



Sharon's body found in river

◆ Autopsy on Sharon's body to be conducted today

By TERESA FRALISH
Assistant News Editor

Missing freshman Chad Sharon's body has been tentatively identified as the one found partially submerged in the St. Joseph River, police announced at a press conference Wednesday. Sharon's body was discovered floating underneath the Angela Bridge that runs over the river.

"There were some gentlemen from a concrete cutting company [working near the bridge] and they spotted the body in approximately two feet of water," said Commander Tim Corbett of the County Metro Homicide Police. The workers notified police about the body and it was pulled from the river by officials at about 3:30 p.m. Wednesday.

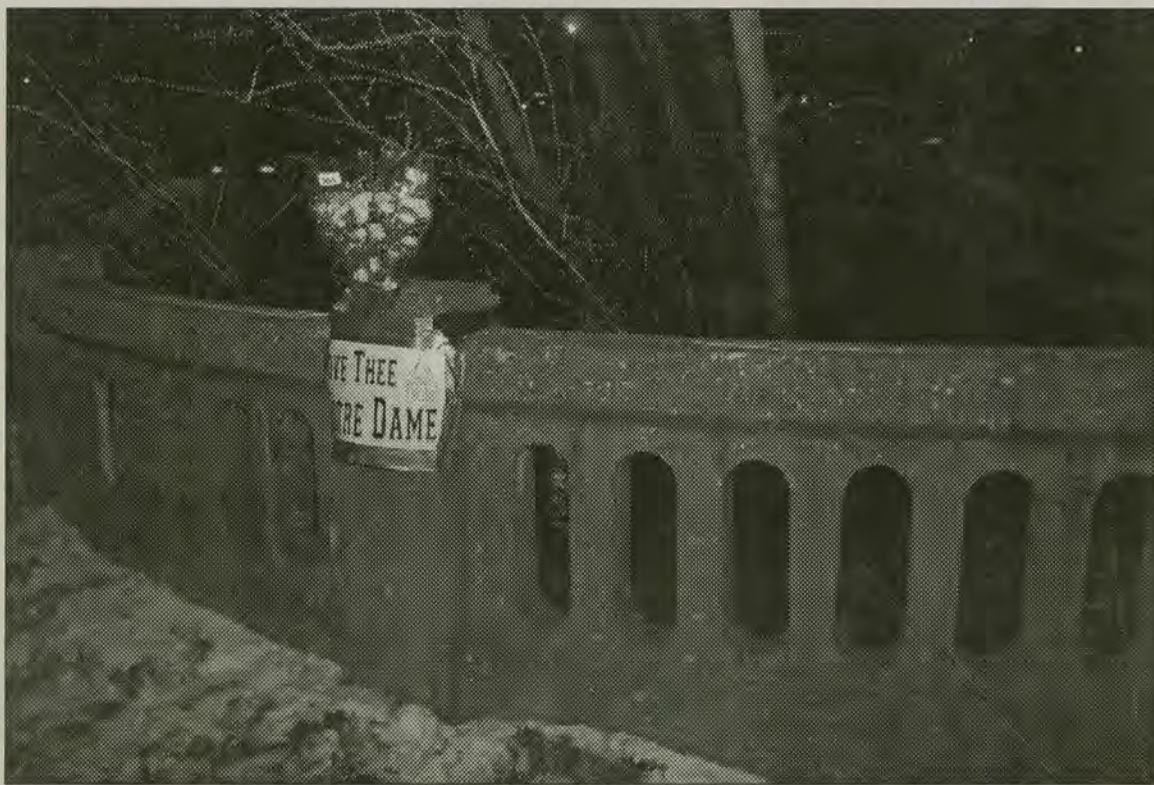
Corbett would not comment on the possibility of foul play in the case. He said after Sharon's body was pulled from the river police transported it to Memorial Hospital.

"The autopsy is scheduled for tomorrow," said Corbett. After the autopsy is completed, police will consider whether or not foul play was involved.

"There's nothing further we can say until that autopsy," said Mike Dvorak, the St. Joseph County prosecutor.

Father Mark Poorman, vice president for student affairs, said Sharon's parents were notified early Wednesday afternoon that a body closely matching their son's description had been found in the river. "We called [them] back to let [them] know it was positively identi-

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Above: An impromptu memorial to Chad Sharon was set up on the Angela Bridge, where Sharon's body was discovered.

Right: Sharon was last seen at the Corby Street party, then may have traveled to the Madison Center to ask for directions, and his body was found underneath the Angela Bridge.

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TIM KACMAR

◆ Sharon's parents express thanks to ND community

By TERESA FRALISH
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After learning that their only son had been identified as the body found Wednesday in the St. Joseph River, Chad Sharon's parents, Steve and Jane Sharon said they wanted to express their thanks and gratitude to the Notre Dame community during the past two months for the support offered by students, faculty and administrators.



Sharon

"They'll never know how much we appreciate it," said Steve Sharon. "Everyone really cared," he said.

In particular, Steve Sharon said he wanted to thank Notre Dame students for their prayers and concern since Chad Sharon's disappearance. "I want to thank all the students for everything," Steve Sharon said.

Steve Sharon said he and his wife would use their visit to campus today to bring closure to their two-monthlong ordeal. "Now we can bring Chad home," said Steve Sharon. "We're coming down there [Thursday] morning. I want to say goodbye to Chad," he said in an interview with The Observer Wednesday night.

Chad's father also discussed his son's feelings about being a student at the University. "That was his dream - to go to Notre Dame," said Steve Sharon.

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Dec. 12 2 a.m., Sharon last seen at a Corby St. party	Jan. 3, ND offers \$25,000 reward	Jan. 17, Sharon's parents appear on "Good Morning America"	Feb. 12, Sharon's body found in St. Joseph River
Dec. 14, Police begin a search involving river and helicopter searches		Jan. 29, Reward increases to \$50,000	
Dec. 13, Fisher Hall staff reports Sharon missing	Dec. 19, A Madison Center employee who may have spoken with Sharon steps forward	Jan. 16-17, Sharon's parents meet with students and investigators at ND	Jan. 29, NDSP meets with investigators from other colleges with missing students

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ND students react to loss of one of their own

By MATT BRAMANTI
News Writer

The tolling bells of Sacred Heart Church took a mournful tone Wednesday, as Notre Dame students responded to the discovery of missing freshman Chad Sharon's body. South Bend police recovered the body from the St. Joseph River near the Angela Street bridge earlier in the afternoon.

Some students reacted with surprise and hoped for closure. "When I first heard, I was shocked, but it's nice to know that his family can have

some comfort," said sophomore Sarah Bates.

Tom Gorman, a resident of Fisher Hall and friend of Sharon, expressed similar sentiments. "Part of me wants to say it's closure, but another part is deeply saddened by it," Gorman said.

Peter Nebel, another friend of Sharon, said he was distressed at the news. "I was shocked. ... I saw a cameraman walk by and I immediately knew something was wrong," he said.

Though many students had been hopeful up until today, others feared

for the worst since Sharon's disappearance Dec. 12. "After about a day, I thought [the river] was where he was," said senior Billy Small.

Others expressed hope that the discovery might finally unravel the mystery surrounding Sharon's disappearance and death. "It's really unsettling to the whole community," said sophomore Maggie O'Connell.

Sophomore Maria Destino agreed, saying, "It scares me to think it could happen and be unresolved for so long."

Junior Sarah Finch said, "We need to find out exactly what happened so

that Chad's family can have some relief."

The macabre discovery still leaves questions unanswered among concerned students who fear for their safety. Students also questioned how authorities had searched the river in December without finding the body.

"I'm still waiting to find out exactly what happened to him," said junior Kevin McCall. Fisher residents prayed for Sharon and his family at a mass Wednesday night.

"There is an atmosphere of surprise and quiet," said Father Robert Moss, who was Sharon's rector in

Fisher Hall. "But the element of fear and not knowing has been taken away."

The University is flying the Sharon's parents to South Bend to pick up their son's body today. Funeral arrangements have not yet been announced.


The women's basketball team marked Sharon's death with a moment of silence before Thursday's game against St. John's in the Joyce Center.

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INSIDE COLUMN

How the south was lost

How fitting for Georgia Gov. Sonny Perdue to announce his referendum to reinstate the confederate flag Wednesday — on Lincoln's birthday. I also recall Bush unfolding his administration's plan to begin the process of tearing down affirmative action policies on Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday.



Kiflin Turner

Associate News Editor

How apropos for them both. Politicians definitely have a way of literally driving the nail into the coffin. Despite the historical significance that may or may not have influenced the moment he chose to announce his plans, it is troubling to hear that Perdue wants to revisit the old glory of the Stars and Bars two years after the new flag unfurled atop the state capitol. This issue is arguably one of the main reasons Perdue was voted into office after Democratic incumbent, Gov. Roy Barnes signed a bill to replace the Battle Flag of the Confederacy with a new flag that hoped to neutralize the tensions between staunch advocates of the old version, and those in support of a change. The new flag design is a sort of compromise, featuring a prominent Georgia seal with the history of Georgia's past flags located beneath, including a much smaller image of the old confederate version. Intended to satisfy those who want to honor the history of the state as well as those who are not comfortable with the confederate emblem, the new flag attempted to arrive at a middle ground. Interestingly, Georgia adopted the confederate emblem during the civil rights movement in the 1950s that most definitely attempted to deliver a message to those who pushed for change. It was certainly a call to remember the past — one that included a reminiscent Old South proud of its role in subjugating an entire race. And now, when the long-time controversial issue seemed at a rest, Perdue wants to rile everyone up — the majority, rural constituency of course. Perdue plans to ask voters if they would like a return to the old version or keep the new one as a vote up or down question on the 2004 presidential primary ballot. Amid talks of dissolving affirmative action, Trent Lott, and Illinois remaining the only state to declare a moratorium on the death penalty, it seems as though our country is undergoing a regressive trend regarding race relations. But it's a downward turn that began perhaps long before the current Bush administration and one that may continue for some time to come.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Kiflin Turner at ktturner@nd.edu.

CAMPUS NEWS	WORLD & NATION	BUSINESS NEWS	VIEWPOINT	SCENE	SPORTS
Panel speaks against U.S. preemptive strikes	U.S. dismisses calls for additional inspections	Democrats praise Fed Chief	Confirming racial remarks at Heartland	Real women, Mr. Wang and Gilliam	Irish breeze through Red Storm
Experts on the Middle East and Islam discussed the consequences of a preemptive strike against Iraq.	White House officials dismiss Europe's request for more and better weapons inspections.	Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan pleased Democrats after he criticizes President Bush's tax cuts.	Students respond to letters to the editor regarding alleged incident of discrimination at a local nightclub.	Scene reviews "Real Women Have Curves," "Shanghai Knights" and "Lost in La Mancha."	Women's basketball team defeated St. John's 76-48 Wednesday at the JACC.
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WHAT'S HAPPENING @ ND

- ◆ Lecture with Mike Dersch, University of Kentucky "Democracy and Victory: Why Regime Type Hardly Matters" 12:30 p.m. at Hlesburgh Center, Room C-102
- ◆ Lecture with Fransisco Weffort, Kellogg visiting fellow "Brazilian Culture an Politics: an exercise on the history of ideas" 4:15 p.m. at Hlesburgh Center, Room C-103
- ◆ SUB Movies "The Ring" and "Animal House" 10 p.m. at DeBartolo, Rooms 101 and 155

WHAT'S HAPPENING @ SMC

- ◆ Residence Hall Association meeting Contact Jillian Kamaski 6:30 p.m. Haggar College Center, Room 304
- ◆ Kaplan Test Preparation Contact Chris Karnilowicz 6 p.m. at Madeleva, Room 315

WHAT'S GOING DOWN

Student reports files stolen
A Walsh Hall resident reported that files had been removed from her computer on Tuesday.

Pilot found in parking lot
A student found a Palm Pilot in D02 South parking lot on Tuesday and turned it into NDSP for safekeeping.

NDSP transports student
On Tuesday NDSP transported a student from the Joyce Center to the University Health Center for treatment of a sports injury.

Employee's car towed
On Tuesday a University employee's vehicle was towed from DeBartolo Hall for a parking violation.

Compiled from the NDSP crime blotter.

WHAT'S COOKING

North Dining Hall
Today's Lunch: Boiled mostaccioli, boiled shells, spinach fettuccini, spaghetti sauce, pesto sauce, pepperoni pizza, cheese pizza, sausage pizza, breadsticks, texas chili, tomato soup, swiss steak, brown sauce, whipped potatoes, minted peas and carrots, curried rice pilaf, baked potatoes, sugar snap peas, hamburgers, onion rings

Today's Dinner: Sherry chicken thighs, long grain and wild rice, brown sauce, chicken gravy, whipped potatoes, broccoli spears, grilled redfish, corn, sliced carrots, baked sweet potatoes, baked potatoes, cauliflower, hamburgers, chicken patty, krinkle cut fires

South Dining Hall
Today's Lunch: Tortellini with basil, cheese sauce, fettuccine, bianco pizza, greek pork loin, white beans with ham, cornbread, vegetable rice pilaf, sauteed julienne vegetables, turkey pot pie, long grain and wild rice, hot chunky applesauce, chicken nuggets, seasoned fries, onion rings, soft pretzel, chicken macadaming

Today's Dinner: Cheese sauce, fettuccine, bianco pizza, greek pork loin, white beans with ham, cornbread, vegetable rice pilaf, sauteed julienne vegetables, turkey pot pie, long grain and wild rice, hot chunky applesauce, chicken nuggets, seasoned fries

Saint Mary's Dining Hall
Today's Lunch: Vegan burritos, mexican rice, herbed pasta, marinara sauce, broccoli spears, sandwich provencal sandwiches with soups, fried rice bar to include: veggie, chicken, shrimp and potstickers, chicken tenders, zesty oven fries, peas and mushrooms, rolled broccoli pizza, cheese pizza, bread sticks, sliced ham


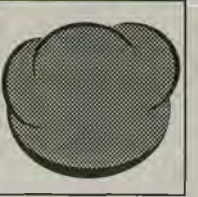
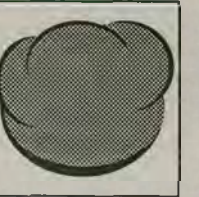
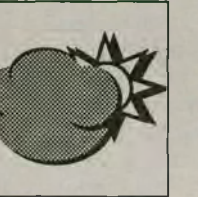
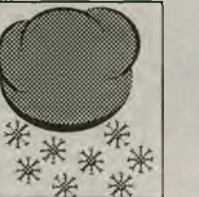

Today's Dinner: Sweet potato patty, sandwich, baked pasta torte, grilled vegetable lasagna, marinated bean salad, beef tuscanony with pasta, nacho bar, broiled salmon steaks, rice pilaf, roasted yukon potatoes, green beans, sausage pizza, cheese pizza

CORRECTIONS

In an article Wednesday about a lecture about a union strike by Azteca Foods employees, The Observer quoted an audience member saying Reckers uses Azteca products. However, according to Mike Davy, the operations manager at Reckers, the campus restaurant does not use Azteca Foods products. The Observer regrets the discrepancy.

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Remaining 2 tickets square off in debate

By HELENA PAYNE
News Writer

In the less than half-full Hesburgh Library Auditorium, the two leftover tickets from Monday's student body presidential election defended their platforms and interrogated their opponents before a student audience in Wednesday's debate.

Student body presidential candidates sophomore Charlie Ebersol and junior Pat Hallahan, along with their respective vice presidential candidates, junior Lauren Meagher and sophomore Jeremy Lao, posed four questions to each other, focusing largely on dorm dances, student life and platform feasibility.

Vice president of elections for the judicial council Matt Corgan set a new tone for the debate after opening it with a moment of silence for the formerly missing freshman Chad Sharon whose body was found Wednesday in the St. Joseph River of South Bend.

Corgan also announced that Wednesday would be different from last week's debate with the seven original tickets, which showcased many anti-student government tickets and resulted in one candidate's departure after an opponent verbally attacked him.

"We'll have more of a debate, hopefully, and less of a mockery like last time," he said.

Dorm dances became a contentious topic when Hallahan and Lao questioned Ebersol and

Meagher's Total Dance Resource (TDR) plan. TDR would pump an additional \$2,000 into dorm funds to revamp the residence hall dance until they are moved back into the dorms.

Criticizing the plan, Hallahan said dance commissioners already existed for that purpose and that by consolidating other "bad" resources into one fund, Ebersol and Meagher were exacerbating the problem instead of addressing the return of in-hall dances, or SYRS.

This prompted Ebersol to take a definitive stance.

"There's no question that [dances] need to be back in the dorm," he said, adding that the TDR plan would establish a collaborative body to work on dance improvements in the mean time.

Later, Ebersol and Meagher pushed Hallahan and Lao to elaborate on how they would return dances to the dorms if they were unable to do it as members of student government this year.

Hallahan replied that he and Lao, unlike current Student Body President Libby Bishop, would directly request that the Board of Trustees considers a change.

Making an attempt to differentiate himself from Bishop, former chief of staff for the Office of the Student Body president reminded the audience that he resigned because of his discontent with how things were being handled.

"Jeremy and I are running for one reason: We want to put students first," Hallahan said, adding, "I want to make one thing clear: I am not Libby Bishop and I will fight for students."

Putting students first was the mantra of the Hallahan-Lao ticket, which in addition to campaigning for the return of SYRS, also said they had a more well-rounded platform.

"We don't want to turn student government into a programming body," Lao said, referring to Ebersol and Meagher's platform.

Though the platform covers various areas of student life, Ebersol primarily focused on the TDR plan and bringing popular entertainment, such as two top-40 concerts and Saturday Night Live comedians to campus. Ebersol referred to his and Meagher's plan to improve student advising and accused Hallahan and Lao of replicating their ideas.

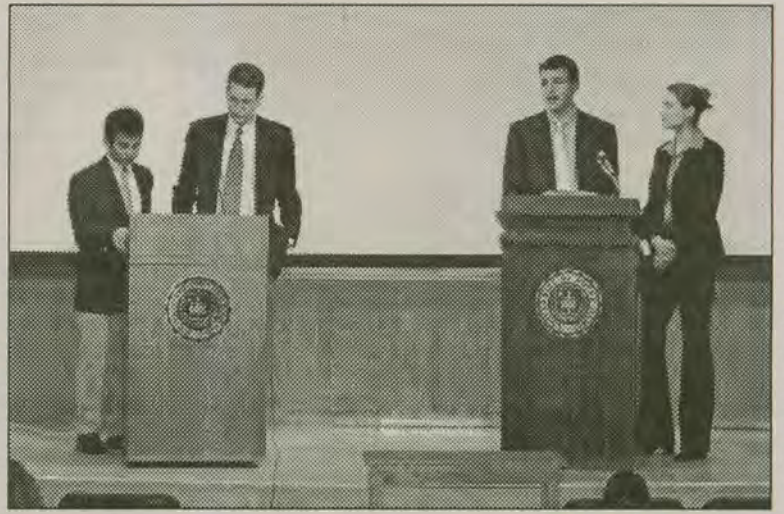
"It does appear in our media guide," Ebersol said.

Ebersol and Meagher said their plans to change the student government structure to work more with the Student Union Board in planning events, as well as the five-year plan for Student Senate, will make student government a body that makes campus life fun and keeps Notre Dame in contact with outside entertainers.

"You can open the door for five years or 10 years," Ebersol said.

Hallahan asked why Ebersol did not work with the Student Union Board as a freshman and sophomore in order to implement his plans to provide more campus entertainment.

Ebersol told the audience that he preferred to go through different avenues to get involved, pointing out his idea to distribute green papers at the football



SOFIA BALLON/The Observer

Jeremy Lao and Pat Hallahan, left, listen to Charlie Ebersol and Lauren Meagher at the presidential run-off debate in the Hesburgh auditorium Wednesday evening.

games to add to the Sea of Green.

"[In SUB], you have to start at the bottom and work your way up," Ebersol said.

cussion courses.

Yet, Ebersol and Meagher challenged Hallahan, saying he would still be considered part of the Bishop office to University administrators and that he and Meagher would provide a new alternative for students.

"It's not about stiff-arming the administration," Ebersol said. "Our platform is not reinventing the wheel."

At the close of the debate, Martha Patzer, a sophomore in the audience, asked judicial council president Danielle Ledesma why audience members were not allowed to ask questions.

"I think that's really undemocratic," Patzer said, adding that it

seemed unfair that students could not question the candidates who promised to "put students first."

Ledesma responded that the format of the debate had already been established.

"At the last debate, there was an opportunity," she said, adding that many of the audience members were on the tickets' campaign staffs and would ask "loaded questions."

The final election for the 2003-04 student body president and vice president is online today from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. at <https://apps.nd.edu/elections>. Students will receive an e-mail from the judicial council with the link.

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fied," said Poorman. The University will fly Sharon's parents to campus today so they can meet with administrators and students and prepare for their son's funeral arrangements.

Notre Dame students were notified around 6:15 p.m. Wednesday of the discovery of Sharon's body in a prerecorded phone message sent to the entire campus by Father Edward Malloy, University president.

At the press conference, Malloy expressed concern on behalf of the University for Sharon's parents, Steve and Jane Sharon. "I think the entire Notre Dame community is really saddened by the news today," said Malloy. "We want to express our sympathy to Chad's parents."

Sharon was last seen by friends around 2 a.m. Dec. 12 at a party on Corby Street. He was reported missing by hall staff on Dec. 13 when he did not return to his Fisher Hall residence.

"There were some gentlemen from a concrete cutting company [working near the bridge] and they spotted the body in approximately two feet of water."

**Commander Tim Corbett
county metro homicide police**

Notre Dame Security Police, in conjunction with state and local authorities, began an extensive investigation involving helicopter and dog searches, searches of the river and local area.

NDSP contacted the FBI to investigate possible connections between Sharon's disappearance and the disappearance of male students at other Midwest colleges, although no apparent connections were identified.

As a result of this search, police discovered a Madison Center employee who reported speaking with Sharon at the Madison Street hospital. The employee said Sharon asked for directions to a convenience store and was directed to the nearest 7-11.

In an attempt to draw further attention to Sharon's case, the University announced a \$25,000 reward for information leading to Sharon's safe return. That reward was eventually doubled on Jan. 29 to \$50,000 through the support of 10 local businesses.

Sharon's parents first visited Notre Dame on Feb. 16-17 to meet with investigators and students.

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Father Mark Poorman, vice president of Student Affairs, with Father Edward Malloy, University president, behind, speaks at Wednesday's press conference where officials announced that police had located Chad Sharon's body in the St. Joseph River.

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U.S. dismisses calls for additional inspections

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Senior Bush administration officials spoke dismissively Wednesday of European calls for more and better weapons inspections to disarm Iraq at the same time the Pentagon took new steps toward war.

"More inspectors aren't the issue. ... The issue is lack of Iraqi compliance," Secretary of State Colin Powell told Congress. He said he intends to press French and German diplomats on whether their proposals amounted to "delaying for the sake of delaying in order to get Saddam Hussein off the hook and no disarmament."

President Bush consulted with Spanish Prime Minister and close ally Jose Maria Aznar on the looming showdown with Saddam and provided a personal briefing for senior lawmakers. Later he declared, "Because of the resolve of the United States, the world will be more peaceful and the world will be more free."

Bush's spokesman, Ari Fleischer, confirmed that discussions had begun at the United Nations over the wording of a new resolution to enforce the one approved last fall ordering Saddam's disarmament.

"I don't think it's going to be a complicated matter," Fleischer said. "It still remains somewhat

early in U.N. time, but it won't be early in U.N. time for very long."

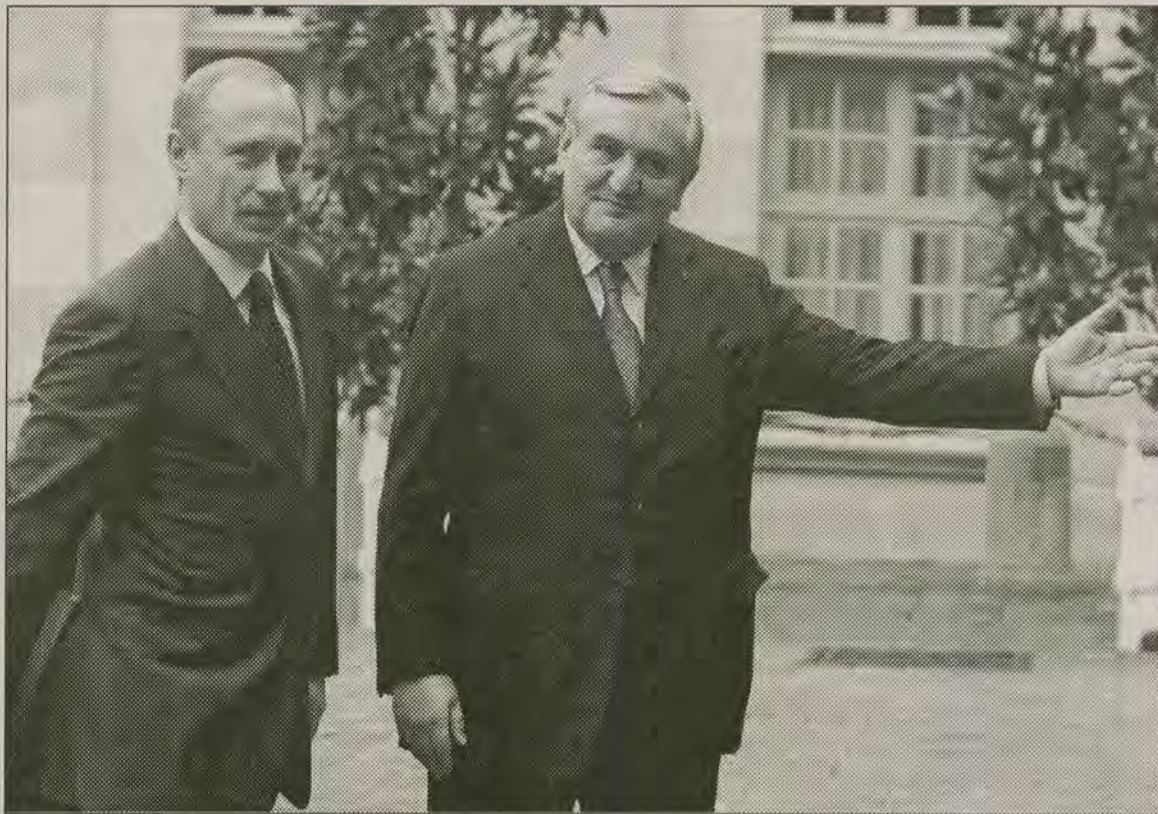
At the Pentagon, officials said the military dumped another half million leaflets over southern Iraq during the day as part of a psychological warfare campaign. One leaflet showed allied warplanes bombing military tanks outside a mosque, warning civilians to "avoid areas occupied by military personnel."

Additionally, officials said the Pentagon had activated 38,600 National Guardsmen and reservists in the past week, by far the largest such call-up since the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

With all the signs of war, about 30 poets took turns reading anti-war verse in front of the White House during the day, part of what organizers said was a nationwide campaign to discourage hostilities.

In Iraq, United Nations chemical weapons experts set out to destroy their first batch of banned Iraqi armaments - 10 leftover artillery shells filled with burning, disabling mustard gas. Officials said it would take four or five days to eliminate the 155 mm mustard gas-filled shells.

The U.N. specialists worked alongside a team of Iraqis - the sort of show of cooperation by Baghdad that administration officials have repeatedly dismissed as a charade.



AFP Photo

Russian President Vladimir Putin is welcomed by French Prime Minister Jean-Pierre Raffarin. France, Russia and Germany called for strengthened U.N. weapons inspections in Iraq as part of a diplomatic initiative aimed at disarming Saddam Hussein without war.

There were fresh signs of diplomatic stress as the United States sought to prod other governments to swing behind military action.

France, Germany and Belgium rejected a scaled-down U.S. proposal for NATO preparations in

case of war in Iraq, prolonging the alliance's worst internal crisis since the end of the Cold War. Officials for the three countries say they don't want to approve any actions that could undercut efforts to settle the dispute peacefully.

A key portion of the dispute centers on a request from Turkey for assistance in the event of war against Iraq - protection that the United States has said Turkey will receive whether or not the alliance approves.

Engineer warned of 'catastrophic' risk to Columbia

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Just two days before Columbia's mysterious breakup during its fiery descent, a safety engineer warned by e-mail about risks of "catastrophic" failures from extreme heat causing the shuttle's tires to burst inside the spacecraft, NASA disclosed Wednesday.

Separately, searchers near Hemphill, Texas, about 140 miles northeast of Houston, recovered what they believed to be one of Columbia's tires. It sustained a massive split across its tread, but it was impossible from photographs to know whether the tire was damaged aboard

Columbia or when it struck the ground. NASA officials in Washington said they could not confirm the tire was the shuttle's.

Engineer Robert H. Daugherty, responding to a query from Johnson Space Center, cautioned NASA colleagues in remarkably strident language that damage to delicate insulating tiles near Columbia's landing gear door could cause one or more tires inside to burst, perhaps ending with catastrophic failures that would place the seven astronauts "in a world of hurt."

Such an explosion inside Columbia's belly, Daugherty predicted, could blow out the gear door and expose the shuttle's unprotected innards to searing tem-

peratures as it raced through earth's atmosphere.

Even if astronauts survived the heat, the blast could damage critical systems inside the wheel compartment, prevent the landing gear on one side from lowering, necessitate a risky belly landing or force the crew to bail out, Daugherty wrote.

Bailing out would be "not a good day," he wrote. But attempting to fly the shuttle with only one side's landing gear lowered would be worse: "You're finished."

Flight Director Leroy Cain said Wednesday that investigators were confident the gear door did not fall off in flight because such a failure would have been indicated on sensor readings.

Other NASA officials have cited mysterious sensor readings in the wheel well moments before Columbia's breakup but have said they were confident the tire didn't burst inside the shuttle.

Daugherty acknowledged in his e-mail that these were "absolute worst-case scenarios" but defended citing them: "You should seriously consider the possibility of the gear not deploying at all if there is a substantial breach of the wheel well."

He referred questions about his concerns to a NASA spokesman. Agency officials indicated they did not want reporters to speak with Daugherty because accident investigators had not yet questioned him. NASA disclosed the contents of his e-mail Wednesday.

WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Guatemala prison riot leaves 6 dead:

A bloody prison riot Wednesday near Guatemala City left at least six inmates dead, and a lawyer said a man convicted in the high-profile murder case of Roman Catholic Bishop Juan Gerardi was among the dead. Four of the victims were decapitated, police spokesman Faustino Sanchez said. Police struggled before firing tear gas into the prison yard to retake the facility after four hours of rioting. Sanchez said the riots left at least six inmates dead and about 15 prisoners wounded.

Iran cracks down on Valentine's Day:

Cupid, drop the bow. That's the word from Iranian police, who have ordered shops to remove heart-and-flower decorations and have confiscated other symbols of what religious authorities consider a decadent, Western event. The vice police on Wednesday sealed several shops in wealthy north Tehran and ordered others to remove images of couples embracing.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

FBI links McVeigh to supremacists:

FBI investigators in the Oklahoma City bombing gathered evidence linking Timothy McVeigh to white supremacists who the government had been told before the bombing were threatening to attack government buildings, investigative memos show. Several of the documents were not provided to the bomber's defense before he was convicted. And the FBI agent in charge of the investigation says he never received one teletype from his own headquarters that raised the possibility McVeigh was aided by other accomplices.

Storm drenches Southern California:

Rain pounded Southern California, unleashing mudslides and snarling traffic as streets flooded under an onslaught that put a violent end to weeks of drought-like conditions. All four southbound lanes of the Interstate 5 in Tejon Pass north of Los Angeles were covered by a mile-long mudslide up to 4 feet deep.

Agency: N. Korea missile can reach U.S.:

North Korea has an untested ballistic missile capable of reaching the western United States, top U.S. intelligence officials told Congress Wednesday. In Vienna, the U.N. nuclear agency declared North Korea in violation for its nuclear program and reported the country to the Security Council. The U.N. move could lead to punishing sanctions, which North Korea has said it would consider an act of war.

Nation braces for potential attack:

Anti-aircraft missiles guarded Washington's skies and Capitol police carried gas masks Wednesday as the nation mobilized to confront a potential terrorist attack. Federal, state and local governments tightened security, anxious Americans stockpiled food and police responded to scores of false alarms, including reports of suspicious vehicles that shut down commuter bridges in Washington and New York.

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TOP 5 VOLUME LEADERS

COMPANY	%CHANGE	\$GAIN	PRICE
CISCO SYSTEMS (CSCO)	-2.00	-0.27	13.26
LUCENT TECH INC (LU)	+1.81	+0.03	1.69
NASDAQ-100 INDE (QQQ)	-1.37	-0.33	23.82
SUN MICROSYSTEM (SUNW)	-1.88	-0.06	3.14
APPLIED MATERIA (AMAT)	-1.01	-0.12	11.82

IN BRIEF

"Eye-popping" Enron info uncovered

A congressional panel has uncovered "eye-popping" pay deals for Enron executives and an elaborate scheme to manipulate the failed company's taxes and accounting, the Senate Finance Committee chairman said Wednesday. The House-Senate Joint Committee on Taxation has been combing through Enron's tax records for about a year, trying to determine whether the energy-trading company skirted tax laws. The panel is presenting its findings in a report Thursday at a Finance Committee hearing.

Coke credits growth for high profits

Coca-Cola Co. said strong growth in its trademark soda brands and in its waters and non-carbonated drinks helped it post higher profits and revenues for the fourth quarter despite difficult economic conditions. The earnings reported Wednesday met Wall Street expectations. For the three months ended Dec. 31, the world's largest beverage maker earned \$930 million, or 38 cents a share, compared to \$914 million, or 37 cents a share, a year ago. Excluding a 2 cent a share reduction for an accounting change related to stock options, Coke earned \$996 million, or 40 cents a share, for the quarter. The consensus forecast by analysts surveyed by Thomson First Call was for earnings of 40 cents a share. Revenue increased 13 percent to \$4.8 billion from \$4.24 billion in the same period a year ago.

Viacom reports better 4Q earnings

Fourth-quarter profits at Viacom Inc. exceeded Wall Street's expectations Wednesday, thanks to strong growth in its cable network and TV businesses. But the market reacted cautiously, reflecting concerns that the company that owns CBS, Showtime and numerous other media assets has yet to work out on a contract with its No. 2 executive.

Democrats praise Fed Chief

◆ Greenspan criticizes Bush's tax cuts

Associated Press

WASHINGTON
Democrats praised Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan on Wednesday for criticizing President Bush's new round of \$1.3 trillion in tax cuts as too expensive in light of soaring budget deficits. The White House, meanwhile, was pushing ahead with efforts to build support in Congress.

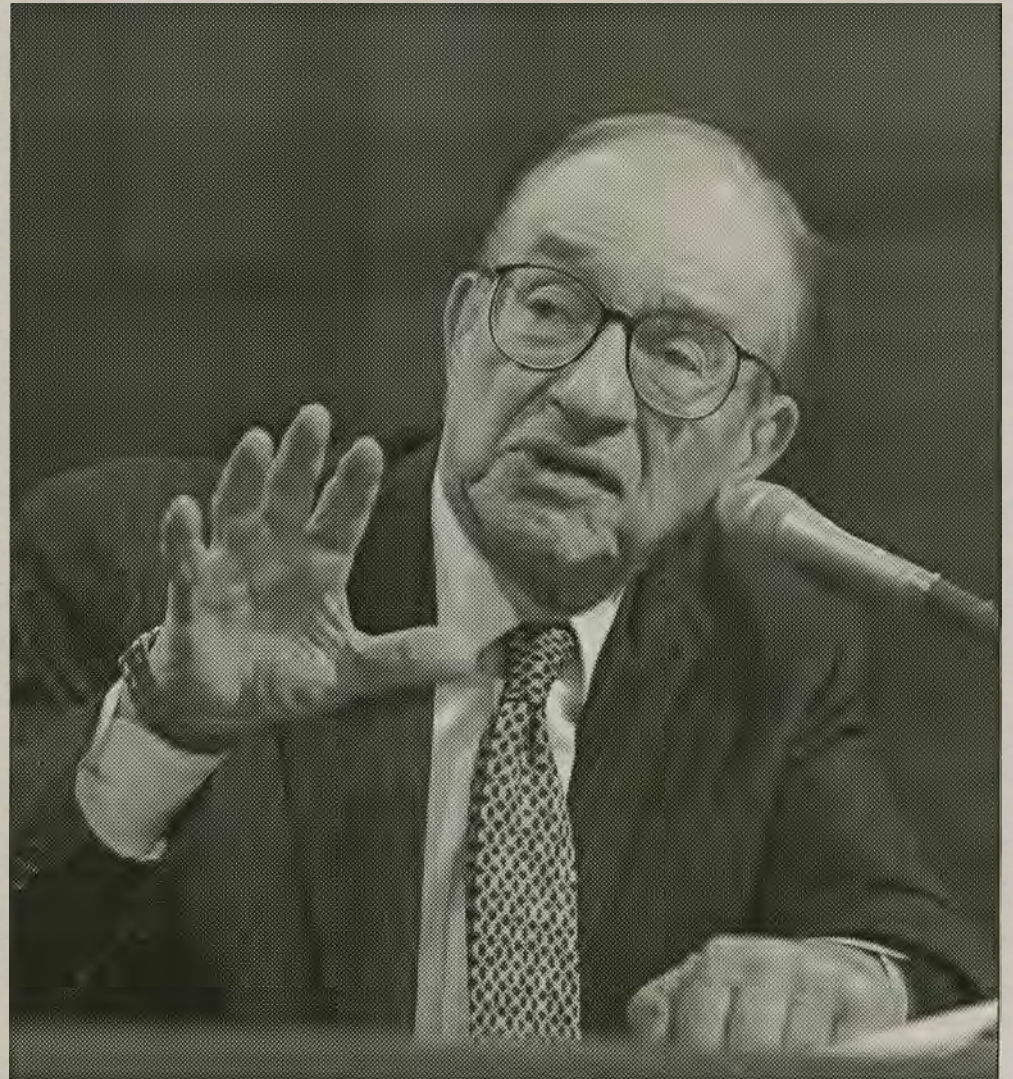
"If the economy needs a little umph...why wait?" Bush said, touting his plan with a group of small investors in Alexandria, Va.

Greenspan, delivering the Fed's twice-a-year economic outlook to the House Financial Services Committee, was acclaimed by Democrats on the committee for his tough comments before a Senate panel on Tuesday. He told committee members that any future tax cuts should be paid for either by raising other taxes or trimming spending so that the nation's deficit situation would not be made worse.

Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass., praised Greenspan, a Republican, for staying consistent in his opposition to budget deficits in the face of strong pressure from members of his own party to support Bush's plan.

"The chairman has long believed, as have most economists, that while deficits are not instant death, they are over the long term a negative for the economy," Frank said. "I very much appreciate the chairman's consistency in reaffirming that in the face of very strong political praying that he would go the other way."

As in his Senate testimony, Greenspan urged lawmakers in the House to quickly move to reinstate tough budget rules that require any future tax cuts or spending increases to be paid for by tax hikes or spending cuts elsewhere.



AFP Photo

Federal Reserve Board Chairman Alan Greenspan gives his semi-annual report to the Senate Banking Committee.

He said allowing those budget rules to expire would be a "very bad mistake. Before any actions are taken with respect to appropriations for next year, I certainly trust that these rules will be re-established."

Greenspan said all the demands for tax relief and new government programs were "very clearly straining the capacity of the system" just when the government needed to be preparing for the cost of the baby boomer generation's retirement.

Bush met late Tuesday with a group of 10 Republican senators in an effort to build support for his tax cut package in the Senate, where the plan is expected to face the heaviest opposition.

As part of the sales effort,

the administration released a letter signed by 100 economists who support the Bush plan, seeking to counter opponents who on Monday touted their own letter from economists — including 10 Nobel prize winners — opposed to the proposal.

The Fed chairman two years ago gave critical support to Bush's first round of \$1.35 trillion in tax cuts. But in an appearance Tuesday before the Senate Banking Committee, he said another round of tax cuts to stimulate the economy was unnecessary, predicting that the economy would rebound with stronger growth once the uncertainties of a war with Iraq were resolved.

While saying he has long favored the centerpiece of the plan — eliminating

taxes on stock dividend payments to investors — Greenspan said the government could not afford the \$1.3 trillion price tag for all the tax cuts given the projections for large budget deficits during the same period.

Sung Won Sohn, chief economist at Wells Fargo in Minneapolis, said Greenspan's reservations about the impact of further tax cuts on the deficit will force the administration to scale back its proposal.

"I don't think the Bush plan is dead," Sohn said, "but without the blessing of Chairman Greenspan and lingering doubts among some Republicans, the program will have to go through substantial modification in Congress before it becomes law."

Unions push for corporate reforms

Associated Press

WASHINGTON
Labor unions, with \$400 billion in pension fund assets, are stepping up their demands for investor-friendly changes at public companies, starting with annual shareholder meetings in March.

Unions have filed a record 380 shareholders resolutions focusing on board of directors reforms, executive compensation, reincorporation, auditor independence and workers' rights. That is double the total in 2002.

"Union funds will be more active than ever, bringing more shareholder proposals, running more proxy fights and

more 'vote no' campaigns on directors at annual meetings than ever before," AFL-CIO President John Sweeney said Wednesday.

Overall, shareholder groups filed 862 proposals with companies through early February, compared with 802 during all of 2002, according to a report by the Investor Responsibility Research Center and the Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility. Last year's corporate scandals involving such companies as Enron and WorldCom have fueled investors' activism.

Unions say their campaign will get under way by March 6 at the annual meeting for Tyco International Inc. in

Bermuda.

Unions are seeking support on several proposals, including reincorporating in the United States, separation of the positions of president and chief executive officer, shareholder approval of severance packages for departing executives and performance-based stock options. The AFL-CIO also has asked Tyco to move the annual meeting to the United States.

Tyco has recommended that its shareholders oppose the proposals, which also are being offered by the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers and United Brotherhood of Carpenters.

SMC elects RHA, SDB officials

By SARAH NESTOR
Saint Mary's Editor

Saint Mary's elected the 2003-04 Residence Hall Association [RHA] and Student Diversity Board [SDB] president and vice president.

The candidates for RHA president and vice president were sophomore Shay Jolly and running mate junior Jackie Zins.

Two hundred sixty-two students participated in the RHA online election Tuesday. The Jolly/Zins ticket received 86 percent of the vote, with 7 percent abstaining and 7 percent voting no.

Jolly and Zins' platform "Learn where you live, play where you live and love where you live" focused on increasing relationships with Notre Dame residence halls, strengthening relationships among Saint Mary's residence halls and improving Little Sibs Weekend.

Jolly and Zins first priority is to build a strong association of committed commissioners from the hall councils to make it a "more cohesive group" Zins said.

"Hall council is the main portion of RHA," Jolly said. "The best way to recruit people is to get people involved, so that they enjoy being a part of the hall council."

Jolly and Zins also plan to build on traditional events, such as the all school formal and Little Sibs Weekend. They plan to improve upon Little Sibs weekend by handing out a survey to students to see where improvements need to be made, especially in regards to older siblings that visit during that weekend.

"I wish the older kids would have as much as much fun as the younger kids," Shay said.

Jolly is the current Little Sibs

Weekend chair on RHA and Zins is the publicity cffffk-fkchair on RHA.

The sole ticket seeking the position of SDB president and vice president were junior Annmarie Marquez and sophomore Veronica Saavedra.

Two-hundred, twenty-nine students participated in the SDB election, Marquez/Saavedra receiving 83 percent of the vote; 10 percent voted to abstain and 7 percent no.

Running on the platform theme "We are all unique, See the difference" Marquez and Saavedra want to occasionally hold open SDB meetings where all students will be invited to participate in discussions, implement monthly educational forums, and want to work with admissions on increasing minority student enrollment at Saint Mary's.

"There are a lot of topics that we have come across this year [at SDB] that we haven't been able to address," Marquez said.

Saavedra echoed this sentiment by saying that the monthly educational forums

will deal with issues not generally spoken about, such as racism and prejudice.

Although Marquez and Saavedra's first priority is to work with admission counselors and Volunteers in Support of Admission [VISA] to reach out to high schools, that admission counselors normally do not visit, and encourage minority students to attend Saint Mary's.

"We want to increase admissions for minority students," Marquez said. "My idea for the [SDB] admissions commissioner is because it is very hard for a minority to come to a prominently Anglo-American community and we need to show them that it is a supportive environment."

Marquez and Saavedra also plan to continue the work of this past year's SDB by working on the harassment clause and disabilities awareness.

"The harassment clause is a big thing and we do not want to drop the ball," Marquez said.

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Ashcroft discusses war on terrorism

Associated Press

Seven terrorist suspects have been caught through new border security measures and 104 people have been convicted of terror-related charges, Attorney General John Ashcroft said Wednesday in an interview with The Associated Press.

Successful prosecutions have led to cooperation from defendants, providing information that has "disrupted groups of individuals who were working together to assist in terrorism or perhaps commit acts of terrorism," Ashcroft said.

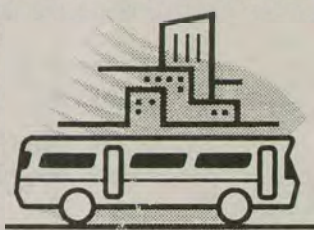
"Prevention is our number one priority. It is more important than prosecution," he said. "But very frequently these priorities do not compete, they complement. In many instances prosecution has been a real aid to our prevention effort by helping

generate valuable intelligence."

As Ashcroft spoke in his office at Justice Department headquarters, the United States remained on high alert for potential terrorism amid dire warnings from FBI Director Robert Mueller and CIA Director George J. Tenet about a possibly imminent large-scale attack.

Ashcroft did not say what information prompted the alert status to be increased last week, seeking instead to provide assurances that law enforcement is better prepared to head off an attack than it was before the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks. Vastly improved border security, better legal options and an FBI committed to preventing further attacks "should be a source of comfort to Americans."

"We have made monumental progress," he said.



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Seniors least likely to vote

Observer Staff Report

The older the Notre Dame undergraduate, the less likely he is to vote in a student body election. And if he does, the more likely he is to cast an abstention ballot.

That's according to results from Monday's general election that set up a runoff today between the tickets of Pat Hallahan-Jeremy Lao and Charlie Ebersol-Lauren Meagher.

About half the undergraduate student population - 4,055 - voted in the school's first election conducted entirely online. Hallahan's ticket received about 28 percent of the vote, while Ebersol's captured some 21 percent.

The freshman class turned out most, with 1,310 first-year students - 32 percent of the voters Monday - participating.

From there, turnout decreased as class year increased. Election organizers counted 1,211 votes from sophomores, 950 from juniors and 579 from seniors. Only five fifth-year students voted.

Upperclassmen, though, were more prone to vote to abstain than their younger counterparts. Twenty percent of fifth-year students - one voter - abstained, but with only five voters for the entire class, four of the seven tickets running for office also received one vote each.

The trend is more evident, percentage-wise, in the four other classes. For seniors, 5.4 percent, or 31, voted to abstain. Thirty-nine

juniors clicked abstain in the online poll, but because the class turned out in greater numbers than the seniors did, the figure represents just 4.1 percent of voting juniors. Just 26 sophomores, or 2.1 percent of the class, voted to abstain. And the 20 freshmen who did the same made up 1.5 percent of their class' voters.

Typically, residence halls where candidates are from have the highest turnout. Presidential hopefuls Ebersol and Hallahan brought out 181 and 103 voters from Keough and Sorin halls, respectively. Ebersol's running mate Meagher lives off campus, but her impact on off-campus constituents is unclear because election organizers lumped the 472 abroad and off-campus student voters under one category.

Among those abroad and off-campus voters, however, Ebersol and Meagher captured 18.2 percent of ballots. Hallahan and Lao received 16.7 percent of the vote. The Joe Muto-Mimi Matkowski ticket, which narrowly missed making the run-off election, claimed nearly a third of abroad and off-campus votes.

In typical fashion, the remaining candidates were most popular in their own residence halls.

Ebersol received 46 percent of Keough's vote, while Hallahan and Lao got just 14 percent. In Sorin, only 23 people didn't vote for Hallahan and Lao, and of those,

just five voted for Ebersol and Meagher. Likewise, in Stanford, Hallahan-Lao took 93 votes to Ebersol-Meagher's 15.

It's unclear how the match up between the last tickets standing will play out in today's runoff.

Ebersol has said he would work to gain the support of Muto-Matkowski and Mike Bott-Mike Kirsh, who polled fourth in Monday's election, because their platforms are similar to his and Meagher's.

Matkowski, though, has publicly endorsed Hallahan-Lao. And Bott and Kirsh have said they won't send their voters the way of either remaining campaign.

The other former hopefuls - Ryan Gagnet-John McCarthy, Drew Updike-Eric Tarnowski and David Rail-Matt Padberg - who polled behind the rest of their opponents Monday, aren't likely to make endorsements.

Keeping with their sneering campaign that poked fun at student government, Gagnet-McCarthy said they would endorse themselves for office next year. In perhaps the most blatant sign that voters, too, are jaded with student leaders and their campaign promises, nearly 10 percent - that's 392 students - voted for Gagnet and McCarthy.

But they weren't jaded enough to vote for Rail-Padberg, who ran a so-called joke campaign on the sole issue of boosting Flex Points for students.

Provencher discusses experiences in Iraq

By MELANIE BECKER
News Writer

In order to bring a more realistic vision of Iraq to the Saint Mary's Community, Jan Pilarski, coordinator of the Justice Education Department, contacted Sheila Provencher, who recently spent two weeks in Iraq to share her experiences.

"Sheila is going to give faces to those who war would affect most deeply and profoundly," said Cindy Mongrain of Campus Ministry.

Provencher described the land of Iraq, the daily life since the Gulf War and the effects of sanctions.

"This is an ancient land of arid beauty. In many ways, it is just a normal place. Normalcy and threat of war tango in Baghdad," Provencher said.

According to Provencher, the Gulf War never ended but became an economic war that targets the most vulnerable members of Iraqi society, such as women, children and the elderly.

Malnourishment, disease and high infant mortality plague Iraqis. Fifty percent of rural people do not have access to clean water and electricity and in urban areas, electricity is only available for eight to 10 hours a day. This means that incubators,

heart machines and other hospital equipment are not available to those who need it. The rate of child mortality in the last 12 years in Iraq is equivalent to one World Trade Center attack every three weeks, Provencher added.

Provencher quoted an Iraqi Sister Bushra Gaggi, director of Hyatt Maternity Hospital, saying, "maybe if Bush could see my tears, he would not bomb us."

Provencher said that it is important to acknowledge that Iraq is a dictatorship that the Iraqis live in fear, but that the United States is not going about solving the problem in the right way.

"We should not put them in danger with weapons and sanctions. The only hope for Iraq is internal change. We need to help by strengthening them," Provencher said.

Provencher suggested alternatives such as signing the U.S. onto the international crimes court, have Saddam Hussein tried, empower the people of Iraq through education and release the sanctions. Provencher asked the audience to take a stand by writing government representatives, praying and fasting.

"Rather than being paralyzed by the situation with Iraq we can be motivated. They are dancing in the darkness," Provencher said.

Provencher was invited to a two-week Iraq Peace Journey by the U.S. Religious Leaders Delegation, which took place from Dec. 8 to Dec. 22, 2002. Provencher holds an undergraduate degree from Harvard University and received a master's of divinity in 2001 from Notre Dame.


The event was cosponsored by Campus Ministry, the Center for Women's Intercultural Leadership, the Holy Cross international justice office, Peacemakers and the Sisters of the Holy Cross.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Confirming racial comments at Heartland

Admittance was not the issue

I would like to respond to the issues that Ms. Donnelly presented in her Feb. 12 response to my letter in The Observer about the discrimination I encountered at Heartland. The purpose of my letter a week ago was to educate and inform the Notre Dame community, but now I must write to defend myself and respond to the insinuations from Donnelly that my letter to Viewpoint was only an ill-fated attempt to discredit Heartland.

If Donnelly had read my article a bit more carefully, she would have understood that the bouncer asking for my passport to verify my ID was never an issue. I clearly stated at the end of my letter, "I accepted the fact that they had to be more stringent on admittance." What I wanted to point out in my letter were the ignorant remarks made by the bouncer when he learned that I did not carry my passport.

To refresh your memory, he said, "Well don't you need your passport to get into this country." These remarks were completely ignorant given my explanation of the common knowledge that Puerto Rico is a territory of the United States, in which we do not need any passports or visas to enter the country. This exchange of information happened between the 35 to 45 seconds of conversation Donnelly allegedly saw on the tape. My regret is that the tape could not record his comment as I turned away: "We don't want Puerto Ricans here anyway."

Donnelly also stated that most of my friends could not have heard the comments that were spoken to me as I turned away from the bouncer. I, however, would like to invite her to ask my friends personally, friends who were present during my discussion with the bouncer and who clearly witnessed the situation. Several of them, including Ysmael Fonseca, who heard the comments, and Crystal Martinez, who was right beside me, distinctively recall the bouncer saying, "We don't want Puerto Ricans here anyway."

Yes, some of the people in my party were already inside, but all of them huddled around me to see why I wasn't being let in. My friends witnessed what happened and, as you can probably see in the surveillance tape, they left with me after the incident. Furthermore, I think it's obvious that no Heartland employee would admit hearing those comments since such conduct could result in losing their jobs, but that's fine because the people around me can verify my claims.

What infuriates me the most, however, is the lack of tact and

gross insinuation in Donnelly's statement, "However, at the moment, it seems that Rosario, in her frustration of already being refused, may be mistaken in what she claims she heard." Your statement, Ms. Donnelly, attacks my character and reputation.

I in no way misinterpreted or misheard the bouncer's comments, and my friends can attest to that claim. Apparently, Donnelly has never been discriminated against, because when it happens to you and you hear those gut-wrenching, ignorant comments, they stick with you for life and you never forget. Ms. Donnelly cannot accurately predict a response to discrimination; no one can unless they've been confronted by it.

I completely understand that this is all hearsay, but this is not meant to be a court case. For your information, Donnelly, not only did I call management personally, but also many of my friends that were present that evening.

When I called management to complain about the incident that occurred to me that night, I described the bouncer to the best of my ability. The manager I spoke to knew exactly who I was talking about, given that complaints had preceded mine. That bouncer apparently was already confronted about the situation, given that he told the manager that I was apparently being rude to him, which is false. So the manager knew exactly who I was talking about.

If someone else could not adequately identify the bouncer, it does not undermine my claim. I cannot speak for the other callers, but I can assure you that when I called, I told the story to the manager the way it happened and discussed my anger with the situation.

My letter, as well as Kiflin Turner's Feb. 5 Inside Column, is true and an accurate account of that night. I am proud that people want to take my letter and use it as a means to communicate to the larger community and to show the continuing problems of discrimination. I have people who support me and people who witnessed what happened, and if anyone shall refute my claims again, I'm sure many would jump at the chance to show their support. I advise you, Ms. Donnelly, to follow your own advice and, before you make comments about delicate situations, get the facts straight.

Kristine M. Rosario

senior

Lyons Hall

Feb. 12

Earlier accounts told the truth

I heartily agree that accusations of racial discrimination are not to be taken lightly, and considering the consequences of such accusations, are not to be falsely charged. However, I did not want to be a bystander at the events that took place on Jan. 30 at Heartland. I did not want to see one of my very best friends humiliated and ridiculed in front of a crowded line of club goers. I did not want to see the look of shock, hurt, sadness and disappointment on my friend's face when the bouncer's comment was more than just a frustrating dismissal of her ID.

I too wanted to have an enjoyable night at Heartland with my friends. Yet this was not the way things went down at all. The truth is that Kristine Rosario was the brunt of a discriminatory comment from a bouncer that night. Many people were witness to it, and no surveillance camera can show us who was in earshot of the comment.

Jessica Donnelly's Feb. 12 Viewpoint letter did nothing more than condemn Ms. Rosario's accusation, when her own knowledge of that situation was based on hearsay. She can claim that the whole complaint is false, but considering she was not standing in line that night and did not hear the conversation or subsequent phone call, why should anyone believe her story?

Rosario has nothing to gain by "making up" this incident. Maybe Donnelly could explain why Rosario would fabricate such an accusation when she has been going to Heartland for over a year now, has obviously enjoyed going there enough to want to return and has never had any problems with employees in the past. Perhaps she could also defend her employer by explaining why he or she has not returned numerous phone calls or responded to letters from concerned students wanting to make the management aware of the incident and ask for an apology.

The owner would have saved himself a lot of trouble by simply acknowledging the fact that his employees are fallible and may have said something derogatory. He could have agreed to discuss the matter with the bouncer and apologized for possibly offending some of his club's patrons. It is not difficult to believe that the bouncer who stated these derogatory comments would lie to his fellow employees and management in order to avoid termination. Yet the owner's blatant disregard of our concerns leads me to believe that he has no problem allowing racial discrimination to occur under his supervision.

Let the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's communities believe what they want to believe. Unless they were standing there that night, they can never really know what happened. But Ms. Donnelly, you were not standing there either, and as someone who was, I refuse to support an establishment that not only permits discrimination but does not take accusations or racial discrimination seriously.

Hillary Castrop

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"A man cannot be too careful in the choice of his enemies."

Oscar Wilde
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Drinking time

I should start with a correction. In my last column I carelessly referred to South Bend as "the Athens of Indiana." An astute — if somewhat literal-minded — correspondent has drawn it to my attention that the city of Athens, IN, has a stronger claim to that title. It would be hard to disagree.

Today's cross-cultural sermon is on the subject of alcohol, a topic which as an Englishman I feel well-qualified to comment upon, belonging as I do to a nation of heavy drinkers surrounded by other nations of heavy drinkers.

To the West, the Welsh drink beer in truly colossal quantities, and indeed anyone encountering the Welsh language for the first time will immediately conclude either that it was created during an epic bender or that it is the result of some sort of national vowel shortage. I favor the first of these explanations as it seems to me to be the only possible way to account for the fact that if you stare at anything written in Welsh for long enough you will begin to feel tipsy. Dylan Thomas, who wrote in English, is thought by some to be the greatest Welsh poet of the 20th Century. His last words were "I've had eighteen straight whiskeys. I think that's the record." Having lived with a Welshman in my undergraduate days, I'm willing to bet that it wasn't.

The Scots are expert in both the production and consumption of whiskey. Gaelic speakers in Scotland actually have a word for the itchy feeling one gets on the upper lip immediately before drinking whiskey ("sgriob," in case you were wondering). Furthermore, it seems to me that the traditional Scottish sport of tossing the caber (which is like the shot put but with a tree trunk instead of the shot) could only have its origins in a drunken wager.

It is not true that the Irish government has passed legislation according to which all visitors to the Emerald Isle are required upon returning to their homeland to spend the rest of their lives complaining about the inferior quality of the Guinness on sale in the rest of the world. It is not true, but it might as well be.

I'm not even going to talk about the French.

Despite this stiff competition, English drinking culture has an intensity that is without rival. The reputation of the English for heavy drinking was well established around Europe even in Shakespeare's day. In Othello, Iago testifies to the Florentine Cassio about the ability of the English to drink a

range of other Europeans under the table (Act II, scene 3 for those English majors still looking for a senior thesis).

Rightly or wrongly, this high tolerance for alcohol has become a source of national pride, at least amongst men. It is no accident that James Bond, the archetypal British male fantasy, drinks constantly. In fact, his feats of alcohol consumption strain credulity more than all his other stunts combined. A real spy who consumed vodka martinis in such quantities would have no chance of saving the world from whichever consortium of international criminals was threatening it that week. He would be lucky if he could remember where he parked his Aston Martin.

Theories as to why the English drink so much are various. It is often argued that English men get drunk in order to overcome their innate shyness in social settings, but since it has never been possible to locate enough sober English men to constitute a control group the theory remains speculative.

England has a culture of binge drinking. It has been observed that English people drink as if someone is about to take their beer away from them. There is a perfectly straightforward explanation for this; it is because someone is about to take their

beer away from them. Around the country public houses stop serving drinks at 11 p.m. The legal origins of this arrangement date back to the Defense of the Realm Act passed during the First World War. The act mandated early closing times to ensure that munitions workers did not have hangovers when they arrived at their factories in the morning.

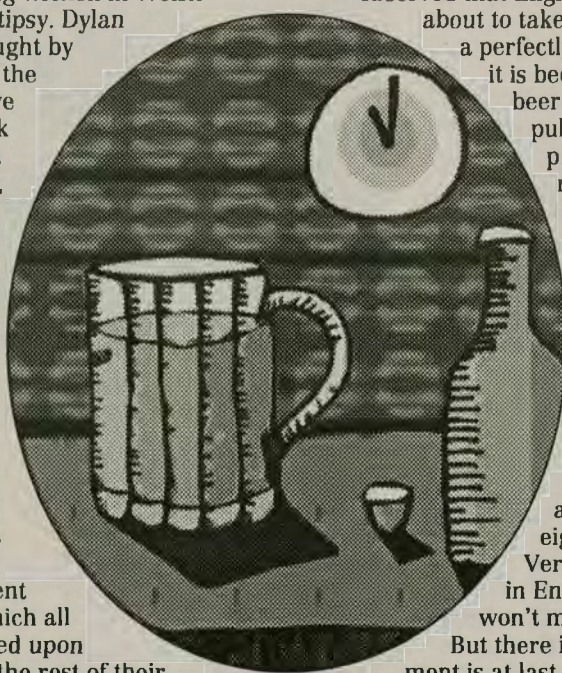
Although it did not escape the government's notice when the First World War ended in 1918, such is the English reverence for tradition that the law was never rescinded. It's a sobering thought that more than eighty years after the Treaty of Versailles I can't get a drink after 11 p.m. in England so that I can make bullets that won't misfire in the trenches of the Somme.

But there is hope in sight. The current government is at last proposing to abolish all restrictions on the times when alcohol can be sold. I shudder to think what the celebrations will be like when they do.

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Peter Wicks

Englishman
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Help to
fight cystic
fibrosis

I am writing to encourage everyone to attend the Valentine Cafe in memory of Emily Hart on Thursday, Feb. 13 from 8 p.m. until midnight in LaFortune.

Emily was a good friend of mine in high school. She lived with cystic fibrosis, a genetic disease which affects over 30,000 people in the United States. Despite the harrowing effects of the disease, she was a very accomplished young woman and contributed greatly to her community and school by way of service, leadership and scholastic achievement. Her vivacity and passion for life masked the effects of the debilitating illness she confronted every day. On Feb. 16, 2001, at the age of seventeen, Emily died of complications brought on by cystic fibrosis. A senior in high school, she had been accepted to Notre Dame and may have been a member of the Class of 2005.

The Valentine Cafe is a tribute to Emily's life. The Sophomore Class will be selling gourmet cakes, cookies, cupcakes and hot chocolate, with all proceeds going to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, which works to develop a cure for cystic fibrosis and to improve the quality of life for those suffering from the disease. Please stop by and honor Emily's memory by enjoying a treat and contributing to the effort to find a cure for cystic fibrosis.

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Notre Dame won't get you a minimum wage job

So far this semester, we've learned that I am a.) graduated, b.) applying to graduate schools, and c.) watching a lot of TV. Honestly, that pretty well covers the bulk of my days, but there's one more activity that has taken up my time: I've been looking for a job.

Marlayna
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Again ...

A Notre Dame degree will get you many things. It will get you membership in any Notre Dame alumni group you choose. It will get you the right to wander campus for years to come, pointing at buildings and telling your guests, "That wasn't there when I was here" or inaccurately identifying Coleman-Morse as the bookstore.

A Notre Dame degree will even get you a lifetime supply of letters offering the opportunity to donate money to Notre Dame, in case you didn't feel that the \$120,000 you "donated" while you were here was sufficient.

Yes, a Notre Dame degree is a powerful thing and it can get you nearly anything you want. Yet there is at least one thing that a Notre Dame degree won't get you. A Notre Dame diploma will not, apparently, get you a minimum wage job.

I know. I tried. What I eventually landed was an actual professional job, with the title of Targeted Case Manager Designee. In fact, this is a job that my Notre Dame degree as a psychology major qualifies me for, which means that my theory that there are only two ways to go with a psych major, business or homeless, may be flawed.

However, I applied for between five and ten near-minimum-wage jobs during my job search, and I have not heard back from one. At least two of the places I applied to were actively hiring people, yet have not contacted me.

Perhaps they were worried I would frighten customers off by spouting theology at them. Maybe they feared that I would tailgate before work and come in drunk every Saturday morning.

Or perhaps that were concerned that all my years of hunching over a desk would leave me unable to stand for eight hour shifts.

I don't know why they haven't responded in the month since I applied, but I do know that it's a little sad when you are a college graduate of one of the top twenty schools in America and you can't get a minimum wage job.

At least I'm not alone. I know about 1,000 other seniors who are looking for gainful employment after May 18, when Notre Dame will brutally kick them out of their dorm room homes and leave them to fend for themselves.

Notre Dame likes to think of itself as a family. "Welcome to the family," you are told a dozen or more times the first few days of your freshman year. Eventually you wonder if you've entered college or joined a cult. Notre Dame says it is a family, but I'm not so sure.

After my high school graduation, my parents gave me a computer and continued to let me live

in their houses. Notre Dame, on the other hand, will give us each a piece of dead sheep with our names written on it and an eviction notice effective immediately. What kind of loving family does such a thing?

Were Notre Dame really a family, it would allow us to continue living in the dorms as long as we needed, until we found a real direction in life and were able to afford our own place. If that took until our late 20s, a real family Notre Dame would just sigh, exasperated, and take it out on us with the occasional lecture on playing video games instead of looking for a job.

If Notre Dame was really a family, it would use all its connections to find us jobs. Notre Dame has amazing connections, and I'm certain that if the administration put their minds to it, every senior at Notre Dame could have some sort of job that they weren't qualified for and didn't want by graduation. That's what a real family would do.

But Notre Dame is not really a family. Or rather, Notre Dame is

a family so long as you pay them. But come graduation day, it's out on your keister with no home, no job and a piece of dead sheep. At least they have the decency to let us know ahead of time, so seniors can look for jobs.

So here's my tip for the seniors: Give up on minimum wage jobs. Despite our four years at Notre Dame at \$30,000 a pop, despite our immense knowledge of arts, fine and liberal, and several sciences, despite our capacity to out drink every college in the nation and still make Dean's List, we are not qualified to work for \$5.15 an hour. It's a hard world out there, kids. I'm just trying to warn you.

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MOVIE REVIEW

'Real Women,' real issues

By C. SPENCER BEGGS
Scene Movie Critic

"Real Women Have Curves" is a story about a significantly overweight Hispanic girl named Ana (America Ferrera). On the last day of senior year, as her classmates discuss their plans for their future education, Ana gets ready to join her mother (Lupe Ontiveros) and sister (Ingrid Oliu) in a sewing factory, or sweatshop as it seems to be.

Ana sees herself as ugly and with no real future; she resigns herself to working alongside her family, despite her deep seeded discontent that drives her to lash out at her family. But as Ana sinks into the grind of the sewing factory among the bitchy and gossipy workers, she is able to confront her self-image problems. With a little help from her high school English teacher (George Lopez), Ana secretly applies to college even though her family wants her to stay and work at home.

The women in the film are extremely well cast. Ontiveros plays the overly dramatic and critical, yet loving mother, Carmen, with a stylish flair. Oliu and Ferrara are able to play their characters

as reactions against their domineering mother, but they are careful to retain Carmen's ultimate stubborn nature. In a sense, the three women are all cut from the same cloth — pun very much intended. Ferrera, who makes her debut in this film, is especially charismatic and engaging.

What really makes "Real Women Have Curves" stand out against other movies that deal with the topic of physical imperfection is that director Patricia Cardoso doesn't trivialize or ignore the

subject of Ana's weight. Rather than glossing over the subject like "My Big Fat Greek Wedding" or trying to convince the audience that Ana is really Gwyneth Paltrow underneath her cellulite like "Shallow Hal," "Real Women Have Curves" treats her like

what she is: an overweight woman.

It's much easier to reconcile the idea of intellectual beauty when you get to manifest yourself as Gwyneth Paltrow or have Michael Constantine desperately in love with you no matter what shenanigans you put him through. The fact of the matter is that it is not easy being overweight, especially an overweight woman, in American society. It is not

"Real Women Have Curves"



Director: Patricia Cardoso
Writer: George LaVoo, Josefina Lopez
Starring: America Ferrera, Lupe Ontiveros, Ingrid Oliu, Brian Sites, George Lopez, Soledad St. Hilaire



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"Real Women Have Curves" explores issues of weight and image through the lives of Ana (America Ferrera) and her mother (Lupe Ontiveros).

considered beautiful. Period. Cardoso demonstrates a lot of heart by having her characters work for self-acceptance rather than strive to overcome their limitations.

Furthermore, "Real Women Have Curves" doesn't seek to criticize popular aesthetics. It would have been easy to point a scolding finger at pop culture in this film, but that is really avoiding the

issue of how to be positive about oneself. This film offers more than just an analysis of why Americans view overweight women as unattractive, it tells an encouraging story of self-acceptance in the face of it.

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MOVIE REVIEW

Worse things than windmills for Gilliam

By BJ STREW
Scene Movie Critic

Anyone who has seen either "Brazil" or any Monty Python knows full well that Terry Gilliam is a brilliant icon of frivolity. The Minnesotan has churned out an array of fanciful, grand films with box-office success running a pret-

ty paltry gamut between zilch and mid-dling — and that's being charitable.

The few tanks that come to mind are "13 Monkeys," "The Adventures of Baron Munchausen," and "Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas," Gilliam's last project before this tumultuous three-ring fiasco, a long-planned attempt to commit the Don Quixote tale to celluloid. In "Lost in La Mancha," directors

Keith Fulton and Louis Pepe have managed to carve an appealing documentary out of the nonstop catastrophe Gilliam endured in the process. The scale of this calamity, as it steadily and almost farcically gains momentum, swells to madcap proportions as Gilliam confronts increasingly daunting obstacles with thundering NATO jets disrupting shoots, his main actor's her-

niated discs and a deluge.

From the outset, the production seemed doomed to fail, sharing the fate of Orson Welles' own jinxed Quixote project. Gilliam himself carps about this so-called jinx, edging painfully close to pretension along the way. The parable of Philoctetes applies here, though instead of a wound and a bow, Gilliam has creative genius and daring — stigmata to studios fixated on bottom lines whose Troy is the box office.

Little of the movie in production is shown to us — studio brass pulled the plug less than a week into shooting. Treating the viewer to a host of production meetings, "Lost in La Mancha" waxes pedestrian at times. Interviews on the set and

after the fact are fairly illuminating, if tedious at times. Gilliam lobs the viewer a few gems with ironic smiles hiding his acute frustration and chortles of incredulity.

Many will find that Fulton and Pepe force the issue in areas, overemphasizing parallels between Quixote and Gilliam until they invite the audience's dismissal for seeming either too con-

trived or too insulting to their intelligence. Nevertheless, the quirky director exudes the air of the scatterbrained, visionary genius, neither grating and nor severe.

The swan song for Gilliam's project arrives, unbelievably, in the form of a flash flood in

rural Spain, amid a roaring tempest. While often engaging, the documentary fails to elicit much sympathy for Gilliam and the project. After all, a slew of Quixote adaptations already exist and there was little indication Gilliam's stab at it would surpass them. Despite its downfalls, "Lost in La Mancha" is a frank and often uproarious film about the nightmare from which directors and studio execs wake in a cold sweat wondering how, in the name of all that is good and sacred, things could get ever that bad.

"Lost in La Mancha"



Director: Keith Fulton, Louis Pepe
Writer: Keith Fulton, Louis Pepe
Starring: Jeff Bridges, Bernard Bouix, Johnny Depp, Terry Gilliam



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Johnny Depp appears in Terry Gilliam's attempted film adaptation of "Don Quixote." "Lost in La Mancha" follows the course of Gilliam's disastrous undertaking.

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TAKE TWO

This one's for old Mr. Wang

By MARIA SMITH and KATE WILLIAMS

Scene Editor and Scene Movie Critic

Kate: Well, personally I think that movie had everything; soul searching, international history, and even a bit of child development.

Maria: Sure, if you don't mind lessons of dubious historical accuracy. The movie clearly places the invention of the machine gun, the adolescence of Charlie Chaplin, the knighting of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle and the Boxer Rebellion in 1887, which is blatantly untrue. Also Chon Lin wouldn't have been able to do much karate with her feet bound.



Kate Williams
Maria Smith



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Tension builds in the friendship between Chon Wang (Jackie Chan) and Roy O'Bannon (Owen Wilson) in "Shanghai Knights," the continuation of the 2000 hit "Shanghai Noon."

M: So you're saying the real reason to see this movie is to watch the mullet warriors defeat the evil and aptly named Lord Rathbone? All joking aside, what makes this film appealing?

K: You do have to admit that it topped "Shanghai Noon." Unlike its predecessor, "Shanghai Knights" abandoned any semblance of seriousness for pure slapstick joy. You've got to respect any movie where Wilson refers to himself as a "30-year-old waiter-gigolo."

M: You're right that "Shanghai Knights" is more entertaining than "Shanghai Noon." In the first movie the attempts at plot and morals interfere with Chan and Wilson's rapport more than providing any substance. Wilson's greatest strength in "Shanghai Knights" is something the guys of Keenan Hall have sought after for years — he makes offensive things sound so ridiculous that he actually becomes more lovable and charming for saying them. The effect is totally lost when "Shanghai Noon" tries to make him serious. "Shanghai Knights" also does a better job of showcasing the talents of the man who, since his debut as leading actor in "New Fist of Fury" in 1976, has become the most recognizable name in martial arts movies. The action sequences in "Shanghai Knights" are openly acknowledged as fight scenes, leaving the audience free to marvel at Chan's skill.

K: "Shanghai Knights" also has the advantage of a better plot. In "Shanghai Noon" they spend the entire movie trying to retrieve a kidnapped princess, but in the end somehow become sheriffs instead. The high point of the film is when Wilson casually inherits Chan's wife. The plot feels disjointed. "Shanghai Knights" follows them as they attempt to reclaim the Imperial Seal of China and avenge the death of Chon Wang's father. The boys clearly travel to England to prevent a rap-

scallion from using the seal to illicitly assume the throne. The plot isn't excellent, but it isn't horrible — sort of like South Dining Hall food. Fann Wong also makes a much better heroine as Chon's sister Lin Wang than Lucy Liu in did as Princess Pei Pei in "Shanghai Noon." She manages to kick butt even more than her big brother while simultaneously stealing Wilson's heart.

M: The movie is not totally critically acclaimed, but a lot of the criticisms are exactly what you might expect for a movie built on the prospect of cultural misunderstanding between a former Imperial Guard and an old west cowboy. It relies on the charm of its actors to pull it through, and luckily for the audience the actors are well-suited to the job. As long as you know what you're in for and don't expect a work of art, "Shanghai Knights" will deliver enough great action shots and one-liners to satisfy your tastes.

K: This movie doesn't claim to be a piece of cinematic history, but it isn't a waste of \$5.50

either. It's the grande nonfat decaf vanilla cappuccino of film — essentially useless, but enjoyable nonetheless.

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Chon Wang (Jackie Chan) and Roy O'Bannon (Owen Wilson) rack their brains for a way out of their predicament in "Shanghai Knights."

NBA

Garnett's 26 points, 15 boards garner win for Timberwolves

Associated Press

CLEVELAND
Just imagine what a well-rested Kevin Garnett could do.

Garnett, the road-weary All-Star game MVP, had 26 points and 15 rebounds for his 41st double-double this season to lead the surging Minnesota Timberwolves past the struggling Cleveland Cavaliers 102-91 Wednesday night.

"We were working off an hour and 30 minutes worth of sleep today," Garnett said in explaining the Timberwolves' slow start. "You can't give excuses, you've got to come out and play."

Garnett did exactly that after a sluggish first quarter. He baffled the Cavaliers with a series of spin moves, mixed in a few mid-range jumpers and finished 10-for-17 from the field.

"We couldn't find anybody to match up with him," said Ricky Davis, who led Cleveland with 26 points.

After scoring 37 points in the All-Star game Sunday in Atlanta, Garnett had 26 points in a home win Tuesday night. The team stayed in Minnesota because of a storm in Cleveland, then got up early Wednesday and arrived a few hours before the game.

"We showed a lot of character in playing without 100 percent energy," Garnett said.

Wally Szczerbiak scored 18 points for the Timberwolves, who won their fourth straight and 10th in 12 games.

Jumaine Jones added 18 points for Cleveland, which lost for the 12th time in 14 games and fell to 2-8 under interim coach Keith Smart.

It was Davis' first game against Minnesota since the Cavs matched a \$34 million, six-year offer sheet he received from the Timberwolves in August. At the time, Davis' agent, Dan Fegan, said his client would rather play with the Timberwolves and that the Cavs would be making a mistake by locking Davis into a long-term contract.

Davis has since maintained that he likes Cleveland and wants to help the Cavs, who

have the league's worst record, rebuild.

"I think about it a lot," Davis said of not joining Garnett. "I just have to let it go. It is hard to think about."

"He's a great, great player."

Garnett passed on similar regards.

"I always thought Rick was one of the up-and-coming dominant players," he said. "He jibber-jabbers a bit, so we hit him with 'what could have been' and wished him luck."

Toronto 97, Atlanta 96

Vince Carter has the Toronto Raptors playing their best basketball of the season.

Carter scored 13 of his 21 points in the final five minutes as the Raptors beat the Atlanta Hawks on Wednesday night for their season-high fourth straight win.

Antonio Davis added 22 points and nine rebounds for the Raptors, who have won five of six since Carter returned to the lineup after missing 23 straight games with a strained right knee. Carter has missed 33 games with injuries to both knees.

"Vince in the fourth quarter is what obviously we needed," said Davis, whose team went 6-27 without Carter. "I think before we would play great quarters, but then we could never finish up games."

Carter went 4-for-15 from the field before scoring 13 points in the final 4:50. He finished 8-for-20 from the field.

"I had to take the initiative to step up and make something happen," Carter said. "I couldn't hit a shot to save my life earlier so I had to keep going."

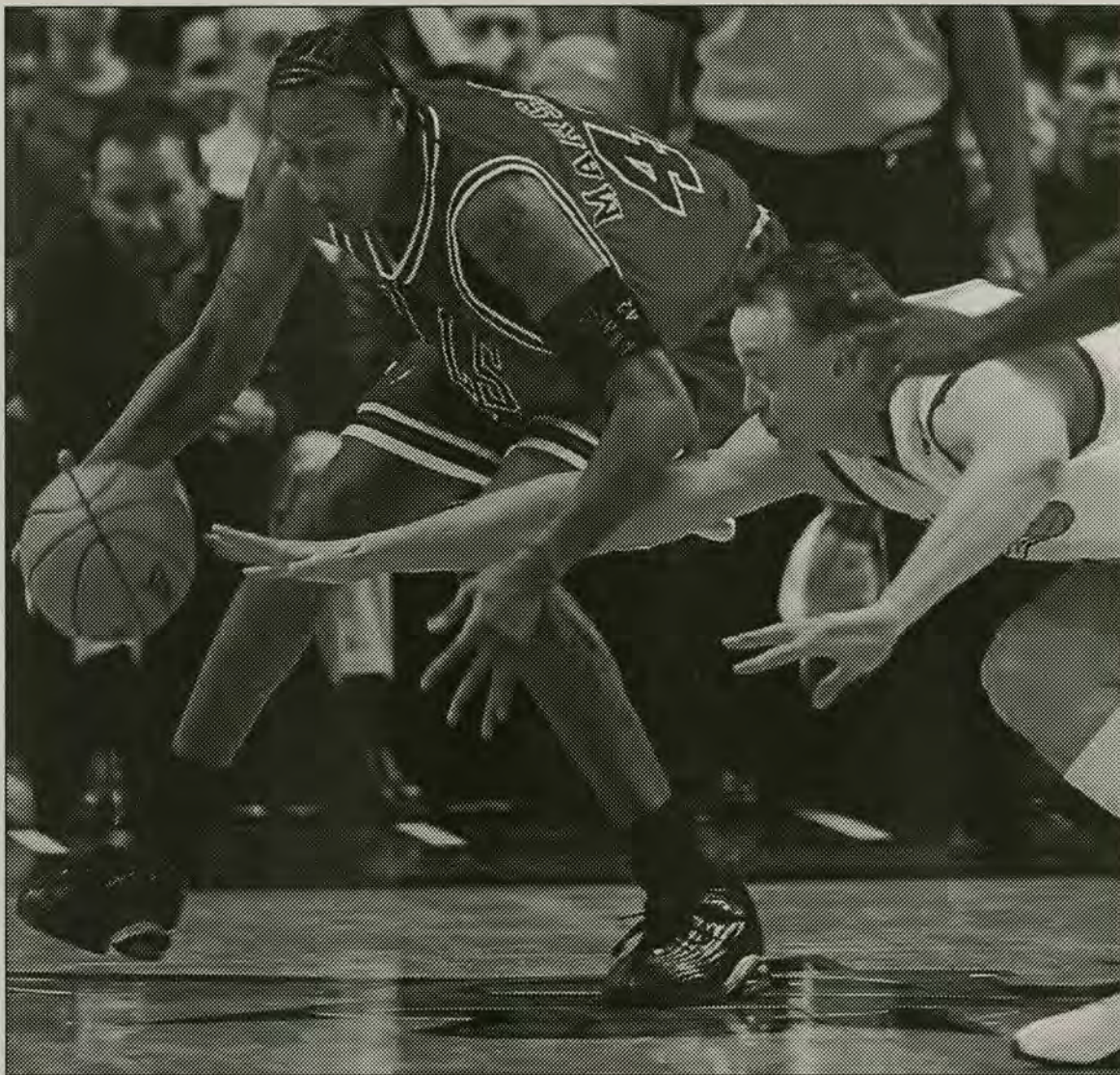
Carter denied his early struggles had anything to do with his injured knees.

"I was just missing," Carter said. "Everything is fine. It just wasn't going in."

Glenn Robinson had 26 points for the Hawks, who have lost three straight.

"Toronto's playing well and having Vince back has obviously helped them," Atlanta coach Terry Stotts said.

Shareef Abdur-Rahim scored 14 of his 24 points in the third quarter to help Atlanta enter the fourth quarter with a six-point lead.



Philadelphia forward Keith Van Horn steals the ball from the Chicago forward Donyell Marshall during overtime of the 76ers' win in Philadelphia Wednesday.

Carter's fadeaway jumper cut Atlanta's lead to one with 4:50 left. Davis' three-point play tied it at 82 with 3:35 left, and Carter's free throw and 3-pointer gave Toronto a four-point lead with 2:40 to go.

After Robinson committed Atlanta's 16th turnover, Davis made one of two free throws.

Atlanta's Theo Ratliff hit a jumper, but Carter followed with one of his own to make it 89-84 with 1:24 remaining.

Philadelphia 119, Chicago 111

The Philadelphia 76ers don't expect to blow many teams out these days — even the lowly Chicago Bulls.

The Sixers, playing without several key frontcourt players, were unable to stop the NBA's

worst road team down the stretch and it almost cost them a win Wednesday night.

Philadelphia blew an 11-point lead with 3:45 left in the fourth quarter, but Allen Iverson scored four of his 36 points in overtime to lift the 76ers to the victory.

Jalen Rose's leaning 18-footer with 7.6 seconds left in regulation tied it at 109 to cap Chicago's comeback.

Rose finished with season highs of 38 points and 13 assists.

Tyson Chandler had 21 points, 17 rebounds and a career-high seven blocks for the Bulls, who lost their seventh straight game and fell to 2-26 away from home.

"Chicago is two-and-some-

thing on the road and we're in a dogfight," Iverson said. "We got the win, that's the positive thing. The negative thing is the end of the game. I guess our execution wasn't there as far as defense."

The 76ers were without Todd MacCulloch (foot) and Monty Williams (knee), along with Samuel Dalembert and Sam Clancy, both of whom are on the injured list with knee injuries. Their absence is felt most on the defensive end.

"We have no shot-blocker," Sixers coach Larry Brown said. "We have a forward playing center and a small backcourt. That's just the hand we're dealt and we just have to get by."

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PGA TOUR

Mickelson apologizes to Woods for comments

Associated Press

SAN DIEGO

Less than an hour after Phil Mickelson acknowledged he was wrong to criticize Tiger Woods' equipment, his cell phone rang.

Just like that, golf's latest feud appeared to be over.

"I did call him back," Woods said Wednesday. "We talked and cleared the air. Everything is fine. No worries. As we all know, Phil can try to be a smart aleck at times. I think that was one of those instances where it just backfired on him."

The only worry Woods has now is the condition of his left knee — and his game.

He'll know more about both when the Buick Invitational begins at soggy Torrey Pines, marking the return of the world's No. 1 player following knee surgery Dec. 12.

A steady rain that fell across the cliffside course north of San Diego washed out the pro-am and kept Woods from getting in one final practice round before ending the longest layoff of his career.

Thursday's opening round might even be delayed, as more rain is in the forecast.

Woods said while his knee is not 100 percent, it's much better than last year and is strong enough for him to play.

"I'm expecting to go out there and give it my best and see what happens," he said. "Hopefully, it feels as good as it does now at the end of Sunday."

The same could be said of his relationship with Mickelson — probably not 100 percent but better than it was last week, and good enough for them to hash it out.

Mickelson caused a stir last week when he said in an interview with Golf Magazine that Woods has "inferior" clubs. He then tried to pay Woods a compliment by saying he was the only player good enough to "overcome the equipment he's stuck with."

Woods had been using Titleist equipment until changing to the Nike Golf ball in 2000, the driver last year at Pebble Beach and the irons in September. He had great success each time he switched.

Mickelson endorses Titleist, and once touted its Pro V1 ball as having a greater impact on golf than when steel replaced hickory in club shafts.

It is rare for players to denigrate other manufacturers. Rarer still is when it comes from a player who has played second-fiddle — or lower — to Woods the last six years.

Mickelson made no excuses Wednesday, nor did he dodge any criticism.

"It was an area that I just never should have gone," he said. "I did not mean anything malicious by it, or I wasn't trying

to make a derogatory statement toward anybody. I still should not have gone in that area."

Mickelson said he apologized to Nike, and left Woods a few messages on his cell phone. Within an hour, Woods finally called him back.

"He apologized. He was sorry for what he had done," Woods said. "It wasn't a personal shot at me. I thought it was Phil trying to be funny, and it didn't come off right at all."

Woods might not forget the comments that easily. During his practice round Tuesday, he ripped one drive down the middle and said with a smile, "Not bad for inferior equipment."

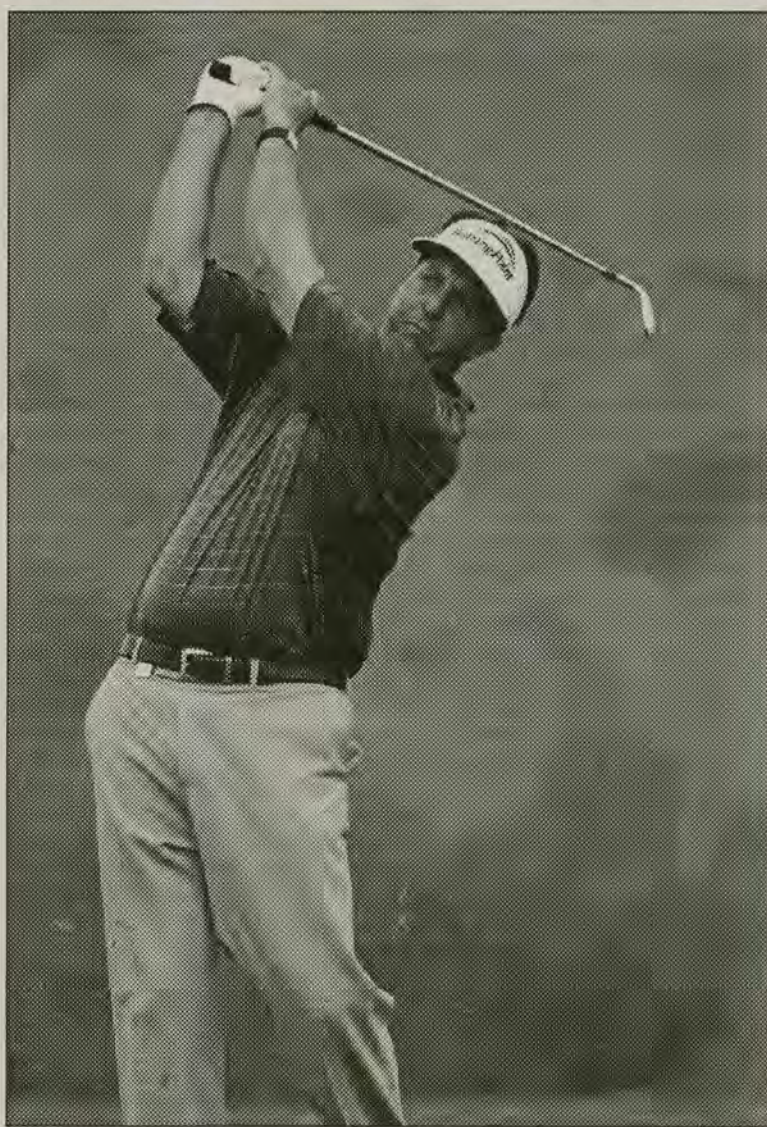
But now, on to more important things. "We're here to compete and not worry about things like that," Woods said.

Woods hasn't competed against anyone but his father since he finished second in his Target World Challenge on Dec. 8. Tired of being in pain for the better part of two years, he had arthroscopic surgery four days later.

Woods played twice in Florida last week, but Tuesday was the first time he'd played 18 holes while walking. He expects no trouble when the tournament begins.

"It was an area that I just never should have gone."

Phil Mickelson
golfer



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Phil Mickelson hits a shot during a tournament last year. Mickelson called Tiger Woods to apologize for negatively commenting on the clubs Woods uses on tour.

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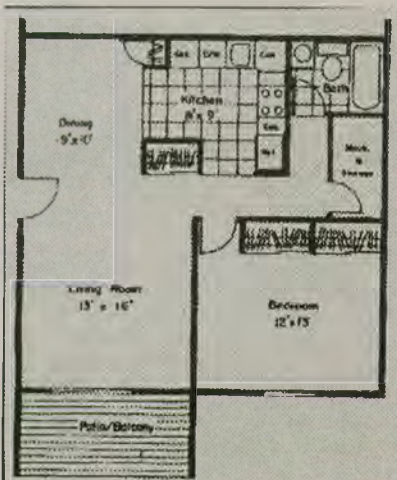
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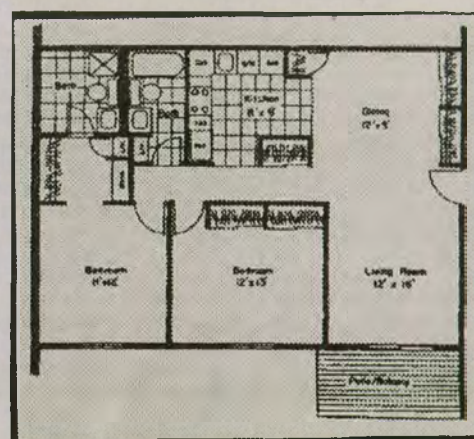
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NHL

Jagr, Capitals explode for 5 first period goals

◆ Thrashers lose second straight decision

Associated Press

Led by Jaromir Jagr, the Washington Capitals scored five goals in the first period and cruised to a victory over the Atlanta Thrashers.

The Capitals had five goals on their first eight shots against goalie Byron Dafoe, who was booed lustily by the Philips Arena crowd and wound up being replaced by Pasi Nurminen at the start of the second period.

Washington extended its domination of the Southeast Division, improving to 11-2-1 against rivals Atlanta, Carolina, Florida and Tampa Bay.

Dafoe, who won at New Jersey in his last start, didn't come up with any big saves against the Capitals. Of course, he didn't get much help from his teammates, either.

Washington scored its first goal off a 3-on-1 break. Before the opening period was done, the Capitals also had converted a 2-on-1 rush, a breakaway and a deflection.

The Thrashers lost their second in a row, once again missing a chance to surpass their win total for all of last season.

Jagr set the tone right away, scoring his 31st goal just 1:58 into the game. He broke down right wing with two teammates, played give-and-go with Kip Miller and fired a shot past the helpless Dafoe.

Just 2:02 later, the Capitals pushed the lead to 2-0. This

time, Jagr passed off to Robert Lang, who put a shot through the legs of Frantisek Kaberle — the only defender back — and past Dafoe.

Blue Jackets 1, Sharks 0

Marc Denis stopped 38 shots and Rick Nash provided the only goal as the Columbus Blue Jackets beat the San Jose Sharks.

It was the first time the Blue Jackets had ever won a 1-0 game.

The shutout was Denis' third of the year and seventh of his career. He faced 19 shots in the first two periods and 19 in the third as the Sharks turned up the pressure.

Denis came into the game 0-4-0 against the Sharks with a 5.11 goals-against average.

San Jose, which lost its fourth in a row, had beaten the Blue Jackets in their last four meetings. Columbus tied a franchise record as it stretched its home points streak to six (4-0-2).

Nash, a top contender for rookie of the year, picked up his 12th goal — and first game-winner — at 7:13 of the first period. Nash ended up with the puck near the blue line at the right boards and skated in on San Jose goaltender Mikka Kiprusoff. Nash fired a shot from the right circle that appeared to handcuff Kiprusoff, skipping off the goalie and bouncing lazily behind him into the net.

Nash was playing his first game on the Blue Jackets' No. 1 line. He was moved up from the third line and replaced Geoff Sanderson, who was dropped to the third unit.

David Vyborny and Scott

Lachance picked up assists, Lachance collecting his first point of the season in 41 games and his first in a Columbus uniform.

Senators 3, Penguins 0

Toni Dahlman scored his first NHL goal and Patrick Lalime stopped 20 shots for his sixth shutout of the season Wednesday night as the Ottawa Senators beat the Pittsburgh Penguins 3-0.

Marian Hossa, the NHL's second-leading goal scorer, and Chris Neil also scored for the Senators, who moved within one point of Dallas for the league's overall points lead.

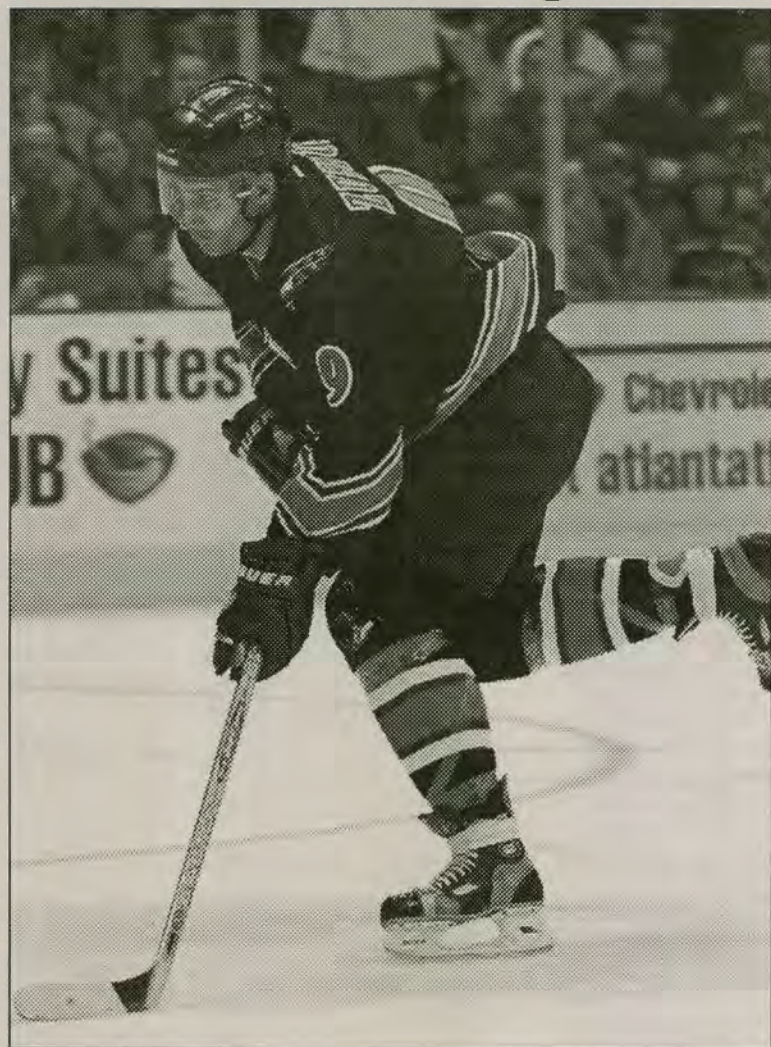
The game was the Penguins' first since the eight-player trade sending Alexei Kovalev to the New York Rangers on Monday. Three players acquired in that trade, forwards Rico Fata and Mikael Samuelsson and defenseman Joel Bouchard, were in the Pittsburgh lineup, along with defenseman Shawn Heins, acquired from San Jose one day earlier.

Rangers 3, Panthers 1

Sandy McCarthy scored his second goal of the season late in the second period and Mike Dunham made 27 saves as the New York Rangers snapped a seven-game winless streak with a victory at Florida.

Alexei Kovalev, acquired from Pittsburgh in an eight-player trade Monday, scored an empty-net goal with 10.8 seconds left. He also had a couple of good scoring chances in the first period.

Defenseman Tom Poti also scored for the Rangers, who gave Glen Sather his first victory



API photo

Capitals Dainius Zubrus skates on a break away to score against the Thrashers in the first period. Washington defeated Atlanta 5-1 Wednesday night.

since he took over as coach Jan. 30, when he fired Bryan Trottier. The Rangers had been 0-2-1-1 under Sather.

Olli Jokinen had the lone Florida goal.

Roberto Luongo made 23 saves for Florida.

Florida missed a great chance to tie it in the third period when Valeri Bure picked up a loose puck to the right of Dunham and had the top of the net open. But Bure couldn't lift the puck over a sprawling Dunham, who made the pad save.

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NCAA BASKETBALL

Struggling Billikens edge No. 2 Cardinals, ending win streak

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS

Downtrodden Saint Louis came up with a victory to hang its season on.

Marque Perry scored five of his 25 points in the final 13 seconds and maneuvered inside for the game-winning layup with 3.2 seconds to go as Saint Louis upset second-ranked Louisville 59-58 on Wednesday night.

"It's so big I can't really explain it," Perry said. "Coach told us if we're real close at the end, you never know what can happen."

The Billikens (9-12, 3-7) were coming off a pair of road losses to middle-of-the-road Conference USA teams, making them an unlikely team to put an end to the nation's longest winning streak. They entered last in the conference's American Division, and in danger of not even making the postseason tournament.

"I would have been happy to beat Hazelwood Central [High

School] tonight, because we really needed a win," coach Brad Soderberg said. "I'll go on record and say we outworked them."

This was Saint Louis' biggest win since a victory over top-ranked Cincinnati in the first round of the Conference-USA tournament in 2000, and the school did it despite 34 percent shooting, compensating by forcing 16 turnovers. Louisville (18-2, 8-1 C-USA) had won 17 in a row since a two-point loss to Purdue on Nov. 30 in the second game of the season, and coach Rick Pitino said the Cardinals' 14-for-20 showing at the free-throw line was the difference.

"They played a terrific game and stopped a streak we had a lot of fun with," Pitino said. "Now it's time to start a new streak."

Reece Gaines had a season-high 28 points, five rebounds and three assists for the Cardinals, who have been beating their opponents by an average of 19 points. That also was the margin

of victory in the first meeting between the teams at Louisville on Jan. 11, a 73-54 victory.

This was by far the lowest scoring total for Louisville, which is averaging 84 points, and had no other players in double figures. Center Marvin Stone, averaging 13 points, was scoreless in 30 minutes.

Chris Sloan and Josh Fisher added 11 points apiece for Saint Louis, which despite its problems has won five of six in the series. Sloan had one of the big plays in the waning minutes with a steal and dunk that cut the gap to 57-54 with 50.8 seconds left, and also hit a 3-pointer at the end of the half.

"Top to bottom, they're a lot more talented team than we are," Sloan said. "Hustling was going to be the difference to pull out a win."

Gaines' 3-pointer had given Louisville a 57-50 lead with 1:58 to go. But he struggled down the stretch, missing one of two free throws with 24.4 seconds to go and also being called for traveling and missing the front end of a bonus attempt in the final six minutes.

Perry scored on a drive and converted a three-point play with 13.2 seconds left to cut the gap to one. Then he tipped a long inbound pass intended for Gaines to teammate Anthony Drejaj to set up the game-winner.

Gaines was hard off the backboard at the buzzer on a shot a few steps beyond the midcourt stripe.



AFP PHOTO

Louisville Center Marvin Stone goes up to block Saint Louis guard Marque Perry during the first quarter of the Billikens' upset victory in Saint Louis Wednesday.

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DAN COYLE '97ND

Wednesday, February 05 ~ 155 DeBartolo Hall, 7:30 pm

Author of *Hardball*, reception in the Coleman-Morse lounge featuring music of student a cappella group Big Yellow Taxi

SR. JEAN LENZ, OSF '67ND

Thursday, February 06 ~ LaFortune Ballroom 7:30 pm

Author of *Loyal Sons and Daughters of Notre Dame: A Memoir of Notre Dame*, co-sponsored by Cavanaugh Coffeehouse, featuring the music of female a cappella group Harmonia, book signing, and refreshments

NIKKI GIOVANNI

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Poet of *Quitting the Black-Eyed Pea and Love Poems*, introductory remarks by ND head football coach Ty Willingham. Co-sponsored by the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore, the College of Arts & Letters, Gender Studies Program, Department of English, the Creative Writing Program, and the Department of African and African-American Studies

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JOE GARDEN

Monday, February 10 ~ Washington Hall, 7:30 pm

One of founding fathers of *The Onion*, introductory remarks by ND professor of art Robert Sedlack, reception to follow in the basement of Zahm Hall

KEVIN COVINE

Tuesday, February 11 ~ Washington Hall 7:30 pm

Author of *Domers*, reception in LaFortune Ballroom featuring the music of male a cappella group The Undertones

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Basilica of the Sacred Heart

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8:00 p.m.
CoMo Student Lounge

saturday 2.15

Junior Parents' Weekend Mass
5:30 p.m.
Joyce Center

sunday 2.16

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10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
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tuesday 2.18

Campus Bible Study
7:00 -8:00 p.m.
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Confirmation Session #10
7:00 p.m.
Siegfried Hall Chapel

Weekly Spanish Mass
10:30 p.m.
St. Edward's Hall

wednesday 2.19

Graduate Student Christian Fellowship
8:00 p.m.
Wilson Commons

Interfaith Christian Night Prayer
10:00p.m.
Morrissey Hall Chapel

considerations....

Busyness

Cluttered Mind? Just Take a Nap

by Jemar Tisby
Campus Ministry Intern

Last Sunday I attempted to clean my bedroom. I stood at the doorway to my room for a moment and surveyed the situation. My sheets needed washing, the carpet needed vacuuming, my desktop needed tidying, and three weeks worth of laundry needed cleaning. I took all this in for a moment and then I turned on my heel and walked away to take a nap and process. It's not that I didn't want to clean my room, I just didn't know where to start.

At Notre Dame our lives tend to get so cluttered that we don't even know how to begin cleaning them. We've all got so many demands on our time from classes, to meetings, to friends, to family; you name it and it's got a time slot in our planner. Time is at a premium at Notre Dame and all of our busyness has a drastically detrimental effect on our mental state. We cram an absurd amount of activity into 24 short hours and never stop for more than a couple of minutes and then we wonder why we can't seem to figure out anything in our lives. This amount of action is a major drain on us emotionally and spiritually. We don't take the time to sit down and think about life and about God and to process all the things that are happening in and around us. Soon our minds become littered with unresolved issues and we end up feeling overcome with confusion because we don't know which issue to untangle first.

I think the best solution is to simply sit down, shut up, and process. We need to take the time to be still, to stop running from one appointment to the next and actually schedule a meeting with ourselves. We also need to shut up. We need to turn off the cell phone, turn off the radio, shut the door from the outside world and just be quiet. Then we just need to think for a bit, to ruminate on life for a few moments. I believe that many people will come to agree with my assessment that most of our anxiety isn't caused by the circumstances themselves, but mainly by the fact that we don't take the time frequently enough to sit down and process things.

After I opted to sleep rather than clean my room that Sunday, I lay on the couch in that euphoric post-nap haze for a while and processed. My thoughts meandered their way through some particularly perplexing situations in my life—including cleaning my room—and after a while, I was able to be content in knowing that God always has a way of working out the most troubling dilemmas. I got up and went back to my room. It was still a mess. Everything was just as I had left it, but I felt more clear-minded and less overwhelmed. I started to clean my room in a systematic way—first the sheets, then the carpet, then my desk, then the clothes. It took me all afternoon but by the time I went to sleep that night, my room was clean.

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Sunday's Scripture Readings

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OLYMPIC SPORTS

Miller wins third medal at world championships



Bode Miller salutes the crowd after finishing the giant slalom. Miller won his third gold medal in a world championship event.

♦ Miller is first American to win giant slalom world title in 21 years

Associated Press

ST. MORITZ, Switzerland — Bode Miller became the first American man to win three medals in a world championship. He is the first to capture two golds. He's also the first American to win the giant slalom world title in 21 years.

Yet Miller was happiest for teammate Erik Schlopy.

The two friends realized a life-long ambition Wednesday, climbing the podium together for the first time.

Miller rallied in typical thrilling style to win his second title of the championship, while Schlopy delivered the day's most dazzling run to take the bronze behind Austria's Hans Knauss.

"It's the most important medal of my life, sharing it with Erik," said Miller, who also won the combined and shared the silver in the super giant slalom. "But I'm happiest for him. Today was really tough and really special, to see Erik ski the way he can."

"We've been waiting for this a long time and for it to happen at the world championship is amazing. It's great for our country, but it's even better for Erik and me, and the team."

Miller, a 25-year-old skier from Franconia, N.H., became the first American to win the giant slalom world title since Steve Mahre in 1982.

Last season in Val d'Isere, France, Miller became the first U.S. skier to win a World Cup

giant slalom since Phil Mahre in 1983. The next day, in Madonna di Campiglio, Italy, he won a slalom, the first to do so since Steve Mahre that same season.

At the Olympics last winter, Miller gave the United States its first Olympic medal in the giant slalom as well as another silver in the combined, ending an eight-year medal drought for the U.S. men's Alpine skiers.

He'll have another chance to break records in Sunday's slalom.

Schlopy has had decidedly less success. The 30-year-old skier from Park City, Utah, has never won a World Cup race and his best results are a pair of second places in 2001. He is just 18th in the World Cup giant slalom standings. In the slalom, he's 24th.

Something Miller fails to comprehend.

"He's got the kind of speed that when he skis at his best, like today, no one can touch him," Miller said. "It must be awful."

"If he breaks through after this, no one on the World Cup will be able to touch him, myself included."

With six medals and three races left in the championships — the Americans have surpassed their previous best of five, set in 1982 in Schladming, Austria. They are currently one behind Austria.

Miller can't wait for more medals to pile up.

"They are going to sit there and wait for friends to join them," he said. "I am starting quite a collection in my room right now."

Christin Cooper, an NBC commentator at this event, earned two silvers and a bronze at the 1982 championship in Schladming.

This marked the first time American men had two skiers among the top three at a world championship, though Americans Billy Kidd and James Heuga finished second and third in the slalom at the 1964 Innsbruck Olympics, which also counted as the worlds that year.

With Miller fourth and Schlopy 23rd after the opening leg, both needed to make up ground. In his final trip down the sun-soaked Engiadina course, Schlopy delivered a blinding run to build a massive lead.

His time withstood 21 assaults from other racers until Miller sped down for a time of 2 minutes, 45.93 seconds, a mere 0.04 seconds ahead of Schlopy.

The two watched nervously in the finish area as Knauss, the fastest in the opening leg, charged the course, leading most of the way. But the Austrian failed to extend his hands fully as he crossed the finish line, and squeezed in between the two Americans. He ended up a 0.03 seconds behind Miller and 0.01 head of Schlopy.

"I'll leave this mountain with the memory of my second run," Schlopy said. "My gold medal is to be on the podium with Bode."

For Knauss, the silver was bittersweet.

"There was a lot of tension at the start," he said. "I'd seen on the TV screen that Erik had done tremendously well. I knew I couldn't play it safe."

Michael von Gruenigen of Switzerland, defending champion and World Cup leader in the event, was third after the first run. He raced after Miller and dropped behind. So did Benjamin Raich of Austria, second after the first heat.

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Virginia Tech	8	3	.727
Boston College	7	3	.700
Miami	6	4	.600
NOTRE DAME	6	5	.545
Seton Hall	5	5	.500
Georgetown	4	6	.400
Providence	3	7	.300
Syracuse	3	8	.272
Pittsburgh	2	8	.200
St. John's	2	10	.167
West Virginia	1	9	.100

Mens College Basketball Big East Conference			
West Division			
team	W	L	Pct.
NOTRE DAME	7	2	.778
Pittsburgh	7	2	.778
Syracuse	7	3	.700
Seton Hall	5	4	.556
West Virginia	3	5	.375
Rutgers	3	6	.333
Georgetown	2	6	.222
East Division			
team	W	L	Pct.
Connecticut	6	3	.667
Villanova	6	3	.667
St. John's	5	5	.500
Boston College	5	5	.500
Miami	3	6	.333
Providence	3	7	.300
Virginia Tech	3	6	.333

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team	W	L	Pct.
Hope	11	0	1.000
Kalamazoo	8	3	.727
Albion	7	4	.636
Alma	6	5	.545
Calvin	4	7	.363
Olivet	4	7	.363
Adrian	3	7	.300
SAINT MARY'S	1	10	.091

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PGA TOUR



Annika Sorenstam accepted an invitation on Wednesday to play on the PGA Tour in the Colonial in May. Sorenstam dominated her competition on the LPGA Tour throughout her career.

Sorenstam will play PGA Tour event

Associated Press

FORT WORTH
Annika Sorenstam wondered how she would stack up against stronger players on tougher courses under the most suffocating scrutiny.
So she's going to play against men.
The world's best female golfer accepted an invitation Wednesday to play in the Colonial in May, which would make her the first woman in 58 years to compete on the PGA Tour.
"For all the well-wishers who want to know why I would accept such a challenge, the answer is simple: I am curious to see if I can compete in a PGA Tour

event," Sorenstam said.
No one has been able to touch her on the LPGA Tour lately.
She won 13 times around the world last year, shattered the tour's scoring record and finished out of the top 10 only three times. The year before, she became the first woman to shoot 59 and earn more than \$2 million in one season.
"I just think she wants to find out how good she really is, and if the gap between women's golf and mens golf is that great — or not great at all," Tiger Woods said.
Other players are equally interested in how she will fare against the best in golf at an event steeped in tradition and made famous by

Ben Hogan.
"Annika's accomplishments show that she is certainly deserving," Tournament chairman Dee Finley said.
He said no Colonial members voiced objections to Sorenstam's participation in the event.
Sorenstam picked the perfect course — one that does not require as much power off the tee. Colonial is 7,080 yards (par 70) and puts a premium on accuracy, Sorenstam's forte.
History is hardly on her side.
The last woman to play on the PGA Tour was Babe Zaharias, one of the greatest all-around female athletes ever. She qualified for the 1945 Los Angeles Open

and made the 36-hole cut before she was eliminated in the third round with a 79.
"I'm as curious as anybody to see how the best LPGA player of today, and possibly all time, will play against the men," Phil Mickelson said.
Mickelson, a past champion at Colonial, predicted Sorenstam would "definitely" make the cut and probably finish 20th.
Still, it gives the issue of women in golf even more attention.
Martha Burk and the National Council of Women's Organizations have made headlines for urging Augusta National to allow a female member before the Masters in April.

IN BRIEF

Garcia wins arbitration case against Mariners
Seattle pitcher Freddy Garcia was awarded the third-highest salary ever in arbitration when he won his case against the Mariners on Wednesday.
The 26-year-old right-hander was awarded \$6,875,000 by arbitrators Richard Bloch, Jack Clarke and William Holley, who heard the case a day earlier in St. Petersburg. The Mariners had wanted to pay \$5.9 million.
Garcia went 16-10 with a 4.39 ERA last year, when he earned \$3.8 million.
Since arbitration began in 1974, the only players awarded more were Andruw Jones of Atlanta (\$8.2 million) in 2001 and Mariano Rivera of the New York Yankees (\$7.25 million) in 2000. Rivera lost his case.
Players and owners have split the four cases decided thus far, with Florida left-hander Mark Redman also winning. Marlins right-hander

Vladimir Nunez and Cincinnati left-hander Bruce Chen lost their cases.
Nine players remain scheduled for hearings through Feb. 20.
Houston shortstop Julio Lugo and Baltimore second baseman Jerry Hairston settled on one-year contracts just before their hearings were scheduled to start Wednesday. Lugo gets \$1,575,000 and Hairston gets \$1.55 million, with both having the chances to earn \$75,000 more in performance bonuses.
The 26-year-old Lugo had asked for \$1.8 million, \$300,000 more than the Astros' offered. He hit .261 last season with eight homers and 35 RBIs in 88 games, and made \$325,000. His season ended when he was hit by a pitch while playing the Chicago Cubs on Aug. 12 and broke his left arm.
Hairston, 26, hit .268 with five homers, 32 RBIs and 22 steals last year, and made \$300,000. He had asked for \$1.8 million and had been offered \$1.15 million.

Governor wants Nebraska football players paid
Gov. Mike Johanns is backing a legislative proposal to pay Nebraska football players.
"Paying the players would be above board and straightforward," Johanns said Wednesday. "College football has become a multimillion-dollar industry that should do much better for its athletes."
A bill introduced by state Sen. Ernie Chambers would require football players to be paid a stipend. It would take effect only if three other states that have teams in the Big 12 Conference pass similar laws.
Chambers contends football players are exploited, unable to capitalize on work that generates millions of dollars. He said NCAA rules governing money players can earn are too complex and easy to violate for small infractions.

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the paint as Notre Dame outscored St. John's 40-8 inside.

"Our game plan was try to stop them inside and obviously we didn't do too good of a job of that," Red Storm coach Kim Barnes Airco said. "They have a powerful team inside. ... That's the strength of their team and we tried to take it away and we couldn't."

Notre Dame's defense didn't have a bad showing either. For the fourth time in their last six games, the Irish have held their opponent to less than 60 points. As a team, Notre Dame recorded 14 steals against the Red Storm. Four were Flecky's — another career-high for the sophomore post player. McGraw credits her team's new 1-3-1 zone defense for some of Notre Dame's recent defensive success. Until recently, the Irish had been playing a 2-3 zone that their opponents prepared for. But opponents aren't quite sure what they'll see now.

"We have a new zone that's pretty good," McGraw said. "I think that it's a little bit different and I think it's sort of surprising the other team a little bit."

But McGraw also admitted that the 34.7 percent St. John's shot from the floor could not be attributed wholly to Notre Dame's defense. It was also a result of bad

shooting for the Red Storm. Aside from guard Shemika Stevens, who tallied 20 points in Wednesday night's contest, only one member of the St. John's team scored more than five points.

"I didn't think [our defense] was quite as good tonight, I think [St. John's] missed some shots," McGraw said.

And without any defense inside the paint, St. John's was doomed for defeat.

"We're not a very potent offensive team," Barnes Airco said. "So if we can't stop these teams and hold them to 50s, low 60s, we're in trouble. They did a good job tonight, found the open person, moved the ball around."

The Irish took the lead just 15 seconds into the game when Borton scored on an assist from Batteast. A lay-up by Le'Tania Severe gave them a 10-point lead they never relinquished, leaving them with a 35-20 lead at the half.

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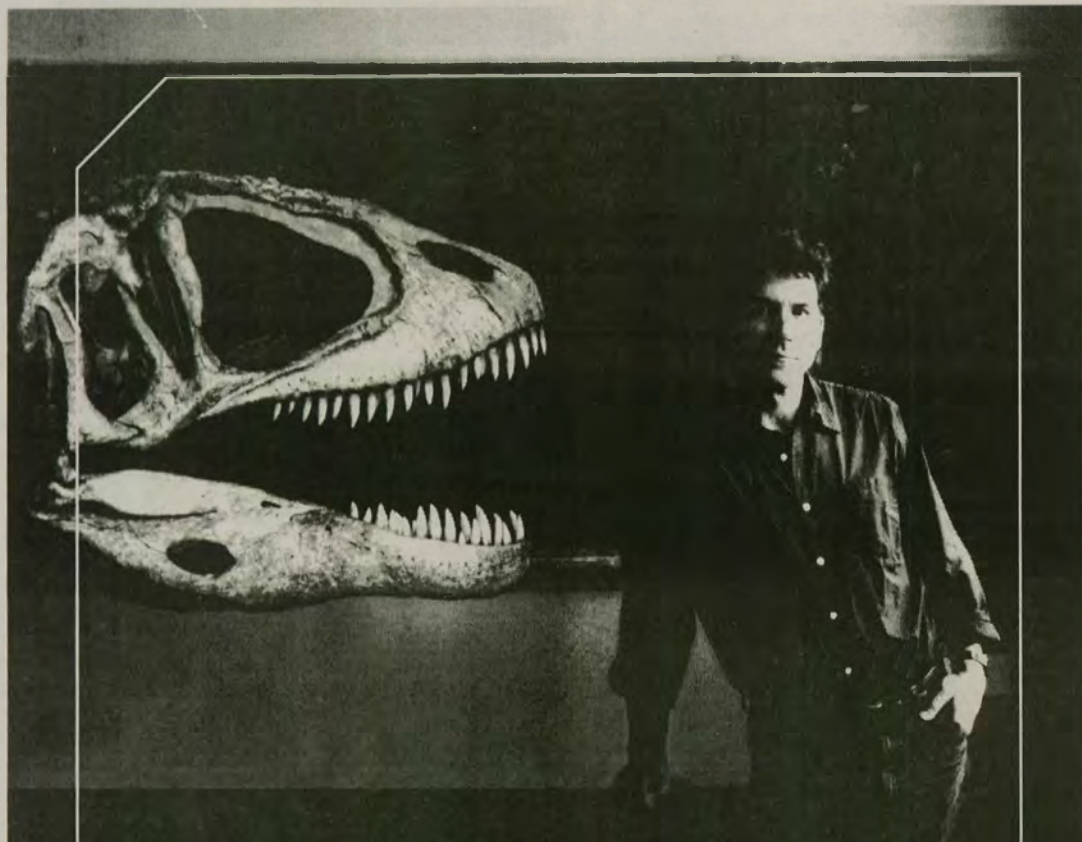
♦ St. John's senior Danielle Rainey was declared ineligible and did not play on Wednesday night. The University realized through an administrative error that Rainey's eligibility had expired at the end of first semester. The team is currently awaiting a decision from the NCAA as to whether it will extend Rainey's eligibility.

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Notre Dame guard Alicia Ratay is guarded by a St. John's player during the 76-48 Irish victory Wednesday. Ratay scored nine points off of 3-pointers.



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only a year apart in age. However, their relationship extended beyond their closeness in age.

An unforgettable experience that the Boyces were privileged to share was that of the J. Kyle Braid Leadership Ranch, located in Villa Grove, Colo. Both sisters attended the ranch the summers following their sophomore years of high school.

"It was a great experience, and it became yet another thing that Bridget and I shared, and brought us even closer together," said Katie.

However, the two were soon apart, as Katie was the first to decide on Saint Mary's. They come from a family that loves both Saint Mary's and Notre Dame, and grew up going to football games in the fall.

"I really felt at home here [at Saint Mary's and Notre Dame], and I wanted to be at a small school where I could play basketball," said Katie.

However, she was surprised when Bridget chose to follow her footsteps.

"I really thought that she was going to go to a big school," Katie said. "I never imagined

her here."

Now that both Boyces have arrived at Saint Mary's, they look to leave their marks, both on and off the basketball court, as they have become a key part of the Belles squad.

"They are two players who try their hardest all the time and push themselves to be better,"

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Bellina said.

Bridget, a 5-foot-7 shooting guard, has stepped up as a freshman this year, starting 13 games and averaging 7.4 points per game. She also leads the

team with 24 3-pointers and shoots 80 percent from the free throw line. Bridget leads the team in minutes played as well.

"Bridget has had to come in a step into a big role right away," said Bellina. "She's had to contribute early, just as the other young players."

Katie, on the other hand, is naturally a point guard. The 5-foot-2 sophomore averages 4.4 points and a team high 1.9 steals per game. She also shoots 37 percent from beyond the arc

and has started 12 games for the Belles.

However, Katie's contributions have not been limited to her play on the court. She has been instrumental in helping Bridget adjust to the college life.

"Their family is extremely close," said Bellina. "Katie had a tough time adjusting last year, and this year having Katie here has helped Bridget so much."

Although Katie has helped Bridget adjust, both girls have benefited from attending the same college.

"It has been so nice for both of us," Katie said. "To have someone in your family here is great because it makes it feel more like home."

It is because of their family ties that the Boyce sisters have been able to handle this season's disappointing record for the Belles who are (5-16, 1-9).

"It has been disappointing so far, but the season is not over," said Katie. "We just have to learn to have a winning attitude, and take it one step at a time."

Now that they're on the same team again, the Boyce sisters can take that step toward winning together.

"It has been dissappointing so far, but the season is not over. We just have to learn to have a winning attitude."

Katie Boyce
Belles point guard

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14 Gas's partner: Abbr.

15 1958 Pulitzer winner

16 Rod Stewart's ex

17 Tropical tuber

18 Botch

19 Wrap up

20 It may allow you to make an entrance

22 Single-named supermodel

23 Woody Guthrie's "I Ain't ___ Home"

24 Football Hall-of-Famer Ford

26 Some people pass on them: Abbr.

28 Suffix with verb

29 "___ there?"

33 Update a factory

35 Pipe problem

37 Data

38 Focus of an interplanetary search

42 It may be abstract

43 Remove roughly

44 Took pains

46 In stitches

47 South-of-the-border title: Abbr.

50 Go for the bronze?

51 Some speeding vehicles' destinations, briefly

55 Ordination, e.g.

57 Comeback, maybe

61 High hat

62 December 13th, e.g.

63 Act like an ass

64 Like some skies

65 They can get rough

66 "___ cost you!"

67 Halfhearted

68 Vigorous

69 Misses

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2 Los ___

3 Dress down

4 Pooh-pooh

5 Ste. Jeanne

6 Mexican water

7 One who has it coming?

8 Tennis great who never won Wimbledon

9 Devil dog

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11 Tubes on a plate

12 Intermittently

13 Aphid's sustenance

21 Spa handout

25 Heretofore

27 Member of the rose family

30 Revealing top

31 Dust Bowl figure

32 No quick reads

34 Feature of the Earth

35 NBC host

36 "American Gigolo" star

38 Part of V.M.I.: Abbr.

39 Stamp and sign, perhaps

40 "Louder!"

41 Cover-up in 47-Down

45 Didn't go straight

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48 Amnesiac's lack

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SPORTS

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ND WOMENS BASKETBALL

Irish breeze through Red Storm

By KATIE McVOY
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The most exciting part of Wednesday's game between Notre Dame and St. John's may have been the "Kiss a Pig" contest during halftime, but the Irish are just fine with that. After a January full of tough home losses and a recent nail biter against Virginia Tech, the easy 76-48

win against St. John's came as a welcome relief.

There were a few tense moments when the Red Storm came within one, but then the Irish pulled ahead from 4-3 to 6-3 and the nervousness ended along with any St. John's hopes of victory.

"I thought we did a lot of good things today," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. "I was overall pretty pleased with the perfor-

mance of the whole team. I thought that everybody who came in did a good job contributing."

Although the Irish did not claim any extraordinary numbers, they played two solid halves of basketball and found success where, until recently, it had been lacking. Notre Dame outrebounded the Red Storm 33-29 and managed a positive assist to turnover ratio, thanks to a first

half that was focused on protecting the ball.

"Four turnovers in the first half, I figured the statistician made a lot of mistakes," McGraw said. "It was nice to see that low number. That was a really great thing."

Jacqueline Batteast and Alicia Ratay led a potent Irish offense that finished with four players in double figures and a total of 16 assists, including a career-high

five for Katy Flecky. Despite Ratay's nine points off 3-pointers and another trey from Courtney LaVere, it was in the paint that the Irish really found success.

Batteast paired up with teammate Teresa Borton to work the ball inside against a slightly smaller St. John's team. All three of Batteast's assists went to Borton for some easy layups in

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SMC BASKETBALL

Belles get rung again

◆ Belles edged in second half heart stopper

By TREY WILLIAMS
Sports Writer

Despite the frosty conditions in South Bend, the heat was on in the Angela Athletic Center as Saint Mary's basketball went toe-to-toe with Albion College Wednesday night.

The feud came down to the wire as the Britons nipped the Belles 48-45 in the final moments of the second half.

The Belles (5-17, 1-10 in the MIAA) returned home with full force after a two-game road series, dominating the first half with precision shooting and overpowering defense.

Led by Emily Pernotto's seven points, the Belles took a slim 25-23 halftime lead. Their fortune was the result of an early scoring drive that resulted in an 11-6 lead in only the first five minutes of the game.

"This three-game home series is something we've been waiting for," said coach Suzanne Bellina. "Our ladies came ready to play today and it showed in their intensity."

The Belles' held off a small spurt by the Britons to keep the lead, 18-17, with six minutes remaining in the half.

Both teams flexed their muscles statistically in the first half with Albion shooting 37 percent from the field, while Saint Mary's connected on 43 percent of their shots.

The game hit a critical turning point only a few minutes into the second half as Britons took over on a 3-pointer by guard Jocelyn Zappala, giving them a 30-27 lead which they



FILE PHOTO

Saint Mary's guard Katie Boyce dribbles the ball past a defender in a recent game. The Belles lost 48-45 to Albion Wednesday night at Angela Athletic Facility.

would never relinquish.

A glimmer of hope shown through for the Belles in only the last minute of the game as one of center Maureen Bush's five assists was answered by a 3-pointer from point guard Katie Boyce with only 42.6 seconds left on the clock.

The pressure intensified as Katie Miller sank a jumper to the echoes of silence that fell

upon the nervous Belle audience, bringing Saint Mary's within three at 48-45 with only 1.4 seconds left on the clock.

The Belles took a timeout but were unable to engineer any workable play.

"[The end of the game situations] were the kind of moments we practice for," said Bellina. "The girls were ready for the pressure and they han-

dled it just as they should have."

The Belles look forward to their next games as a chance for redemption and a chance to salvage what's left of their season when they face Calvin College at home this Saturday.

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◆ Boyce sisters back on same team once again

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It's about time Bridget and Katie Boyce are on the same team again.

Despite growing up together, Bridget and Katie Boyce never played on the same team until Katie's senior year in high school.

"It has been kinda funny," said Katie, the older Boyce. "It was always a joke in our family, because we always played the same sports, but were never on the same team."

The two finally managed to play together two years ago when Katie was a senior and Bridget was a junior at Mother McAuley High School in Chicago.

"It was so much fun to have her on my team," said Katie. "It really made my senior year to finally play with her, because in volleyball we weren't on the same team either."

Both sisters were two-sport standouts in high school, playing volleyball in addition to basketball, at Mother McAuley, a private, all-girls high school. The fact that they participated in the same sports brought the two together growing up in Oak Lawn, a Chicago suburb.

"We were the closest in age of all our siblings, and we just have so much in common," Katie said.

In a family that includes an older brother and four younger sisters, Katie and Bridget were

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SPORTS AT A GLANCE

ND WOMENS BASKETBALL

Notre Dame 76
Saint John's 48

Jacqueline Batteast and Alicia Ratay lead Irish to an easy win over the Red Storm. In their past four games, the Irish have held their opponents to less than 60 points.

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SMC BASKETBALL

Albion 48
Saint Mary's 45

After leading at halftime, the Belles fail to begin a three-game homestand with a win.

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SMC BASKETBALL

The Boyce sisters, playing on the same team for only the second time in their athletic careers, work together during the Belles' struggling season.

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