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Autopsy: No foul play in Sharon's death

◆ **Police say Sharon death due to drowning**

By TERESA FRALISH
Assistant News Editor

After reviewing the results of the autopsy conducted today on Chad Sharon's body, police said Sharon died from drowning and that foul play was likely not involved.

"The cause of death is consistent with drowning," said Rex Rakow, director of Notre Dame Security Police. "There was no indication of foul play or other trauma to the body."

Sharon's body was discovered by construction workers yesterday floating in about two feet of water underneath the Angela bridge. Police made a tentative identification yesterday based on the Notre Dame medal Sharon was wearing and identification found in a wallet on his

body. Sharon was first reported as missing by Fisher Hall staff on Dec. 12 when he did not return from an off-campus party on Corby Street. Sharon had told friends he would return to campus on his own.

A Madison Center employee later reported speaking with Sharon early on the morning of Dec.



Sharon

12. Madison Center Hospital on Niles Avenue is located further southeast from Notre Dame than the Corby Street party Sharon attended before he disappeared. The Angela bridge where Sharon's body was located is almost directly west of the University and slightly northwest of the

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Juniors welcome parents

By JULIA MILLER-LEMON
News Writer

Beginning today, the Junior Parents Weekend Executive Committee welcomes the families of the of the Class of 2004 as they arrive from around the country to share in their children's academic and social lives at Notre Dame.

Carrying the theme "Wherever We Go ... God, Country, Notre Dame," the weekend joins First Year Student Orientation and Commencement as the three times when parents are honored guests on campus and are able to experience the Notre Dame community firsthand.

The weekend will include a number of different activities designed to expose parents to their student's life both inside and outside of the classroom. Festivities kick off tonight with the "Bright Lights of the Big City" Gala at the Joyce Center, a celebration for juniors and their families that will include music, dancing and hors d'oeuvres.

Saturday begins with academic workshops sponsored by the colleges of Arts and Letters, Engineering, Science and the Mendoza College of Business.

These workshops will offer an opportunity for parents to learn more about what goes on in the classrooms of Notre Dame.

Following the academic workshops, each hall will be hosting a luncheon for both in-hall residents and those former residents who have since moved off-campus. This is a chance for parents to meet

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Voters choose Hallahan

By MEGHANNE DOWNES
Associate News Editor

Students decided Thursday they wanted experience.

Pat Hallahan and Jeremy Lao won the student body presidential election Thursday, garnering 51 percent of the vote compared to the 40 percent Charlie Ebersol and Lauren Meagher earned. Nine percent abstained.

3,713 students voted in Thursday's election — 342 less than the number who voted Monday.

Hallahan was excited with the victory and the margin of victory. "We are relieved that it is over and know we can focus on our ideas," said Hallahan.

Hallahan said he and Lao will be taking the weekend off to recuperate from the campaign and to enjoy Junior Parents Weekend.

"Timewise, it was just like any other campaign but we had to stay on focus and keeping our endurance and stamina was the toughest part. Once we got into the run-off, we ran on energy and it was a short two days," Lao said.

This year's campaign season included seven candidate tickets for the top two student government positions. Hallahan, who said the campaign was not easy, resigned as chief of staff

for incumbent student body president Libby Bishop in the last week of the campaign.

Hallahan intends to "put students first," as his campaign slogan stated, and start working for students immediately by following up with contacts to initiate some of their plans as they transition before they take office on April 1.

The Flex 10 meal plan and TCE publication project are ideas from this year's administration that Hallahan intends to implement during his term.

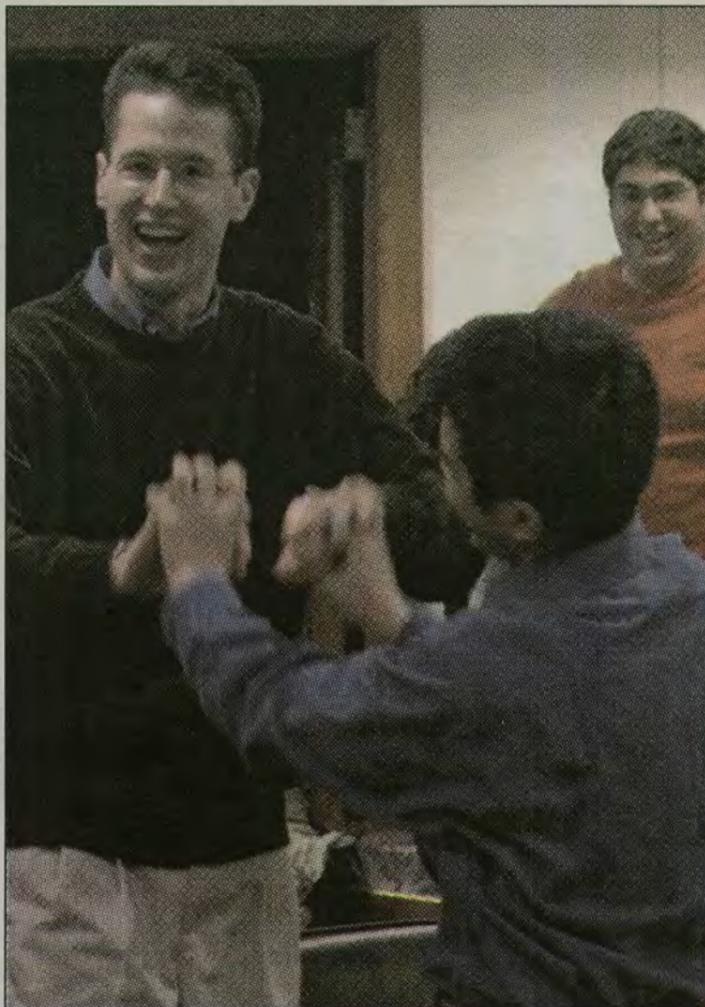
Hallahan wants to be present in the Office of the Student Body President and lead by example. He envisions a smaller and more efficient staff for the Office of the Student Body President.

Hallahan commended the other candidates and said, "We hope that a lot [of the candidates] will stay involved and help in some capacity because there were some great things on almost all of the tickets that could be incorporated to make things better for students."

Hallahan said he has already talked with presidential candidate Joe Muto about working together and intends to talk with Ebersol about his platform.

Ebersol wished Hallahan and

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CHRIS ORENCHUK/The Observer

Pat Hallahan and Jeremy Lao celebrate their victory over Charlie Ebersol and Lauren Meagher in Thursday's student government run-off election as Jim Ryan looks on.

Students boycott Heartland due to alleged discrimination

By CAITLIN EARLY
News Writer

In response to alleged discriminatory marks directed at senior

Kristine Rosario outside of Heartland on Jan. 30, a group of students has organized a boycott to protest the popular dance club, located in downtown South Bend.

Wednesday night, the group, consisting of about 14 students,

including Rosario, as well as others who were present on the night of the incident, gathered informally for the first time in LaFortune to formalize the boycott and to discuss other possible

courses of action against Heartland.

"Wednesday's meeting was an attempt to come together as a group and to try and consolidate ideas that we had been previously passing about through word of mouth," said senior Shamus Rohn, a student involved with the boycott.

As a result of the meeting, the

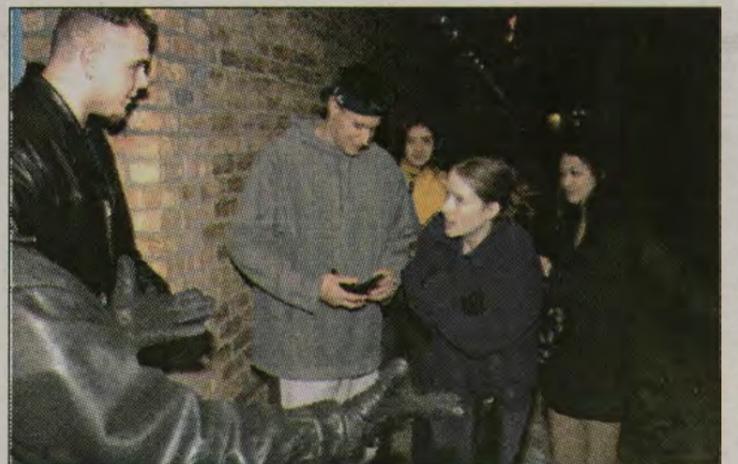
group was able to run signs throughout campus informing students about the boycott at Heartland on Thursdays when the club has its college night.

"I am seeking a formal, public apology from the management at Heartland," said Rosario. "The boycott against Heartland will continue until an apology is made."

The group has also agreed to write an open letter to Heartland outlining their reasons and objectives for the boycott.

While the main thrust of the boycott is to obtain a formal apology from Heartland, the group is also discussing other forms of action. Some of the

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BRIAN PUCEVICH/The Observer

Residents entering Heartland Thursday present their identification. Many students say they plan to boycott the bar because of an alleged discrimination incident that occurred there.

INSIDE COLUMN

Welcome parents

Juniors: Your parents have been paying for your schooling long enough without knowing where their money goes, and by junior year, it's time to show them how their money is spent.

This weekend, a flood of parents will descend upon campus to spend time with their son or daughter for Junior Parents Weekend and experience life at Notre Dame, a tradition that goes back 50 years.

Justin Krivickas

Assistant News Editor

Junior Parents Weekend will give your parents a better insight into the happenings at Notre Dame during the winter while class is in session. The next few days will be packed with special events to enlighten your folks and it's your job as a junior to make sure your parents have an enjoyable experience or else they might stop paying the bills.

There are several events scheduled for the next few days to highlight the many aspects of campus life. The weekend will commence with a gala in the Joyce Center. The evening will include music, dancing and desserts and this event is heralded as one of the best experiences you can have with your parents while in college.

On Saturday, workshops will be held to give your parents a glimpse as to what your academic life is like. Each college will gear their presentations to show the rigors and advantages of their respective programs.

Also in the afternoon, the residence halls will each host a luncheon. This will be a great opportunity for parents to meet your dorm friends and the hall staff. Later in the evening mass will be held in the Joyce Center, with University President Father Edward Malloy conducting the services.

After mass, dinner will be provided in the Joyce Center, so its important you go to church to be near the food. The event will include speeches by Malloy and Junior Class President Meghan O'Donnell. Also, live entertainment will be provided for the occasion.

Unfortunately, your parents will have to leave eventually, so Sunday will have to be spent in a state of continual hugging. To conclude the embracing, head over to the Joyce Center and enjoy "Home Sweet Dome" brunch that will be served. Irish basketball coach Mike Brey will be a special speaker at the event, and after beating Syracuse on Saturday, he'll have an interesting anecdote or two to share with your parents.

Once the brunch ends at 11:30 or so, JPW is officially over, but that doesn't mean your parents have to leave. Head into town and see the College Football Hall of Fame. After you've shown your parents that you can be attentive to them, they will want to leave soon enough and you'll be all alone as it should be, and if your parents have a good time, hopefully they will continue to pay your tuition.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Justin Krivickas at jkrivick@nd.edu

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Jobs can still be easily procured by graduating seniors in a slumped economy by relying more on networking and by having multiple career goals.

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The Irish will travel to No. 17 Syracuse for a matchup of Big East West division leaders.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING @ ND

- ◆ Lecture: "Goldsmith, Ireland and Empire," 3 p.m. in room 424 of Flanner Hall.
- ◆ Women's Tennis vs. Virginia Tech, 4 p.m. in the Eck Pavilion.
- ◆ Mass for Peace and Justice, 5 p.m. in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart.

WHAT'S HAPPENING @ SMC

- ◆ RA Interview, 10 a.m. in the Stapleton Lounge.
- ◆ Designs on Dance Performance, 7:30 p.m. in the O'Laughlin Lobby.
- ◆ Little Sibs Weekend, 3 p.m. in the Berezny Game Room.

WHAT'S GOING DOWN

Wallet lost in DeBartolo

A student reported losing her wallet in DeBartolo Hall on Wednesday.

Thief strikes at Joyce Center

A University employee reported the theft of her purse on Tuesday. There are no suspects.

NDSP transports student

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

Student attacked by Carroll

A student reported being assaulted while walking on the path on the east side of Carroll Hall on Tuesday at about 1:30 a.m. The case is being investigated further.

~ Compiled from the NDSP crime blotter.

WHAT'S COOKING

North Dining Hall

Today's Lunch: Buffalo chicken lasagna, meatball with sauce, Hawaiian pizza, pretzel sticks, roast top round, champagne rice pilaf, brown sauce, turkey gravy, whipped potatoes, corn, cherry crisp, baked cajun pollock, cheese and vegetable pie and broccoli.

Today's Dinner: Buffalo chicken lasagna, provencal sauce Hawaiian pizza, pretzel sticks, garlic bread, roasted turkey breast, bread stuffing, brown sauce, turkey gravy, whipped potatoes, peas, cherry crisp, baked sweet, potatoes, tuna casserole, corn sugar-snap peas, stewed tomatoes, wilted spinach and steamed vegetable plate.

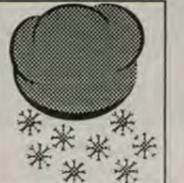
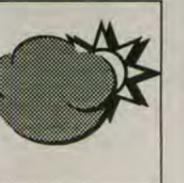
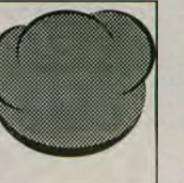
South Dining Hall

Today's Lunch: Pasta shells primavera, fettuccine, gorgonzola sauce, french bread pizza, collard greens, turkey turnovers, London broil with wine marinade, cheddar-baked pollock, shrimp creole, potatoes au gratin, grilled turkey sandwich and fries.

Today's Dinner: Chicken cacciatore, fettuccine, gorgonzola sauce, french bread pizza, roast top round, oven-fried chicken, grilled polish sausage, rotini with vegetables, polish-style kluski noodles and cabbage

Saint Mary's Dining Hall

No data provided

	TODAY	TONIGHT	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
LOCAL WEATHER						
	HIGH 33 LOW 15	HIGH 24 LOW 12	HIGH 29 LOW 16	HIGH 23 LOW 16	HIGH 25 LOW 22	HIGH 35 LOW 20

Friends, dormmates mourn loss of Chad Sharon

◆ Fisher Hall residents gather in memorial Mass

By TERESA FRALISH
Assistant News Editor

After learning that someone they knew so well would not be returning to Notre Dame, those who knew Chad Sharon best reflected on his life and time at Notre Dame.

"He was a high achiever but very down to earth. He was just a wonderful person. Nothing ever really got him down," said Danita Altfillisch, a Notre Dame sophomore who attended Merrill High School in Wisconsin with Sharon. "He was class president. He was voted most likely to succeed."

Altfillisch, who worked on many student government projects with Sharon, noted that he always went the extra mile in everything he undertook. "He was very unselfish. He was willing to help others even if it made his life more difficult."

Altfillisch remembered one instance in particular where the state of Wisconsin was considering budget cuts that could affect their high school and she and Sharon worked to prevent those cuts from being approved. "He put together this really ornate Power Point presentation. He put so much time into it."

After disappearing Dec. 12, Sharon's body was discovered Wednesday in the St. Joseph River.

Sharon, who attended Notre Dame on a full-ride scholarship, earned the same Leonard N. Anson Memorial

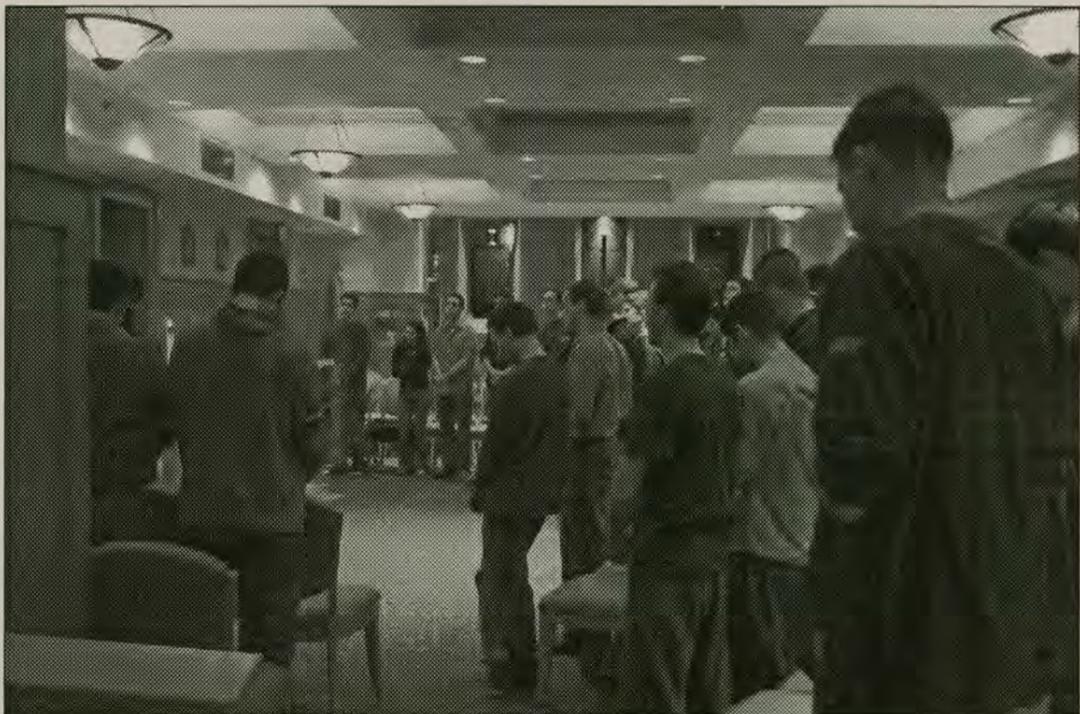
Scholarship that Altfillisch received. The scholarship recognizes an outstanding student from Merrill High School who chooses to attend Notre Dame, Altfillisch said. After she was named as the scholarship's recipient, Altfillisch remembers talking with Sharon about his hope to attend Notre Dame and encouraging him to apply for the Anson scholarship. "I remember when he got it," Altfillisch said. "He called me at school."

Altfillisch said she hadn't yet come to terms with the recent events. "[Chad] was just one of those people that you hate to have these things happen to," she said.

Tom Gorman, a sophomore at the University, lived across the hall from him in Fisher. Gorman and his roommate Peter Nebel were close friends of Sharon's. "He's just going to be missed," Gorman said. "He was always smiling."

Gorman said that Sharon placed a high priority on his studies and enjoyed working with computers. Like Altfillisch, Gorman noted that Sharon always thought of his section mates before himself. "He was always looking out for other people," said Gorman. Though Gorman said Wednesday's announcement provided some closure to the uncertainty of the past two months, he said he had completely accepted the recent news.

Father Robert Moss, rector of Fisher Hall, said Sharon brought a cheerful smile and caring attitude to the Fisher Hall community and loved being a student at the University. "He was just thrilled about being at Notre



TIM KACMAR/The Observer

Fisher Hall residents gather in Mass Wednesday to mourn the death of fellow resident Chad Sharon. Sharon's body was found Wednesday in nearby St. Joseph's River.

Dame."

Moss also recalled the special friendship that Sharon had with Ellie, the Fisher pet dog. "She would spot him about halfway down the corridor and her tail would start wagging," Moss said.

Sister Kathleen Cannon, associate dean of the College of Science and theology professor at Notre Dame, taught Sharon in her introductory theology class. "He was really a fine student," said Cannon. "He was a very thoughtful and sensitive young man."

Cannon noted that Sharon took a very serious attitude toward his studies yet truly enjoyed the opportunity to

attend Notre Dame. "[On] the last day of classes he sent me an email to thank me," she said.

Sharon was receiving an A in the theology class, Cannon said, and put dedicated effort into every aspect of her class. "I offered options for extra credit and [Chad] didn't need them but he did them so thoroughly," Cannon recalled.

Cannon also remembered a Web site that Sharon created about the Gospel of Mark for a major assignment in the theology class. "I had talked with him on the last day of classes about how we could keep the theology project open on his website so I could use it for

other classes," Cannon said.

Though he did not know Sharon personally, Bill Kirk, assistant vice president for student affairs, was closely involved with the effort to offer every support possible to Sharon's family. Kirk maintained close contact with Steve and Jane Sharon throughout the past two months and talked with the Sharons every day. "They've become friends," Kirk said. "They've been in my thoughts and prayers an awful lot."

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Students plan Iraq war protest in New York City

By KRISTEN KLEIN
News Writer

Students are taking to the streets of New York City this Saturday to protest the building tensions between the United States and Iraq. The organization, United for Peace and Justice, organized the Anti-War protest in New York City, which will be held outside the United Nations building.

Once in New York City the students will attend the rally at noon on Saturday and that

evening attend a student rally at Columbia University. They will then stay at Columbia with students from the Columbia University Anti-War Coalition.

Peter Quaranto, freshman, organized the group of approximately 35 Notre Dame students who will take part in the rally.

"I heard about this rally, and said that if there is going to be a group of people protesting injustice and killing, Notre Dame should be represented there," Quaranto said about his reason for organizing the group.

Many different organizations from all over the United States will be present at the rally, some include the Campus Anti-War Network, Voices in the Wilderness, NAACP, Catholic Worker, and the September 11 Victim's Families for a Better Tomorrow.

There are a variety of reasons people are heading to the rally to protest but Quaranto believes the main reason for students is the desire to act on their beliefs.

"I think the one thing that unites us is that we have decid-

ed that we need to do more than just sit back and preach about our beliefs; we have to act on our beliefs," said Quaranto.

Quaranto worked with the Center for Social Concerns to organize and fund the trip. The students had to pay a \$30 fee for participation with the money going toward van rentals, gas and tolls.

Rachel Tomas Morgan, helped Quaranto plan the trip and said of his idea and other groups, "The Center is happy to help support any student or

student group wishing to exercise their faith in service and action for justice that resound with our Catholic social tradition."

"Ultimately, we feel that we are old enough to have a voice in the way our country and world works," said Quaranto. "This weekend, we are going to exercise that voice."

More information about the Anti-War protest can be found at www.unitedforpeace.org.

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Heartland

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proposed ideas include having Heartland send the bouncer involved with the alleged incident to local diversity training and possibly asking Heartland to make a donation to La Casa de Amistad, a Hispanic service organization.

The management at Heartland has contacted Chandra Johnson, assistant director of cross-cultural ministry. A meeting between Rosario and the Heartland management is expected to take place at some point next week.

"What is the most upsetting to me is that it took this long for Heartland to respond," said Rosario.

Mike Holt, who is in charge of customer service at Heartland, said the accused bouncer denied that he made the discriminatory remark. Holt, who trained the accused bouncer, said he belived him.

"He's the most mild person in here, but he's the strictest at the door," Holt said, adding that the bouncer is one of four men who handles the door on College Night and that he has worked at Heartland for three years.

Holt added that The Observer Viewpoint letters to the editor, where the alleged situation was first presented, have created a "he said, she said" conflict between Rosario and the the bouncer.

"The only two people that really know in my opinion were

those two," he said.

Although he has not seen the surveillance tape, Holt said employees that have question whether other witnesses could have heard a remark.

Holt said he would review the tape Sunday. For now, the accused bouncer is discussing legal action and Holt said Heartland management is willing to meet with Rosario.

The first Viewpoint letter appeared Feb. 5. Holt said Feb. 6, which was college night, showed a decline in numbers, which Holt attributed to the renewed loyalty to The Boat Club after its bust.

The response from students concerning the boycott has been mixed.

One senior, Katie Stolz, noted that while some students are choosing to boycott Heartland because of the incident with Rosario, others are simply opting to hang out at other establishments.

"Lower attendance at Heartland is due to a number of factors, including the presence of places like Rum Runners and Fiddler's Hearth," said Stolz.

Other students stated that the boycott was not publicized well enough for it to be effective.

"While I will never go to Heartland again, my hope is that the boycott will make people more aware of what happened," Rosario said.

Helena Payne also contributed to this report.

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BRIAN PUCEVICH/The Observer

Heartland general manager Scott Rieder shows the number of false identifications that he said have been confiscated from college students. A Puerto Rican ID was at the crux of an alleged discrimination incident that occurred at the bar.

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D.C. on high alert amid fears of terrorist strikes

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Police carrying semiautomatic rifles patrolled the grounds of the Capitol on Thursday, and the government warned key industries and utilities to beware of employees who might have been planted by al-Qaida or other terrorist groups.

The security measures were the latest to emerge since the nation went on high alert for possible terrorist attacks last week. The orange level is the second-highest in a five-point, color-coded scale that would be topped only by a red alert that meant an attack was imminent or under way.

There are no plans to raise the threat level, Justice Department officials said. U.S. counterterrorism officials said they are continuing to gather intelligence but have no specific information as to targets or methods for a terrorist strike.

Authorities have said they are worried about attacks timed to coincide with the hajj, a Muslim holy period that ended Thursday, or the beginning of a war with Iraq.

Tension in the capital has risen, underscored by the officers carrying rifles in the Capitol complex and the deployment of antiaircraft missile batteries around the city.

Other steps were being taken outside public notice. "They will be seen, they will not be seen. Some will never be known, but took place," White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said.

Members of Congress were told to gather a "go bag" of supplies, sensitive documents and a laminated list of key phone numbers in case of an attack, while staff members were given training this week on how to handle "escape hoods" that protect against biological or chemical substances. Rep. Bob Ney, R-Ohio, said lawmakers were also instructed to keep a low profile, removing vanity license plates from vehicles and varying their routines.

"Everyone in this structure has remained calm but cautious," said Ney, chairman of the House Administration Committee. "There is not a panic situation here."

The FBI and the National Infrastructure Protection Center issued a bulletin Wednesday to companies involved in such industries as telecommunications, energy, and banking and finance, as well as operators of water systems and electric utilities, law enforcement agencies and emergency services.

Officials believe al-Qaida



With the Washington Monument looming behind them, U.S. Army troops patrol Washington, D.C., Thursday, accompanied by a Humvee with mounted antiaircraft missiles. The nation's capital has seen a heightened military presence in response to reported al-Qaida threats.

could target these entities with chemical, biological or radiological attacks. Such an attack, officials say, could prompt terror and mass casualties and also disrupt the regional or

national economy.

Of particular concern is the "dirty bomb," a crude, easy-to-make device that would spew radioactive material over a wide area.

Industry officials should check out their employees in an effort to root out any terrorists who may have been working there for years, waiting for the signal to strike.

NORTH KOREA

U.S. will not pursue sanctions against North Korea

Associated Press

NEW YORK

The United States said Thursday that it would not call for punishing U.N. sanctions against North Korea over its nuclear program, a move Pyongyang had said would be an act of war. U.S. Deputy Ambassador Richard Williamson said President Bush's administration wants to pursue a diplomatic solution for the time being.

The board of the International Atomic Energy Agency voted Wednesday to refer the North Korea nuclear issue to the Security Council, setting in motion a process that could lead to sanctions

against the North.

Williamson said the United States was waiting for the IAEA resolution to be referred to the council, which should happen soon.

"We'll deal with it in a systematic manner, and diplomatically, and we're pleased the IAEA acted, and we look forward to discussing and working the issue diplomatically here as the U.S. has been doing in the region for many weeks now," Williamson said.

Asked whether sanctions were a possibility in the near future, he replied, "It's not an issue right now."

Williamson said the United States would be discussing with the other 14 council

members when to take up the North Korean issue.

China's U.N. Ambassador Wang Yingfan welcomed Williamson's announcement.

"I don't see any point to talk about — even think about sanctions," he told The Associated Press. "It will not work. It will only make the situation worse."

"It could only be settled through direct contact, through dialogue," Wang said. "We hope still, with the efforts of everyone, some way could be found so that we can see the start of the dialogue."

The standoff began in October when U.S. officials said North Korea admitted it had a clandestine nuclear program. Washington suspended fuel shipments,

and the North retaliated by expelling U.N. nuclear monitors, taking steps to restart frozen nuclear facilities and withdrawing from the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty.

The U.N. nuclear agency's 35-nation board declared North Korea in violation of its obligations under the treaty and other accords. Because the North has expelled U.N. inspectors, the agency "remains unable to verify that there has been no diversion of nuclear material" for weapons use, it said.

The board's decision came as U.S. intelligence officials warned Wednesday that Pyongyang has an untested ballistic missile capable of reaching the western United States.

WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

NATO cancels emergency Iraq meeting:

NATO canceled an emergency meeting to discuss its bitter split over Iraq on Thursday, after Germany insisted any breakthrough would have to wait until a key session of the United Nations on Friday. German Defense Minister Peter Struck suggested his country would be prepared Saturday to drop its opposition to NATO's starting plans to help defend Turkey in case of war with Iraq.

Bolivian rioters kill 16, torch offices:

Looters ransacked shops and buildings and skirmished with soldiers in the Bolivian capital's business and government district Thursday after protests the day before degenerated into bloody riots, killing 16 people and leaving government offices torched. Sirens wailed and small groups of looters ran loose through chaotic central La Paz, where tanks and 400 heavily armed soldiers were deployed near the presidential palace, besieged by protesters the day before.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Columbia crew's remains identified:

The remains of all seven Columbia crew members have been positively identified, NASA officials said Thursday. The identifications were made at the military mortuary at Dover Air Force Base, where the remains were taken after the space shuttle disintegrated during re-entry Feb. 1. "We are comforted by the knowledge we have brought our seven friends home," said Bob Cabana, director of Flight Crew Operations at the Johnson Space Center.

Jury recesses in Va. espionage case:

The jury in the trial of spy suspect Brian Patrick Regan finished a second day of deliberations Thursday and recessed for the weekend without reaching a verdict. The jury is to return Tuesday, after the President's Day holiday. Regan, 40, of Bowie, Md., is accused of attempted espionage for Iraq, Libya and China. He has pleaded innocent.

Relatives of jailed teens mad at verdict:

Relatives of two teenage brothers who admitted killing their sleeping father with a baseball bat are angry the man they believe influenced the boys was acquitted of molestation. Ricky Chavis, 41, was found innocent Wednesday of charges he kidnapped and molested the younger brother, Alex King, in the months before the slaying of 40-year-old Terry King. Chavis was convicted of the lesser offense of false imprisonment and was sentenced later Wednesday to the maximum of five years in prison.

Arizona lake driest in three decades:

Lake Powell is at its lowest level in 30 years, the result of scant snow melt and heavy demand from three Western states that look to it for drinking water. Lake Powell, a 252-square-mile artificial lake created by the construction of the Glen Canyon Dam on the Arizona-Utah border, is down 87 feet from its highest level.

Bishop nominates new chief of staff

By MEGHANNE DOWNES
Associate News Editor

Student Body President Libby Bishop nominated Henry Scott to replace Pat Hallahan as her new chief of staff at Wednesday's Student Senate meeting.

Scott previously served as her assistant chief of staff.

"I have been thoroughly impressed with his dedication, enthusiasm and management skills," Bishop said.

Senate will vote on whether to approve Scott Wednesday.

Hallahan, who was elected student body president Thursday, resigned last weekend due to a conflict of interests with Bishop, specifically on the hall dance policy.

Sarah Bates, Pasquerilla West Hall senator, announced a resolution to bestow an emeritus title on Hallahan for his service and dedication while serving as chief of staff.

"We all worked with Pat and we all know his dedication and it's to show appreciation to him," Bates said.

Lewis Senator Gail Thompson's tongue-in-cheek proposal to amend the resolution to include a statue of Hallahan in his honor was defeated. Thompson later said in the meeting she did not think the other senators understood the spirit of her amendment.

"Given Pat did a really good job, I am not discounting what Pat did, but is the resolution necessary?" said Thompson.

Ricky Sadowski, Student Union parliamentarian, discouraged senators from adopting this amendment and said Hallahan took his job seriously and left the Senate on good terms.

The Senate decided to postpone the resolution until next week after Jesse Norman, O'Neill senator, said passing this resolution the day before the student body presidential election, in which Hallahan was a candidate, could be seen as a political ploy by the friends of Hallahan.

In other Senate news:

♦ Danielle Ledesma, Judicial Council president, said petitions for class councils were due Wednesday. She did not receive any petitions for junior class council and the deadline was extended.

♦ When asked about his contribution to the Board of Trustees report, Scott said he contributed to it and was among a panel of people who worked on it.

"The report reflected student opinion and tried to encompass many areas," he said. "The wording of the report and conclusion could have been stronger and were stronger in previous drafts. But by and large, it was an accurate representation."

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Madison Center.

Though NDSP, in conjunction with state and local authorities, conducted a thorough search of the St. Joseph River in the days following Sharon's Dec. 12 disappearance, Rakow said it was possible that those searches may have missed sections of the river. "My feeling is that he probably was held underneath by debris," Rakow said. "We had those high winds [Tuesday] and I'm thinking the wind and the water might have freed him."

In their searches of the river and its vicinity, police used search boats, helicopters and dogs and drove by the river daily, Rakow said.

While Rakow believed foul play was not involved, he said several questions remained for police to investigate. "We don't know how he got there," said Rakow. "There could be several scenarios that place him in the river."

Rakow said NDSP, who has had primary jurisdiction in the

missing person case so far, will work with the County Metro Homicide police to investigate the remaining details.

"County Metro Homicide will be looking at the results and the issue of how he got in the river," said Rakow. "We will assist them. It will be cooperative."

Sharon's parents, Steve and Jane Sharon, arrived on campus Thursday to meet with police and expressed their thanks to everyone who knew their son and worked on the missing person investigation.

"I'd like to thank everyone in the Notre Dame community," said Steve Sharon. "Most of all our gratitude goes to Chad's friends in Fisher. The entire Notre Dame family helped us through with their kind words and encouragement," he said.

Though the news of their son's death wasn't what the Sharons had hoped to hear, Steve Sharon said the recent events did bring closure to the uncertainty he and his wife have lived with for the past two months.

Steve Sharon also reflected on his only child's feelings about being a student at Notre



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A memorial to Chad Sharon was set up at Angela Bridge where his body was discovered Wednesday.

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"Chad loved Notre Dame and it will always be a special place. We will be back because Notre Dame means a lot to us." Steve and Jane Sharon returned to their home in Pelican Lake, Wis. late Thursday.

The funeral for Chad Sharon will be held next weekend in his hometown. A memorial mass at Notre Dame will take place shortly after the funeral.

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IN BRIEF

Petroleum inventories plummet:

U.S. crude oil stocks have fallen to the lowest level since 1975 — below what the industry considers essential for smooth operation. But government and industry officials say refiners have enough oil, and that if war in Iraq should disrupt the supply, the United States and other industrial countries are ready to draw on government reserves. While inventories are low, "it doesn't necessarily mean there will be shortages. ... Refineries are still running," said Ron Planting, an economist for the American Petroleum Institute, the trade group of the major oil companies.

IMF to send mission to Argentina:

The International Monetary Fund announced Thursday that it was dispatching a joint IMF-World Bank team to Argentina next week to discuss the politically sensitive issue of utility rates. IMF spokesman Thomas Dawson told reporters that the joint mission with officials from both agencies was tentatively scheduled to arrive in Buenos Aires next Monday, but he said that date might be delayed slightly. He said the mission "will be discussing a number of issues related to the utility pricing issue. It is not a negotiating mission about [rate] increases."

Japan slams WTO farm tariff plan:

Japan rejected a draft proposal for reducing agricultural tariffs that is set to be discussed at a World Trade Organization trade ministers' meeting in Tokyo this week. Japanese Agriculture Minister Tadamori Oshima criticized the document on Thursday as "unacceptable overall." It was prepared by former Hong Kong Ambassador Stuart Harbinson, who chairs the WTO agriculture negotiations. The draft, obtained by The Associated Press Wednesday, calls for the World Trade Organization's 145 member states to lower tariffs to as low as 25 percent on some products over five years.

Retail sales slide in January

◆ Slip in auto sales hurt overall numbers

Associated Press

WASHINGTON
A big drop in automobile sales swamped gains registered by other merchants, causing overall sales at the nation's retailers to fall in January.

While consumers — the main force keeping the economy going — stayed away from car dealer showrooms last month, they hit other stores. That made economists hopeful shoppers will keep their pocketbooks and wallets sufficiently open in the months ahead to prevent the economy from falling into a new recession.

"If you park auto sales off to the side, retail sales remain on a healthy trend," said Bill Cheney, chief economist at John Hancock Financial Services.

Even as economists expressed such optimism, they were mindful of risks that could upset that scenario: Worries about a possible war with Iraq and fresh warnings that terrorists could strike the United States again could make consumers clam up, weakening the fragile recovery.

"It could be choppy," said Carl Tannenbaum, chief economist at LaSalle Bank.

Retail sales dropped by 0.9 percent in January, a turnaround from the 2 percent gain posted in December and the worst showing in four months, the Commerce Department reported Thursday.

But much of January's weakness reflected a sharp 7.5 percent decline in automobile sales, the largest drop since November 2001. Consumers took a breather after a buying binge in December, when auto sales jumped 7.9 percent.



LOS ANGELES TIMES

A Toyota dealer in Northridge, Calif., displays sale prices on a used car in this file photo. Auto sales fell in January despite sales increases in other retail sectors.

The decline in sales came even though incentives remained generous in January, said Paul Taylor, chief economist at the National Automobile Dealers Association.

"People are making more conservative decisions in the car that they buy," Taylor said. Cold weather in many parts of the country last month also slowed traffic to showrooms, he added.

But excluding automobile sales, which can swing widely from month to month, sales at other retailers actually rose by 1.3 percent in January, the biggest gain since September 2000.

"The solid gain in core sales does suggest that consumers continue to underpin the economy,

despite weaker confidence," said Maury Harris, chief economist at UBS Warburg. "Households may be detecting a slightly better job market."

In another report, new claims for unemployment benefits last week dropped by 18,000 to 377,000, a four-week low, the Labor Department said. That suggested the pace of layoffs is stabilizing, welcome news for workers worried about keeping their jobs.

But on Wall Street, stocks sagged on war worries. The Dow Jones industrial average closed down 8.30 points at 7,749.87.

In the retail report, sales at building and garden supply stores rose 2.9 percent in January, following

a 1.2 percent decline.

At department and other general merchandise stores, sales rose 0.6 percent, up from a 0.4 percent increase. Health and beauty stores sales went up 1.1 percent after decreasing 0.2 percent in December.

Sales of sporting goods, books and music rose 0.3 percent in January, a turnaround from the 0.9 percent drop the month before.

Food and beverage stores saw sales rise 2.6 percent last month, following a 1.3 percent decline. At bars and restaurants, sales rose 1.1 percent, down from a 2 percent advance.

Sales at clothing stores edged up 0.3 percent, after a 0.8 percent rise.

Bethlehem buyout to ax 4,000 jobs

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA
Bethlehem Steel Corp. said Thursday that as many as 4,000 people will lose their jobs as a result of International Steel Group's buyout of the company.

Robert S. Miller, Bethlehem's CEO and chairman, told employees Wednesday that 3,000 to 4,000 jobs will be cut. The higher figure amounts to 36 percent of Bethlehem's current work force of 11,000.

Miller made the estimate on an employee hotline designed to update the company's employees on

the pending sale, company spokesman Bette Kovach said.

Miller told Bethlehem Steel employees that the bankrupt company would work with ISG and union officials to determine the exact number of jobs to be cut.

It is believed to be the first estimate on job cuts that Miller has given to employees.

Bethlehem Steel's board voted Saturday to accept Cleveland-based International Steel Group's \$1.5 billion offer. The Bethlehem, Pa.-based company had filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection in October 2001.

ISG chairman Wilbur L. Ross —

who specializes in buying distressed businesses — has said ISG would set aside \$100 million for buyout offers to salaried and hourly employees.

Miller did not indicate how many jobs might be cut at specific plants.

Adding Bethlehem Steel's plants would make ISG the largest U.S. steel maker with an annual production capacity of 16 million tons.

The deal would keep Bethlehem Steel's Burns Harbor Division in northwest Indiana, Sparrows Point Division near Baltimore and smaller plants in Lackawanna, N.Y., and Coatesville and Conshohocken, Pa., operating.

V-Day to increase awareness of violence against women

By MELANIE BECKER
News Writer

One out of three females will, or has experienced violence in her life, according to the V-Day Web site. Today, Feb. 14 is the official V-Day, "V" standing for victory, valentine and vagina.

V-Day is a global movement founded to increase awareness of violence against women and girls and end it.

V-Day was created in 1998 as a reaction from the performance of Eve Ensler's "The Vagina Monologues," which is composed of the stories of hundreds of women who have experienced violence as a result of their gender. The V-Day organization particularly addresses rape, battery, incest, female genital mutilation and sexual slavery.

V-Day, a non-profit organization, promotes the performance of "The Vagina Monologues" on college and university campuses to fundraise and increase awareness of global violence towards women. Its mission is to end violence against women throughout the world and calm Feb. 14 as Victory over Violence Day.

The movement has grown rapidly over the last five years. This year there will be 2,000 celebrations, which are scheduled to take place at over 1,000 places in the world on or around V-Day.

Controversy over performing "The Vagina Monologues" at

Saint Mary's began in late January 2001 when the college announced the cancellation of the show, only a year after it had had two sell-out performances in Carroll Auditorium a year before. After receiving disapproval from the Parents Council, alumnae and the Board of Trustees, Marilou Eldred, president of the College, announced that it was not in the best interest of Saint Mary's to have "The Monologues" performed on campus. The student body was informed over e-mail that the show did not fit within the "Catholic character" of the College. Not only was the endorsement of Ensler's performance withdrawn but also the performance of it on campus was banned.

Students demonstrated their anger by passing around a petition, having a sit-in outside of Eldred's office and performing the show in the Regina North Lounge. In response to the performance, the College took disciplinary action on the students involved in the preparation of the performance. In contrast to the events of 2001, a performance of the Monologues was held last year and the college had no response.

The V-Day Web site lists Saint Mary's as a performance site of the Vagina Monologues and senior Susan Almeda as the organizer and contact person. No specific performance date or time is listed and Almeda had no comment for The Observer.

According to Susan Dampeer,

assistant to the president, the official stance of the College is that it will not endorse a presentation of "The Vagina Monologues" this year through funding or facilities. The Saint Mary's administration was not aware of any specific performances at Saint Mary's and believed that the V-Day Web site had not been recently updated.

Students, faculty and staff are, however, free to gather together informally for a reading or performance on Saint Mary's campus without repercussion from the College. Students organizing their own performance will have to go through Residence Life if they want to advertise. Information on student performances, in the past two years, has spread by word of mouth.

"Organizers and participants describe the mission of the performance as an effort to raise awareness about sexual offenses against women. Saint Mary's feels that addressing this issue is an important duty of all col-

leges and universities. Saint Mary's has developed new programs and activities that appear to have been effective," Dampeer said.

Since the spring of 2001, Saint Mary's has acted by bringing self-defense classes to campus, holding security forums, creating a crime map and sponsoring the play "Sex Signals." The administration currently has no intention of bringing "The Vagina Monologues" back to campus as an officially sponsored activity.

"The Monologues" was held at Notre Dame last year and is scheduled to take place on March 4-5 at 7:30 p.m. in Washington Hall. Lindsey Horvath is listed on the V-Day site as the organizer.

For further information on the V-Day organization or performances of "The Vagina Monologues," see the organization's Web site at www.vday.org.

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Seniors face promising long-term job market

By COLLEEN GANEY
News Writer

Graduating seniors tackle elusive employment prospects and competitive graduate school admissions due to an enduring economic slump and looming international conflict, but the worst conditions are probably over, according to Lee Svete, director of the Notre Dame Career Center.

"The job market is 'sporadic, unpredictable, and late,' Svete said. Companies aren't recruiting eight months in advance as they did up until 2000, instead choosing to recruit when immediate help is needed.

"There's a wait-and-see attitude [among employers] in a market that was going to be just in time anyway," Svete said.

The 2003 Notre Dame Winter Career Fair showcased 138 companies, up from 90 in 2002, but representatives mostly offered indefinite possibilities.

This kind of vagueness generates mixed perceptions among graduating seniors.

"The job market isn't as good as it has been in the past," said senior finance and computer applications major Chrissy Costantino. She added that she feels confident that job-seeking seniors are finding jobs.

Others are less optimistic. Senior finance and political science major Mike Hewett

said, "A lot of very qualified people who should've gotten jobs by now haven't."

Hewett said he lucky to have secured a position at Proctor and Gamble even after he interned there last summer.

Svete notes that summer internships before senior year and alumni networking have become more critical. Fortunately, the Career Center is more connected to alums than ever before, he said.

"A Notre Dame education is going to pay off for you, and it used to pay off much earlier in a good economy," Svete said.

Companies lack funds for new hires because top-level executives delayed retirement last year after plummeting stock market prices chopped retirement funds in half.

The economy seemed to be recovering last fall from the September 11 terrorist attacks and tech bubble bust, but world crisis with Iraq has delayed a substantial rebound.

A swift war with Iraq should boost economic growth, but drawn-out conflict could drive up manufacturing costs and threaten financial confidence because of inflated oil prices.

In the meantime, job-searchers simply need to know where to look.

"Jobs are at companies that produce real products like Rubbermaid, Proctor and Gamble, and General Mills," Svete said. "Financial services and consulting services have hit rock bottom."

Government jobs are plentiful, because a decades-long recruiting draught left them short of needed manpower after Sept. 11. A GPA of 3.5 or more automatically secures a government interview. Pharmaceutical and civil engineering industries are also actively recruiting.

Svete said early participation, multiple career paths, competitive GPAs and multiple extra-curricular activities are keys to finding a job.

Seniors are also following last year's trends and pursuing advanced degrees in the face of unemployment. Last year's record-breaking graduate school application numbers continue to climb.

"When the economy is bad, applications numbers go up. When the economy is hot, application numbers go down or level off," said John Robinson, associate dean of the Notre Dame Law School.

In 2002, law schools applications increased nationwide by 15.4 percent over the previous year, with Notre Dame Law School's numbers climbing from 1,900 to 2,900.

Robinson estimates that the Law School has already received 3,100 applications and expects around 3,500 by Apr. 1. Yet he maintains that getting into law school isn't necessarily tougher now than two years ago.

"A larger applicant pool should be irrelevant to whether students apply and

where they apply," Robinson said.

This year's application increases reflect how people have applied to more schools, not simply that more people are applying, said Terrence Akai, associate dean of admissions at the Notre Dame Graduate School.

Because graduate schools attract international students, Akai clarifies that the real issue is the increase in U.S. applicants.

From 2000 to 2002, the number of U.S. applicants to the Graduate School rose by 50 percent from 1,400 to 2,100. This year's numbers are ahead of that pace, and the admissions season is still open.

The Graduate School's computer science and engineering have increase by 75 percent, chemistry has doubled and English and history programs have seen dramatic increases.

Service is another viable option after graduation, but that choice is usually made independent of economic conditions.

Notre Dame's ACE program received a record high number of applicants during 2001 and 2002, but John Staud, director of ACE, attributes that increase to ACE's new website that allows applicants to apply on-line. ACE now fields applications from 125 different universities and five continents.

"Numbers have gone up a bit this year," Staud said, "but

that's not clearly a result from a job market spike."

Senior government and theology major Jeanine Valles explains that the poor economy didn't sway her decision to pursue service after graduation. She says it was something she always wanted to do.

Staud is interested to see what seniors will choose when deciding between ACE and job offers. ACE returns acceptances just after spring break and requests confirmations a week later.

"Job offers may be more appealing in a tough economy," Staud said.

Jobs may be even more attractive when baby boomers finally retire and leave high-level positions vacant.

"Students graduating after 2000 will become vice presidents and managers earlier in their careers than in past years," Svete said.

This year seniors can rely on new Career Center features like virtual career fairs, alumni mentoring, and virtual city tours.

Svete added, "If you graduate without a job, you can stay in touch with us and we'll work hard for you all summer long."

If seniors have yet to start job searching, Svete said, "It's never too late. Just realize that you need to put some time in to play some catch up."

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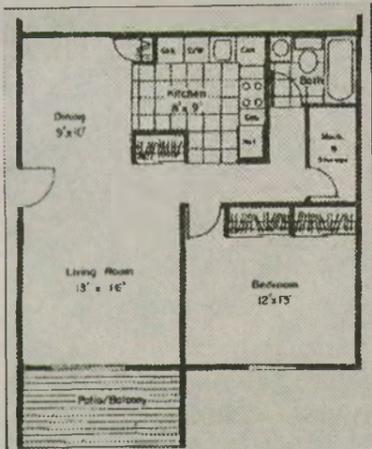
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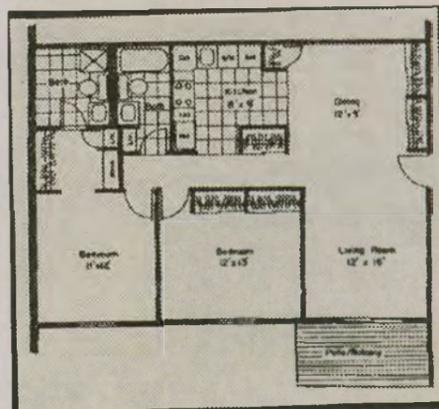
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Lao luck, adding that he hopes they will remain true to their promises. "What it came down to is their government experience seemingly outweighed our desire to implement our campaign platform," said Ebersol.

Ebersol said he still believes in his campaign platform and intends to work to bring the two top-40 bands and Saturday Night Live comedians

to campus. Ebersol, who highlighted programming ideas in his campaign, doubts that he will run for any positions on the Student Union Board, a programming organization, but does intend to work closely

with SUB, Club Coordination's Council and Legends.

Ebersol intends to meet with Brian Coughlin, director of Student Activities, and Mark Poorman, vice president of Student Affairs in the upcoming week to discuss the feasibility of implementing some of his ideas.

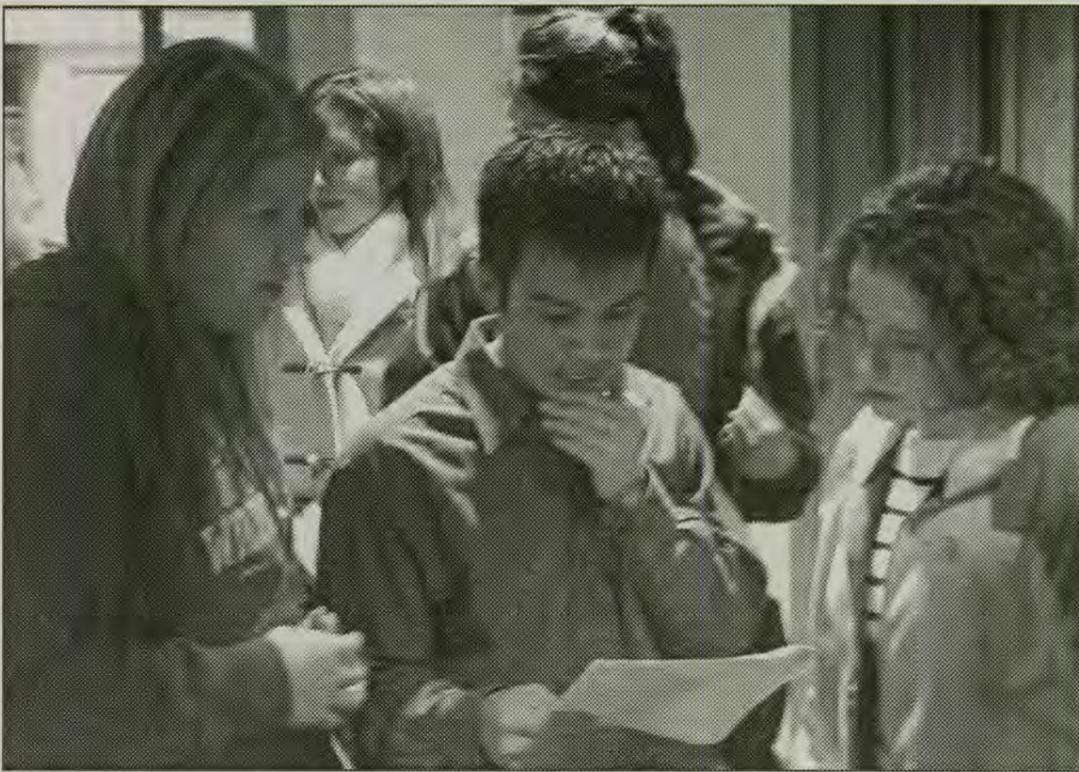
"I hope Pat and Jeremy have the foresight and desire to use TDR because it is my firm belief that SYRs will take years to bring back. Fighting the administration and making Board of Trustees reports will not bring about immediate change and TDR will," Ebersol said.

Ebersol said he has not ruled out the possibility of running for student body president next year.

"What it came down to is their government experience seemingly outweighed our desire to implement our campaign platform."

Charlie Ebersol
student body presidential candidate

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Vice-president-elect Jeremy Lao examines the election results that placed he and president-elect Pat Hallahan ahead of Charlie Ebersol and Lauren Meagher. The two tickets competed in Thursday's run-off election.

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or daughter's dorm friends and hall staff.

A special mass follows at 5:30 p.m. with an address by University President Father Edward Malloy. Saturday ends with the "Star Spangled" Dinner in the Joyce Center Fieldhouse, an event that will include live entertainment and an address by Malloy, the guest of honor.

The weekend comes to a close on Sunday with the "Home Sweet Dome" Brunch, held in the Joyce Center Fieldhouse.

Highlights will include a special guest speaker and entertainment provided by members of the Class of 2004

and other University groups.

Meghan O'Donnell, junior class president and a featured keynote speaker at Saturday's "Star Spangled" Dinner, said that she's "really looking forward to spending time with her friend's parents and learning more about the environments they came from."

"The weekend should prove to be a wonderful time for juniors to share a bit of their Notre Dame experience with their families," O'Donnell said.

"Our parents only come to campus a few times, so this is a great opportunity to show them the lives that we've built here for ourselves," she said.

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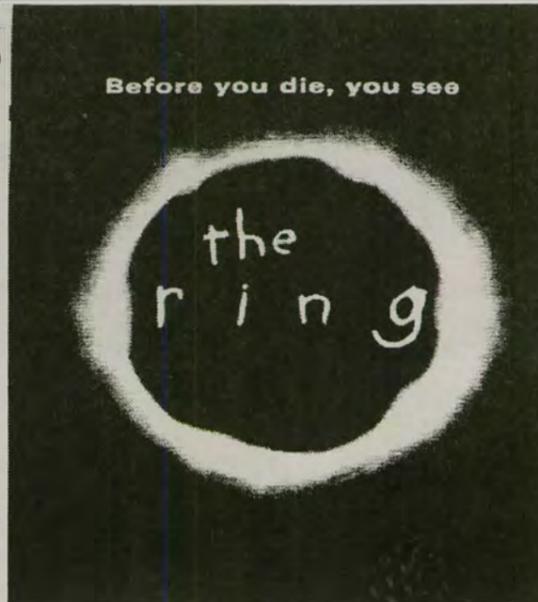


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House approves stricter rules

Associated Press

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The House approved a Republican welfare reform bill Thursday that would require more single mothers to work and provide hundreds of millions of dollars to promote marriage.

Nearly identical to a plan put forth by President Bush, the GOP legislation passed by a 230-192 vote, largely along party lines. It would renew a 1996 welfare overhaul that allowed states to impose tough new rules and helped spark a massive reduction in welfare rolls.

Members of both parties declared the 1996 overhaul a success, even as they differed sharply on what steps are needed to further help the poorest Americans.

The bill puts strict limits on the amount of time most welfare recipients can spend in education and training programs, requires states to put more of its welfare recipients to work and requires that each person work more hours.

It limits people to five years of benefits over their lifetimes and continues to ban legal immigrants from aid programs. It provides \$16.5 billion a year for states to run their programs and offers a modest increase in child care spending.

"A check in the mail every month won't teach responsibility. It won't build confidence," said Rep. Deborah Pryce, R-Ohio.

Studies find that most people who have left welfare are working, earning more than they got from the government but not enough to escape poverty.

Democrats said simply getting someone off welfare is not good enough and argued that education, training and access to child care are key to helping people earn a decent wage.

"Too many people are drowning in a sea of poverty," said Rep. Louise Slaughter, D-N.Y. "Welfare-to-work should not merely toss the poorest Americans a life preserver to help them float along."

The House bill includes up to \$300 million per year for experiments promoting marriage. It also extends a \$50 million program promoting abstinence from sex until marriage, which bans any discussion of contraception.

Both programs have attracted strong opposition, with opponents saying neither has been proven effective. Some worry the marriage program could push people into bad marriages.

But House Democrats voiced few complaints about them Thursday, focusing instead on the central issues of welfare.

Since peaking in 1994, the number of families receiving monthly welfare checks has fallen by nearly 60 percent, thanks in large part to the roaring economy. The Bush administration said Thursday that the national total continued to fall through September, albeit by a tiny amount.

At the same time, the rolls are rising in more than half the states. And data released this week found that after several years on the rise, the portion of poor children with working parents fell in 2001.

The GOP bill was nearly identical to the welfare bill approved by the House last year. The Senate failed to pass a welfare bill last year.

The matter now moves to the Senate again. Even though Democrats no longer control the chamber, rules there give them more power than the House minority enjoys, and the Senate welfare bill is expected to differ in significant ways.

The 1996 law expired last fall and has been extended several times to give Congress more time to act.

NASA: Shuttle's cover breached

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

The space shuttle Columbia almost certainly suffered a devastating breach of its skin, allowing superheated air inside the left wing and possibly the wheel compartment during its fiery descent, investigators said Thursday.

In its first significant determination, the accident investigation board announced that heat damage from a missing tile would not be sufficient to cause the unusual temperature increases detected inside Columbia minutes before it disintegrated. Sensors noticed an unusual heat buildup of about 30 degrees inside the wheel well before the accident.

Instead, the board determined those increases were caused by the presence inside Columbia of plasma, or superheated air with temperatures of roughly 2,000 degrees. It said investigators were studying where a breach might have occurred to allow plasma to seep inside the wheel compartment or elsewhere in Columbia's left wing.

The board did not specify whether such a breach could be the result of a structural tear in Columbia's aluminum frame or a hole from debris striking the spacecraft. The board also did not indicate when the breach occurred during the shuttle's 16-day mission.

Officials have previously focused on an unusually large chunk of foam that broke off Columbia's external fuel tank on liftoff. Video footage showed it struck part of the shuttle's left wing, including its toughened leading edge and the thermal tiles covering the landing gear.

The announcement focused renewed attention on possible catastrophic failures inside the wheel compartment that may have con-

tributed to the Feb. 1 breakup that killed seven astronauts.

Officials are not sure where a breach might have opened in Columbia's skin, NASA spokesman James Hartsfield said. But he said the leading edge or elsewhere on the left wing, the fuselage or the left landing gear door were prime candidates.

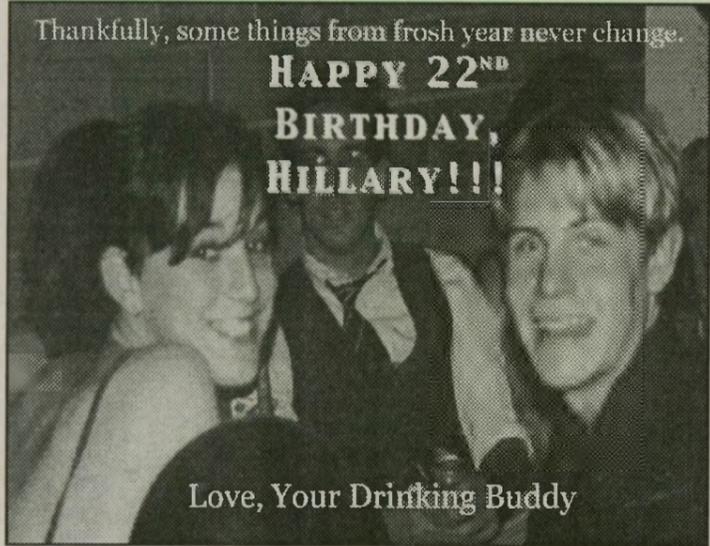
"Any of those could be potential causes for the temperature change we saw," Hartsfield said. "They do not and have not pinpointed any general location as to where that plasma flow would have to originate."

In an unusual plea for assistance, NASA urged Americans on Thursday to share with them any photographs or videotapes of Columbia's descent from California to eastern Texas. Some members of the public have already handed over images, "but more material will help the investigation of the Columbia accident," the agency said.

The board's announcement didn't surprise those experts who have long believed that a mysterious failure of sensors within Columbia's left wing indicated that super-hot plasma had penetrated the shuttle.

"I think there was a substantial hole in the wing," said Steven Schneider, an associate professor at Purdue University's Aerospace Sciences Laboratory. "That would not be at all surprising. All the sensors in the wing failed or gave bad readings" by the time ground controllers lost contact with Columbia, he said.

The board dismissed suggestions Columbia's left landing gear was improperly lowered as it raced through Earth's atmosphere at more than 12,000 miles per hour. NASA disclosed earlier Thursday that a sensor indicated the gear was down just 26 seconds before Columbia's destruction.



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We'll never forget Chad

In the worst-case scenario, Notre Dame is the best place to be. Just ask Chad Sharon's family.

Sharon's body was found Wednesday in the St. Joseph river, two months to the date after friends last saw him at an off-campus house party. The discovery put to rest the Notre Dame and South Bend communities' longstanding question of whether Sharon would return to the family, friends and school that he loved.

Word of the freshman's passing was upsetting news — for Notre Dame students, for Sharon's former Fisher Hall dorm mates but most of all for his parents, Jane and Steve Sharon.

Still, in the midst of heartbreaking news of their son's death, the Sharons spoke to the University's unique ability to comfort its own when tragedy strikes. The distraught parents praised students, faculty and administrators for their support over the 63 days that 18-year-old Sharon was missing.

"They'll never know how much we appreciate it," Steve Sharon said in an emotional interview with The Observer Wednesday night, only hours after officials identified the

body pulled from the river as the Sharons' only son. "Everyone really cared."

From the beginning, Notre Dame has cared.

School leaders have stayed in daily contact with the Sharons since their son disappeared. During the investigation, friends and Fisher Hall residents cooperated with police to remember any details about Sharon on the night he vanished. And the University offered a \$25,000 reward — that later doubled to \$50,000 — to bring to light any information that might have led to Sharon's safe return.

Now, with a painful end to the months-long mystery, Notre Dame will keep on

caring.

We'll celebrate Sharon's life and memory in our faith-based community. We'll search for answers to why and how he made his way from the party Dec. 12 into shallow water under the Angela Boulevard bridge two awful months later. And we'll keep Sharon's friends and family in our thoughts and prayers.

Just where they've been since one of our own disappeared into the night.

The Observer Editorial

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Economics plan sacrifices department's vision

Thomas Gresik's Feb. 11 letter about the Economics Department seriously mischaracterizes what attracts students to Notre Dame. As a second generation doomer, I am confident that students do not come to Notre Dame to strive for mediocrity. Mediocrity, however, is exactly the target of the current plans to "improve" the Department of Economics.

I agree with Gresik that our department needs more and better neo-classical economic theorists and econometricians. The department also needs to make its unique contributions better heard in mainstream economic dialogue and make a larger impact on important issues of public policy, which, as Gresik observes, the economics profession often addresses.

The plan the provost's office is currently pursuing, however, will be a step backward and is a terrible way to make the department both be and perceived as an excellent department of economics. I have reason to believe that several Nobel-prize-winning mainstream economists would agree with this statement.

The goal of the plan is to make the Department of Economics more mainstream. This means that the target for which we are aiming is the middle of the pack. If everything goes as hoped, we will become just about like everyone else. If we stand out in any way, it will be in spite of, and not because of, these reforms.

The Department of Economics does need improvement. In many circles, it is not currently perceived as great. It is, however, perceived as both distinct and having a vision. That alone does not constitute greatness, but is a prerequisite for greatness. A plan to systematically remove any distinctness, anything that would make our department stand out from the mainstream, can never lead to more than becoming like the middle of the pack and usually leads to falling well behind it.

So, what attracted you to Notre Dame? Striving for mediocrity? Or taking a vision of greatness and building on it to return to glory? We need to continue the process of building the department we have, not split it and try to stamp out anything that differs from the middle of the pack.

Daniel Lawson
graduate student in economics
Feb. 12

Voice opposition to 'Monologues'

"The Vagina Monologues" are coming back March 3-4. All members of the Notre Dame family do not agree that the University should sponsor "The Vagina Monologues." Even Bishop John D'Arcy of the the Fort-Wayne-South Bend diocese is "strenuously against the performance of this play."

Our Lady's image stands atop the Dome, and she needs us to be her advocates. Please join us by writing to Father Edward Malloy voicing your concerns and by writing to the Bishop asking him to publicly proclaim this play unsuitable for any Catholic institution. For instructions, visit www.MarysAdvocates.com.

Terry McMannus
Feb. 10

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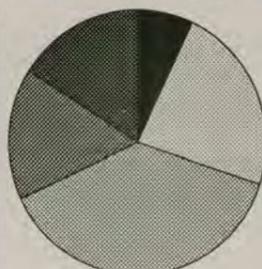
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- Other: 16%



QUOTE OF THE DAY

"A soldier firm and sound of heart."

William Shakespeare
English playwright

VIEWPOINT

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Reading the Valentine card from Osama bin Laden

This week a new audio recording attributed to Osama bin Laden popped up as unexpectedly as a Valentine's Day card from a divorced spouse. The message is a major source of concern for President Bush and the

American public since the voice on the tape instructs bin Laden's followers to help Saddam Hussein stage suicide attacks. It asks followers to lure American troops into bloody urban battles to inflict "big casualties." The resurgence of bin Laden at this time further weakens the president's standing with those who presently oppose Bush throughout the nation and world.

Opponents argue that the president has left his war on terror unfinished as he marches toward a war with Iraq. Many say that the president's preoccupation with prioritizing action against Saddam Hussein exposes flaws in foreign policy priorities, especially in light of North Korea's unpredictable actions of late. Others blame the failing U.S. economy on the president's tunnel vision focused on Iraq.

Anxiety within the United States and around the world could have been sub-

stantially assuaged had the Bush team pushed for an Israeli-Palestinian agreement immediately upon taking office in early 2001. With a free, democratic Palestinian state as a model for the Arab world, the president's intentions, noble as they are in disarming Saddam, would be more credible to both friends and foes who distrust American motives.

By ending the dialogue with North Korea at the beginning of the Bush administration and lumping North Korea into the "Axis of Evil" in the 2002 State of the Union Message, the president has also created a crisis. What began as a rhetorically self-serving pep talk to rally the American public has awakened the unpredictable Asian monster.

Our nation will survive the upcoming war with Iraq but is far from capturing the hearts of those who oppose our actions. The speaker on the so-called bin Laden tape said Iraq was governed by socialist "infidels, including Saddam," but said it was acceptable for Muslims to fight for Iraq because their interests "intersect in fighting against the Crusaders" — usually interpreted as Christians.

In his most recent message, Osama bin Laden predicts that he will die in a final act of terrorism as a martyr this year during an attack against his enemies. The speaker on the tape also calls for individual attacks against "Americans and Jews" around the world along with larger acts of terrorism.

He wishes for his demise to be in the

"eagle's belly," which experts believe is a reference to the United States.

How can our nation end the hatred of those who are devoted to bin Laden? A recent visit to Internet bulletin board chat rooms entitled, "America sucks" and "It's my country so get out" sheds some light. The messages in each area contained several nasty and personal remarks favoring as well as opposing a war with Iraq.

One person said that a soldier never prays for peace; he prays for victory. The next reply noted that the writer was an American but was more afraid of intolerant Americans than "any nuts out there, who don't have a clue about what freedom means. Our freedoms and differences are what make us Americans."

One interesting yet typical chat participant wanted to deport all Muslims back to their respective Arab countries. This participant ended with, "Get out of my country. A true American stands behind its country and God. Thank God, I am a True American."

A respondent wrote, "Your country, who do you think you are? This is the United States, where people from every country in the world have come to try and make a better life for themselves and their families."

We are naive if we believe that merely exposing Iraq to our free way of life will convert them to loving allies indebted to their U.S. liberators. If France, a true democracy that has been the brunt of a

nasty rhetorical barrage from supporters of the president, cannot stand unconditionally with the United States, how can we expect a nation like Iraq, which has only known the last thirty years of Saddam Hussein's dictatorship, to willingly follow?

Oftentimes the president has painted too simplistic a picture of the matter at hand while rhetorically embellishing our actions and intentions.

Immediately following the September attacks, he pledged to find bin Laden and eliminate all terrorists. Initially, the president vowed to act alone to remove Saddam, but after low public opinion forced him to act through the United Nations, he now speaks of "disarming" Saddam.

The leader of the free world could do well to ease tensions and anxieties throughout the world while educating those who are intolerant. While President Bush is fond of proclaiming, "God Bless America," it would do much if his Valentine's card contained the inclusive Christian greeting, "God Bless Everyone."

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Gary Caruso

Capitol
Comments

After Saddam is gone, what's next for Iraq?

Editor's note: The following is the first of part of a two-part piece considering the role the U.S. military will play in a post-war Iraq. The conclusion will appear on Monday.

As President Bush and his national security team assemble their final plans for a possible military operation against Iraq, all estimates call for a post-conflict administration of Iraq that will include a heavy American military presence in that country for an indefinite period. The post-conflict stakes within Iraq are very high.

If the U.S. forces do not take the lead role in leading a post-Hussein Iraq, the country could potentially fall apart or descend into chaos and violence. If American forces are perceived by the Iraqi people and/or the international community of being in there for any longer than an interim period, they run the risk of being accused of becoming a new imperial and occupying power.

While many of the specific elements of the post-conflict military plans are still classified, the final decision on what role the U.S. military will play in the region after Saddam Hussein is out of power will be initially predicated on how the transition to the post-Hussein period occurs. Under most of the possible scenarios, the major task for the U.S. military following the transition of power will be in "shaping and supporting the security environment."

Any plan utilizing U.S. military forces has to include provisions for countering factional instability, restoring basic Iraqi government services, transitioning power to the civil authorities, the possible apprehension of Iraqi war criminals, the seizing of state-owned oil fields and the disassembling of the clandestine Iraqi intelligence service; all while U.S. military forces continue their search for Iraqi chemical and

biological weapons of mass destruction as its "endstate." This will all require a substantial commitment of the total U.S. military force — including the post-conflict capabilities of special operations forces, civil affairs and psychological operations teams and the substantial mobilization of the nation's National Guard and Reserve Component support personnel.

Given both the international reluctance to participate in any military coalition against Iraq and the magnitude of the post-conflict reconstruction tasks as envisioned by most military strategists, the U.S. military must be prepared to govern Iraq for an indefinite period in the future. This task is not that unfamiliar to the current U.S. military leadership. In recent times, U.S. military leaders have participated in various aspects of the civil governing environment, namely in Somalia (1992-93), Haiti (1994-96), Bosnia (1995-present) and within Kosovo (1999-present).

The past missions in Somalia, Haiti, Bosnia and Kosovo were all in conjunction with the United Nations. The current post-conflict plan has not guaranteed such participation by the United Nations or other international agencies. In a country of over 24 million persons, any post-conflict plans appear on the surface to be the most ambitious American military effort to administer a country since the occupations of Japan and Germany at the end of World War II. Without international participation, the U.S. military should plan for a long and protracted role in managing

the reconstruction of the country. At a minimum, in order to be successful, the U.S. military must be able to effectively counter facilitate stability, transition power to the civil authorities and engage the international community.

The immediate aftermath will find American troops trying to stabilize a post-Hussein environment that could involve U.S. troops directly confronting those elements wishing to seek "anarchy, revenge and score-settling" in a post-Hussein Iraq.

One of the biggest problems facing U.S. military planners in the postwar period will be in the disarming of the over 150 Iraqi tribal groups. While factional tribes played a major part of the U.S. military success in Afghanistan, most of the Iraqi tribes have been directly supported by Hussein in the past and could remain loyal to him and form into insurgent forces.

Another problem facing U.S. military planners is the prospect that the various tribal groups will form into factional armies and began fighting each other, similar to what occurred between rival groups in postwar Afghanistan. Such an unstable and fragmented environment will create a particular security concern that the post-conflict Iraq is unsuitable for any reconstruction and international relief presence as it has in Afghanistan.

U.S. military commanders on the ground must be vigilant of rival ethnic parties wishing to partition or fragment Iraq in the post-hostilities period. Potential threats range from the Kurdish-dominated

north to the Shiite Muslim-dominated south, as well as from a variety of Iraqi exile groups located outside of Iraq. Ironically, when Congress passed the Iraqi Liberation Act in 1998, it officially recognized six different Iraqi exile groups as possible alternatives to Saddam Hussein's ruling Baath party. Now, any one of them could legitimately attempt to assert control in a post-conflict Iraq.

Possible military actions by our NATO ally, Turkey is of equal concern to U.S. military planners. Turkey may view the instability along its border by the Kurdish-controlled north as a way of guaranteeing a say in shaping post-war Iraq, namely in preventing any emergence of a Kurdish state in northern Iraq. Turkish officials have long been concerned of any efforts that incite the Kurdish community to seek independence. Without any substantial U.S. military monitoring along the Turkish-Iraq borders, this condition could be left unchecked and erupt into a severe international crisis quickly. The United States has expressed its concern. Turkish officials and both groups have recently met and discussed these issues with the leading Kurdish officials.

Author's Note: On behalf of the Army, Air Force and Navy ROTC staffs, we would like to personally acknowledge the personal sacrifice and selfless dedication of those faculty, staff and students who have been called to active duty over the past few months. You truly reflect the meaning of the phrase, "God, Country, Notre Dame."

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Viewpoint:
IRAQ

Major Gary Masapollo



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The Barnyard comes to life

*Barnyard clad dancers open this year's dance workshop at Saint Mary's*By CHRISTINE ROCHEL
Scene Writer

This weekend Saint Mary's presents "Designs of Dance 2003." The first act intermingles a recitation of Elizabeth Winthrop's children's book "Dumpy La Rue" with ballet dancing sheep, a break dancing pig and a salsa-dancing mule. The first act entitled "The Barnyard Ballet of Dumpy La Rue" takes a trip into the playful imagination of a child's mind. The second act is an interesting compilation of classical ballet and various styles of modern dance.

The workshop opens with a surprising tribute to childhood. As a country mother recites a children's book to her daughter, dancers act out the scenes. The dancers vividly depict barn animals through their movements and attire. Keep an eye out for the talented ballet dancing sister pig. This first act mixes various forms of dance with dancers of varied levels of technique. The childlike appeal of the first act has left some dancers with mixed sentiments such as Therese Cullen who comments "sometimes I feel like we should be performing to three year olds." The originality of this ballet is noteworthy; for the music, lighting, and costumes have all been specifically designed for the piece.

After two auditions and a semester of practice, the backstage atmosphere is filled with various emotions. The choreographer of one of the two student pieces, junior Caitlin Gillen, commented on her extreme nervousness and

then stated that this is "a great opportunity, and I wish we could do it more often." Gillen's piece, honoring the choreographer Bob Fosse, adds an interesting splash of jazz to the dominantly modern dance of the second act. This jazz piece also contains the only two Notre Dame student dancers who are also the only two male dancers in the workshop. In addition the second act features a classical ballet, a Japanese dance interpretation, and numerous slower modern dances. Contrasting with the lighthearted tone of the first act is the mellow, artistic tone of the second act.

The dance workshop held in the O'Laughlin Auditorium runs about an hour and a half and has a total of eight dances. The performances are scheduled for tonight and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and for Sunday at 2:30 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at the door. The cost for students is \$4.50 and proceeds will go

to Saint Mary's general budget. The workshop has been under the direction of Indi Dieckgrafe since she came to the college in 1985. Saint Mary's does not offer a dance major for any of the Saint Mary's students performing in this show. Another dance teacher at Saint Mary's, Laurie Lowry, has enthusiastic reviews about the progress of their dance program. The school has currently added the major Student Design in Movement Studies for students interested in pursuing dance mixed with mathematics.

The team backstage is working diligently to fix any glitches before the workshop opens in two days. With dancers of diverse backgrounds, choreographer Lowry comments "the struggle is to make them all cohesive." Since the 20 dancers in the show come from individual dancing backgrounds, many of them could benefit from some more dance technique training. While dance preparations are being finalized, the lighting and sound crew headed by Thomas H. Boelman has been fixing some minor microphone problems and adjusting the lighting sequence. Remarking on the show senior Nicole Pliske, with eagerness for the upcoming performance, said, "I think there is a great variety. It will give the audience an array of dance style." Visit the Moreau Center for the Arts this weekend to be entertained by tap dancing rats and to view an engaging dance workshop.



Emily Ford as Dumpy and Lisa Walton as the goose pose during the show to reveal the artistic side of the show.

ALLISON NICHOLS/The Observer



Emily Ford as Dumpy and Emily Fagan as Sister Pig vividly depict barn animals through their movements and attire.

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This ballet honors Bob Fosse by adding an interesting splash of jazz.

SCENE
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Friday, February 14, 2003

A sip of soul

*Poetry, song and style headline the 2003 Blak Koffeehouse*By HELENA PAYNE
Scene Writer

The event is called Blak Koffeehouse, but that's just a catchy name to describe the ambiance.

There's rarely ever coffee, although "there will be hot chocolate and snacks," according to Veronica Berger, president of the Black Cultural Arts Council, which is sponsoring the event tonight at 7 p.m. in the LaFortune Ballroom.

This year, the BCAC is offering something arguably even better than a beverage. It wishes to share "A Taste of the Soul." The event chairman, Jourdan Sorrell, said the theme pays homage to the African-American artists of the Harlem Renaissance. During the 1920s and 1930s, writers such as James Baldwin, Langston Hughes and Zora Neale Hurston, as well as musical artists such as Louis Armstrong and Billie Holiday were part of the burgeoning African-American artistic and intellectual movement that dominated the social scene of the predominantly black Harlem borough of New York City. These artists inspired many to discover their own talents.

"We [African-Americans] have been characterized as a very soulful people," Sorrell said.

As the signature event of Black History Month, Sorrell said Blak Koffeehouse allows members of the Notre Dame community to see an updated version of the Harlem Renaissance's soul legacy.

"African-American fine arts have



BETH QUINN/The Observer

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influenced American culture in very profound ways and at the University of Notre Dame we continue to highlight its importance in American society by producing an artistic event that incorporates music, poetry and style," said Chandra Johnson, assistant to the president of the University.

Blak Koffeehouse began in 1993 when a graduate student in peace studies, Karsonia Wise, saw a need for an

upscale artistic event that displayed the talents of students with an emphasis on the African-American culture. Since then, Blak Koffeehouse has been every Friday on Junior Parents Weekend. It's often standing-room only.

As part of the many events of JPW, Blak Koffeehouse turns the LaFortune Ballroom into an intimate café. Students of BCAC — in conjunction with other campus groups — speak to the audience through verse and rhythm.

In past years, the event has had two co-hosts, but this year, sophomore Jelani McEwen-Torrence will be the sole host.

"He has the ability to carry a whole audience for a night," Sorrell said.

McEwen-Torrence has been active in the Notre Dame literary community as a member of the Sophomore Literary Festival committee. During the festival, he hosted the talk of poet activist Nikki Giovanni and co-hosted an open-mic poetry night, where he read some of his own works.

"Poetry, for me, has always been what I've been into. It just comes naturally and I want to share that with people," McEwen-Torrence said.

Acts in the show include performances by Voices of Faith gospel choir, singing quartet Mahogany Soul and Shades of Ebony, a women's group that promotes the empowerment of African-American.

Shades of Ebony, which is performing the Maya Angelou poem "Phenomenal Woman," plans to illustrate the diversity of the African-American women.

"You're going to see a mother, a business woman, a neo-soul woman. ... The black woman is so complex," said sophomore Shawtina Ferguson, president of Shades of Ebony.

In addition to womanhood, poems will focus on racial identity, love and other topics.

Saint Mary's senior Rene Tem, a

member of Mahogany Soul and a finalist for talent search show American Idol, said she is looking forward to her last Blak Koffeehouse.

"This is one of the events on campus that means a lot to me," Tem said, adding that the event allows her to "showcase the talent that God has given" to her.

Tem will perform a gospel medley along with other Mahogany Soul members, senior Yogeld Andre and juniors Terrica Bentley and Jenna McCullins.

Under the presidency of senior Daly Barnes, the Voices of Faith gospel choir will sing two selections.

Members of the South Bend community have also been invited to come to the event.

As musicians from the Voices of Faith set the tone with a prelude, Sorrell said he hopes people feel an "opening and welcoming atmosphere."

While Blak Koffeehouse showcases much African-American talent, Sorrell and Berger said the evening should be shared with the entire Notre Dame community.

"It's important to showcase multicultural talent across campus," Berger said.

Later this semester, BCAC plans to co-sponsor events with other organizations on campus. They have also been planning their popularly attended Fashion Show, which is in late March.

As for now, BCAC promises that their taste of soul will be worth much more than the value of \$3 that they have to pay to attend.

"Nothing can touch people like words," said freshman Chris Adams, who is performing a poem titled "Perfection." "You feel better if you can express yourself."



BETH QUINN/The Observer

Sophomores Shawtina Ferguson and Jeneya Johnson perform famous poet Maya Angelou's composition, "Phenomenal Woman."

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SCENE *feature*

When We Speak

Students' Poems from the Blak Koffee House

Shanida Sharp

I am womyn
Hear me roar.
I will stand aside no more.
Men watch out
You will see
A girl who has
The power to live her dream.

I am womyn
Hear me shout
As I proclaim
What it's all about.
World watch out
You will see me
March on the path to equality.

I am womyn
Hear me scream
Don't stand
In the way of my dream.
All watch out and
You will see
A person who is born to lead.

I am womyn
Hear me exclaim.
Look into my eyes and see my pain.
Men watch out
Just wait and see
The day when women
Can be what they want to be.

Jemar Tisby

I am

I am black
I am not a problem
I am not a project
I am not an issue
I am not a number
I am so much more
I am a Christian
I am a Son
I am a brother
I am a leader
I am a roommate
I am a friend
I am a fighter
I am a scholar
I am a poet
I am a person
I am and always be
ME.

Excerpts taken from When We Speak: Voices from an Afrocentric Perspective



Textbook



Love



How Notre Dame professors met their spouses and fell in love

We met in the fall of 1984 at the Inter-University Program for Chinese Language Studies ("Stanford Center") in Taipei, Taiwan. Lionel was a Ph.D candidate from the University of California, Berkeley, and Susan was finishing an M.A. at the University of Michigan.

A romance of heart and mind and of rare intensity was made, over long walks, bus rides, lavish hotel brunches, elegant Japanese meals and the best Chinese food in the world. We spoke for hours on end about life in general, China, academics, love and many other things, blissfully mindless of the imperatives of time. We knew we were meant for each other, still it took us several years to work out the details of how to be in the same place, but we were married in Detroit in June 1988 and moved to Stillwater, Okla., where we taught at Oklahoma State University.

Since then we have had two children, Hannah and Elena, finished two PhDs, written or edited six books (one of them together, *China Off Center: Mapping the Margins of the Middle Kingdom*, published in October 2002), taught at the University of Oklahoma, University of Colorado at Denver, University of Colorado at Boulder, University of Denver, and the University of Pennsylvania. We moved to Notre Dame in 2000, and are pleased to stop moving!

Our children are now in elementary school and junior high. We continue to share our passions for China and the life of the mind, along with love of family, friends, and good food. It's been a long and sometimes bumpy road but our love and respect have allowed us to face the challenges and keep laughing together.

Lionel M. Jensen and Susan Blum

Here's how "it all really happened ..."

My wife and I always joke that we had an arranged marriage. That's because our mothers met long before we did, during a shopping trip at Best and Company (back in our hometown of Cleveland, Ohio), at the scouting department, and each had a great first impression of the other.

However, their meeting occurred when we were 12 and 10 respectively, and we didn't actually meet each other until several years later, in the front hall of Eileen's junior high school. I was attending the Spring glee club concert with friends, and she was singing in the "Beauty Shop Quartet". The rest, as they say, is history.

Harvey and Eileen Bender

Shortly after arriving at Notre Dame, I was invited to a luncheon for new faculty hosted by the Provost's office. While there, I caught sight, at a distance, of another new professor, and something about him attracted my attention. However, the luncheon ended before I had a chance to meet him.

Immediately after the luncheon, I walked over to the O'Shaughnessy Copy Center and, as luck (destiny? providence?) would have it, there he was standing in line. Not one to let an opportunity slip by, I introduced myself by saying, "Weren't you just at the lunch for new faculty? So was I!"

We soon learned that we shared a common passion: we were both Philadelphia Phillies fans. I had just moved from Philadelphia, but he just happened to have lived there at that critical moment of a boy's life when he becomes interested in baseball and had since moved away. Such fidelity to an historically mediocre team could be taken as evidence of irrationality, but struck me as a reassuring sign in a potential spouse. We were married that May and will celebrate our 20th anniversary this year.

JoAnn DellaNeve and Thomas Flint

NHL

Lalime stops 24 for 2nd consecutive shutout

Associated Press

OTTAWA

Patrick Lalime stopped 24 shots for his second consecutive shutout and league-leading seventh of the season as the Ottawa Senators beat the Edmonton Oilers 2-0.

Lalime shut out Pittsburgh 3-0 the previous night.

Marian Hossa scored his third goal in as many games and his 36th this season, and Magnus Arvedson added his ninth.

The Senators extended their undefeated streak to five games (4-0-1) and hold a three-point lead over New Jersey for first place in the Eastern Conference.

A supportive crowd of 18,115 was on hand for the Senators' first home game since owner Rod Bryden and his principal creditors came to a conditional agreement on Bryden's repurchase of the Senators.

Neither team created any great chances in the first period and both goaltenders came up with big saves early in the second.

Tommy Salo, who faced 26 shots, robbed Daniel Alfredsson with a sprawling save. Minutes later, Lalime was equally impressive in making a glove save on Jason Chimera.

Hossa solved Salo midway through the second with a power-play goal, beating him with a one-timer through traffic.

Arvedson scored his first goal in 10 games at 6:36 of the third. He took a pass off the sideboards and fired a shot from the blue line that beat Salo.

Red Wings 4, Sabres 2

Sergei Fedorov scored twice as the Detroit Red Wings beat the Buffalo Sabres, the first time Detroit has won two games in a row since Dec. 28.

Slumping Buffalo is winless in eight games (0-6-0-2).

Jason Woolley and Igor Larionov scored the Red Wings' other goals, Brendan Shanahan and Nicklas Lidstrom each had two assists, and Curtis Joseph made 31 saves.

Tim Connolly and Denis Hamel got the Sabres' goals.

Fedorov, who broke a seven-game goal drought, scored twice in the first 4:22 of the second period to give Detroit a 3-0 lead.

His first came 53 seconds into the period, when he fired in a one-time slap shot from the slot. And 3:29 later, Fedorov's slap shot from just inside the blue line went through Buffalo goaltender Ryan Miller's pads.

It was also Fedorov's first goals at Joe Louis Arena and first two-goal game since Dec. 14. He has 22 goals this season.

The Sabres got going just 40 seconds later when Connolly beat Joseph high to the stick side from the inside edge of the left circle.

Larionov added a power-play goal 3:11 into the third period, and Hamel scored for Buffalo at 5:47.

Detroit took a 1-0 lead in the first period when Woolley, a former Sabre, scored a power-play goal. He put in the rebound of Brett Hull's shot from the bottom of the left circle.

Woolley played with the Sabres for six seasons before being traded to the Red Wings earlier this season.

Blue Jackets 2, Canadiens 1

Jaroslav Spacek, Columbus' top-scoring defenseman, got the winning goal just 28 seconds into overtime, lifting the Blue Jackets past the Montreal Canadiens.

Spacek, who assisted on Geoff Sanderson's power-play goal late in the second period, scored on a power play after Montreal's Yanic Perreault was penalized with 55 seconds left in the third period.

Columbus, which had lost five straight on the road, has lost just once in its last seven games (4-1-2).

Trailing 1-0, Montreal defenseman Andrei Markov drew the Canadiens even 8:04 into the third period as he finished off a give-and-go play with Saku Koivu. Markov carried the puck into Columbus' zone before passing to Koivu. Markov drove to the net and



Edmonton Oilers goalie Tommy Salo makes a save off Ottawa senator Martin Havlat in the second period. Despite Salo's efforts, the Oilers lost 2-0.

buried Koivu's return pass into an open right side before Blue Jackets goalie Marc Denis could get across.

The goal ended a 121:54 shutout streak for Denis, who made 38 saves the night before in a 1-0 win over San Jose.

Jose Theodore made 24 saves for Montreal, which remained undefeated in regulation in its last three (2-0-0-1) following a four-game losing streak.

The Canadiens outshot the Blue Jackets 39-26 overall, including 16-5 during a scoreless and listless first period.

Sanderson opened the scoring on a 4-on-3 advantage with 1:39 left in the second. Montreal right wing Richard Zednik was called for hooking just 21 seconds after Columbus' Jody Shelley and the Canadiens' Randy McKay were sent off for

roughing.

The Blue Jackets passed the puck around quickly on the ensuing power-play and soon found themselves with two players alone in front of Theodore when Montreal's Andreas Dackell left his position to chase the puck.

Ray Whitney found Spacek alone with Sanderson. Spacek slid the puck across to Sanderson, who put the shot past Theodore for his 23rd of the season.

Flyers 4, Blues 3

Michal Handzus scored on a rebound at 3:02 of overtime as the Philadelphia Flyers, shut out the previous two games by the Wild, rallied from a three-goal deficit to beat the St. Louis Blues.

Jeremy Roenick and Kim Johnson scored on consecutive

shots in the third period to force overtime. Handzus beat Brent Johnson for his 16th goal as the Flyers outshot the Blues 3-2 in the extra period, with Johnson assisting on the play.

Alexander Khavanov had a goal and an assist for the Blues, whose six-game unbeaten streak (4-0-2) ended.

The Flyers, blanked in four of their previous eight games, ended a goal drought of 167 minutes, 9 seconds when Magnus Ragnarsson scored in the second period. Roenick cut the gap to one at 10:48 of the third and Johnson scored his fourth of the season from the side of the net at 12:53 to tie it.

Mark Recchi assisted on the first three Flyers goals. Roman Cechmanek allowed three goals on the first eight shots he faced, and none on the last 13.

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VALENTINES

happy valentines day sohoes!

Kristina Barrios, yours are the sweetest eyes I've ever seen.

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Luke, you're my best.

Andrea, Barb, Beth, and Kelly - you all have a piece of my heart.

Happy Valentines Day! Love, KG

Happy Valentine's Day from an Observer ANE to an Observer ANE.

Happy Valentines day from the older former Sports Editor to my two ANE's. Make love, not war girls.

Happy Valentine's Day to Jack, Jim, Jose, Johnny and all my other boys that have been kicked off campus.

Thanks Thaddeus, Linda and Scott. You guys are the best!

I found out whats going down at two o'clock. HAHHAHA!

Ok. so I don't know what's going down at two o'clock. Can you tell me???

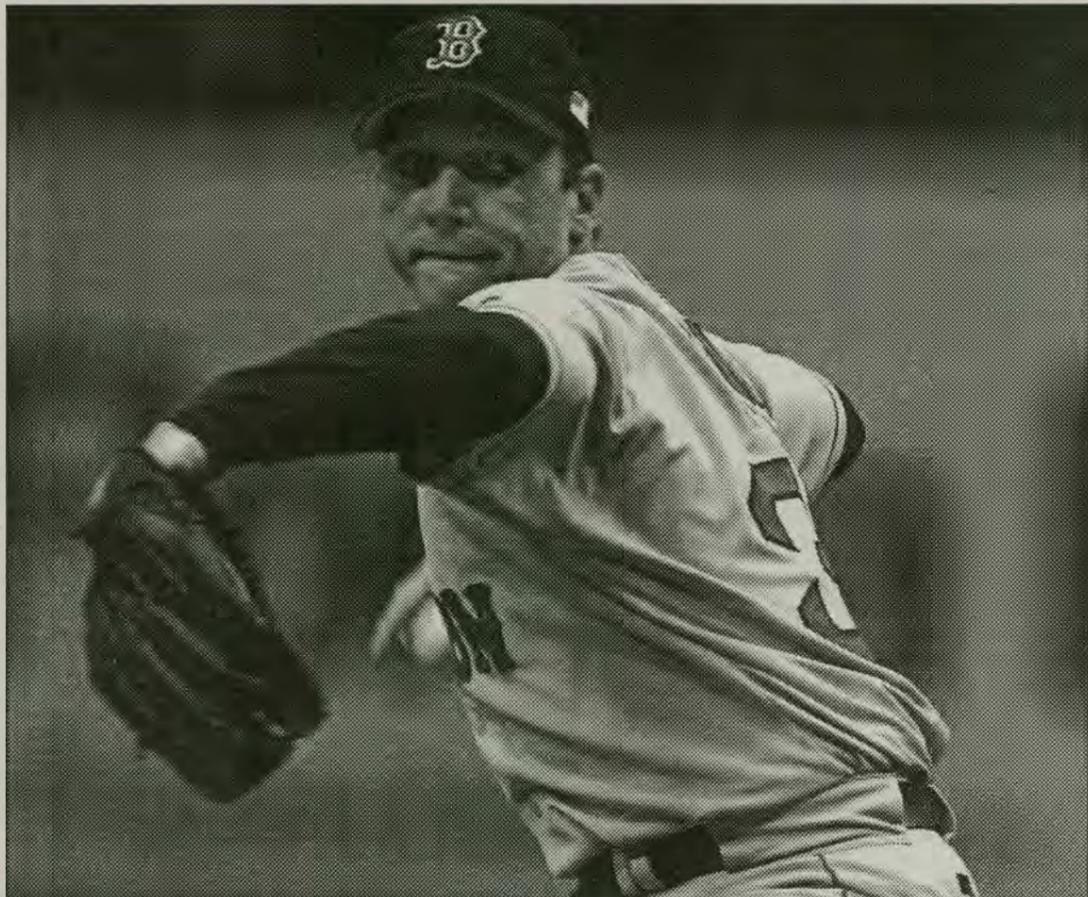
Happy Birthday Mom!

Hi Matt's mom!

But I want a regular banana later, so...yeah.

Welcome to Notre Dame all Junior Parents. Enjoy your stay.

And I'm spent.



David Cone pitches against Tampa Bay in a game on Oct. 1, 2001. The 40-year old pitcher will attempt a comeback this season, signing a minor league contract with the Mets.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Cone returns with minor league contract

Associated Press

NEW YORK

David Cone decided to give it one more try.

Out of baseball last year, the 40-year-old pitcher will attempt a comeback with the New York Mets, signing a minor league contract.

The right-hander last pitched in 2001, going 9-7 with a 4.31 ERA in 25 starts for Boston. Cone worked as an analyst for the New York Yankees' YES network last season and had been expected to do so again.

"My gut feeling is that I'll probably retire at this point," Cone said in late January while visiting the Yankees' minor league complex in Tampa, Fla.

But after a lot of lobbying from Mets lefty Al Leiter — and the possibility of winning a spot as the No. 5 starter — Cone chose to give it a shot.

Cone, who rose to prominence with the Mets in the late 1980s, was expected to join pitchers and catchers Friday at spring training in Port St. Lucie, Fla.

"When you talk to a guy who's pitched as long as David and talk about getting hitters out, competing and working on a major league mound, you certainly saw his enthusiasm for wanting to give it another shot," Leiter said.

"I just told him the same thing I told him last year. I told him it would be a good

thing and that a lot of his success was here," he said. "He's good, he's a good clubhouse guy, he's smart, a veteran player who knows how to win. Absolutely he can help."

Leiter, Tom Glavine, Pedro Astacio and Steve Trachsel hold down the first four spots in the rotation. Cone will compete with Mike Bacsik, Jason Middlebrook and Aaron Heilman for the fifth slot.

"It's hard to know what David has left," Mets general manager Steve Phillips said. "There's no risk. It gives us a free look."

"We're not looking at David exclusively as a starting pitcher," he added.

Cone is 193-123 lifetime with a 3.44 ERA. A five-time All-Star, Cone ranks 17th in major league history with 2,655 strikeouts.

Cone pitched for the Mets from 1987-92, going a career-best 20-3 in 1988.

He won the 1994 Cy Young Award with Kansas City and threw a perfect game in 1999 for the Yankees. He won four World Series championship rings with the Yankees, and also won one with Toronto in 1992.

Cone has enjoyed his relationship with the Yankees, and wanted to make sure his deal with the Mets wouldn't cause any hard feelings.

Cone told Yankees manager Joe Torre on Wednesday he intended to sign with the Mets. Torre wished him luck

NCAA

Neuheisel confirms rumors

Associated Press

SEATTLE

Washington Huskies head coach Rick Neuheisel has acknowledged that he was interviewed for the San Francisco 49ers coaching job, saying his initial denial was based on a promise of confidentiality.

Neuheisel told the Seattle Post-Intelligencer and The Seattle Times on Wednesday night he decided to give the real story out of concern for his credibility.

"My knee-jerk reaction was to protect an agreement of confidentiality I had with the 49ers," Neuheisel told The Times, "but the life of the story that has fol-

lowed has raised the question about who I am. It has questioned something more important, my credibility, and that isn't worth it.

"I want to correct the situation and apologize for not being more candid. I will work hard at repairing those relationships I have damaged."

Neuheisel, 33-16 in four years at Washington and 66-30 in seven years as a college head coach, would not say whether he was interested in or had been offered the 49ers job, which went to Oregon State coach Dennis Erickson.

P-I columnist John Levesque overheard Neuheisel on Sunday at the San Francisco airport while the coach was talking by telephone with his parents

about the 49ers job.

To Levesque and in interviews Monday with The Times and KJR Radio, as well as in a news release, Neuheisel said he flew to California only to play golf and discuss a business deal in the Napa Valley.

Gail Motter from Wolf Park in Battle Ground, IN will present slides on the park's activities involving the study of wolf behavior

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SPORTS

Friday, February 14, 2003

MENS BASKETBALL

Squeezing the Orange

Irish travel to No. 17 Syracuse for a matchup of Big East West Division leaders

By CHRIS FEDERICO
Sports Writer

After beating No. 4 Pittsburgh 66-64 last Sunday, the road should only get easier for the Irish.

But only a week after one of the biggest victories in the history of its program, No. 10 Notre Dame (19-4, 7-2 in the Big East) must travel to No. 17 Syracuse Saturday for a matchup with the only other Big East team to beat the Panthers this year.

"It's tough, but this is the Big East, and that's how the schedule is," said Notre Dame guard Matt Carroll, who leads the Irish in scoring this season with 20.6 points a game. "But we're looking forward to it. It's crunch time of the year, and we're excited to go take on a big challenge up in the Carrier Dome."

With the trip to Syracuse, the Irish will have to prove they can handle hostile environments, something they have struggled with this season. While undefeated at home, Notre Dame is 2-3 in opponents' arenas, with losses coming at Pittsburgh, Kentucky and Seton Hall.

Following the physically and mentally testing win over Pittsburgh last week, the Irish

have had the benefit this week of not having to play a mid-week game. The break came at a good time for players to get a rest from game action before the tough trip to Syracuse.

"[The break] really helps the legs get back into it," Carroll said. "A couple of days off let us refresh a little bit, especially this time of year, and we should be fresh for the game on Saturday."

The long week also gives the Irish extra time to prepare for a talented foe in the Orangemen.

"I think it's always good to have a week off in terms of getting in the practice facilities and working on some things to kind of tune up for your next game," Irish forward Jordan Cornette said. "With such a talented team with so many weapons like Syracuse, it's good to have a full week of practice to kind of focus in on specific things that make them tick and make them go, and kind of shut that down when we get there on Saturday."

Even with the tough back-to-back matchups, several Irish players see the game as a chance to prove themselves as leaders in the conference.

"I think it's a good run for this team. I think it's going to test us

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TIM KACMAR/The Observer

Notre Dame point guard Chris Thomas dishes to center Torin Francis in Notre Dame's 66-64 victory over Pittsburgh last Sunday. The Irish travel to No. 17 Syracuse Saturday.

FENCING

Irish claim top spot in poll

By MATT LOZAR
Sports Editor

Light up Grace Hall, there's a new No. 1 team at Notre Dame.

After defeating No. 4 Ohio State 16-11 Jan. 25, former No. 1 Penn State 15-12 Feb. 1 and former No. 6 Stanford 19-8 last weekend, the Irish were in line for the top spot in the country. When the national rankings compiled by the United States Coaches Fencing Association were published Thursday, that claim came true.

"We are very happy. We worked hard during the whole year so we are satisfied," Notre Dame coach Janusz Bednarski said. "It doesn't warrant anything

more than fame at the moment. It is good to have it, but we will continue to work hard."

During the past two seasons, the mens team has ascended to the top spot in the country heading into the national championships in March. Each year, the Irish have failed to win the national title, finishing third each year.

"I know we are fencing very well and at nationals, it makes our position even harder. It is different than throughout the year," Bednarski said. "At nationals, teams go to less fencers. It makes it harder and less predictable and more random results. This position is getting us extra motivation to work harder and keep fight-

ing."

With a 19-0 record this season, the Notre Dame mens team has won 78 consecutive matches dating back to its last loss on Jan. 23, 2000. Notre Dame's streak is third-longest in school history behind the 98 match streak set from 1984-88 and the school-record 122-match streak set from 1975-1980.

The womens team dropped from second to third in the latest poll after losing dual matches to No. 1 Penn State and No. 4 Ohio State.

Both the mens and womens team close out the regular season at next weekend's Michigan State duals.

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ND WOMENS BASKETBALL

Irish hope for win on road before break

By JOE HETTLER
Sports Editor

Notre Dame has a reward awaiting them after their road game against Providence Sunday — a week off from any games.

"We really could use a break and I think a couple days off is really what we need right now," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. "We'll take some time off at the beginning of the week and maybe then put some new wrinkles in. We don't have any time between our last game and the Big East tournament so this will be a great time for us to make some changes."

But for Notre Dame to truly enjoy their game-free week, the

Irish need to gain an important road win against the Friars. Providence is 9-13 on the season and 3-8 in Big East play.

Sophomore guard Michal Epstein, who averages 15.3 points and 3.4 rebounds per game, leads the Friars. She hasn't gotten much help though, as no one else on Providence's team averages double figures in scoring. The Friars also use a four-guard offensive set, which could potentially cause problems for a bigger, but slower Notre Dame team.

McGraw wants her team more focused on playing well, then trying to stop Providence.

"We really need to [play our game]," McGraw said. "We're

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SPORTS AT A GLANCE

SMC SWIMMING

Saint Mary's at MIAA Tournament

Friday, all day

The Belles are in last place after one day of competition.

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SMC BASKETBALL

Calvin at Saint Mary's

Saturday, 1 p.m.

The Belles look to garner some pride with a win over the Knights.

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HOCKEY

Notre Dame at Bowling Green

Friday, 7 p.m.

The Irish look to get back on the winning track with a pair of wins.

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ND WOMENS TENNIS

Virginia Tech at Notre Dame

Friday, 4 p.m.

The Irish return to play after nearly two weeks off from competition.

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ND SOFTBALL

Notre Dame at South Florida

Saturday, noon

The Irish begin their season at the USF/Wilson Tournament.

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NCAA BASKETBALL

Wake Forest 94, Duke 80

The Demon Deacons break a 14-game losing streak to Duke with their victory Thursday night.

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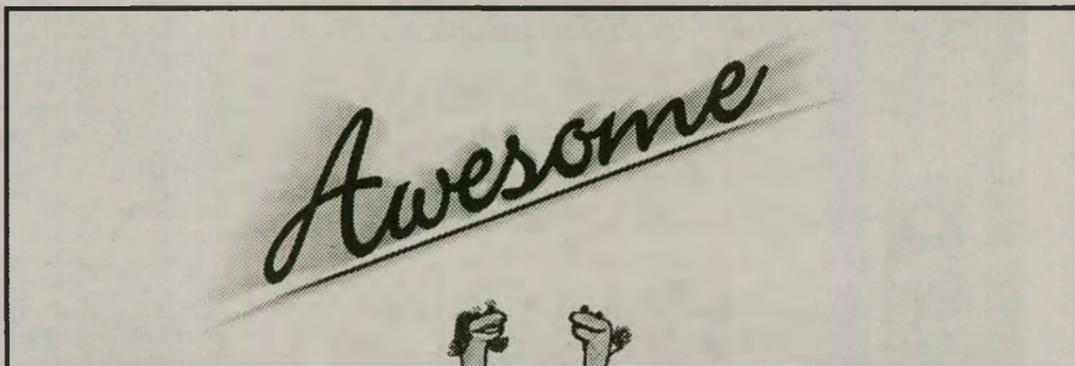
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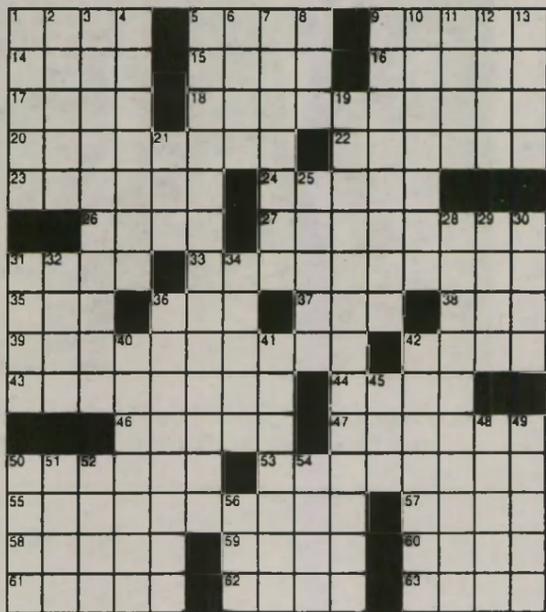
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 - 14 Robert Vardalos of "My Big Fat Greek Wedding"
 - 15 Latin trio part
 - 16 Banned blocks
 - 17 Like some D.A.'s
 - 18 Spark plug, so to speak
 - 20 Not straight
 - 22 Brooks
 - 23 Game stickers?
 - 24 Unlit?
 - 26 Show respect, in a way
 - 27 Some barometers
 - 31 Sea (Amu Darya's outlet)
 - 33 Surgeon's wear
 - 35 Down
- DOWN**
- 36 Guitarist Montgomery
 - 37 VCR speed measure: Abbr.
 - 38 Actress
 - 39 Chain reaction facilitator
 - 42 Chop order
 - 43 Way to get one's message across
 - 44 Wishes undone
 - 46 Best dishes, perhaps
 - 47 Peeved
 - 50 National Battlefield in Mississippi
 - 53 Where someone may get a buzz
 - 55 Elliptical comment on local customs



Puzzle by Jim Page

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- 58 Special qualities
- 59 Rounded end
- 60 One of the Waltons
- 61 Sleep on it
- 62 "It ___ so"
- 63 Successor of Mao
- 29 Early sixth-century year
- 30 Bean of "The Lord of the Rings"
- 31 "Stat"
- 32 Pro ___
- 34 Cottonwood's cousin
- 36 Things you want
- 40 Legendary capital of King Agamemnon
- 41 Mature insects
- 42 On-line?
- 45 Balzac's "___ Double Famille"
- 48 Biological stain
- 49 String sound
- 50 "Jabberwocky" starter
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SMC BASKETBALL

Belles look to play through injuries

By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN
Sports Writer

Although it is impossible for Saint Mary's (5-17, 1-10 in the MIAA) to win the MIAA conference title, pride is still at stake for the Belles coming into Saturday's home contest.

Saint Mary's enters Saturday's game against Calvin with some uncertainty, as leading scorer Emily Creachbaum (12.6 points, 6.0 rebounds per game) is still questionable with an ankle injury. Looking to pick up the scoring slack has been Bridget Boyce (7.3 points per game), Anne Hogan (7.3 points) and Emily Pernotto (5.6 points per game).

Meanwhile, Calvin will counter with a well-balanced attack in which no players average double figures. Junior forward Kim Wolthuis leads the way for the Knights, averaging 9.5 points per game on 47 percent shooting. Senior guard Tricia Dyk (9.2 points, 2.5 assists, 2.7 steals per game), senior center Emily Beard (9.2 points, 8.4 rebounds per game) and sophomore guard Kristen McDonald (9 points, 2.1 assists per game) all contribute as well for Calvin (13-9, 4-7).

The last time these two teams met, the Knights outshone the Belles, winning 64-50 despite 21 turnovers. Beard and McDonald led the Knights, scoring 12 and 10 points, respectively. As a team, Calvin shot 53.3 percent from the field, dominating Saint Mary's, as the Belles have learned that it is tough to win in the MIAA shooting under 40 percent from the field.

Regardless, in the midst of a ten game losing streak that dates back to Jan. 8, the Belles are ready for a win on Saturday.

"Since Calvin doesn't just have one good player, we have to focus on defense," Boyce said. "If we concentrate on defense, then our offense will come naturally, and we will be fine."

Saint Mary's has something to build on after Wednesday's game. Despite the loss, the Belles played well, as they were led by Pernotto's nine points. Even though the Belles shot only

32 percent from the field, they rebounded well, pulling down 41 boards as a team.

"We have been getting good shots," Boyce said. "They just haven't been falling."

Saturday's game is the perfect opportunity for the Belles to salvage their season, as the Knights are a beatable team, despite the fact that they are tied for fifth in the MIAA. They come off an 88-72 loss to Hope, extending their losing streak to two games.

The Belles are eager to play Saturday, as they are ready for a win.

"We just need to keep shooting and looking inside," Boyce said. "We will be fine."

Saint Mary's and Calvin square off at 3 p.m. Saturday in the Angela Athletic Facility.

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SMC SWIMMING

Belles in last after 1st day

By ERIK POWERS
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's began the first of three grueling days and nights of heats, trials and finals at the MIAA Championships from which a champion will eventually be crowned.

But this year's incarnation of the Belles is off to a more challenging start. The squad is stuck in last place after the first day of competition. The Belles have 47 points and are in a deep hole behind first place Calvin (181) and Hope (174). While moving all the way up will be difficult, Saint Mary's has a chance to overtake Kalamazoo (90), Alma (75) and Albion (70).

Junior Megan Ramsey and freshman Kelly Nells finished third and sixth respectively in the 500-meter freestyle yesterday.

Entering the tournament, host Hope (6-0) and Calvin (5-1) were the favorites to win the conference championship. The Belles were looking to pull the upset after losing to Hope by only 16 points earlier this season.

In their favor, the Belles had some momentum heading into the championships coming off a split finish versus Alma and Albion Jan. 18, a meet where Saint Mary's fought back from a deficit in order to pull out a late victory.

The Belles also have had tournament success this year, taking second at the Palm Beach Winter College Classic.

Saint Mary entered the meet behind the majority of the conference, hoping to duplicate the success of last year's squad. Those Belles began the championships 3-4 in conference, yet were in contention for third place for

most of the meet before a late slide to fifth place.

Saint Mary's is led by experience, most notably by juniors Ramsey and Maureen Palchak and senior captains Lauren Smith and Lane Herrington.

The Belles must ensure that they have added endurance for longer distances and will be able to parlay their success in their butterfly and short-distance freestyle events to victory.

The Belles also should benefit from the upcoming tournament schedule, which emphasizes their strengths: the butterfly and individual medley.

Competition continues today and Saturday with the preliminaries starting at 10 a.m. and the finals at 6 p.m.

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Reckers hosts Brey radio show

Special to The Observer

Notre Dame mens basketball coach Mike Brey will broadcast his weekly radio show live from Reckers Sunday. Brey usually broadcasts the Mike Brey Show from Logan's Roadhouse but wants to have a show on campus enabling student attendance.

Brey leads the 10th ranked mens basketball team into the Carrier Dome this weekend to face Syracuse for a Big East west division battle.

Brey's radio show will be broadcast live at 7 p.m.

HOCKEY

Irish look to break slide 1 game at a time

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Sports Writer

For the Irish to get back on the winning track, two things will have to happen this weekend in Bowling Green.

They have to win Friday. They have to win Saturday. "It's a very similar scenario to last year," Notre Dame coach Dave Poulin said. "We have to look after business Friday and then use that to get going on a confident roll."

Last season, the Irish went on a tear in the months of February and March, going 5-3-0 and using that momentum to engineer a first-round upset of Nebraska-Omaha in the CCHA playoffs.

A key to last season's finish was the stellar play of then-freshman goaltender Morgan Cey in net. The Irish netminder has been in a bit of a sophomore slump lately, going 1-5-4 in his last 10 starts.

To be fair, Cey hasn't been given much support, with the Irish offense scoring just 26 goals in those 10 contests.

"The break couldn't have come at a better time," Poulin said about his team's recent off weekend. "It helped us to work on some things."

The Falcons (7-17-2, 4-14-2 in the CCHA) should be the kind of opponent the Irish (9-13-6, 7-10-3) can use to start a winning streak, but the team isn't

taking anything for granted right now.

Despite dominating Bowling Green twice at home in early December by scores of 6-3 and 5-2, the Irish can't afford to look past the Falcons, who are a .500 team in their home arena.

Bowling Green is led offensively by forward Mark Wires, with 11 goals and 10 assists. Forward Steve Brudzewski and defenseman Kevin Bieksa keep pace with 19 points each.

In goal, the Falcons are led by sophomore Jordan Sigalet, who holds an impressive .910 save percentage despite anchoring one of the worst defenses in the CCHA and facing whopping 39.3 shots a game.

The Irish have eight conference games remaining, all against teams who are on the lower end of the CCHA standings. They have a chance to improve upon their current standing of 10th place and perhaps make a late-season run at achieving home ice for the first round of the playoffs.

"This schedule is very favorable right now," Poulin said. "We just have to win our games. Our standing is a little misleading, but you have to look at it one way and that's to go up."

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Irish wing Rob Globke readies for a faceoff in a match against Boston College. With eight regular season games remaining, Notre Dame is looking to make a run into the post-season.

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making great strides. We want to continue working on fundamentals at practice and work on rebounding and passing and defense. Then if you do those things well, it doesn't matter so much what they do.

"If you're taking care of your business, and doing what you're supposed to do, then you don't need to worry as much."

The Irish improved in all those areas Wednesday night during their 76-48 victory over St. John's. Notre Dame out-rebounded St. John's 33-29 and held the Red Storm under 35 percent shooting for the game. That marked the fifth time in their last six games the Irish have accomplished such a feat. Notre Dame also kept an opponent below the 60-point barrier for the fourth time in their last six contests.

The defensive improvement can be attributed to a new

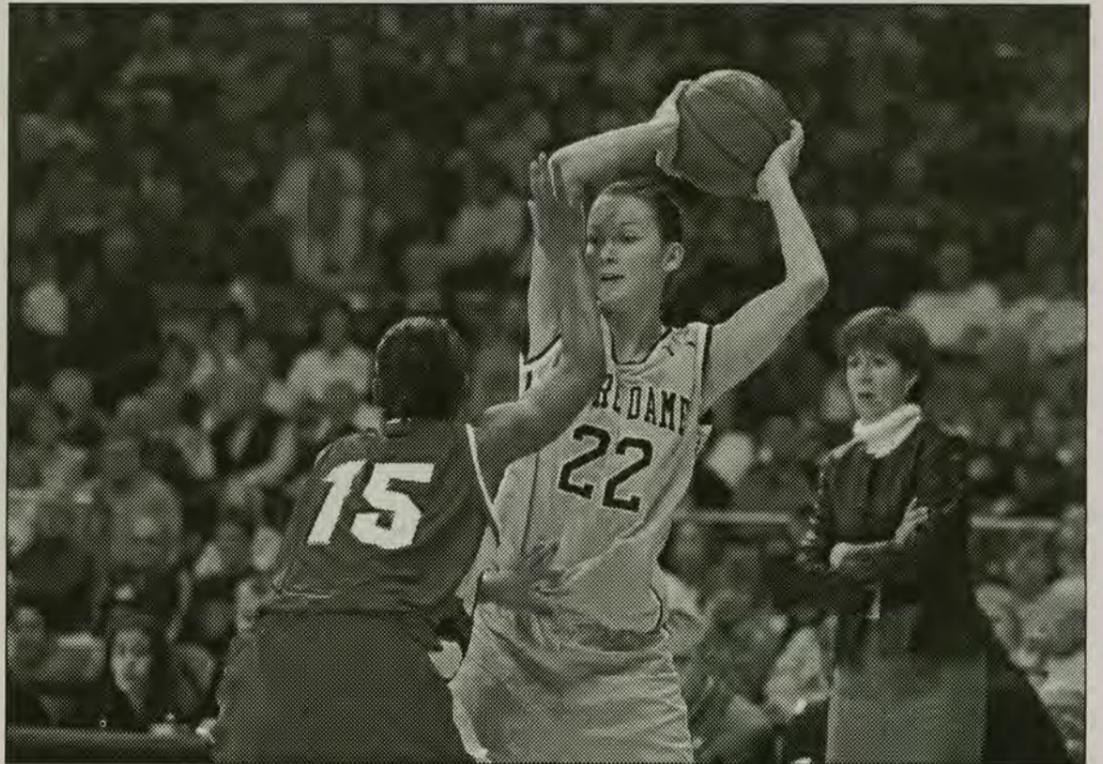
scheme. McGraw changed the defensive set from a 2-3 to a 1-3-1. McGraw said the team saw the change as a new challenge and they've quickly adapted to running it in games.

"I think the 1-3-1 is just something different," McGraw said. "When you go through the whole year, you just get tired of the same old thing, so I think it was good for them because it was a new challenge. For our opponents, it was something they hadn't seen before so it was a little tougher for them. Then we had success with it and that led to confidence."

After the Providence game, Notre Dame won't play again until Feb. 23, when they face No. 1 Connecticut. The Huskies won their 62nd straight game Wednesday night and beat the Irish at the Joyce Center on Jan. 20, 72-53.

Sunday's tipoff is scheduled for 2 p.m.

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BRIAN PUCEVICH/The Observer

Notre Dame captain Allcia Ratay looks to pass the ball around a Rutgers defender.

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a lot so we can see what we're made of really," Cornette said. "It gives us the chance to prove to the Big East that the beginning of the year wasn't a fluke and that we're here for real."

As many previous Big East games have done this year, Saturday's matchup with the Orangemen should provide another test for the Notre Dame interior players such as Cornette, Torin Francis and Tom Timmermans. Syracuse is led in scoring and rebounds by a pair of 6-foot-8 forwards in Carmelo Anthony and Hakim Warrick, who have combined for over 37 points and 18 rebounds a game this year.

"A lot of games this year the big guys have been tested, and this is just another one of those games," Cornette said. "We're the big guys who are going to be tested against some talented inside guys, and I think it's going to be another great challenge

that me, Tom and Torin are really looking forward to."

The Orangemen have compiled a 16-3 record this season and are 7-3 in the Big East, just a half game behind Notre Dame for first place in the West Division standings.

"If you look at it, whoever wins this game is going to be in first place," Carroll said. "It's between us, Syracuse and Pitt. We got Pitt and now we've got to get Syracuse, or they're going to move ahead of us, so this is a big game for both of us."

Syracuse handed Pittsburgh its only other conference loss on Feb. 1 in the Carrier Dome, but the Orangemen are coming off a lopsided 75-61 loss on the road against Connecticut.

"To be a special team, you've got to win special games," Cornette said. "You go to win the big ones. To put together a week of beating Pitt and then going to Syracuse and beating them at their place would be nice for this team."

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ND WOMENS TENNIS

Irish battle Big East teams

By JOE LINDSLEY
Sports Writer

After a 12-day layoff, the Irish will face two opponents at home this weekend. Notre Dame (2-2) will face Virginia Tech today and Boston College Sunday. Both the Hokies and the Eagles are undefeated.

The No. 21 Irish have had over a week to assess their previous two matches, each of which resulted in a loss to a top-20 team.

The losses to rivals North Carolina and Northwestern were naturally disappointing for Notre Dame, but the team is

young and seems to have much potential.

Thanks to a strong lineup that secured the doubles point, the Irish nearly upset the Tar Heels Feb. 1. In the end, the Irish, having lost 7-0 two days earlier to the Wildcats, were defeated 5-2. While the Hokies have not yet lost this spring in nine matches, they have yet to play either a match on the road or a ranked team. Friday will be a day of firsts for Virginia Tech in at least those two categories, and the Irish are hoping for another season first for the Hokies — a loss.

The Irish have easily defeated the Hokies 7-0 each of the past

two years, but Friday may not be so easy against a confident and successful Virginia Tech squad.

The season story for the Eagles is similar to that of the Hokies.

In their three matches this spring they have gone undefeated, but the contest with Notre Dame will be Boston College's first road test. Although Notre Dame has not lost to either in team in 10 combined meetings, this weekend may be a little more of a challenge than in years past for the Irish.

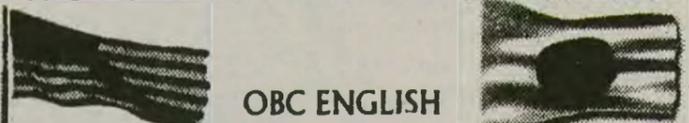
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ND SOFTBALL

No. 17 Irish open season in temperate Tampa

By MATT LOZAR
Sports Editor

Coach Deanna Gumpf just wants to see her team play on dirt.

In this weekend's USF/Wilson season opening tournament, the 17th-ranked Irish will get a chance to play games on dirt — outside.

"I just want experience get on dirt. We want groundballs, air and to be outside," Gumpf said. "Just to get the experience of being outside and playing in a real game. We are going to find out our weaknesses real quickly. Once we find out our weaknesses, we can work on fixing them."

One place Gumpf doesn't expect to have weaknesses is on the infield. With third baseman Andrea Loman, shortstop Andria Bledsoe and second baseman Alexis Madrid returning for their fourth year as starters for the Irish, consistency should not be a problem.

"It has made a huge difference this year with the five seniors. Those three are our captains," Gumpf said. "The leadership they have added this year is a huge bonus. They are strong leaders and are very passionate."

Loman, who earned third-team All-American status last season, led the Irish with a .377 batting average. As one of the top third baseman in the

country, Loman plays solid defense and ranks in the top five in Notre Dame history for fielding percentage.

Bledsoe hit .315 last year and tagged a career-best seven homeruns. Madrid didn't have her best season at the plate hitting .225, but she was 10-of-12 in steal attempts.

First baseman Lisa Mattison rounds out the infield for the Irish. The senior from Granger, Ind., hit .325 last year and drove in 27.

On the mound, Gumpf can breathe a little easier this season with sophomores Steffany Stenglein and Carrie Wisen having a year of experience under their belts.

"I think it is crucial to have that. They were thrown into the fire this year," Gumpf said. "They responded very well and did a great job last year. They know what to expect."

Stenglein finished the 2002 season with a 27-12 record and a 1.93 ERA. Wisen was used primarily in relief and had 116 strikeouts to go along with a 2.00 ERA. Senior Jessica Sharron and freshman Heather Booth will also pitch for the Irish this year.

Despite losing only two starters to graduation last year, Gumpf lost two big-time players on the field in catcher Jarrah Myers and centerfielder Jenny Kriech. Myers was an All-American and Big East Player of the Year while Kriech led off

for the Irish and batted .335.

"Every year I can't replace anybody we use," Gumpf said. "I'm hoping their leadership carries on and we get better leaders. Both were All-Americans and aren't replaceable."

In the outfield, Gumpf will work on finding the right combination of her four outfielders. Sophomore Megan Ciolli moves up to bat leadoff for the Irish after hitting .345 in the second spot in the lineup last year.

Ciolli will be one of the starting outfielders playing with a combination of junior Nicole deFau, sophomore Liz Hartmann and freshman Kellie Middleton. Hartmann hit seven home runs for the Irish in 2002, a rookie record, and battled injuries throughout most of the season. deFau was used mainly as a pinch-hitter last season.

Junior Chantal DeAlcuaz and freshman Mallorie Lenn will both catch for the Irish this year. DeAlcuaz has seen limited playing time in her two previous seasons while Lenn was a member of the U.S. Junior National team in the fall.

This weekend, the Irish will play South Florida, Kent State, Jacksonville, Hofstra and Rhode Island. Last year, Notre Dame defeated South Florida 5-3 in the season's first weekend.

After compiling a 44-17 record last year, which included an upset of No. 4 Nebraska,



BRIAN PUCEVICH/The Observer
Irish pitcher Steffany Stenglein pitches in a game last year against Connecticut. The Irish begin their season Saturday.

Big East regular season and postseason titles and being one step away from the College World Series, Gumpf is taking a fresh outlook into her second year at the helm of the Irish.

"Every year is a brand new year, you never know what to

expect," Gumpf said. "You have to prepare the team the best you can and roll with the punches."

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23	California	23	Connecticut
24	Stanford	24	Stanford
25	Purdue	25	St. Joseph's

Mens College Basketball Big East Conference

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
Virginia Tech	3	6	.333
Providence	3	7	.300

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	7	.250

NBA



LA Times Photo

The Lakers' Kobe Bryant drives by Nuggets forward Juwan Howard in a Los Angeles victory Tuesday night. Bryant says he is interested in playing for the 2004 USA Olympic mens team but has not yet signed a contract.

Bryant yet to commit to Olympic team

Associated Press

COLORADO SPRINGS
Ray Allen, Tim Duncan, Jason Kidd and Tracy McGrady were the first four players chosen Thursday for the 2004 U.S. Olympic men's basketball team, with Kobe Bryant conspicuously absent — for now.

The long-awaited announcement was made in Colorado Springs, Colo., by USA Basketball, which said Bryant could be added to the team at a later date once a contractual issue is cleared up.

Bryant is "very interested" in playing on the team, the national team organizing committee said. The

committee added that he has been asked to play on the team but has yet to sign the organization's standard player contract.

"USA Basketball remains hopeful that he will be added to the roster at a future date," the statement said.

Bryant said last month he plans to play on the team, which will compete in the Americas zone qualifying tournament in San Juan, Puerto Rico, in late August.

If the Americans finish among the top three at the qualifier, they will earn a trip to Athens for the 2004 Olympics. The NBA players are looking to atone for their sixth-place showing

at last summer's world championships in Indianapolis.

"I thought the team put together to represent us was good enough to win the gold medal, but obviously it wasn't," McGrady said. "It's motivation for us to show everybody that we still have the best players in the world."

Allen, of the Milwaukee Bucks, and Kidd, of the New Jersey Nets, were members of the Olympic gold medal team in 2000.

Duncan was last season's MVP with the San Antonio Spurs, and McGrady of the Orlando Magic is this season's leading scorer.

They will be joined by

four or five other NBA players when the remainder of the qualifying team roster is announced in the spring. The remainder of American team is expected to include two or three players currently playing overseas or collegiately.

Larry Brown of the Philadelphia 76ers will be the coach.

"It is great for our country, USA Basketball and our league that these four players have made the commitment to play," Brown said. "We're fortunate to have them on this team, as representatives of our country and the NBA. It will be an honor to coach them."

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Louisville at Marquette 3:30 p.m., ABC
Cincinnati at Charlotte 7 p.m., ESPN
Duke at Virginia 9 p.m., ESPN

SUNDAY NBA

Sixers at Nets 1 p.m., ABC
Spurs at Kings 3:30 p.m., ABC

NHL

Sharks at Stars 8:30 p.m., ESPN

IN BRIEF

Woods struggles early at Buick Open

The gallery crammed around the first tee and stood elbow-to-elbow on a clubhouse balcony to get a glimpse of Tiger Woods, playing in his first tournament Thursday since knee surgery two months ago.

Woods hit only two fairways on the front nine and was 1 under par through nine holes at the Buick Invitational when the first round, already delayed by fog, was suspended by rain.

Aaron Oberholser was at 6 under par through 16 holes, although none of the players completed the round.

Woods had to wait two months to return to competition, then another four hours as a soupy fog covered Torrey Pines and made it impossible to see the green on a couple of par 3s along the Pacific Ocean.

Oklahoma safety arrested for drug possession

Oklahoma safety Brandon Everage

was arrested on a misdemeanor complaint of possession of marijuana with intent to distribute within 1,000 feet of a park.

Lt. Glenn Dobry said a Norman police special operations unit made the arrest Tuesday morning during an undercover operation.

Everage and passenger drove up to the house where the officers were working, Dobry said. He said Everage was asked for identification and was escorted back to his vehicle.

When Everage opened the door, officers smelled burnt marijuana and found a small amount of the drug, Dobry said.

He was booked into the Cleveland County jail and released a short time later.

Coach Bob Stoops said his philosophy is to handle matters like these internally.

"The bottom line is that I take this issue very seriously," Stoops said in a statement released Wednesday evening. "We have systems in place

that have significant costs to those who violate our standards."

Sanders leads College Football Hall of Fame voting

Heisman Trophy winners Barry Sanders and Andre Ware lead a list of 83 candidates for the College Football Hall of Fame.

There are 77 players and six coaches on the ballot, which will be distributed this week to more than 11,000 members of the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame. The 2003 Hall of Fame class will be announced in March and inducted at the Foundation's awards dinner Dec. 9.

To be eligible for the ballot, players must have been chosen a first team All-American and played their last college game at least 10 years ago. Coaches must be out of the profession for at least three years, coached a minimum of 10 years and 100 games and won at least 60 percent of their games.

NCAA BASKETBALL

Wake beats Duke in 2 overtimes

Associated Press

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. Vytas Danelius scored 20 points and matched a career high with 14 rebounds as Wake Forest (No. 17 ESPN/USA Today, No. 15 AP) snapped a 14-game losing streak to Duke with a 94-80 win in double overtime.

The victory kept the Demon Deacons (17-3, 7-2) in first place in the Atlantic Coast Conference, a half-game ahead of Maryland.

The eighth-ranked Blue Devils (16-4, 6-4) lost their fourth straight ACC road game for the first time since 1996, shooting 31.5 percent.

Danelius scored all five of Wake Forest's points in the first overtime and four in the second extra session to help the Demon Deacons beat Duke for the first time since January 1997 — when Tim Duncan was a senior.

Eight players fouled out in a

game that saw 64 fouls called. Trent Strickland, one of the freshest players left on the court, scored 10 points in the second overtime, while Jamaal Levy added 15 points and 13 rebounds.

Chris Duhon led Duke with a career-high 23 points, but the point guard missed his first six shots of the second overtime as Wake Forest outscored the Blue Devils 20-6.

Dahntay Jones, Duke's leading scorer, was 0-for-12 from the field and finished with 10 points in 45 minutes. The Blue Devils only had four assists.

Neither team led by more than three over the final 8:38 of regulation — and each club had a shot to win it in the final seconds.

Duhon missed a 3-pointer with 12.6 seconds left and Justin Gray, who scored 18 points in his first game back from a broken jaw, also missed a shot behind the arc seven seconds later as the game went

into overtime tied at 69.

Wake Forest failed to close out Duke in the first extra period despite three chances in the final 4.8 seconds. Strickland missed his shot in the lane and a follow, and Levy's final follow with 0.8 seconds left fell off the rim.

But after Jones' free throw gave Duke its only lead in the second overtime, Strickland put Wake Forest up for good with a shot in the lane. Levy then added a follow, Danelius two free throws and Taron Downey a fast-break layup for an 82-75 lead.

The ACC's best free-throw shooting team closed it out at the line, making eight straight down the stretch.

Duke, which had five players foul out, made just five baskets over the final 23 minutes and was outrebounded 50-37.

Duke missed 14 of its first 20 shots to fall into a 10-point hole 11 minutes in.

Gray, out since breaking his jaw at Cameron Indoor Stadium a month ago, saw his first action 5:17 in, receiving a standing ovation from the sell-out crowd at Joel Coliseum.

The guard wore a face mask to help protect his face, but it didn't seem to bother him as Gray sank his first two shots and finished the half with eight points.

Jones and Duhon — Duke's two leaders — were a combined 1-of-10 in the opening 20 minutes as the Blue Devils shot just 34 percent.

However, the Demon Deacons committed 13 fouls, sending Duke to the foul line 16 times to keep the game close.

GOLF

Sorenstam 'thrilled' to play on PGA Tour

Associated Press

NEW YORK

Annika Sorenstam's grand experiment on the PGA Tour may not end at the Colonial.

Sorenstam left open the possibility of further forays into men's golf if she can do what no woman has done in nearly six decades and compete successfully in a PGA Tour event.

"Right now I'm just going to leave it at one and see what happens," Sorenstam said, before adding: "I'm not ruling anything out now."

Sorenstam's future options may be limited, even though she is the dominant player in women's golf and believes she can hit it far enough to compete on the 7,080-yard Colonial course in May.

Sorenstam admitted as much in echoing a complaint that many PGA Tour pros have — that most of today's courses are set up to favor long hitters.

"There's 90 percent of courses on the PGA Tour where I wouldn't have a chance," Sorenstam said. "It would be ridiculous to try."

Sorenstam obviously believes that isn't the case at the Colonial, a shotmaker's course that favors straight hitters like herself and where many long hitters will be using irons or fairway woods off the tees.

With Sorenstam hitting her drives 270 yards or so, that takes away some of the advantage the men might have over the most dominant player in women's golf.

"I hit a lot of fairways and a lot of greens. That's my strength," she said. "If I'm hitting a lot of shots out of the rough or chipping that's not really my strength. I want to be a smart player there and put it in the middle of the fairway and on the greens."

One of golf's greatest players ever gives Sorenstam a shot.

"The biggest problem she is going to have is the hard greens, which she doesn't see a

lot on the women's tour," Jack Nicklaus said. "But she's a very good player. If she plays very well, would she finish in the top 20 or something? Could she win? Probably not. She's certainly capable of making the cut. She's a very good player."

In a conference call held in the wake of the Colonial's decision Wednesday to give Sorenstam a sponsor's exemption into the field, the winner of 11 LPGA tour events last season was clearly excited about her historic opportunity.

She said she plans to begin playing the back tees with men players near her Florida home in the next few weeks as she prepares for the opening of the LPGA Tour season with more than the normal sense of anticipation.

"I love challenges. I'm not afraid to go out there and try to perform my best no matter what the situation," Sorenstam said. "This is a lifetime experience to me. I want to enjoy this moment."

Still, Sorenstam claims to have no idea how she'll do when she actually tees it up in Texas.

She does know how she'll feel — nervous but not scared.

"I'm not afraid to face this at all," Sorenstam said. "I'm going to enjoy the journey to Colonial."

Billie Jean King, who was part of another historic event when she played Bobby Riggs in a tennis match nearly three decades ago, said the biggest problem Sorenstam will have is the uncertainty leading into the tournament.

"Annika has never been able to rehearse for this. It's extremely difficult to go through something unrehearsed," King said. "Realistically, for you to play your best when you've had no rehearsal is going to be a tough challenge."

"However, because of how Annika is as an athlete, I think she will do very well."



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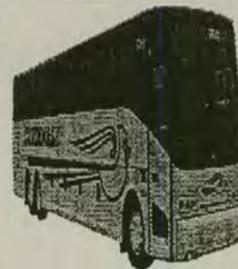
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NCAA

Esherick receiving blame for Hoyas' woes

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

The once mighty Georgetown Hoyas are a last-place team, in danger of not even making their own conference tournament.

They've lost six straight and have developed an uncanny knack of falling apart at the end of close games. Some fans are chanting for the coach to be fired, and they are easily heard at an arena that is usually less than half full.

The athletic director is under fire for saying it's "unreasonable" to expect to be in the NCAA Tournament every year. The starting center has taken a mysterious leave of absence.

In other words, the season has turned into a bad soap opera at a school once synonymous with basketball excellence.

"But for the fact this is how I feed my family, it would be funny," coach Craig Esherick said. "But it's not. It's not funny."

Monday night's 66-59 loss to Rutgers, a game that was tied with less than three minutes to play, left the Hoyas at 10-10 overall and 2-7 in the Big East's West Division. The last-place team in each division doesn't go to the Big East tournament, an embarrassment hardly befitting a team that started 7-0 and flirted with the Top 25 in late December.

"We have a pretty good team,"

said forward and All-American candidate Mike Sweetney, whose own outstanding season — 22 points and 10 rebounds per game — is rapidly going to waste. "We don't know what we have to do, but we have to stop this."

How did it come to this? Although Esherick catches most of the flak, the decline actually began in the final seasons of Hall of Fame coach John Thompson's 27-year career.

Thompson made 17 NCAA Tournaments in 18 seasons and won the 1984 title, but a series of early departures, transfers and underperforming recruits left the Hoyas on an NIT level when he suddenly resigned for personal reasons on Jan. 8,

1999. Thompson's record in his last 135 games (87-48) isn't much better than Esherick's current mark (81-54).

Esherick appeared to have the program going in the right direction with a 25-8 record and Sweet 16 appearance two years ago, but that has been his only trip to the NCAAs. He turned down an NIT bid last year because the Hoyas were going to have to play their games on the road, ending a streak of 27 consecutive postseason appearances.

This season, Georgetown seemed a surefire NCAA team, with a solid frontcourt of Sweetney, Gerald Riley and Wesley Wilson. They've instead generated attention for all the

wrong reasons.

Esherick unleashed a trembling tirade against officials for their season-long treatment of Sweetney following an overtime victory over West Virginia. The coach escaped suspension from the Big East because it was his first offense, but his team is 1-8 since.

Also last month, athletic director Joe Lang shocked many at the school by telling The Washington Post that a yearly NCAA trip was an "unreasonable expectation." He cleared up the matter only slightly in a meeting with campus newspapers, explaining that there was a difference between "expectations" and "goals."

Meanwhile, the school hasn't

explained what happened to Wilson, who suddenly disappeared two games ago. The official line is that he has taken "a leave of absence from the university," with no word on when or if he'll return.

Then there are all the close losses, with endings that leave Esherick's strategies under question. The Hoyas failed to get off a shot after a timeout with 15 seconds remaining against Notre Dame.

They blew a 16-point lead in the final seven minutes against St. John's. They didn't notice when Seton Hall had six men on the court when the Pirates scored in their final possession in regulation; Seton Hall won in overtime.

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MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Jeter responds to Steinbrenner's comments

Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. No matter where he traveled, Derek Jeter couldn't avoid the question.

"I went out to the Super Bowl — I got people on the street asking me the same thing: 'What's the deal with the Boss and the Boss' comments?'" the star shortstop said at the Yankees' minor league complex.

"This story is not just New York. This story has developed into a national story," he said.

George Steinbrenner questioned the focus of the five-time All-Star in December, and the owner's comments have festered like an open wound on Jeter over the past 7 1/2 weeks.

The Yankees were still talking about it as they took the field for the first time since October's first-round failure against Anaheim.

Jeter is bothered

Steinbrenner questioned his focus and intends to address the issue further on Monday, the day before full-squad workouts begin.

Jeter, who has helped New York to four World Series titles in seven full seasons, already spoke with Steinbrenner.

"In my mind, it's over," Jeter said.

But the Yankees attract international attention these days, and with no games to play, any hint of controversy sparks blar-

ing headlines, such as the "PARTY ON" blared on the back page of the Daily News in New York when Jeter said he didn't intend to change.

"We'll talk," Yankees manager Joe Torre said. "Obviously, there have been things going on, and you want to make sure his head is in the right place."

Jeter, of course, wasn't Steinbrenner's only target following the 3-1 loss to the Angels, which ended a run of four straight AL pennants. The owner said Torre and his staff must do better, too.

"At least I'm not going down myself," Jeter joked.

To him, this is his first controversy since he became a starter in 1996.

"My eighth year — not bad," Jeter said.

General manager Brian Cashman called Jeter's focus "excellent."

And while Torre has many former greats in spring training

to give guidance on how to handle Steinbrenner, he doesn't intend to unleash them on Jeter, a player he adores.

"I think Jeter would really be offended if I felt he needed special attention to have somebody talk to him," Torre said.

As if on cue, Reggie Jackson arrived at camp on Thursday. What better person than Mr. October to opine on Steinbrenner, the Yankees, celebrity and controversy?

"It's tough to handle," Jackson said. "It's not easy when you're a target. This guy is a big guy, Jeter, a big target. He's in a class of the great athletes of our day — Ronaldo, A-Rod, Michael Jordan, Tiger. ..."

"This guy is pretty conscientious. He's basically the unnamed captain, the voice of the club. If you want to target someone for not having a good season last year, and this is what you want to do, then he's the guy."

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NCAA

Michigan to undergo hearing before NCAA

Associated Press

ANN ARBOR, Mich.

What started with a rollover accident on Feb. 17, 1996, has led the University of Michigan to a hearing with the NCAA committee on infractions.

"We're looking forward to putting this behind us," Marvin Krislov, the university's general counsel, said Thursday while aboard a plane headed for the hearing in Florida.

The school will appear before the eight-member NCAA committee on Friday in Coral Gables. It will take six-to-eight weeks for the NCAA to announce whether Michigan's self-imposed sanctions were enough.

Mauice Taylor's car crashed during Mateen Cleaves' official recruiting visit while they were returning from a party in Detroit. When Michigan learned the recruiting visit included a visit to Ed Martin's house, the school began to investigate his ties to the basketball program.

After the firing of two basketball coaches (Steve Fisher and Brian Ellerbe), two internal investigations that didn't reveal much and the hiring of a new athletic director, Martin finally shed light on the scandal in May when he pleaded guilty to conspiracy to launder money.

Martin told the federal government he took gambling money, combined it with other funds, and lent \$616,000 to Chris Webber, Robert Traylor, Louis Bullock and Taylor.

The Wolverines became one of college basketball's most successful programs during the "Fab Five" days of the 1990s. But in November, it endured what school president Mary Sue Coleman called a "day of great shame" when she announced self-imposed sanctions.

Michigan banned itself from postseason play this season — a true sanction because the Wolverines are 14-9 — forfeited 112 regular-season and tournament victories from five seasons, plus its victory in the 1992 NCAA semifinal.

Media guides and programs no longer will mention the names of the four former players. Banners were taken down from the rafters at Crisler Arena from the 1992 and 1993 Final Fours, the 1997 NIT title and the 1998 Big Ten tournament title.

Michigan also returned to the NCAA \$450,000 — money it earned for appearing in the postseason — and put itself on probation for two years.

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