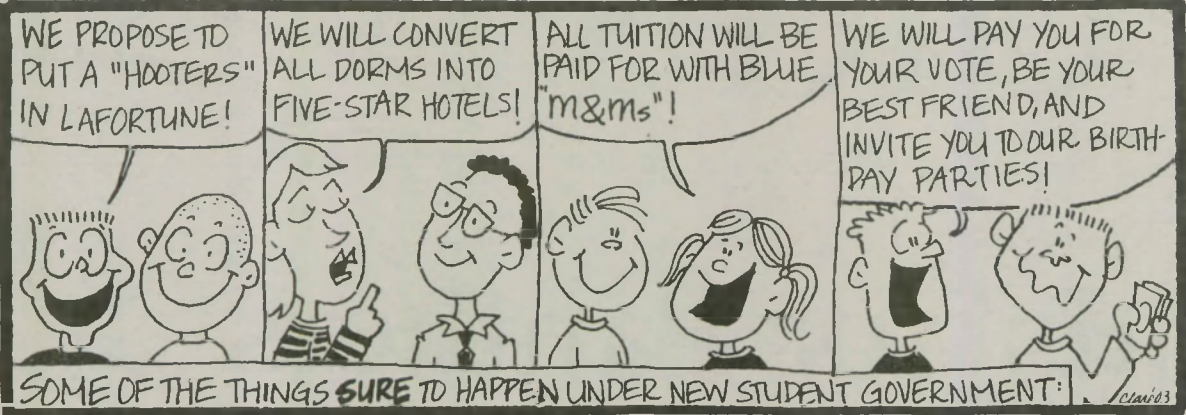
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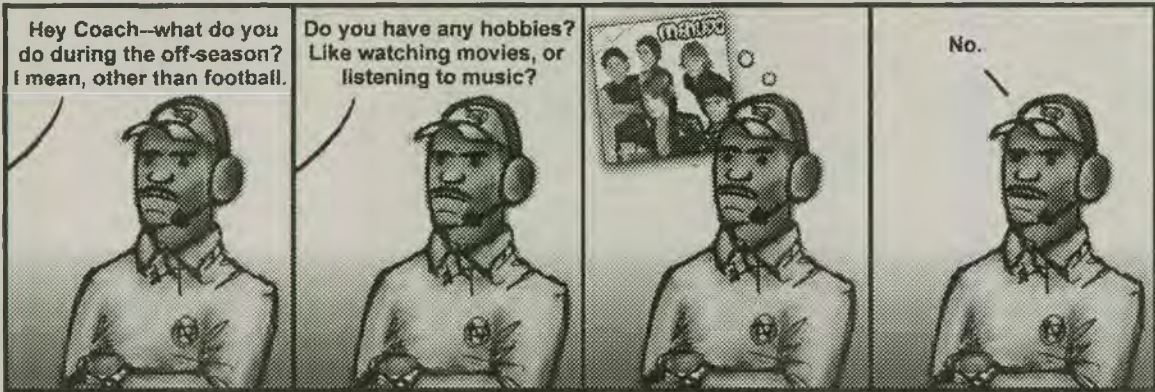
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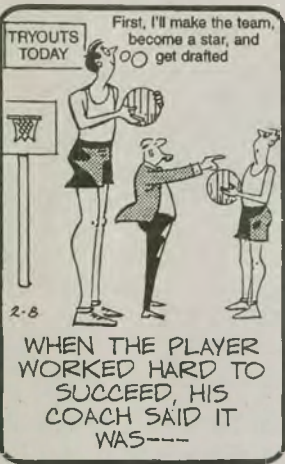
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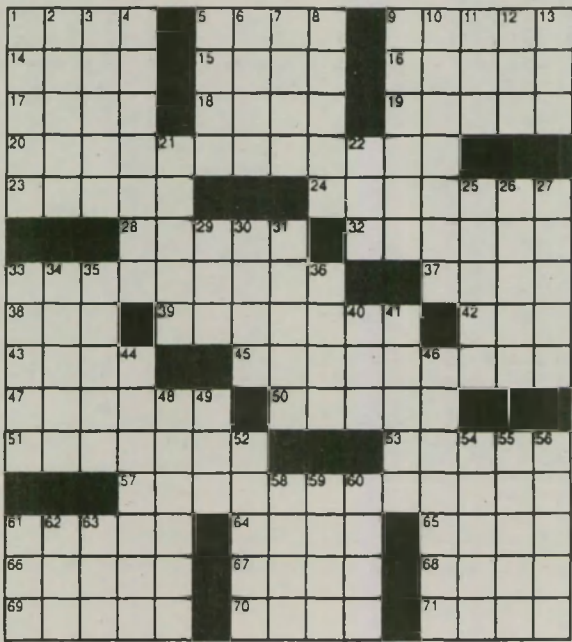
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## WOMENS BASKETBALL

# Hokies deal Irish a close road loss

By KATIE MCVOY  
Associate Sports Editor

It was too close to call until the last second ticked off the clock. Fourteen ties and 12 lead changes highlighted the back and forth game between Notre Dame and Virginia Tech Sunday that left the question who would come out on top.

With only 34 seconds remaining and the Irish guard Alicia Ratay made two free throws to tie the score at 50. But it wasn't quite enough to make the Irish winning streak any longer than two.

After a solid second-half performance against Georgetown Wednesday, the Irish (13-8, 5-5 in the Big East) found themselves back on the losing end of the court, as they fell 53-50 at Virginia Tech (15-5, 7-3 in the Big East) Sunday.

After the two Ratay baskets from the charity stripe, it looked like Notre Dame might have been able to piece together a three-game winning streak. But Hokies guard Carrie Mason converted a three-point play with 13 seconds left and the Irish couldn't respond, despite a final effort by forward Jacqueline Batteast to make a trey with just two ticks left on the clock.

Sunday's game was a battle to the finish line.

Neither the Irish nor the Hokies led by more than four points at any time. Spurts that put the Irish up by four fell short in carrying momentum through the rest of the game. And with only two players in double digits, Notre Dame could not sustain any significant scoring run.

Neither the Irish nor the Hokies could claim that it was their shooting that kept them in Sunday's contest.

Only two Irish players finished the game in double figures and, while Notre Dame shot a below-average 38.6 percent from the field, the Hokies shot a dismal 28.6 percent. Notre Dame did manage to dominate Virginia Tech inside, outscoring the Hokies 24-4 in the paint, but the Irish just couldn't get the job done.

The Hokies found their only offensive success on the foul line. Virginia Tech hit 22 of its 24 free throws, recording a new team-best 91.7 percent from the free-throw line in Big East play. Hokies junior forward Ieva Kublina was a perfect 11-for-11 from the charity stripe, on her way to leading the team with 21 points.

Mason and teammate Chrystal Starling also hit double figures for Virginia Tech, recording 11 and 16 points respectively.

After recording its first positive assist-to-turnover ratio in several games against Georgetown, the Irish fell back into mid-season woes with 21 turnovers and only 10 assists. Although they out-rebounded the Hokies by three, the Irish still struggled to shut off their opponent's ability to make second chance points.

Batteast led the Irish with 13 points while forward Katy Flecky added 11.

The loss marks the fifth Big East loss for the Irish and the seventh Big East victory for the Hokies. Sunday's game was an important one for both teams as the second half of the season gets under way and they vie for good position in the Big East tournament.

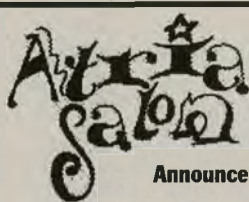
Notre Dame will have three days off before facing St. John's Wednesday at home.

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Alicia Ratay defends a Temple player earlier this season. She made two clutch free throws as time ran down before Virginia Tech went ahead to win 53-50.



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SMC BASKETBALL

Hornets sting Belles in blowout

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Saint Mary's (5-16, 1-9) didn't give themselves a chance on Saturday afternoon, as the Hornets of Kalamazoo (13-7, 7-3) jumped on the Belles early, building a 14-point halftime lead on the way to a 69-43 victory.

Maureen Bush, played extremely well for Saint Mary's, scoring eight points to go along with her game high 10 rebounds. Despite her efforts, Kalamazoo was just too much for the over-matched Saint Mary's, as they jumped out to a 32-18 halftime lead.

"We got off to a slow start and we just never got going to make up for the points," said Bush. "Every loss is disappointing, but we really did expect to play with them."

Despite only losing 60-53 to Kalamazoo earlier in the year, Saint Mary's is not getting down on themselves, however, even after their

Kalamazoo post players. However the Belles were once again without their leading scorer, forward Emily Creachbaum (13.3 points, 6.3 rebounds per game).

On a positive note, Katie Miller led the Belles with 10 points, on 4-for-8 shooting. However, she was the only Belle in double digits, as Saint Mary's struggled on the offensive end. Contributing to the Belles' offensive woes was the Kalamazoo defense, who capitalized on 25 Belle turnovers with 33 points.

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ninth straight loss. Kalamazoo's shooting did not keep Saturday's game within reach, as they shot 51 percent from the field as a team, and 54 percent beyond the three-point arc. Meanwhile, Saint Mary's only shot 33 percent from the field and 54 percent from the line.

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MENS LACROSSE

Irish show chemistry in exhibition game

By JUSTIN SCHUVER  
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In front of a rather large crowd at Mayo Field in the Loftus Center last Saturday, the Irish lacrosse team impressed with a 15-9 exhibition win over the Titan Tour Major Lacrosse League team.

Titan Tour was composed of several top world players, including former Irish All-Americans Todd Rassas, Jimmy Keenan and Tom Glatzel. The team also featured three members of the U.S. National Team.

One thing the MLL players didn't have was chemistry, as it was the first time they had played together, and it showed in the first two periods as the Irish leapt out to an impressive 12-3 lead at the half.

"What I was looking for was to see how we could play as a team," said head coach Kevin Corrigan. "I was extremely happy with our first team defense."

Junior Irish goalie Stewart Crosland was impressive with the start, turning away 13 of 16 shots from a team that claims the top two offensive players in the world. Senior Nick Antol replaced him in the fourth period.

In the first period, it looked as though the scrimmage would be a close match, as the teams knotted at a 2-2 tie early in the first period.

With a series of beautiful passes and impressive deflections, the Irish were able to

score 10 straight unanswered goals.

Impressive individual play allowed the Irish to score one of the 10 unanswered goals, as junior attacker Dan Berger stole a clearing pass from the Titan Tour goalie and shot it into the vacated goal to give Notre Dame a 10-2 lead.

The Notre Dame defense almost achieved a shutout in the second period, but Titan Tour was able to score with just six seconds remaining to spoil that chance.

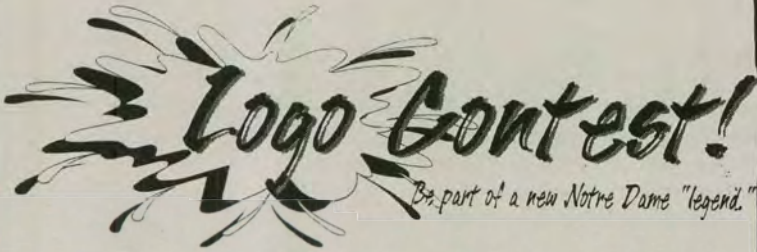
Each team scored once in the third, with midfielder Travis Wells collecting the loose ball and banging it past the Titan Tour goalie to answer a goal from the MLL players and make the score 13-4 going into the fourth.

In the fourth, Titan Tour started playing like the talented team they were, scoring five unanswered goals at one point and six total in the final period. The Irish only scored two more goals in the final 15 minutes.

"I think we may have lost a bit of our aggressiveness after the first half," Corrigan said. "But [Titan Tour] is a good team, and they had a lot of pride to keep that game from being a blowout."

The 17th-ranked Irish lacrosse team will begin the 2003 regular season on the road against No. 15 Penn State Feb. 23.

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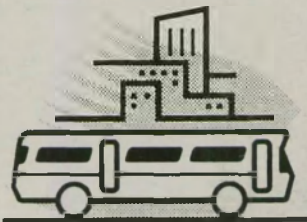
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