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Talk denounces sex trafficking

By JOE TROMBELLO News Writer

In a lecture entitled "Sexual Slavery: The Problem of the Trafficking of Women in an International Context," international law scholar Mohamed Mattar educated the audience Monday evening in DeBartolo Hall about the problem of sex and labor trafficking that victimizes thousands of women each

"I believe that trafficking in persons is an issue that should be addressed by all, by universities and especially by law schools," he said.

Mattar, an adjunct professor of law at Johns Hopkins University, Georgetown University and American University sought to distinguish between sex and labor trafficking by focusing on recent United States legislation that affords victims more rights.

"Trafficking is more than just sex; it involves sex trafficking and labor trafficking," he said.
"Sex trafficking involves women being trafficked from one country to another. It involves deception and false promises of

employment. It also involves vulnerable victims; they don't speak the language, they don't know the country and they don't know the culture," Mattar said.

A co-director of the The Protection Project, a legal human rights research institute at Johns Hopkins University that records and spreads information about the scope of person trafficking, Mattar focused on the Trafficking Victims Protection Act signed by President Bill Clinton in 2000.

"I think that it [the Trafficking Victims Protection Act] is the most important human rights legislation in the history of the United States,"

The legislation, according to Mattar, has created "a Bill of Rights . . . on behalf of the victims of trafficking." The Act also shifts the focus from criminalizing the behavior of the trafficked women to penalizing those who have exploited and abused the victims.

The Trafficking Victims

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Mohamed Mattar lectured on sexual slavery on Monday to bring light to the plight of the thousands who are victimized by it.

Panelists speak out on KKK

By JULIE MILLER-LEMON News Writer

Faculty, students, and community members gathered yesterday evening in a packed Debartolo lecture hall to hear three local women advocate a message of "no hate in America" as they recounted their experiences of hate moving into their Osceola County neighborhood in the form of the Klu Klux Klan.

Alvin Tillery, assistant professor of Political Science, headed the panel discussion in an effort to expose Notre Dame students to the experiences of people who have dealt with racism in their everyday

The women, Barb Franklin, Liz Dobbs and Stacie Sowala are the founders of a local organization called UC for Peace, a group dedicated to linking Elkhart and St. Joe's Country together in combating issues of racism.

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EXECUTIVE CABINET

Board plans next campus concert



CHIP MARKS/The Observe

Tai Romero, right, organizer of "The Show", talks to the the Board about funding the next campus concert with Junior Class President Megan O'Donnell.

By MATT BRAMANTI News Writer

Executive Cabinet members met Monday evening in LaFortune Student Center to discuss program funding and the latest installment in the body's strategic planning initiative.

Tai Romero, president of "The Show," presented her organization's plan for the annual concert. The event, which began two years ago as "Flipstock," aims to bring major bands to Notre Dame. Romero appealed to cabinet constituencies for funding, noting the significant financial investment involved in planning the event.

"If we want big-name bands, we have to pay big-name prices," Romero said.

She later said "The Show" is seeking contributions from every residence hall, as well as all student government groups, including the class councils and executive cabinet.

The concert, scheduled for Aug. 29, will take place in the Joyce Center.

"We're definitely having it indoors in the JACC," Romero said. She also stressed the importance of funding in keeping ticket prices low.

'We've asked all the student groups [for contributions] because it's supposed to be a truly campus-wide event,"

Romero said.

The committee aims to keep ticket prices for students under \$5, in order to encourage students to attend.

Last year's "Show," drew between 2,500 and 2,700 attendees. Romero said. That concert featured the varied music of George Clinton & P-Funk, Better Than Ezra and The Green Room. Romero hopes to reach the concert's capacity of 4,000 this year.

"We want to start the year off with a bang," Romero said.

Student Body President Libby Bishop encouraged cabinet members to pledge funding

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Play unites women protesting the war

By SARAH NESTOR Saint Mary's Editor

Women from the Saint Mary's and Notre Dame community joined a worldwide project to unite women around the world to protest the war in Iraq last evening by performing the racy and raucous Greek play "Lysistrata" in Carroll Auditorium.

South Bend attorney and human right's activist Erika Harriford-McLaren organized the event after hearing about the project on the radio. Harriford-McLaren then contacted friends in the community, securing Saint Mary's for the location and recruiting students from the College and Notre Dame to participate in the reading.

"I looked it [Lysistrata Project] up on the Internet and thought I'd like to get South Bend involved," Harriford-McLaren said. "Even if it's just a group of ten people sitting around, we needed to do this."

"Lysistrata" is a Greek comby playwright Aristophanes written in 411 B.C., about women in Greece who, because many of their husbands and sons were being killed in the Peloponnesian War, unite and go on a sex-strike to end war between Athens and Sparta.

"I really think that any event that we can organize to highlight the negative affects

of the war is important," Notre Dame graduate student and play participant Cora Fernandez-Anderson said. "Especially with something like this that is being performed across the world, we create networks of people who are expressing themselves and makes a statement much stronger.

The play, adapted by George Brosi, opens with the women of Athens's lamenting over the absence of their men because of war. Lysistrata, played by Jessica Genther, says, "If we women can reach an agreement with the women of the countries we are at war with, we can save Greece.

With this understanding the women of Greece make a vow to "practice total abstinence" with their husbands and lovers. The women of Athens then take hold of the Acropolis, thereby effectively cutting off the men of Athens from the city and from their

"We made up our minds without more delay to make common cause to save Greece. Open you ears to our wise counsels and hold your tongues, and we may yet put things on a better footing,' Lysistrata says.

After many days have past without the men of Athens or Sparta able to exercise their marital rights they come together to concede to the women's wishes, signing a

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INSIDE COLUMN

Here's to you, Zahm

This one goes out in defense of all Zahmbies, those mystery shrouded men that hold the dubious distinction of being the butt of more campus jokes than Flipside and Bob

Davie combined. You've all heard the whispered rumors, especially if you're a girl or live in Keenan.

Christle Bolsen

Assistant Scene Editor

I myself imagined a dorm full of Neanderthal-like characters that grunted to communicate and dragged their knuckles along the floor when they walked.

Many other girls with similar men-tal images probably do not dare to venture inside, especially if the last time they came in contact with a Zahm resident was when a halfnaked swarm of them crashed one of their innocent Frosh-O events, covered in black and red body paint and singing Right Said Fred's "I'm Too Sexy." Or if they happened to glimpse some full-frontal Zahm nudity during finals at any time.

But if you're still afraid, you're missing out on meeting a top-quality group of guys. Maybe they have to be more welcoming than other guys, just to overcome their reputation. But I have yet to encounter anyone else who will buy Papa John's on command for a group of girls who are self-proclaimed "hefty eaters." Not impressed? Well listen to this they have an RA who makes his own hummus. If that is not one of the top ten talents someone can possess, I don't know what is. If you want to make the ladies flock, a big tub of chickpea spread and a baggie of baby carrots will probably do it.

Just to clarify, when I say they're "nice," I don't mean in an effeminate or toolish way. They are definitely cool enough to pull off the pastel leisure suit look and still get the girls to dance willingly with them to Elton John classics. I just mean that they don't have pretenses of being too cool to talk to you if you don't know them, and can even remember names. Sometimes, on a bingedrinking campus with gender relations comparable to junior high schools, this name-remembering business presents a problem for peo-

As a small token of gratitude for the money spent and fun times, I would like to take this minute to salute Zahm. Not because I want to change the tradition of its infamy, but because I always know that fun times will ensue when we glimpse that red Z in the distance. Thanks, guys, I'll always think you're cooler than Flipside.

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- ◆ Grab 'n' Go Drive for Life Treatment Centers All day at various campus locations
- ◆ Lecture with Ted Beatty, Department of History 12:30 p.m. at Hesburgh Center, Room C-104
- ◆ Lecture, "DUI: A Powerful Lesson" 7 p.m. at DeBartolo 101

What's Happening @ SMC

- ◆ Lenten Lecture Series Brunch 10:30 a.m. at Stapleton Lounge
- ◆ Contemporary Drama Reading 4:30 p.m. at President's Dining Room
- ◆ Minority Women in Business Development Council 6:30 p.m. at Carroll Auditorium

WHAT'S GOING DOWN

Visitor arrested

Sunday, a visitor was arrested by NDSP for driving with a suspended license.

Student reports trespasser in room

A student reported an unknown person entered her room in Badin Sunday morning at 4 a.m. The case is being investigated.

NDSP issues speeding ticket

The NDSP issued state citations for exceeding the posted limit and driving without a license on Edison Road Sunday.

Car towed on campus

A student's vehicle was towed for a parking violation at Main Circle Sunday.

-complied from the NDSP crime blotter

WHAT'S COOKING

North Dining Hall

LOCAL WEATHER

Today's Lunch: Boiled spinach fettuccine, Southwestern pasta sauce, pepperoni pizza, apple turnover, pretzel sticks, chicken in the pot soup, Budapest vegetable soup, walnut plum chicken breast, cheddar pollock scrod, beef and peppers stir fry, vegetable egg rolls, chicken taco.

Today's Dinner: Boiled mostaccioli. pastaria meat sauce, shrimp spaghetti, cream of broccoli soup, roasted turkey breast, bread stuffing, whipped potatoes, asparagus tips and cuts, broccoli quiche, vegetable rataouille, hickory smoked pork chops, seafood medley stir fry, fried rice.

South Dining Hall

Today's Lunch: Linguine with vegetables, Puerto Rican pasta sauce, sausage calzones, honey-garlic pork chops, rotisserie chicken, boulangerie potatoes, herb-baked pollock, wild rice pilaf with pine nuts, honey-orange glazed carrots, scalloped corn casse-

Today's Dinner: Amatriciana, cauliflower au gratin, zum zum potato salad, grilled ham steak, beef potato pie, parslied potatoes, rice valencienne, lemon-baked perch, jamaicanjerked pork loin, beef and pepper stir fry, flame-roasted fiesta corn and peppers.

Saint Mary's Dining Hall

Today's Lunch: Falafels, saffron rice, marinated cucumber salad, vegetable lasagna, parmesan muffins, sweet and sour shrimp served with sticky rice, ravioli bar, hot open faced turkey sandwich, whipped potatoes, provolone loafer, slices roast beef.

Today's Dinner: Hot and sweet tofu, herbed pasta, marinara sauce, cornbread, fried plantains, egg foo yong bar, taco and burrito bar, barbequed chicken, scalloped potatoes, french bread pizza, tuna noodle.

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CAMPUS LIFE COUNCIL

Members discuss FYS changes

By HELENA PAYNE
News Editor

Campus Life Council task force representatives quickly summed up their short-term and long-term projects and brainstormed for the rest of the school year.

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Paul Doyle

Dillon rector

we're going to keep this meeting short, concise and productive," said student body president Libby Bishop, setthe ting for tone Monday's meeting.

The academic task force is continuing conversation with the Office of First Year of Studies in order to establish a more comprehensive mentoring program that combines aspects of existing Notre Dame programs with ideas of other institutions such as Duke University in order to better serve students.

"Hopefully, that can become a reality next year," said senior Erin Cushing.

Currently, First Year of Studies has a peer advising program that matches first-year students with seniors. Several residence halls also have Big Brother/Sister programs, but dorms organize their programs differently.

Cushing will meet with assistant professional specialist Laura Flynn today to discuss further plans.

The leadership task force has researched programs at other colleges and universities for additional ideas.

Parliamentarian Rick Sadowski and Breen-Phillips Hall rector Becca Davidson shared a Princeton University freshmen pre-orientation program with members and suggested implementing a similar program at

Notre Dame.

The Outdoor
Action program
at Princeton
allows incoming
first-year students to bond
during a week
of camping and
participating in
activities centered around
nature and
leadership.

"It seems like a great way to pass down skills of one class to another," said Davidson.

Sadowski said it could be difficult to implement at Notre Dame, but added the plan would be worthwhile to consider.

Father Paul Doyle, rector of Dillon Hall, also expressed enthusiasm.

"Keep the ideas coming," he said, "We don't have to do freshman [orientation] the same as it is 300 years from now."

David Moss, assistant vice president of Student Affairs, also suggested that the leadership task force look into onecredit diversity courses. Sadowski and Bishop both mentioned courses they had taken under the political science department and the Center for Social Concerns,

respectively.

The leadership committee also reported that it was close to putting out posters about opportunities to get involved on campus.

In Other CLC News:

Student body vice president Trip Foley said there would be a delay in the distribution of the underthedome.nd.edu magnets to advertise the Web site because of a misprint on the magnets. He added that there has been a "steady stream" of visitors to the Web site, which was launched last week so students could easily find out campus events.

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Last man on Moon talks about geology

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terrestrial planets."

Harrison Schmitt

former U.S. senator

By MATT BRAMANTI News Writer

Speaking before a packed auditorium, Harrison Schmitt, a former U.S. senator and the last man to walk on the Moon, spoke Monday in DeBartolo Hall.

Schmitt, who set foot on the lunar surface as a member of the Apollo 17 mission in 1972, discussed the evolution of the Moon's geology. The lecture was the latest installment in the College of Engineering's Distinguished Lecture Series.

Schmitt traced the Moon's

history from its creation about 4.5 billion years ago, connecting the shared history of the Earth and the Moon. His discussion focused on the results of

m a j o r impacts on the two bodies. The same impacts that created the large basins on the lunar surface — the light areas visible on a full moon — "might have created the seeds of the continents" on Earth, Schmitt said.

He went on to offer a hypothesis debunking the popular "giant impact theory" regarding the formation of the Moon. The theory holds that about 4.5 billion years ago, a large celestial body collided with the Earth, breaking off a large chunk of material that condensed into the Moon.

"The giant impact theory can't explain the geology of the lower mantle," Schmitt said.

He used geological and seismic data to show that the Moon's internal composition of is different from that of the Earth, casting doubt on the possibility that the two bodies are made up of the same material.

Much of Schmitt's work on deciphering the deep composition of the Moon is based on indirect data, since the Apollo missions only brought back samples from the surface. He used gravitational measurements from the Moon's 14 basins to identify differences in the Moon's density in certain areas.

Schmitt also traced the beginnings of life on Earth, using the history of the Moon as a benchmark. In discussing the intense meteor impacts of about 4.3 billion years ago, which struck the Moon and Earth simultaneously, Schmitt said, "The dominos began to fall that eventually gave us life." These impacts, he said, led to a "global soup" which, a couple of hundred mil-

lion years later allowed for "organic molecular synthesis," or the precursors to DNA.

He paralleled the history of Mars, Earth's closest planetary neighbor, with

Earth and the Moon, suggesting that they developed in much the same way.

"The moon has given us a legacy of science that we can now apply to our thinking of the other terrestrial planets," Schmitt said.

Schmitt also delivered a public lecture entitled "Exploring the Moon and Planets After Apollo" Monday evening. In that lecture, he called for further advances in manned space flight.

"It's about time to take another trip to the moon," he said.

Schmitt, a native of Silver City, N.M., began in NASA's scientist-astronaut program in 1965. In 1976, he was elected to the U.S. Senate from his home state, where he served one term. He is chairman of Interlune-Intermars Initiative, an organization dedicated to advancing commercial uses of lunar resources.

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thanking the audience members for their interest in the issue.

"It wasn't that long ago that it was difficult to get people to listen," said Sowala.

She then recounted the summer afternoon in 2000 when members

of her neighborhood first saw men with white hats and robes patrolling a piece of property with rifles in hand. On many occasions throughout the summer, the once quiet suburban neighborhood was jarred by the "hatefilled words and

shouts of white power" that came from this local compound of the KKK.

As Klan activity escalated into the following spring, neighbors frequently witnessed public crossburnings and even a celebration of Hitler's birthday in April.

Members of the neighborhood contacted officials on numerous occasions, but were frequently told that there was nothing that could

On one occasion, the Grand Dragon of the Klan approached the school bus that his children rode and demanded his kids sit next to only other white children.

What do you think went through the minds of those children who were on the bus that day?" Sowala asked the audience.

Franklin told her story of KKK members and their children riding up and down her street hurling

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Stephen Luecke

South Bend mayor

racial slurs at pedestrians. Richard Lloyd, the local leader of the Klan, threatened

Franklin with personal speaking in August 2002 threats.

> "Anyone can be a target — it's not always based on religion and race," Franklin said

Dobbs, the wife of an African-American man and the mother of bi-racial children, recalled for the audience the day that she first saw the American Flag turned upside down on Lloyd's truck, as well as when Lloyd hoisted his Confederate Flag the day after 9 - 11

When a KKK rally was held in

South Bend on May 5, 2001, officials finally took notice of the racial slurs that had been contaminating the community far too long. The three women, along with local community leaders and Father David Otson of St. Paul's Parish, banded together to form UC for Peace, organizing a rally of their own.

In August 2002, the first annual "Reaching Common Ground" rally was held at Bethel College. The rally included an inspirational speech by South Bend Mayor Stephen Luecke.

"We must stand together in opposition of their message ... we cannot let racism, hatred and bigotry tear our community apart," Luecke said in the speech.

"Silence is acceptance to these groups. We must take a stand as individuals and as a community against hatred of all types," Dobbs

Sowala closed by asking the audience to leave with some kind of goal

"Don't listen to that racist joke or those words that you think don't matter ... it's very important to be strong in your views. Let people know you aren't going to tolerate disrespect," Dobbs said

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Slavery

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Protection Act made three changes to better protect the victims of trafficking, Mattar said. The act now requires that convicted traffickers be imprisoned for 20 years, provides for mandatory restitution and compensation of the victims and requires that the perpetrators forfeit their assets.

"The act has responded to the modern day slavery of trafficking. It treats the trafficked person as a victim who should be treated with respect, compassion and dignity," he

Mattar also addressed current movements within human rights legislation, both on the national and the international level to further protect sex trafficking victims and punish sex trafficking offenders.

He discussed movements in Texas and Washington state to make person trafficking a state crime and mentioned international efforts to impose sanctions on countries that have not adequately reported the extent of people trafficking that occurs. Mattar said that while he supports recording and collecting information on sex trafficking, he does not believe in imposing sanctions.

"I'm not sure that I'm with sanctions, but I am with reporting. When it comes to trafficking, obtaining information is the number one problem," Mattar said.

Mattar said that the United States imposes the harshest sentences on traffickers than any other country, although other European models have proven more effective in obtaining assets and providing for restitution. However, Mattar cautioned those who would attempt to impose a common legislation across all

There is no model of legislation that you can apply to every country, but there are elements [of legislation that could be universally applied],"

Mattar's lecture was sponsored by the Center for Civil and Human Rights and the Law School.

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Iraq

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treaty and ending the war.

"I think it's important that students know what is going on in the world and how what is happening can affect their lives," audience member and Saint Mary's freshman Crystal Schaf said

The Lysistrata Project started in New York City when actresses Kathryn Blume and Sharon Bower began the Lysistrata project so to give those who are opposed to war with Iraq could voice their concern.

"Before we started the Lysistrata Project, we could do nothing but sit and watch in horror as the Bush Administration drove us toward a unilateral attack on Iraq," co-founder Blume said in a press release. "So we emailed all our friends and put up a Web site. The response has been enormous.'

According to the website, www.lysistrataproject.com, the official position of the campaign's stance on war is, "Lysistrata Project represents many individuals with a range of opinions, [though] we all oppose a unilateral, preemptive attack on Iraq by the United States. We support the continued work of United Nations weapons inspectors."

To date, there were 1,004 scheduled performances of "Lysistrata," in 59 countries and in all 50 U.S. states, but many more performances are expected in the coming months.

"I think it is a good, humorous way to tackle a difficult topic," Saint Mary's sophomore and play participant Jennifer Hernandez said. "I just hope [the audience] got it."

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IRAQ

Iraq takes steps to disarm in time for U.N. report

Associated Press

BAGHDAD

Iraq crushed missiles, sliced casting chambers, unearthed bombs and sent scientists to talk with U.N. weapons inspectors Monday, all in a desperate effort to prove it is disarming before a crucial U.N. report at the end of the week.

France, Russia and China urged Iraq to meet every U.N. demand in hopes of staving off war, but the United States — which might wage war even without U.N. authorization — said the actions were too little, too late.

"Iraq is not cooperating," White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said Monday. "Despite whatever limited head-fakes Iraq has engaged in, they continue to fundamentally not disarm."

U.S. officials said a vote on a new U.N. resolution authorizing force would likely come next week, after chief weapons inspectors Hans Blix and Mohamed ElBaradei address the Security Council on Friday

The U.S.-led military mobilization entered a critical stage Monday, with B-52 bombers landing in Britain and soldiers from the 101st Airborne Division setting up

camp in Kuwait.

But the Turkish government showed no signs Monday that it would quickly ask parliament to reverse its refusal to allow in more than 60,000 U.S. troops ahead of an Iraq war. Washington's hopes for a Turkish-based northern front were dealt a blow when the parliament narrowly rejected a motion to grant the U.S. request.

Defense officials and analysts say American troops could seize Baghdad without a northern front, but at higher risk and with more difficulty.

As U.S. generals commanding about 225,000 troops in the region declare themselves ready to attack Iraq, weapons inspectors are suddenly receiving Iraqi cooperation on a swarm of issues that have dogged them for months.

Iraq met a Saturday deadline to begin destroying its Al Samoud 2 missile system, banned because its range may be slightly greater than allowed. It is slicing up banned casting chambers used to make another missile, the Al Fatah.

Workers have unearthed buried bombs they say are loaded with anthrax, aflatoxin and botulin toxin, and inspectors are analyzing the contents. Iraq is readying a letter



BELITERS

British soldiers wait in line Monday at the "Eagle" base in the Kuwaiti desert, 40 km south of Iraq's border. The United Nations said that Iraq began destroying missies and its stocks of anthrax and nerve gas as part of a drive to avert a possible U.S.-led invasion.

to the United Nations that proposes verifying it has gotten rid of anthrax and deadly VX nerve agent.

Even Iraqi scientists who helped make missiles and

chemical and biological weapons of mass destruction have begun to give private interviews to inspectors, something all but three had refused to do since December. Another scientist was interviewed on Monday, the fourth in as many days. The United Nations has asked to speak to more than 30 scientists since December.

FBI and CIA agents search terror suspect's computers

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

FBI and CIA experts dug through computers and piles of other information Monday from the Pakistani home of alleged Sept. 11 mastermind Khalid Shaikh Mohammed, searching for clues that new terror strikes might be imminent.

In addition to his capture on Saturday, government officials said authorities had caught Mohammed Omar Abdel-Rahman, a son of the blind Egyptian sheik accused of inspiring the 1993 bombing of the World Trade Center.

The younger Abdel-Rahman was caught several weeks ago in Quetta,

Pakistan, the officials said, speaking on the condition of anonymity. Pakistani officials have suggested the Quetta arrest helped lead authorities to Khalid Shaikh Mohammed, although American sources disputed that.

Officials also said they believe they have captured a suspected financier of Sept. 11. The financier, whose nationality was uncertain, was captured with Mohammed.

Mohammed was questioned Monday by U.S. authorities seeking information about safe houses and hideouts used by the al-Qaida terror network, a Pakistani intelligence official said. Mohammed's exact whereabouts were unclear.

He had been plotting attacks against targets in the United States and Saudi

Arabia in the weeks before his capture, U.S. counterterrorism officials contend-

Such attacks might have been against commercial or other lightly defended civilian targets, officials said, although they acknowledged they did not know whether al-Qaida targets had been selected.

Intelligence about Mohammed's activities led in part to the orange alert that lasted most of February, Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge said.

"Some of the concerns we had that caused us to raise the threat level were attributable to the planning he was involved in," Ridge said. "There were multiple reasons that we raised the threat level and his relation to one of

the plot lines was one of the several."

Ridge declined to discuss specifics but said the threat level was lowered last week because later information showed that plans for attacks had been disrupted and were less likely to occur.

Authorities recovered a huge amount of information about al-Qaida at the house in Pakistan where Mohammed and two others were arrested early Saturday, a senior law enforcement official said Monday.

Recovered at the home in Rawalpindi were computers, disks, cell phones and documents. Authorities believe the materials will provide names, locations and potential terrorist plots of al-Qaida cells in the United States and around the world.

WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Israeli troops arrested reclusive Hamas ideologue Mohammed Taha on Monday in a deadly raid, signaling a change in Israeli strategy that until now had not targeted the Islamic militant group's leadership. Backed by attack helicopters and tanks, troops blew up Taha's home and three others in the Bureij refugee camp in the Gaza Strip. Eight people died in the raid, and besides the 65-year-old Hamas co-

Israeli troops arrest Hamas founder:

refugee camp in the Gaza Strip. Eight people died in the raid, and besides the 65-year-old Hamas cofounder, his five sons — all Hamas activists — were arrested. The arrests, part of a two-week-old offensive in Gaza, marked the first attack on a Hamas leader since the latest Israel-Palestinian conflict erupted in September 2000. Israel had focused its efforts on rank-and-file militants and on the security forces of the Palestinian Authority itself. The shift comes as Israel's new hard-line government, sworn in last week, promised more crippling blows to militant Islamic groups and as global attention turns toward U.S. action in Iraq.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

N. Korean jets intercept U.S. plane:

Four armed North Korean fighter jets intercepted a U.S. reconnaissance plane over the Sea of Japan and one of the Korean jets used its radar in a manner that indicated it might attack, U.S. officials said Monday. Lt. Cmdr. Jeff Davis, a Pentagon spokesman, said it was the first such incident since April 1969 when a North Korean plane shot down a U.S. Navy EC-121 surveillance plane, killing all 31 Americans aboard. The latest incident happened Sunday morning, Korean time, and there was no hostile fire, Davis said. A dispute between the United States and North Korea over nuclear weapons development increased last week when North Korea restarted a 5-megawatt reactor that could produce plutonium for such weapons. North Korea said Saturday that nuclear war could break out at "any moment." In the Sunday incident, North Korean planes "shadowed" the American plane over international waters for about 20 minutes.

School district to appeal Pledge ruling:

The school district at the center of the fight over the Pledge of Allegiance said Monday it will ask the Supreme Court to overturn a ruling barring use of the pledge in classrooms. Dave Gordon, superintendent of the Elk Grove Unified School District in Elk Grove, Calif., also said attorneys will ask that the ruling be put on hold so children can continue reciting the pledge. The ruling by the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, which says the phrase "under God" is unconstitutional when recited in public schools, takes effect in nine Western states next Monday.

Sniper anti-death penalty motion rejected:

A judge rejected defense arguments Monday that Virginia's death penalty law is unconstitutional and barred cameras in the courtroom for the trial of teenage sniper suspect Lee Boyd Malvo. Malvo's lawyer had argued that the instructions given to a jury on when to recommend the death penalty are too vague.

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soon, "while there's still money left in the budgets." The concert cost about \$120,000 last year, and this year's funding will have to be at least that high in order to attract top-rated musical talent, Romero said.

Leaders of the Hall Presidents' Council presented their organization's strategic plan, continuing the cabinet-wide initiative begun by Bishop last semester. Senior Pam Ronson, co-president of HPC, said the plan focuses on improving Notre Dame dorm life overall.

"We want to answer the question, 'Are we getting the best residential life experience possible?" Ronson said.

She cited the growing numbers of students living off-campus as evidence that improvements are needed.

Ronson and her co-president, senior Chris "Stretch" Martin, said their plan would focus on seven key areas including spiritual, multicultural, service, academic, gender relations, social and athletic aspects of residential life that would be emphasized in the plan.

The pair called for more stringent standards of hall government to ensure that students would be well served by their dorm leaders. In particular, they recommended that at least one president in each hall remain on campus for the entire academic year. With the prevalence of juniors studying abroad, continuity of leaders can be a problem, Martin said.

"It's tough for transition when a president goes abroad ... sometimes a lot of information and expertise is lost," he said.

The plan quoted the University's mission statement: "Residential life endeavors to develop that sense of community...that is at once more human and more divine." Ronson said HPC strategy will "strengthen the residential life experience [that] is undoubtedly unique to this university."

Cabinet members also debated an appeal for funding from Pi Sigma Alpha, the political science honor society. The group is planning to bring former attorney general Janet Reno to speak at Notre Dame April 8. Reno's speech will be co-sponsored by the Student Union Board and the College Democrats. Promoters of the event requested \$4,334 from the cabinet's discretionary fund. The money will be applied to Reno's \$22,500 speaking fee.

Steve Christ, manager of the Student Union Board, said the speech could attract a large audience if planned well.

"We want to keep admission prices as low as possible ... I'd expect about 1,500 students,"

SUB programming director Lauren Fowler agreed.

"There is a wide audience at Notre Dame that politicians can draw," she said.

Cabinet members unanimously approved the funding. The news comes on the heels of a report by the American Council of Education that Notre Dame freshmen are interested in politics at a rate 50 percent higher than students at other institutions

Student leaders also welcomed a new member into their midst. Junior Don Norton was introduced as the new SUB treasurer. The junior will oversee over \$300,000 in funding for student organizations.

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Women march to take back the night

By MELANIE BECKER
News Writer

The fourth event in the viewpoints of Iraq series was held Tuesday night with a presentation from Margaret O'Brien Steinfels in Carroll Auditorium entitled "Iraq: Just War?"

O'Brien Steinfels opened her presentation by asking the audience how they felt about the impending war with Iraq. The presentation was an extension of the question and how to adequately evaluate whether or not war with Iraq is in fact just.

Steinfels centered the discussion of United States involvement in Iraq based on if the war would advance or harm national interest. Using force in order to achieve a means needs to be limited to situations in which war is justified and necessary, she said, adding that the controversy today is over where to draw the line between what constitutes a just cause for war and what becomes an act of terrorism

O'Brien Steinfels examined the criteria that justifies war and used it to encourage the audience to consider whether or not international law justifies U.S. involvement in Iraq today and the reasons behind the U.S. going to war.

O'Brien Steinfels' presentation addressed the need to examine who is given the legitimacy to declare war, why that person is empowered, the intention of war and how proportional the means are to the outcome.

O'Brien
Steinfels proceeded to analyze the actions of the Bush administration and the American public. The Bush administration's argument in favor of going to war

is to remove Saddam Hussein from power, destroy potential terrorist networks, get rid of weapons of mass destruction and make Iraq comply with international treaty requirements.

From her research, O'Brien Steinfels' conclusion is that, at the present time, war with Iraq is not just.

"I do not think that this is likely to be a just war. People have made compelling but not convincing arguments on nuclear disarmament," O'Brien Steinfels said.

O'Brien Steinfels' reasoning for her findings was that while the United States would most likely have a swift military victory, the proportions of the actions do not justify the proportions of the outcome.

O'Brien

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concern for

O'Brien
Steinfels, who expressed a
need for U.S. citizens to understand how the United States
affects the rest of the world.
The key to determining the
validity of going to war is to
have active thought and participation on the issue from every
citizen.

"Had we done this 10 years ago, we may not be facing war today with Iraq," O'Brien Steinfels said

The lecture was sponsored by Campus Ministry, the Political Science Department, the Intercultural Living Community, Women's Studies, the Center for Women's Intercultural Leadership, the Justice Education Department and the Political Science Club.

O'Brien Steinfels was the edi-

tor of Commonwealth, an inde-

pendent journal written by

Catholics which reviews politics, religion and culture since 1988. Prior to 1988, she served as the director of publications at the National Pastoral Life Center and was the editor to its journal, "Church." Additionally, O'Brien Steinfels published a book, "Who's Minding the Children? The History and Politics of Day Care in America," and has written many articles appearing in the New York Times and

the Los Angeles Times.

Students who missed last night's activities can attend O'Brien Steinfels' presentation "Hope Springs From Sorrow: Redemptive Aspects of Suffering" today at 12:15 p.m. in Stapleton Lounge.

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Bush announces new changes to Medicare

Associated Press

WASHINGTON
President Bush offered a
rough blueprint Monday for
adding drug benefits to
Medicare, proposing that the
government use sweetened
benefits to entice seniors into
HMOs and private plans, and
renewing his call for a dis-

count drug card.

The White House promised "comprehensive" benefits for those who moved into such plans. But officials refused to say whether or how the drug subsidies would be more generous than those in traditional Medicare, insisting that Congress will iron out the details.

Bush promised in his January State of the Union

address to spend \$400 billion over a decade to change Medicare, mostly to deliver on his promise to add drug benefits. The White House laid out a "framework" Monday night on how he intends to do that, though many of the difficult details were left to lawmakers.

The president is pinning his hopes on what the White House calls "Enhanced Medicare" — an arrangement in which seniors would join a health plan and get unspecified prescription drug benefits in return for paying a monthly premium and an annual deductible. Underscoring the emphasis the administration places on the plan, Bush proposed creating a new government agency, the Medicare Center for Beneficiary

Choices, to oversee the new plan. The government would pay for most of Enhanced Medicare, which would also provide full coverage of preventive benefits and "protection against high out-of-pocket drug costs." It would eliminate the lifetime limit for inpatient hospital care.

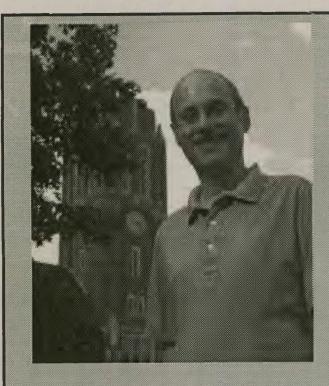
Seniors who chose to stay in traditional Medicare would get also protection against high drug costs. The framework did not specify what would constitute "high" drug costs, or where the government help would kick in, and White House officials declined to say

The administration offered a third option, "Medicare Advantage," that would enroll seniors in "low-cost and highcoverage managed care plans" currently available under Medicare. Plans in competitive markets would bid to provide participants with Medicare's enhanced basic benefit package.

Bush plans to ask Congress to "immediately" provide all seniors with a drug discount card that the White House estimated will save 10 to 25 percent on prescription drugs.

The General Accounting Office, the congressional investigative arm, estimated the savings at slightly less than that.

"The discount card by all accounts is a proposal of very, very marginal value," Senate Democratic Leader Tom Daschle said. "We have cards in the market today. They are of limited value. This really doesn't extend much hope."



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IN BRIEF

Tobacco giant targets counterfeiters

The Philip Morris USA division of Altria roup Inc. is suing 325 retailers in seven lates, accusing them of selling counterfeit versions of the company's cigarettes.

The company said it filed 15 lawsuits

The company said it filed 15 lawsuits Monday as part of a continuing effort to curb the sales of cigarettes illegally using Philip Morris trademarks, including its iconic Marlboro brand.

A company spokeswoman, Jamie Drogin, said the suits were filed against a range of retailers, from small, individually owned outlets to large chains. She would not identify the names of the businesses, but said the suits are targeted against 325 individual retail locations, even though some share ownership.

Nader forms SEC oversight group

A new public interest group has formed in response to the corporate accounting scandals and will monitor government agencies that oversee the accounting industry, consumer advocate Ralph Nader announced Monday.

The Association for Integrity in Accounting, comprised of accountants and professors of accounting, said it plans to "keep a close eye" on the Securities and Exchange Commission and other regulatory agencies responsible for overseeing the accounting industry. That would include, notably, the new accounting oversight board created by Congress last summer at the height of the scandals that began with the collapse of Enron.

"For too long, the public interest voices in the accounting industry have been overwhelmed by corporate pressures," said Nader, whose Citizen Works organization is helping fund the new group. "Today we are pleased to introduce a new public interest voice to restore integrity to the accounting profession, to remind the profession of its public interest duty, and to make sure that we can all benefit from their work honestly and well done — no matter how large, how powerful and how demanding their corporate clients"

U.S. vehicle industry suffers

♦ Weather, war fears hurt car sales

Associated Press

DETROI

A continued barrage of incentives couldn't overcome consumer skittishness and fears of a war with Iraq as U.S. vehicle sales slid last month, and at least two automakers prepared to scale back production.

General Motors Corp., the world's largest automaker, said Monday that sales of new cars and light trucks fell 19 percent in February compared with a robust month a year ago.

GM, like others in the industry, saw business drop considerably last month as winter storms crippled parts of the country and economic uncertainty festered.

The outlook remains sketchy. J.P. Morgan Securities Inc. has lowered its full-year sales forecast from 16.9 million to 16.6 million vehicles.

David Healy, an analyst with Burnham Securities Inc., said most observers estimated that February's brutal weather on the East Coast and some other regions trimmed total U.S. sales by some 25,000 vehicles.

Still, he said, the numbers were weaker than expected.

expected.
"I think the industry is fighting a bit of headwind with this Iraqi situation," Healy said. "That's hard to prove and hard to quantify, but I still think it's out there."

Among the other domestic automakers, DaimlerChrysler AG's Chrysler Group said its light vehicle volume declined 4 percent last month, while Ford Motor Co.'s sales were flat.

Several foreign automakers, including Toyota Motor Corp., Nissan Motor Co., Hyundai Motor Co. and



Group Vice President of General Motors John Smith speaks at the North American International Auto Show in late February. Like other U.S. automakers, GM's sales suffered significantly.

Mitsubishi Motors Corp., also recorded year-toyear sales declines in

February.

Most analysts expected Ford's February sales to be about the same as last year. Chrysler's numbers were better than some forecasts. GM's tallies were below expectations, and the automaker announced it would cut second-quarter production by 10.5 percent.

A production cut is significant because automakers consider a vehicle sold when it's shipped from the manufacturing plant to a dealer, not when the dealer reaches an agreement with a buyer. Therefore, diminishing production can do the same to the automaker's

bottom line.

Ford also said it is likely to trim production, but declined to give specifics Monday on its second-quarter schedule. The world's No. 2 automaker said its car sales rose 3 percent last month, while light truck volume — which includes pickups, sport utility vehicles, vans and minivans — was down about 1 percent.

"February was a challenging month," said Jim O'Connor, Ford's group vice president for North American marketing, sales and service. "Plagued by uncertainty and paralyzing weather — no wonder consumer confidence slumped."

production can do the Same to the automaker's reported last week that lucrative incentives.

consumer confidence in the U.S. economy plunged to its lowest level in nearly 10 years in February as Americans grew bleak about jobs and oil prices in the face of a possible showdown with Saddam Hussein.

O'Connor said he expected the volatility in monthly sales and economic data to continue in the coming months.

Chrysler car sales were down 2 percent last month. Truck sales were off 5 percent.

Gary Dilts, Chrysler's senior vice president for sales, said consumers would be hard pressed to find a better time to buy a new vehicle thanks to depressed prices and lucrative incentives

United claims cuts boost revenues

Associated Press

CHICAGO

United Airlines said Monday it is pulling in an extra \$20 million to \$25 million per month in revenue because the sharp reduction in business fares it made eight weeks ago is attracting more passengers.

But in a reflection of the controversy stirred by the January fare change, the claim was greeted skeptically by at least one competitor.

Bankrupt United issued a statement saying the lower fares have proven "good for United's bottom line," despite rival airlines' claims that the fare war was taking a toll on the revenues of not only other major carriers but United itself.

"Contrary to some reports in the media, the increase in business passenger volume has more than offset the lower fares," said Doug Hacker, executive vice president for strategy at United.

United put the revised pricing structure into effect Jan. 6 on last-minute fares out of Chicago and Denver — its top two hubs — giving customers up to 40 percent off unrestricted fares.

Other carriers and some industry analysts criticized the move, which came after a year in which the nine major U.S. airlines lost more than

\$11 billion combined.

Northwest Airlines said last month it was losing \$10 million in monthly revenue as a result of the lowered fares, as did US Airways. Northwest also estimated that United was losing \$30 million a month because of it.

A Northwest spokeswoman did not immediately respond to a request for comment on United's estimate.

Minneapolis-based airline travel analyst Terry Trippler said United's statement clearly was a response to Northwest's earlier comment, underscoring the high-stakes competition between the two.

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There must be another way

On the last evening of my stay in Baghdad, a sudden commotion outside the hotel drew me into the night. Just beyond the lobby doors, a wedding party of about 30 people was

pouring out of cars and dancing to the beat of drums and trumpets. It's incredible that in this city that could be bombed within



Shella Provencher

weeks, there was such an explosion of joy — the bride bedecked in white, proud parents, a yellow-sweatered toddler shimmying to the music and delighted adults looking on. This little girl grasped my hands and spun on the sidewalk, until her parents came and drew me even deeper into the crowd.

"Thank you, thank you," they smiled and shouted over the music. Flashbulbs popped as my fellow Westerners emerged from the hotel to share in the spectacle, an amazing celebration of life.

Only days before, I had stood in the Amriyah bomb shelter. Light streamed into a ragged hole torn through the ceiling by the two 1991 U.S. "smart bombs" that incinerated more than 400 women and children who had huddled there for safety. Human blood and the shadows of their bodies are still smeared on the walls. It is a place of desperation and foreboding and its story of the past predicts a possible future.

We stand on the brink of war. Not a war against a brutal dictator alone, but a war that will kill little 5-year-old children who only want to dance. A war against a people wearied and weakened by 12 years of sanctions that have caused their children to die

by the thousands of malnutrition, cancer and water-born diseases.

A Jan 7 U.N. report estimates that 1.25 million Iraqi children under the age of five could die of malnutrition as a direct result of a new war.

Many in good conscience support a war, hoping that it will "liberate" these people. And Iraq's people are surely in need of liberation — caught as they are between a brutal dictator and an invading foreign power. But Catholic social teaching calls us to experience conflict situations as Jesus did, from the perspective of the most vulnerable, the weak, the most forgotten.

If we really want to help the Iraqi people, can we first look them in the eyes and ask if they experience violence as a way to "liberation"? Over and over, the Iraqis I met begged me to ask U.S. civilians to avert the war. "Just tell them what you see here," they said. "Tell them what you see."

I saw a baby, his fragile skull nestled on his mother's shoulder, as she sang to him in the cancer ward of the Al Monsour Pediatric Hospital. The skyrocketing cancer rates in Iraq, up to 400 percent, are linked in some studies to the radioactive depleted uranium used in U.S. weaponry.

I saw young students at Baghdad's Al-Mustansyria University, their courtyard faces full of future dreams But in the classroom, Laithe's 20-year-old smile was tense with fear. Mariam begged to know, "Will they use nuclear weapons on us? I am so frightened of those bombs."

I saw Sister Bushra Gaggi, a Roman Catholic sister and the director of a maternity hospital, standing next to cribs of rosy-cheeked newborns. She tried to smile but could not stop the tears of fear from filling her eyes. What will happen if the electricity is

gone? What if a bomb hits the hospital? "Maybe if he could see my tears, Bush would not bomb us," she said.

And returning home to the United States, I saw my neighbor, a single mom whose son was just deployed to Kuwait. She is so desperate to avoid a war that she wants to serve in his place.

There must be another way. Yes, Saddam Hussein is a dictator and many Iraqi people suffer under his repressive regime. But why are we choosing a method that could result not in liberation but in massive loss of life on both sides, innumerable deaths of innocents, regional destabilization and the creation of the very kind of terrorism we seek to prevent?

Perhaps if we come close enough to recognize each other as brothers and sisters and parents grieving for the safety of our children, young people fearing for the future, all fearing violence then we will seek other ways. Several ways have been suggested in previous columns, such as enforcing all U.N. Security Council Resolutions, supporting continued inspections or using the International Criminal Court to confront Hussein's regime.

Nonviolence implies not passivity, but alternative action. Some of the Iraqi people have the courage to act and to literally dance in the face of a looming darkness. We can join them in the dance and work for a better future for all of us.

Sheila Provencher, masters of divinity '01, traveled to Iraq from Dec. 8-21 with the Iraq Peace Journey, a delegation of U.S. Catholic leaders.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"One of the greatest casualties of the war in Vietnam is the Great Society ... shot down on the battlefield of Vietnam."

Martin Luther King, Jr. civil rights activist

VIEWPOINT

GUEST COLUMN

France and Germany must stand up for freedom

I have been at a loss all week as to what topic I would choose for this week's column. Then I remembered; we're on the brink of war, and people are pissed about it.

History truly does repeat itself. It may as well be 1938, as far as

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I'm concerned.

In 1919, the Treaty of Versailles was signed, ending World War I. One of the stipulations placed on the defeated Germans was disarmament. Upon Adolph Hitler's attain-

ment of supreme power in 1933, he began the process of rearming Germany.

In 1936, the Germans remilitarized the Rhineland along the border with France and Belgium, a clear violation of the Treaty of Versailles. France and England did nothing. The Germans' support of the Fascists in

the Spanish Civil War from 1936 to 1939 made Spain a testing ground for German weaponry. France and

England did nothing. During the summer of 1938, Hitler pressed for the addition of the Sudetenland in Czechoslovakia, inhabited by Germanic peoples, to the Fatherland. Not being in the mood for conflict, France and England conceded to Hitl r's wishes

On Sept. 29, 1938, the Munich Pact was signed, wherein Hitler told the French and the English he would seek no more territorial additions Czechoslovakia had no say in the matter.

In March 1939. Germany violated the treaty, marched into Czechoslovakia and annexed it, along with its military supplies that further bolstered the German juggernaut. France and England did nothing.

On Sept. 1, 1939, World War II began, and the rest is

On Feb. 25, 2003, Saddam Hussein continues to stall, giving head U.N. weapons inspector Hans Blix more piecemeal information while balking at requests to destroy his stockpile of Al Samoud 2 missiles.

This stalling for time has continued for more than a decade since the end of the Gulf War in 1991.

France does nothing. Not being in the mood for conflict, French president Jacques Chirac is willing to give Hussein more time. The French don't learn too quickly

The Russians and Germans have pledged their support for the French proposal to give Iraq one more last chance. For these two nations, this push for peace represents a dramatic role reversal, historically speaking.

For practically all of the preceding century, the world debated what needed to be done to disarm Germany and Russia. They have not yet been on this side of the disarmament issue.

Amazingly, the diplomatic community of

the present day has not quite learned the lesson that appeasement does not work. Only the United States and Great Britain have the wherewithal to tell the world, "Hey, bad things happened the last time we let a dictator pull crap like this.'

Here's a simple analogy. If you toss a frog into a pot of boiling water, he will hop right out. If you put him in a pot of cold water, however, and heat it up slowly, he will sit there and boil to death because he is not quick enough on the uptake to notice it's getting hotter and hotter.

With the exception of the United States, Great Britain, Spain and Bulgaria, the entire international community is one gigantic boiling frog. How many times will the United Nations slap the Iraqi regime on the back of the hand, scold it for not cooperating and give it another chance?

As stated in the U.S.-British-Spanish proposal that can be found at msnbc.com, Security Council Resolution 1441 of Nov. 8, 2002 should have been the last

> tion, the Iragis were afforded one final opportunity to comply and disarm, which they did not do. False statements made

chance for Hussein. In the resolu-

by the Iraqis would be deemed further breaches, according to the resolution. They have made numerous false statements, and nothing has been done.

Iraq was warned in the resolution that a persistent attitude of noncompliance would have serious consequences

The French, Germans and Russians apparently have a different concept of what serious consequences entail. The only consequence they speak of is another resolution stating that there will be serious consequences if Iraq does not comply. At what point in time will the protest-happy international community wake up and

of water after all? How many resolutions are necessary? When is noncompliance finally going to draw the ire of the rest of the world? When will Hussein see something more than mere empty rhetoric coming from the Security Council?

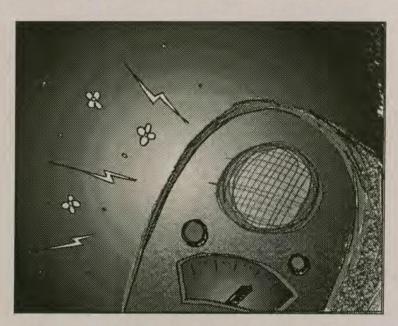
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I believe that time has come and gone. Iraq will never fully comply. Hussein hopes the clamor from anti-war protests around the world will drown out the sounds of weapons manufacturing in his country. Thankfully though, George Bush and Tony Blair are still eavesdropping.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR



The beginning of liberal talk radio?

As a result of their crushing defeats on Election Day 2002 and the stale state of the mainstream liberal media, the left has proclaimed the need to create their own Rush Limbaugh for the radio waves. Their hopes lie in Al Franken, the former writer and actor on Saturday Night Live. Who could forget Stuart Smalley, the caring nurturer who has helped the likes of Michael Jordan and even Al Gore cope with their failures and disappointments, reminding them that they are "good enough, smart enough, and, doggone it, people like me?"

While the left is convinced that liberal talk radio can succeed, it has failed by going directly at Rush. Franken recently asserted on the "Donahue Show," which by the way is the lowest-rated cable news show in its time-slot, "I think the audience isn't there for a liberal Rush, because I think liberals don't want to hear that kind of demagoguery

Mr. Franken, that may be the most hilarious thing you have said to date - keep in mind I am a huge Stuart Smalley fan. Perhaps he has forgotten or is just simply ignorant of the shrill rhetoric used by liberal and Democratic groups in recent years, who have declared that Republicans are responsible for church burnings, hate crimes and starving schoolchildren, just to name a few

Sen. Chuck Schumer has used the race card in an attempt to block Charles Pickering's judicial nomination while Sen. Hillary Clinton reminded us that Trent Lott's foolish comments only exposed "what happens on the back roads in the Republican South every day." Meanwhile, we hear comparisons of President George Bush to Hitler daily. The American people are so accustomed to hearing this abrasive tone from the mainstream newspapers, magazines and television — The Washington Post, The New York Times, CNN and the major news networks minus Fox News where is the appeal to hear the same old story on the

Jonah Goldberg, editor of the National Review Online, argues that liberal radio will never succeed because among other things, liberalism has become reactionary. Its ideas ount to "standing pat and breeding fear of change. While the Republicans propose major reforms which would provide individuals more choices for programs such as Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security and even giving parents the opportunity to take their children out of failing schools, how do the Democrats respond?

They use scare tactics and class-warfare in order to coerce voters into thinking that the Republicans want to push Grandma down the stairs and give her Social Security to "big business" so it can cut down a few more Sequoias in California or give the "evil rich" another tax break. And who can forget Al Gore's central budgetary idea of the "lockbox" that was the cure-all?

Unfortunately for Franken, today's world of "political correctness" has limited him to jokes about rich Christian white guys, which, like liberalism's reactionary nature, are old and stale.

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ALBUM REVIEW

Still evolving, oh my my

By MARIA SMITH
Scene Editor

On March 11 the dread-locked, alternative poster child Ani DiFranco will release Evolve, her latest full-length album. Evolve is an intriguing musical development in DiFranco's fiercely individualistic career. The same musical complexity that made the singer and songwriter famous has matured into an even more polished and unique sound, different from anything else in popular music. The artist is never afraid to take chances or try new things, and once again her daring has paid off.

Over the last 13 years fans have come to rely on DiFranco for something more unique than the mass-produced sounds of one-hit wonders. DiFranco has kept

her name and her own record label afloat with an inventive musical sophistication that relies on a skilled band, a wide variety of musical influences and politically conscious lyrics instead of amplifiers or synthesizers. Her newest album features jazz and Latin influences new to the artist's musical repertoire, but still maintains the musical quality of her previous work.

For "O My My," one of the most original tracks on "Evolve," DiFranco also took a shot at playing piano instead of her usual guitar. DiFranco's piano debut is particularly reminiscent of modern jazz.

"I always prefer to hear musicians taking chances, than to hear them playing it safe and getting it right all the time," said DiFranco in the album's press release with interviewer Joe Sweeney.

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for Now,"
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of the
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has a fast
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just what my hands started playing on the guitar, which was naturally influenced by what I was listening to at the time," said DiFranco, "listening, that is, by choice, and also by default, since Latin pop artists were dominating the requisite Top 40 sound-track to all public spaces."

DiFranco is as much a poet as a musician. Many of her CDs feature tracks with little or no musical accompaniment in order to showcase poetry on topics from loneliness to abortion. The artist has long used her music to act as an outspoken activist in addition to being a musical force. Evolve is not DiFranco's most lyrically interesting work, but the CD does feature some passages. "Serpentine," a 10-minute construction of guitar and poetry that took DiFranco months to

write, keenly criticizes people

and politics in the United States.

the myopia is deep here."

"'Cuz all the wrong people have the power of suggestion and the freedom of the press is meaningless if nobody asks a question," DiFranco comments, "The mind control is steep here, man,

DiFranco's famously intense selfexamination is not as cathartic on Evolve as on earlier albums like her

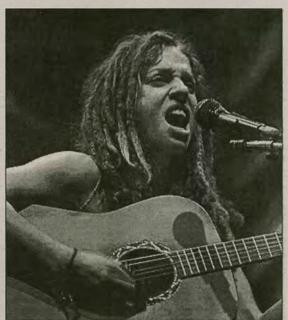


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Ani DiFranco's new album defles musical genre with both jazz and Latin influences.

1996 release Dilate. Whatever the strengths and weaknesses of Evolve, the CD is worthwhile for any DiFranco fan or anyone with an ear for something unique.

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ALBUM REVIEW

Indie-rocker stays musically stagnant

By BJ STREW Scene Music Critic

Indie-rock mainstay Ted Leo, of minor Chisel fame, cut his teeth in Washington, D.C. and cemented his place in the local underground's forefront. His Pharmacists, however, have no cemented places — the members come and go as the group trudges along in its quest for its own distinct character.

As for now, they bring a bevy of influences into the mix — Dexy's Midnight Runners, Generation X and The Ruts, to name a few. Infectious pop and furious punk ingredients, plus dub, folk and ska spices make for a bouncy bouillabaisse of an album. Leo's latest creation here is Hearts of Oak, their follow-up to the instant

classic The Tyranny of Distance, released in 2001.

It's undeniable: Leo's voice is a breath of fresh air from the thickening miasma of affected wails and overly nasal inflection that's back in vogue when it should have been buried alongside Ian Curtis. His range extends from cool and composed to a barbaric yawp. Fellow Pharmacists Dave Lerner and Chris Wilson, deliver thundering bass lines and triplet-filled percussion, respectively.

A light, quirky drum roll launches the album on "Building Skyscrapers in the Basement." Layers of strings and guitars are caked almost to cacophony, while Leo muses on mortality with his trademark idealism. The ode to The Specials, "Where Have All the Rude Boys Gone?" proves to be the standout on the album with its great melody

a p a t h y, deploying h o p e f u l lyrics over syncopated strumming.

What almost separates Hearts of Oak from the masses of steaming dreck record companies are doling out these days is that the lyrics almost somewhere. They do have a point, but it

seems culled from The New York Times op-ed pages. Nevertheless, Ted pours his secondhand politics into songs like "The Anointed One" and "The Ballad of the Sin Eater." Hearts of Oak stays a sprightly jaunt

Hearts of Oak stays a sprightly jaunt and a mood-booster, but rollicks right out of your recollection. Needless to say, it still grinds John Mayer underfoot with extreme prejudice.

Despite the shallowness of his lyrics, their earnestness cannot be denied and their infectiousness cannot be



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Ted Leo and the Pharmacists combine the sounds of pop, punk, folk and ska for a light album that is easily forgettable.

Hearts of Oak
Ted Leo and the Pharmacists

Lookout Records





ignored. The Pharmacist sound owes its melodic familiarity to the bourgeois Brit-metal bards Thin Lizzy, indie-rock monolith Pavement, fellow D.C. rockers Fugazi and, most strikingly, the whole of classic rock. But even Chris Yanek knows that classic rock is dead. It's the 21st century; it's the third millennium — bands must keep evolving or they will be phased out.

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INSIDER

going the distance

Matt Carroll plays his final home game against Syracuse tonight.

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Seniors honored as Irish try to snap losing streak

By ANDREW SOUKUP Sports Writer

On a night when the Irish plan to honor their seniors before the game, Notre Dame will try to figure out what they can do to avoid dropping their third game in a row to one of the country's hottest teams.

Before No. 16 Notre Dame (21-7, 9-5 in the Big East) and No. 12 Syracuse (21-4, 11-3) tip off tonight, the Irish will honor seniors Matt Carroll, Dan Lustig, Jere Macura and Dan Miller, who will be playing their final home game tonight.

Then the Irish will go to work trying to solve whatever has plagued them during their last two games.

The Irish know first-hand what effect an emotional goodbye for seniors can have on a team.

At Rutgers Saturday, when the Scarlet Knights honored their senior class, the Irish got lit up by one of the worst teams in the Big East who just happened to get hot at the right time.

But a week ago, when Notre Dame dropped its first home game of the season to Connecticut, the Irish also watched the Huskies run circles around a much slower Notre Dame team.

Admittedly, Notre Dame lost to two teams playing arguably their best basketball of the season. But they still lost, and the losses had tremendous ramifications on Notre Dame's postseason goals.

"We've played some desperate teams lately," Irish coach Mike Brey said. "Were we as desperate? No, and it's kind of hard to simulate that when you know you're going to [post-season tourna-

The two losses have jarred Notre Dame's dreams of winning its second Big East West Division title in three years and severely jeopardized its chances of earning a bye in the Big East Tournament or playing a first-round NCAA Tournament game in Indianapolis.

The Irish currently sit at fourth in the Big East West Division, a position that can't get any lower. With two games to go in regular season play, the Irish trail leaders Syracuse and Pittsburgh by two games and third-place Seton Hall by one. In order to qualify for a bye, the Irish must finish second or better in the regular season standings — something they

need a lot of help to accomplish.

And so, with their destiny out of their hands, the Irish find themselves in an unusual position tonight. They can't win the West Division, they'll need help to get a bye and they already have a Tournament bid locked up.

But they also have a losing streak they're determined to end.

"We're kind of back on edge again after losing two in a row," Brey said. "We want to handle not only Senior Night well but the last experience this season for our home crowd because they've given us some great support.

It doesn't help, either, that the Irish are playing one of the hottest teams in the nation in Syracuse, that has won 10 of its last 12 games and 21 of 24.

When Notre Dame last played Syracuse Feb. 15, the Irish lost 82-80 thanks, in part, to a 3-pointer by Gerry McNamara with 15 seconds left. The loss is still fresh in Notre Dame's mind, and it kicked off a string of games where the Irish would lose three of five games and narrowly avoid losing another game to West

Beating the Orangemen means finding a way to score against their vaunted 2-3 zone defense. If Notre Dame's shot is on, it can cause serious problems for the Orangemen defense.

But against Connecticut and Rutgers, when the opponent started scoring in a hurry — something Syracuse freshman Carmelo Anthony is always a threat to do the Irish got knocked out of sync rather quickly.

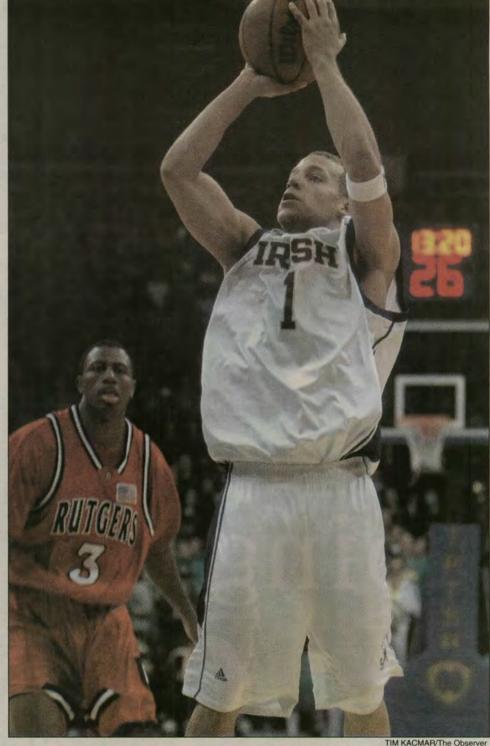
It's something Brey said the Irish have still yet to get used to - adjusting to facing the best a team has to offer every sin-

gle night.
"We had a couple teams storm the court against us, and it always used to be our kids storming the court after a great upset," Brey said. "It's great that we're in that position, and I think since December we've handled ourselves well.

"But it is new taking everybody's best

Tonight, the Irish will have the target painted on their chests once again as they try to break their first two-game losing streak of the season.

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Irish guard Chris Thomas elevates for a jumper during Notre Dame's win against Rutgers Jan. 14. Thomas and the Irish look to snap their losing streak tonight.

COACHING

Brey can become the

only coach to lead his

team to 10 league wins

in three years if the

Irish win tonight. His

hands-off approach has

proven popular with his

players, but with Notre

Dame having lost two

Boeheim all but per-

fected the 2-3 zone,

and his players know

how to operate in his system. A 26-year vet-

eran of Syracuse, Boeheim's name is vir-

tually synonymous with

Syracuse basketball.

to do a little bit more.

STYLE OF PLAY

Notre Dame revolves

around a perimeter-

oriented style of play,

and their entire game

often revolves around

how well the offense is

clicking. If the shots

fall, the Irish are tough

to beat. Otherwise,

they get rattled.

Post **PLAYERS**

Cornette, while solid,

haven't yet shown they can be a domi-

nant force inside. On

defense, however,

Cornette is a shot-

blocking monster and

the Irish have shown

and

Francis

effectively.

PERIMETER **PLAYERS**

Carroll and Thomas

comprise arguably one

of the best backcourts

in the Big East, if not

the nation. They get a lot of support from Miller on the defensive

end, as well. Notre

Dame's success directly

Thomas.

BENCH

With Jones and

Timmermans, Brey

can choose to go athletic or physical. If the

Irish need offense,

Brey can turn to

Quinn. While each

and narrowly — defined role, they all

know their job.

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INTANGIBLES

Notre Dame saw

first-hand Saturday

how a red-hot team

can fall on Senior

Night. They'll be anx-

ious to come out with a

win. Although the Irish

are on a two-game los-

ing streak, the Irish

are anxious to get back

in the win column.

NOTRE DAME

SYRACUSE

Twenty-six years of

A relatively slow-paced offensive style of play meshes well with the zone defense. Anthony keys the Orangemen attack, but other players can damage the Irish just as

Anthony is a multidimensional threat who can hurt teams from behind the arc or in the paint. In Notre Dame's case, the Orangemen will try to exploit the freshman down low, and he'll get help from Warrick and

As a freshman, McNamara has done a solid job running the point for the Orangemen, but he can score as well. He hit the game-winning 3-pointer to put the Irish down in the Carrier Dome in February.

In Forth, Pace and McNeil, the Orangemen have a solid supporting cast but no true specialists. Yet they know their role and complement the Orangemen stars well without trying to do too much.

Few teams in the nation are as hot as Syracuse, winners of 10 of their last 12. Sure, Big East teams have struggled on the road this season, but the West Division leader isn't one of them.

basketball experience can't be taken lightly. While Brey has had a lot of early success at Delaware and Notre Dame, what Boeheim has accomplished gives him the advan-

Neither team has the advantage, as shown by what happened when the two teams last played. If Notre Dame's shot is on, they can tear the zone apart. If not, they'll have a little more difficulty.

The Irish had trouble stopping Anthony last time — he scored 26 points — and they're going to have a tough time stopping him again. Notre Dame simply hasn't shown it can compete in the paint with Big East teams.

Notre Dame's back-court has gotten the job done for them all year long, and there's no reason why they can't keep carrying the load. Plus, on Senior Night, Carroll and Miller will have a lot on their minds.

Each bench offers a different type of matchup, and neither is superior to the other. Brey can specialize when he goes to the bench, while Boeheim knows he's going to get consistency from his rotation.

Although Syracuse is on a roll, Notre Dame has only lost one game at home all year. Throw Senior Night into the mix, and the Irish are going to be a tough team to stop.

Shooting down his foes

Carroll wraps up a stellar career with his final home game tonight

By ANDREW SOUKUP Sports Writer

One by one, teammates have filed off the practice court and into the locker room. The arena slowly empties of players and coaches, until there are just two people left on the court.

One, manager Malcolm Farmer, stands under the basket. He grabs each ball as it floats effortlessly through the net and passes it out to the recipient. Again and again, Farmer watches the ball swish through the net, and again and again, he kicks it

The other, senior captain Matt Carroll, has picked out a spot behind the 3-point line. He takes each pass, cocks his elbow, elevates into air, flicking the ball toward and through the rim. Like Jimmy Chitwood shooting free throws, Carroll can't miss. He hits nine, 10, 11 from the right corner.

One glances off the rim and away from the basket, sending Farmer chasing after the ball. Carroll turns, wipes his forehead with his jersey, then catches a pass from Farmer and starts a new streak.

Catch. Shoot. So easy to say, so difficult to do, yet Carroll makes burying shots look as routine as tying shoes.

The early years

For as long as he can remember, Carroll has spent his life catching and shooting. It's how he spent his elementary school days in the backyard with his father, catching a pass and firing it toward the rim. It's how he spent his high school years, where he recorded the 13th highest career point total among all Pennsylvania players. It's how he spent four years at Notre Dame, where he holds the career record for most 3-point shots

made. Sports were always a part of Carroll's life. His grandfather is the winningest basketball coach in high school history. His father played football at Penn State. His uncle

played professional basketball. When Carroll started playing organized basketball in second grade, he seemed destined to follow in his family's footsteps. And he had plenty of guidance, too.

Carroll credits his dad with helping him learn how to shoot. The two spent endless hours practicing jump shots, 3-pointers, fadeaways and just about every shot from every location on the court. Games of Around the World, and Horse, which Dad always won until Carroll reached eighth grade, helped hone Carroll's competitive fire as well

"He taught me to be competitive and to never let up," Carroll said. "That's how I learned not to be easy on people. If you want something, you're going to have

Carroll's grandfather, too, helped him. There were times when Carroll would drag his grandfather with him to the gym to help him shoot. And after every game, Carroll's grandfa-ther always gave his progeny plenty of advice.

'After my games, I'd have 30 points, and everyone else would be saying great game," Carroll said. "He'd say, 'Here's what you have to do."

Carroll quickly earned a reputation as a fundamentally sound player with a deadly jump shot. And when colleges came calling, Carroll was eager to listen.

Coming to Notre Dame

Carroll still remembers the recruiting pitch former Notre Dame basketball coach John MacLeod gave him. Never mind that the Irish only finished two games above .500 two years before Carroll arrived. Never mind Notre Dame's annual absence from the NCAA Tournament.

MacLeod pointed to a freshman class that included Troy Murphy, David Graves and Harold Swanagan and told the Pennsylvania native, "You can be a part of something special. You can put Notre Dame basketball on the map and bring back the glory days.

"When I saw the guys who were here," Carroll said years later, "I thought, 'You know what? We can do that.'

Despite receiving offers from North Carolina State and Wake Forest, the atmosphere surrounding Notre Dame and its rigorous academic program convinced Carroll to join the Irish.

But the summer before Carroll arrived on campus, Matt Doherty replaced MacLeod. A year later, Doherty was on his way out and Mike Brey on his way in. The coaching carousel made Carroll

all the more happy he picked Notre Dame.

"I had a good supporting cast who helped pick this school for more than a basketball school," he said. "A lot of kids, they do

so many little things that it makes it seem like you're the most important thing in the world. You don't pick a school for a coach, and I'm glad they helped me see past the show and the glamour."

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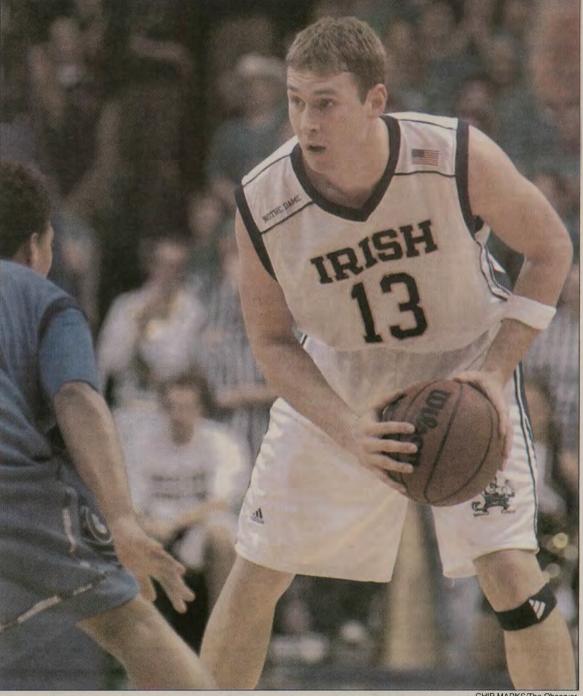
was working hard."

Matt Carroll

Irish guard

Carroll distinguished himself early in his career with a deadly jumper and uncanny leadership. He remembers wondering for a bit if he could play college basketball, wonderment that ceased when the Irish upset eventual national champion Connecticut.

He started a lot and played a lot more. Entering tonight's game against Syracuse, Carroll has missed just one college basketball game due to an injury last year at Miami — and has



Senior tri-captain Matt Carroll, dubbed the heart and soul of the Irish by his teammates, has distinguished himself with deadly shooting, gritty play and exceptional leadership.

started a school-record 110

Carroll had success early. But that success pales in comparison to how he has played since the regular season ended last year.

Beginning in the Big East Tournament and then continuing through the NCAA Tournament, Carroll began lighting up opponents quickly. He averaged 20 points a game in postseason play last year, giving him confidence when the Irish entered the off-

He also solidified the respect his teammates and coaches had for him in the summer. While Irish coaches were scattered across the country, Carroll made sure he gathered his teammates together at least once a day for summer workouts. In the weight room, he picked freshman big man Torin Francis as his partner to show Francis how important he was to the team.

But for all the time Carroll spent working with the team, he spent endless hours more improving his own game. He worked on everything — driving to the basket because Notre Dame needed guards who could penetrate, shooting from NBA 3point range to improve his range, learning to shoot the ball without first locating the seams to get a quicker release.

Carroll can't count the number of extra hours he and Farmer spent in the gym shooting jumper after jumper. "If I called him at 2 a.m. and said, 'Malcolm, let's go shoot,' he'd be there at 2:05," Carroll said. "I shot so much I got tendonitis in my elbow, which is

a good thing I guess because it shows I was working hard."

The final season

A young fan, clad in a Notre Dame basketball shirt, slowly walks up to Carroll. He catches the star's attention, and then proceeds to rattle on about how Carroll is his favorite basketball player and that, when he has to come up with trivia questions for his class, all his questions involve Notre Dame basketball.

'Nobody wanted any autographs four to five years ago," Brey said. "These guys were unknown back then, and now they certainly have a presence on campus, a presence in the community and a presence nationally.

Carroll played a tremendous role in helping resurrect Notre Dame's long-dormant basketball program. And he remembers how few fans turned out for the early games his freshman season - attendance numbers that dramatically changed as the Irish started winning.

"I've seen the program evolve, and each year it's gotten better and better," he said seconds after a young fan told him Carroll is his favorite player - something he couldn't have imagined when he arrived as a freshman. 'I hate to leave it now, when everybody is so interested in basketball on campus and around

In his senior season, Carroll is averaging a team-high 20.6 points a game, nearly six points higher than his previous career high. He's leading the team in minutes played in Big East play. He's shooting 44 percent from the field and 39 percent from 3point range.

Opponents quickly search for Carroll on the court, and he's bearing the scars from hard fouls he earned driving to the basket. There are still traces of an ugly scratch he earned against Virginia Tech, and Carroll said he can't remember a game where he wasn't bloodied or bruised at the end of it.

After playing in the shadow of NBA first-round picks Murphy and Ryan Humphrey his first three seasons, Carroll is finally getting the spotlight shined on him. At one point in the season, Brey called Carroll the best player in the nation and at another, Brey said Carroll and Chris Thomas formed the nation's best backcourt. Opposing coaches often begin their post-game press conferences praising Carroll's deadly shooting.

For his part, Carroll is thriving his role as "the heart and soul of this team," as Thomas once said. He has the unquestioned respect of his teammates, opponents, coaches and fans, and he hopes professional basketball lies ahead in his future.

When the lights click off after tonight's game, Carroll's home career will be over. But he won't be done with the Joyce Center court just yet. As long as there is a hoop and a ball, Carroll will still be on the court.

Catching. Shooting.

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Macura stays positive despite not playing

By ANDREW SOUKUP Sports Writer

He is the ninth man in an eight-man rotation, hasn't played since Dec. 22 and has scored a grand total of six points this season. To make matters worse, he is a senior and a co-captain watching his final days as a college basketball player pass by from the bench.

Some people could have figured they were never going to play and quit the team.

But Jere Macura isn't one of those people.

Tonight's ceremony honoring the seniors before the Irish play Syracuse will be a bittersweet one for Macura, the Croatian native who signed at Notre Dame to play for Matt Doherty and rarely broke into the regular rotation under Mike Brey.

The reason why Macura hasn't played is a combination of bad luck and poor timing, but he won't go into significant

"It's a long story," he said, grinning broadly. "We had a lot of good guys on the team. I had my chance, but I missed it."

When was his chance? "At the beginning of the sea-

What happened?

"Bad day," Macura simply shrugged.

The truth is a nagging injury kept Macura from getting in the regular practice rotation in the pre-season — a fact made worse by the fact that he had to compete against Torin Francis, Jordan Cornette and Tom Timmermans for playing time. Worse yet, Dan Miller could play the inside-outside threat that previously defined Macura's role on the Irish.

"He came back with a great frame of mind, and he's gotten better," Irish coach Mike Brey said. "The one thing that hurt him was not getting into the rotation. The other thing was, it wasn't like we weren't having success.'

So as the Irish kept winning, Macura kept watching.

It was a far cry from his days as a freshman, when Macura played in every game, averaging 14.2 points. He played a pivotal role off the bench in a season when the Irish narrowly missed qualifying for the NCAA Tournament.

But the fact that Macura even ended up at Notre Dame is a unique story in itself. When Doherty was hired as Irish coach, he immediately contacted Macura and his friend Ivan Kartelo who was attending prep school in the United States. When Macura heard Kartelo was coming to Notre Dame, he decided to come too.

"It was a big culture shock for me," he said. "I had to adapt and get used to the American style of things and the American style of basketball. But I remember my first game like it was four months ago, not three

A lot happened since Macura first suited up for the Irish. Doherty left, Brey was hired and Macura saw his minutes drop to about seven a game. When

Kartelo decided to transfer to Purdue, Macura, too, flirted with the notion of finding a different school.

But after visiting a few other colleges, Macura realized he couldn't leave Notre Dame.

"I missed the Golden Dome," he said. "This was the place that I signed for. And after you leave it for a little while, you miss it.'

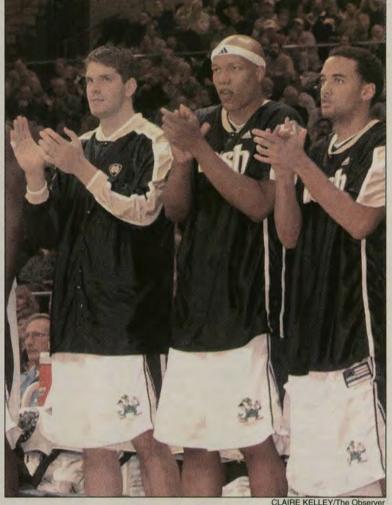
A contented Macura returned to the Irish, saw his minutes slightly increase during his junior year, and seemed poised for a breakout senior season. But the opportunity barely came.

That hasn't diminished Macura's enthusiasm for basketball. Although he's the first to admit this year has been tough, the pain of not playing has been eased by the joy of watching his teammates win.

His attitude in practice is as good as anyone else's, Brey said. Working with the Irish reserves, Macura helps instruct freshmen Omari Peterkin and Rick Cornett on the finer points of the game.

"I really respect how Jere Macura has handled a tough situation. When you're a senior and a captain and not getting playing time, but he still comes every day and practices," Brey said. "It's a tough thing to handle, but he's handled it with a lot of class.'

Tonight marks the end of Macura's home career, but not the end of his basketball career. Armed with a marketing degree he will receive in May, Macura plans to return to Croatia, where he hopes to find a team



Jere Macura, left, applauds from the bench during a game against Belmont with Rick Cornett and Chris Markwood.

to play with. He's even toyed with the notion of trying out for the national team.

There, he knows, he'll get to

"My practices are my games." Mooura said. "... It's real hard," Macura said. "... When you're not playing, you realize how much you miss basketball and how much you miss playing.'

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Prayers for Peace

Campus Ministry would like to invite you to join other students, faculty, and sraff

to pray for peace.

Each Friday, the 5:15 p.m. Mass in the Basilica will be a

Votive Mass for Peace As our country and the world face much conflict, w recognize the importance of gathering as a community of

hope to pray for the perfect bears. Chair gives.

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ALBUM REVIEW

Reed fails with 'Poe'-try

By EMILY TUMBRINK Scene Music Critic

Perhaps the most ambitious of any of his projects, Lou Reed's recent release The Raven contains highlights from the musi-



Lou Reed dismally falls to combine his admiration for Edgar Allen Poe and his own music.

cal "Poe"-try that he co-wrote about the macabre life and works of Edgar Allan Poe. Reed seems to consider Poe a kindred spirit and draws parallels between their works in his liner notes. "I have reread and rewritten Poe to ask the same questions again. Who am I? Why am I drawn

to do what I should not? ... Why do we love what we cannot have? Why do we have a passion for exactly the wrong thing?'

The multi-genred album that results from Reed's obsession with Poe combines rock, gospel and acoustic tracks with readings of the poet's works, most of which have been filtered through Reed's imagination causing slight variations in the text.

The album features guest artists such as Steve Buscemi, William Dafoe, David Bowie and The Blind Boys of Alabama, among others.

While The Raven definitely wins points for originality, one could undoubtedly see it joining the ranks of cult classics such as Rocky Horror Picture Show or The Evil Dead due to its bizarre nature. Like those cult favorites, The Raven forces listeners to ask, "What the hell would cause someone to write this?"

For all practical purposes, The Raven is merely an oddity, con-

very little music of any worth. Unlike The Who's Tommy, a concept album based on a somewhat similar idea; The

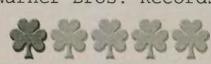
lacks both a central narrative and the continuity necessary to make the album coherent. The album is so baffling that even after listening to it only once, one cannot help but be emotionally drained.

The album opens with a frenetic track called "Edgar Allan Poe" on which Reed frantically chants, "These are the stories of Edgar Allan Poe / Not exactly the boy next door / He'll tell you tales of horror / Then he'll play with your mind / If you haven't heard of him / You must be deaf or blind." Luckily, the album mellows out somewhat after this track, but the strangeness of it pervades the entire

Although there is no doubt that Reed is passionate about his work, the best tracks occur when he hands the microphone over to his collaborators. The most enjoyable and straightforward song on the album is

The Raven Lou Reed

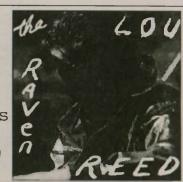
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Paul

McCartney

Capital Records



"Broadway Song," containing actor Steve Buscemi's stint as a lounge singer. William Dafoe gives a haunting reading of Poe's "The Raven" backed by eerie string instru-

Stretching popular music to the breaking point, Reed's The Raven is the most confusing album to be released in a very long time. Although a few of the tracks merit at least one listen, the majority of the album is reserved solely for hardcore Reed or Poe fans. But those without an existent appreciation for these artists will not gain one here, and Poe fans may not appreciate the changes that Reed makes to Poe's writings. Most likely, The Raven will leave the average listener saying,

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ALBUM REVIEW

'Rock and road' with McCartney

By JULIE BENDER Assistant Scene Editor

First there was the tour - fans went nuts. Next came the live album - fans reveled in the glory. Thirdly came the television special — fans relived their memories.

And now, the DVD has come. Fans have endless access to one of the greatest shows of all time, whenever they want. Who is the source of so many treasures? Paul McCartney, of course. As the executive producer of this Back in

the U.S. Concert Film DVD, McCartney managed to pack all the excitement and musical genius his 2002 concert

tour brought to the United States into three hours of music, mayhem and one nell of a backstage pass

McCartney romps through his set list song by song, in the very order he delivered them in his concerts. The show starts off with the often-overlooked charmer, "Hello, Goodbye," which carries into a crowd-favorite from his solo years, "Jet." "All My Loving," comes next with a neat splicing of audience shots with fans from the current tour along side screaming Beatlemaniacs from concerts in the early '60s. Amusingly, the screaming 15-year-old girls of the '60s have now morphed into middle-aged women, but their love for the "cute Beatle" and their energy certainly have not faded.

Another song this concert DVD showcases is the lovely, "Blackbird." McCartney gives fans a little background on the song as the band clears the stage for his solo part of the show, "The song I'm gonna sing now was written in the '60s when there was a lot of trouble in America, particularly in

the southern states, over civil rights. I don't know if any of you know, but in England we girls call 'birds. kind wrote this song WILL that mind."

Some of the most

interesting parts of the DVD besides the music are the shots of the audience. The diversity of the fan base, from 7-year-olds decked out in Sgt. Pepper suits, to old folks dancing with their canes, shows how influential McCartney and the rest of the Beatles were in both music and people's personal lives. "Macca-mania" is evident with neatly interspersed clips of fans from every age group sporting Beatle tattoos, Beatle surfboards, McCartney blow-up dolls, personalized Beatle license plates and hand painted Beatle artwork. Showing just how magical McCartney is, there are even shots of a few celebrities, for example John Cusack, dancing in the audience.

In addition to the fans and the music. Back in the U.S. also includes interviews with the band members, a backstage tour, the sound check, and a peek at the preshow, which has McCartney and the other musicians warming up their vocals in a

Back in the U.S. Concert Film paul m.cartney the u.s

> In one of the side clips on the DVD, Radio DJ Murphy Huston asked McCartney, "When you were young and back with the Beatles it was about fame and money. Now you have all of that, all that success. What's it about now?" McCartney quips right back with his celebrated Beatle-wit, "Fame and money." But, it certainly seems to be more than that. As this DVD proves, McCartney's devotion to his fans is equivalent to their devotion to him.

Back in the U.S. provides McCartney fans with an intimate look into the "rock n' road" life of this former Beatle. The experience of touring McCartney's life in his luxurious dressing room, in the back seat of his limousine, in his wardrobe and, of course, onstage, can be seen no where else. The only thing that could be better would be to have a job as a personal attendant to McCartney on the tour.

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Paul McCartney treats his fans on his DVD with both music and backstage access.

NBA

Pierce leads Celtics to 111-110 victory

Associated Press

MEMPHIS, Tenn. Paul Pierce, who missed Boston's last two games with lower back pain, scored 31 points and grabbed 13 rebounds Monday night as the Celtics held on for a 111-110 victory over the Memphis

Grizzlies. Pierce connected on 12-of-19 from the field as the Celtics won for the third time in four games. The loss snapped a three-game home winning streak for the Grizzlies.

Memphis was within three, 108-105, when Jason Williams missed a layup and Pau Gasol missed the follow-up jam with 26 seconds left. Tony Battie made one free throw and J.R. Bremer two for Boston before a 3-pointer by Memphis' Shane Battier with under a second remaining accounted for the final score.

Bremer helped keep the Celtics ahead in the fourth quarter, when he scored 10 of his 23 points. Bremer was 5of-6 from 3-point range in the game. Antoine Walker added 17 points and 14 rebounds for Boston, but was 8-of-24 from the field.

Seven Grizzlies finished in double figures led by Gasol's 23 points and 17 rebounds. Battier had a season-high 21 points, while Wesley Person added 18

The Celtics opened a 13point first-half lead and led 67-62 at the break. Pierce led the way, hitting eight of his 10 shots for 19 points.

Gasol hit 8-of-9 from the floor for 16 points in the opening half, while Person added

Both teams shot well in the first half, the Celtics connecting on 64 percent, while Memphis hit 57 percent. Boston would finish with 53 percent from the field, while Memphis shot 48 percent.

The Grizzlies were able to take their first lead of the game midway through the third period on a 3-pointer by Battier. With Pierce on the bench, Boston struggled offensively and Memphis built the lead to 82-79

But Boston would score the last six points of the quarter and take an 87-84 lead into the final period.

Magic 104, Bulls 89

The Chicago Bulls accomplished this much Monday night: they double-teamed

Tracy McGrady and kept him under his league-leading scoring average.

What they couldn't do was prevent the Orlando star from controlling the game with his other talents and leading the Magic to another victory.

"I've received double-teams for a while now and I know how to handle that," McGrady said after scoring 26 points, tying a career high with 13 assists and getting nine rebounds as the Magic beat the Bulls for their sixth win in seven games.

"I know where my guys are on the weakside and if they want to double, fine. It's not about me going out and trying to score 30 or 40 points. I'm just trying to get the win. I'm sacrificing when they double."

McGrady shot just 6-of-19 but had eight of his points in the final 4:45 to fight off a final Bulls rally.

"He did a good job with his assists and knew where to find his guys,"Chicago's Donyell Marshall said.

"He's 6-foot-8 and sees over guys and they've got good spot-up shooters,"Chicago coach Bill Cartwright said.

Benefiting from the focus on McGrady, Orlando's Pat Garrity scored 21 points, making five 3-pointers. Gordon Giricek scored 18, Darrell Armstrong 14 and Drew Gooden 13 for the Magic. Jalen Rose led the Bulls with 24 points and Donyell Marshall had 15.

After the game, frustrated Chicago rookie Jay Williams, who went scoreless in 22 minutes, suggested that it was time the 21-41 Bulls made some changes.

"You lose so many games, it's definitely frustrating. It makes you second guess yourself and everything else going on here,"said Williams, the No. 2 pick in last year's draft.

"Maybe it's time to do things differently.

Meanwhile, Orlando rookies Gooden and Giricek provided a spark. Gooden had six points and Giricek five in a 20-6 run to start the third quarter as the Magic pulled out to a 17point lead.

McGrady, who was averaging 31.2 points entering the game, had scorched the Bulls for 52 points in just 33 minutes when the teams met 10 days ago, going 15-of-32 from the field.

collapsed on him. So several Arena, where they have a five-

times he kicked the ball back out and ended the first half with eight assists and 11 points on 3-of-7 shooting.

Chicago staged a mini-rally in the fourth quarter with a 12-4 run to get within nine.

But McGrady went baseline for a dunk, hit a jumper and made four free throws before Garrity hit a 3-pointer as the Magic regained control.

"He's amazing,"Orlando coach Doc Rivers said of McGrady. "He didn't have a good shooting night and he was still one rebound away from a triple-double. I thought down the stretch he took the game over.'

Kings 107, 76ers 99

Chris Webber had 29 points, 10 rebounds and eight assists and the Sacramento Kings snapped the Philadelphia 76ers' season-best nine-game winning streak

Allen Iverson had 35 points, five rebounds, five steals and four assists as the Sixers lost for the first time since the All-Star break

Iverson scored six straight points during a late 8-0 run, including a 3-pointer with 3:34 left that pulled Philadelphia within 94-92. The Sixers took the lead briefly at 95-94 but couldn't hold it.

Peja Stojakovic made two key baskets and Doug Christie scored off a steal of the Sixers' inbounds pass following a timeout.

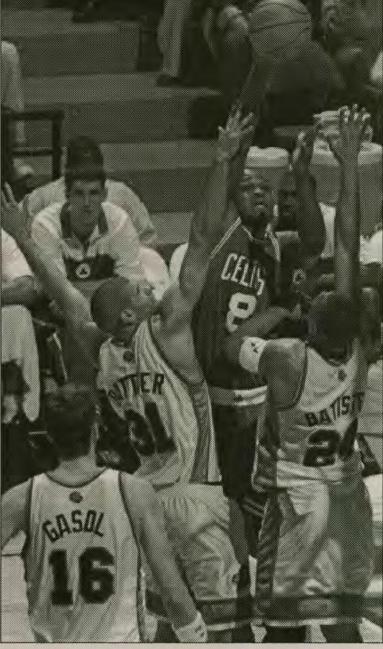
Eric Snow, who has been doing almost everything right recently, missed two free throws at 2:10, and the Sixers were sloppy with the ball in the final minutes.

Webber, one game after scoring 36 points and grabbing nine rebounds in a loss at San Antonio, scored 23 of his points after halftime and Bobby Jackson had nine of his 18 points in the fourth quar-

During its winning streak, Philadelphia averaged 107.6 points a game and limited opponents to 95.6 points. The Sixers were shooting 47.8 percent during the streak, but percent to shot 46.3 Sacramento's 52.6.

Only two of their victories came against teams with winning records — they beat New Jersey on Feb. 16 and the Utah Jazz on Friday.

The Kings have won four Every time McGrady drove to straight against Philadelphia the basket this time, the Bulls and 12 of the last 13 at Arco



Boston's Antoine Walker puts a shot up during the Celtics' 111-110 victory against the Grizzlies Monday.

winning streak. Philadelphia last won in Sacramento on Dec. 30, 2000, 107-104 in overtime.

Jim Jackson's 3-pointer for Sacramento with 9:33 left tied the game at 81, then Webber scored consecutive baskets and Jackson made a reverse layup for an 87-83 lead with 6:35 remaining. Bobby Jackson hit a 3 at 5:34 to make it 90-83.

Van Horn returned to the lineup after missing Sunday's win at Denver because of a stomach virus and finished with 17 points and seven rebounds.

Iverson scored back-to-back baskets early in the third their biggest lead of seven

points, 64-57, but Webber had 15 points in the quarter to keep the Kings in it. Iverson's three-point play with 7.2 seconds left in the period gave Philadelphia a 77-76 lead heading into the final quarter.

The Sixers missed eight of their first 10 shots, but still shot 54.5 percent in the first quarter and 44.2 percent for the half. They led 52-51 at halftime

Stojakovic scored seven points in a 9-2 run that gave the Kings a 10-point lead, 19-9, with 4:25 left in the first quarter. Then Van Horn scored five points during an 11-0 Sixers' run.

The Kings are 13-0 against quarter as the Sixers built the Eastern Conference at

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NBA

Cavs say they still haven't quit

Associated Press

CLEVELAND

Ricky Davis doesn't care what Tracy McGrady thinks or what Bimbo Coles or anyone else has to say. The Cleveland Cavaliers haven't quit, and they're not losing on purpose this season to get LeBron James.

Those charges have stung Davis more than any one of Cleveland's 48 losses.

"It hurts a lot to hear that," Davis said.

Following Sunday's game, McGrady accused the Cavs of giving up during the third quarter of Orlando's 102-76 win. The Magic outscored Cleveland 39-12 in the period.

"They quit," McGrady said.
Davis, the club's leading scorer, defended his teammates following practice

"I don't think guys have quit, it's just a long season," Davis said. "There's a lot of frustration. It's real tough. ... I never, never, never experienced something like this, and I never want to experience it again."

The Cavs have lost eight of nine, dropping them to an NBA-worst 11-48. At the moment, Cleveland has the best chance of winning the lottery and selecting Akron's James, the nation's top high school player, in the June draft.

However, Davis said losing games to get James is preposterous.

"I've been hearing it from the beginning of the year," Davis said. "I've been hearing it from my family. I don't know, man. It's something



The Cavs Ricky Davis and the Timberwoives Gray Trent dive for the ball during a Feb. 28 game.

about Cleveland. We just got to get it together."

On his way out the door, Coles slammed the Cavaliers.

The 34-year-old guard was waived Friday by Cleveland, which bought out the remainder of his \$2.4 million salary this season and his option for next season.

Coles accused Cavs' management of being dishonest with players and said he would advise free agents to stay away from Cleveland.

"You can't trust anyone in upper management," Coles told The Plain Dealer. "If you're in the room with them and you plan to walk out, you better face them backing out so you won't get stabbed in the

back."

Cavs general manager Jim Paxson declined to comment when reached by The Associated Press.

Cavs interim coach Keith Smart believes his team is still going all out and working hard in practice. He called McGrady's comments were off the mark.

"They didn't quit," Smart said. "When we got into the fourth quarter we were playing some good basketball. It's unfortunate how we played in the third quarter. Our guys didn't quit.

"I've been around teams that have gone the other way and I have not sensed that with our team." ND staffer George Kelly dies at age 75

Special to The Observer

George Kelly, special assistant to the athletic director and a 34-year member of the Notre Dame athletic staff, died at his home tonight following a short illness. He was 75

Probably best known as a 17-year assistant football coach from 1969-85 for Irish head coaches Ara Parseghian, Dan Devine and Gerry Faust, Kelly most recently worked as a liaison with athletic director Kevin White's office in terms of football and basketball operations, working particularly in the football scheduling area.

He shifted into the administrative wing beginning in '86 after coaching a long list of All-America inside linebackers since first joining the Irish football staff in 1969. A key figure in molding a long series of top-notch defensive units, he developed 13 linebackers selected to perform at the professional level.

"George understood the fiber of Notre Dame as well as anyone I've met since I've come to South Bend," said

"He spanned the decades as far as the University was concerned, and there was hardly anyone connected with Notre Dame, especially from the football standpoint, that George didn't touch. There's no way to measure his love for Notre Dame, much less all the contributions he has made to the University over

After graduating from Notre Dame in 1953, Kelly remained in South Bend and joined the football staff at St. Joseph's High School. The following year he assumed the head football coaching reins at the school and spent three years in that capacity.

Kelly jumped to the collegiate ranks following the 1956 season, beginning as an assistant coach at Marquette. He moved to Nebraska where he spent eight seasons (19611968) as an assistant under Husker head coaches Bill Jennings and Bob Devaney. With Kelly a key member of the Nebraska brain trust, the Huskers led the nation in total defense in 1963 and 1967 and had a combined record of 59-16. He joined the Parseghian staff following the '68 season. Kelly coached under three head coaches who are members of the College Football Hall of Fame -Devaney, Parseghian and Devine.

Among the standout Irish linebackers he coached were all-stars Bob Olson ('69 captain), Greg Collins ('74 captain), Bob Golic ('78 captain) and Bob Crable ('80-'81 captain). The Irish defense ranked among the top 10 nationally six times during his tenure, including 1974 when it ranked first (195.2 words per game)

yards per game).

Kelly has received numerous awards, including the

ous awards, including the 1989 Harvey Foster Award, given by the Notre Dame Alumni Association; in 1990, a University of Notre Dame Special Presidential Award; in 1991, the Notre Dame Club of St. Joseph Valley Award of the Year; in 1993, the Moose Krause Award from the Notre Dame Club of Chicago and the Edward Krause Distinguished Citizen Award, given by the Notre Dame Quarterback Club; and in 1997 the Moose Krause Award by the Notre Dame National Monogram Club as its member of the year

Born July 6, 1927 in Rockford, Ill., Kelly and his wife, the former Gloria Haddad, have four children: Barbara Gorbitz, Patti, Lori (Mrs. Ronald Janowczyk) and Kevin (who is married to the former Carrie Reda), who graduated from the University in '85 after earning four monograms as the Irish spe-

cial-teams center.
Funeral arrangements are pending, with details available through the Notre Dame Sports Information Office.

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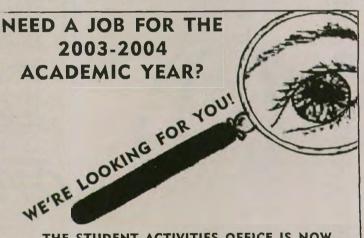
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MLB

Hargrove still coping with decade-old tragedy

Associated Press

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. A decade had passed since the tragedy, and Mike Hargrove still has vivid flashbacks of his most somber experience in baseball.

Hargrove was beginning his third season as manager of the Cleveland Indians in March 1993 when two of the team's most popular pitchers, Tim Crews and Steve Olin, were killed in a boating accident. A third Cleveland pitcher, Bobby Ojeda, survived with severe head injuries.

"I relive 10 years ago three or four times a year," Hargrove says.

Since Baltimore Orioles pitching prospect Steve Bechler died of heatstroke on Feb. 17, Hargrove has been dealing with the same emotions he felt in 1993: remorse, guilt and sadness.

"It's certainly brought back all the bad feelings," he says. Hargrove still has trouble

coping with the deaths of Crews and Olin.

"I don't think dealing with one tragedy like that necessarily prepares you for the next one. Hopefully, you don't have a next one, but if there is a next one, it lets you know how better to be there for people and not necessarily expect them to act a certain way. Everybody reacts differently and handles it differently. Beyond that, I don't think you ever get used to handling grief."

After Crews and Olin died, Hargrove couldn't help thinking the accident would never have happened if the team held a practice that morning. It was the last time that spring he gave the players a day off.

Now, yet again, he wonders if he could have done something to prevent the death of Bechler.

The pitcher reported to camp overweight, struggled during the early drills and collapsed while running near the end of a workout.

Dr. Joshua Perper, a Florida medical examiner, said a preliminary autopsy revealed the use of ephedra as a contributing factor in his death. Perper also cited a history of borderline high blood pressure, liver abnormalities detected two years ago, warm and humid weather, and a lack of solid food in the pitcher's stomach.

But Hargrove has replayed Bechler's final days in his mind on countless occasions, assessing his own responsibility while striving to make sure that nothing like that ever happens again.

"You always think, is there something I missed? Is there anything different that I or we could have done? I've gone over it 15,000 times in my

mind, and given the indications that we had, we did what we felt was the right thing," he says. "And it was the right thing. Certainly, you can't see into the future."

Hargrove says he pulled Bechler from a running session on the second day of camp after the pitcher complained of stomach pains. The following day, Bechler again struggled to complete the workout, and finally collapsed. He died the next day.

Hargrove can only hope the Orioles respond better than the 1993 Indians.

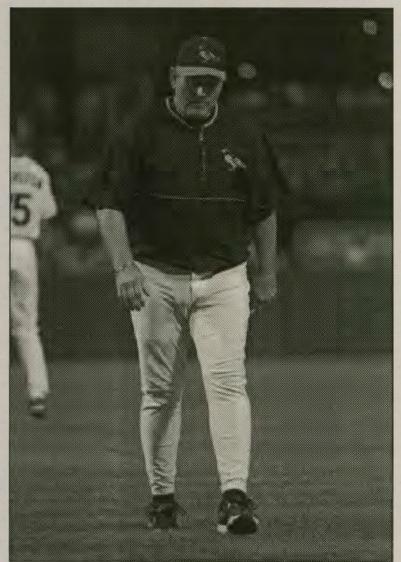
"It changed the whole chemistry of the team," says Sandy Alomar Jr., the starting catcher on that Cleveland team. "We never recovered that year because of the way it happened — three guys in a boat on a day off."

Alomar, now a member of the Chicago White Sox, can only imagine how badly Hargrove must feel in the wake of Bechler's death.

"The first thing I thought was my heart goes out to the manager," he says. "Man, that's the second time he's going through that."

It never gets any easier. The one question that Hargrove has attempted to avoid asking himself is: Why me?

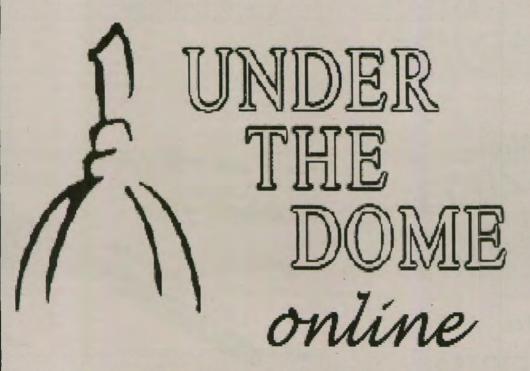
"You sit there and start trying to figure out why it's been two times," he says, "and you drive yourself nuts."



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Orioles manager Mike Hargrove still deals with the death of two pitchers a decade ago when he was with the Indians.

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NCAA BASKETBALL

Teams banned from postseason

Associated Press

OLEAN, N.Y.

St. Bonaventure must forfeit six Atlantic 10 Conference victories and is barred from the league's postseason tournament for using an ineligible player.

The sanctions were determined Monday by the league's 12 presidents.

Junior center Jamil Terrell was declared ineligible Feb. 27 for failing to meet NCAA junior college transfer guidelines. The school said it was petitioning the A-10 to have Terrell reinstated, declining to say what guidelines were cited.

"This is a very uncharacteristic problem regarding one of our institutions and our presidents are determined that something like this never happen again," Atlantic 10 commissioner Linda Bruno said.

Terrell is averaging 6.9 points and is the leading shot-blocker for St. Bonaventure, whose record after the penalties drops to 1-13 in the league while its overall record remains 13-14.

He joined the Bonnies last year after two seasons at Coastal Georgia Community College. He started 18 of 25 games before sitting out Wednesday's 94-89 overtime victory over George Washington. He was declared ineligible a day

St. Bonaventure president Robert Wickenheiser took responsibility for approving the transfer.

"I want to emphasize that none of these actions indicate any wrongdoing by Jamil Terrell," he said.

Coach Jan Van Breda Kolff left after practice and referred questions to school spokesman David Ferguson. Ferguson said the players were "devastated" and would not speak with the media.

The men's program in 1968 drew probation for one year for a recruiting violation. In 1993, the women's program was placed on two years' probation.

Fresno State

Fresno State banned its mens basketball team from playing in the postseason this year after the school confirmed allegations of academic fraud.

The Bulldogs (20-6, 13-3 Western Athletic Conference) already has clinched the regular-season

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John D. Welty

Fresno State president

league title, but they won't be permitted to play in the conference tournament, the NCAA tournament or the NIT.

"I regret that this severe action will affect

student athletes, staff and coaches who were utterly unconnected to the problem," university president John D. Welty said Monday. "However, it is important that this institution guarantee its academic integrity. We simply will not tolerate academic misconduct in any form."

In mid-February, former basketball team statistician Stephen Mintz said he was enlisted to take part in a scheme to write papers in exchange for cash for three members of the school's basketball team during the 1999-2000 season under former coach Jerry Tarkanian.

While the specific violations were not revealed Monday, Welty announced that most of the allegations were true.

"While I regret having to take an action that is so hurtful to our current team, it is consistent with NCAA precedent, and I believe it is in the best long-term interest of the basketball program and the university," he said.

"Doing it now puts our program in the best possible position to enter next year with a clean slate," he added. "Most importantly, it demonstrates to

the NCAA that we are dealing with this problem in the most serious manner."

Mintz told
The Fresno
Bee in
February that
he wrote and
delivered 17
pieces of
course work in
2000 for three

players — Courtney Alexander, Terrance Roberson and Dennis Nathan — and was paid \$1,500 for his work.

Alexander, who now plays for the New Orleans Hornets, faxed a statement to a Fresno television station after Mintz went public with the charges.

"I categorically deny that Mr. Mintz ever wrote a paper for me," Alexander's statement said. "All he did was type papers for me, for which he was fairly compensated. [Mintz] obviously is trying to make a name for himself at my expense."

Brown resigns after pornography charges

Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa Iowa State assistant men's basketball coach Randall Brown resigned Monday after he was charged with possession of child pornography and obstruction of justice.

Brown, 45, remains free pending an initial court appearance March 11, said Al Overbaugh, spokesman for the U.S. attorney's office in Des Moines. At that time, a preliminary hearing date will be set and a judge will set bond.

According to an affidavit filed in support of the complaint, U.S. Postal Inspection Service investigators seized two computers from Brown's home and one from his office Jan. 24.

Visual images of minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct were found on them, according to the criminal complaint.

The affidavit alleges that after Brown was contacted by investigators, he destroyed about 30 floppy disks that contained additional images.

In the affidavit, Inspector W. Kevin Marshall said he spoke to Brown on the afternoon of Jan. 24 and Brown agreed to cooperate with the investigation.

After officers seized the computers from his home, Brown returned to basketball practice at Hilton Coliseum.

That evening, Brown told investigators he had destroyed the floppy disks at work, saying he was "concerned someone would find evidence on the disks," according to the affidavit.

Brown acknowledged he was warned not to destroy evidence, "but that he had a 'lapse of judgment' and did a 'stupid' thing," Marshall wrote.

Investigators seized what was left of the diskettes.

A conviction on the possession charge carries a maximum penalty of five years in prison and the obstruction of justice charge carries a maximum of up to 10 years in prison, the U.S. attorney's office said.

A telephone message left Monday at Brown's home was not immediately returned.

ISU basketball coach Larry Eustachy said Brown had resigned, effective immediately, and that the university had accepted his resignation.

Athletic department spokesman Tom Kroeschell said Iowa State coaches and players would have no further comment.

TENNIS

Agassi upset by Enqvist in 1st round

Associated Press

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz.
Defending champion Andre
Agassi was upset in the first
round of the Franklin
Templeton Tennis Classic on
Monday by wild card Thomas
Enqvist 6-7 (6), 6-4, 6-1.

The defeat snapped Agassi's 12-0 start this year after winning the Australian Open and in San Jose. It was his best start since winning his first 15 matches in 1995. Enqvist, who is 5-4 in his career against Agassi, snapped that run as well, winning in three sets in Philadelphia.

"I've played him a few times, too, when he killed me," Enqvist said. "But I think I like to play when the ball comes fast to me, and Andre has been hitting the ball extremely hard."

In an earlier upset, Cecil Mamiit beat eighth-seeded Xavier Malisse of Belgium 7-6 (5), 7-6 (3).

"My game plan today was to come in and work his backhand," said Mamiit, a Los Angeles native who was ranked 114th to Malisse's 25th. "I needed to be mobile."

Taylor Dent beat Romanian Andrei Pavel 6-3, 7-5, David Sanchez of Spain eliminated Nicolas Massu of Chile 3-6, 6-3, 6-4 and Franco Squillari of Argentina defeated Davide Sanguinetti of Italy 6-3, 6-2.

Enqvist hurt his right shoul-

der last year and wasn't able to play a match after the U.S. Open. He came to Scottsdale ranked 73rd after going winning just one of seven matches this year.

But the 28-year-old Swede has regained his powerful serve and showed it.

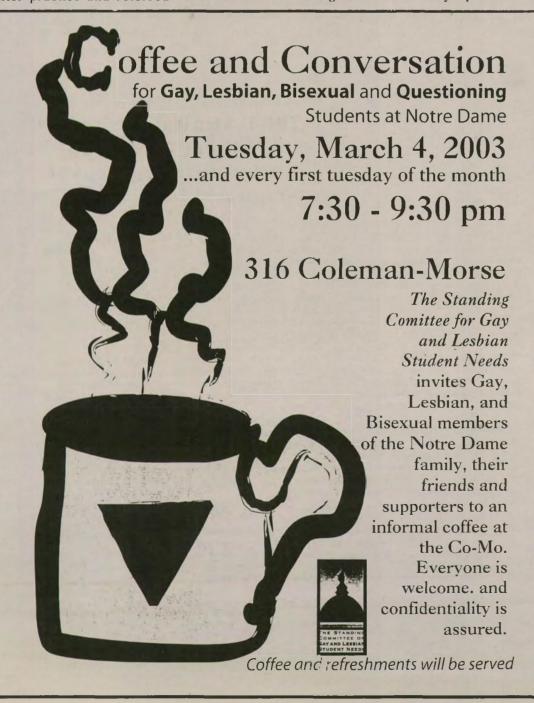
Agassi seemed to have the upper hand when he won went ahead 6-0 in the tiebreaker. But Enqvist stormed back to tie it, only to double-fault on his last serve before Agassi hit a backhand cross-court winner to end the first set.

"After coming back and getting a second chance to tie it up and then hit a double-fault, of course it was very disappointing," Enqvist said.

He recovered to break Agassi in the first and fifth games of the second set. Agassi broke back to cut his deficit to 4-2. On set point, Enqvist blasted a hard serve that Agassi hit weakly into the

Enqvist also broke Agassi three times in the third set to pick up his best win since defeating then-No. 2 Pete Sampras in the 2000 quarter-finals at Indian Wells.

"He got the early break in each set, and I just think that a guy like him, when he's feeling the momentum, he starts hitting it bigger and hitting it closer to the line," said Agassi, a four-time Scottsdale winner.



GOLF

Woods remains in a world all his own

Associated Press

CARLSBAD, Calif.
The idea behind the World
Golf Championships was to
bring together the best players
from every tour on every continent.

Tiger Woods remains in a world all his own.

The final trophy in his collection of world titles came Sunday at La Costa when Woods captured the Match Play Championship with some dramatic moments that he could have done without.

Woods expected a gutsy comeback from David Toms.

What he never imagined was a bee landing in front of the hole and knocking a pivotal birdie putt off line. Equally surprising were his own mistakes under pressure, which made him toil longer that he wanted.

"This was one tough week," Woods said.

Next up: A two-week break. Woods decided to skip the Dubai Desert Classic and \$2 million in appearance money, saying it was too close to Iraq and not safe enough for him to travel.

"Going overseas in this particular year, right now, especially in that part of the world, is a little tough for me," he

said.

He finished off Toms on the 35th hole, hitting a 7-iron 195 yards — it was only supposed to go 188 yards — and saving par from the bunker to win 2 and 1.

Woods never trailed the entire day.

He played 112 holes over six rounds, the fewest among any winner in the five-year history of the Accenture Match Play Championship.

That didn't make it any easier.

Woods built a 4-up lead after the morning round, increased it to as many as five holes and then had to grind as hard as ever to claim his first matchplay title as a professional.

"This is the hardest to win," Woods said. "Yeah, it's physically grueling, but I think it's more mentally grueling because of the ebb and flow of match play. If we had to do this every week, every pro's playing career would be about 10 years."

Toms, a former PGA champion who squeezes everything from his game until it's time to stop playing, gave Woods a battle that no one expected.

Woods was relentless from the start, belting his drives long and straight to apply enormous pressure on Toms. Woods frequently drove the ball 25 yards past Toms, and his approach into 5 feet for birdie on No. 1—the 19th hole of the match—put him 5 up.

"I'm not going to quit," Toms said. "That's not my nature. We're on national TV and I wanted to last a long time. I didn't want to be embarrassed. When he got 5 up, I just had to dig deep and not give in."

Woods promptly hit into 8 feet for a birdie chance on the next hole, and it looked as though the rout was on.

Instead, Toms rolled in a birdie putt from 35 feet to win the hole, then won the next with a 10-foot birdie as Woods took three putts for par from 40 feet.

Woods must have figured the odds were stacked against him. Trying to make a 15-foot birdie putt to win the fourth hole in the afternoon and regain momentum, he looked up after his putt and saw a bee land in front of the cup.

The ball rolled over the bee and hopped slightly, just enough to throw it off line. Woods settled for par, and spared the bee.

"I didn't kill it. I sure thought about it, though," he said. "I'm sure the animal rights society would have gotten on me."

It couldn't have done more harm than Woods wanted to inflict on himself. Having played 102 holes with only two bogeys, he promptly bogeyed two in a row.

The first was a 5-foot par putt that rimmed around the cup. The second was a 4-iron that sailed right of the ninth green (27th hole) into deep rough.

"Giving him those holes backto-back like that with bogeys ... you just can't do that in match play," Woods said.

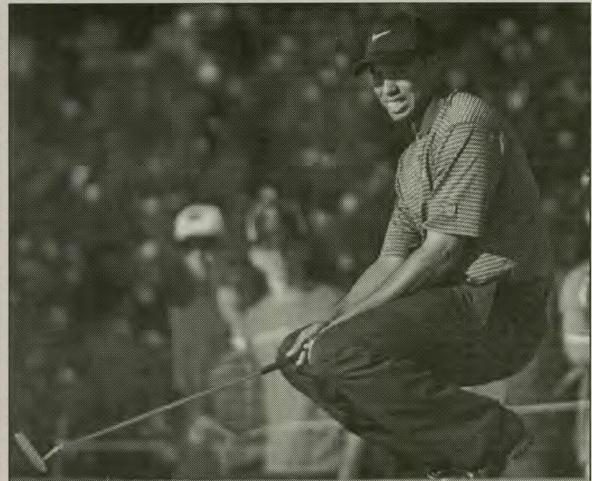
He should know.

Woods was the master of match play before turning pro, winning three straight U.S. Junior Amateur titles and three straight U.S. Amateurs.

He was 0-4 as a professional—stronger fields have something to do with that—but he didn't forget the strategy, not to mention timing, that brought him so much success.

Having badly missed a 20-foot birdie putt on No. 11 — his lead down to 1 up — Woods realized his shoulders were not aligned properly. He hit a few practice putts, then faced a 12-foot birdie putt on the 13th hole.

"I said, 'You did the work two holes ago, go ahead and trust it.' And I poured it right in the



Reuters Live Photo

Tiger Woods reacts to missing a long birdle on the 16th green on his way to a title at the Match Play Championship at La Costa.

middle," Woods said.

Another birdie by Toms on the 15th brought him within one hole, but he came up short on the par-3 16th and had to scramble for par, then lost any hope with a drive into rough and an approach shot that was buried in deep grass left of the green.

"When he plays good, he

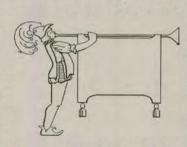
wins. We all know that," Toms

Woods won for the 36th time on the PGA Tour and earned \$1,050,000. He took two months off because of knee surgery, and in the three weeks Woods has been back he's won twice and tied for fifth.

He also became the first player to win all four World Golf

Championships since their inception in 1999 — three times the NEC Invitational at Firestone, twice the American Express Championship and the 2000 World Cup with David Duval.

"They're all different in their own right," Woods said. "But I'm extremely happy to win this one. It's pretty cool."



Announcing the Year 2003 Annual Awards of the Albert Ravarino Italian Studies Travel Scholarship

Thanks to a generous gift from the Albert Ravarino family, the Italian Studies Program is pleased to announce the year 2003 annual competition for travel in support of summer research and foreign study in Italy. Grants will be made in amounts not to exceed \$3,000, and will not normally cover all expenses. Notre Dame graduate and undergraduate students who are planning to pursue research or a formal program of summer study in Italy are invited to apply. Students must have completed at least one year of Italian language. The course work will normally be in Italian; will involve the study of Italian language, literature, and culture; and must be applicable to a student's degree program at the University of Notre Dame.

Recommended programs for foreign study include, but are not limited to: Loyola University in Rome, Boston University in Padua, UCLA in Pisa, Miami University in Urbino, Columbia University in Scandiano. Interested students are encouraged to consult the materials on Italian foreign study in the Department of Romance Languages, 343 O'Shaughnessy Hall.

Students are invited to submit a letter which should include:

- an explanation of how the proposed research or foreign study will enhance their degree program at Notre Dame
- 2) a personal statement indicating their background, interests, and long-term goals
- a description of the research project or the program they intend to follow
 a budget indicating the costs involved
- 5) the names of two references.

Application Deadline: Wednesday, March 26th, 2003 Albert Ravarino Italian Studies Travel Scholarship Program in Italian Studies 343 O'Shaughnessy Hall University of Notre Dame

Pete,

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Happy 21st Birthday to you!

Love, Mom, Dad, Gina, Maria and Brian



Mens Basketball Polls

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	team	team	
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2	Kentucky (13)	Kentucky (2)	2
3	Florida	Florida	3
4	Texas	Texas	4
5	Oklahoma	Oklahoma	5
6	Kansas	Kansas	6
7	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh	7
8	Marquette	Marquette	8
9	Wake Forest	Duke	9
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11	Xavier	Xavier	11
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Womens Basketball Polls

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	team	team	
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West Virginia	4	10	.286				
Rutgers	4	10	.286				

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL

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NBA



Los Angeles Clippers' coach Alvin Gentry Instructs guard Corey Maggette. The Clippers fired Gentry during his third straight losing season. Assistant coach Dennis Johnson will replace him.

Clippers continue to lose, fire coach

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES Coach Alvin Gentry was fired by the Los Angeles Clippers during a disappointing third season Monday and replaced by assistant Dennis Johnson.

The Clippers went into Monday night's game against New Orleans with a 19-39 record, last in the Pacific Division, despite a roster loaded with young talent.

"These decisions are never easy, and this one is especially tough, because Alvin and I had a very good working relationElgin Baylor said.

"But I reached the conclusion Sunday night that the players simply were not responding, and I believe a change is necessary at this time."

Gentry went 89-133 since becoming the Clippers' coach before the 2000-01 season. Before that, he was 73-72 as coach of the Detroit Pistons. He also coached the Miami Heat, after 10 seasons as an assistant with three NBA teams.

Johnson is in his fourth season as an assistant with the Clippers. He

ship," team vice president began his head coaching ture in his left leg, and his career with the La Crosse (Wis.) Bobcats of the CBA in 1999-00. Johnson was first hired as an assistant with Boston from 1993-97.

> Considered one of the best defensive players in NBA history, he won titles with Seattle in 1979 and Boston in 1984 and '86 during a 14-year playing career. Johnson was MVP of the NBA Finals in 1979.

The Clippers have some of the best young players in the league, but they've been plagued by losses and injuries this season.

Leading scorer Elton Brand has a stress frac-

status for the rest of the season is listed as day to day. He has missed three consecutive games.

Center Michael Olowokandi underwent arthroscopic knee surgery Feb. 3 and has not been attending games or practices during his rehabilitation. He will become an unrestricted free agent July 1. Backup guard Keyon Dooling is on the injured list because of a strained left foot.

The Clippers begin a sixgame road trip Wednesday Washington.

IN BRIEF

Return specialist Brian Mitchell signs with Giants

The New York Giants on Monday signed a four-year deal with return specialist Brian Mitchell, who last year moved past Walter Payton into second place on the career list for combined yardage.

Mitchell, 34, played the last three seasons with the Philadelphia Eagles, who had hoped to re-sign him.

His deal with the Giants is worth \$3.55 million, with \$1.255 million in the first year, including a \$500,000 signing bonus and \$725,500 in salary.

"It's a great opportunity for me," Mitchell said in a teleconference from Newark Liberty International Airport, just after inking the deal at Giants Stadium. "I hope I can bring the same thing I've been doing. I hope I can bring my tenacity on the field and keep making right decisions."

Statistically, Mitchell brings 21,987 combined yards on kickoff and punt returns, rushes and receptions - second only to Oakland Raiders receiver

Jerry Rice, who has 22,248.

Most of Mitchell's yardage has come on kick returns, with 12,897 yards on 552 returns. He has returned 434 punts for 4,845 yards, including a 5-yarder with the Eagles on Dec. 15 that put him past Payton on the all-time combined yardage list.

His agent, Steve Baker, said: "Brian is excited about staying in the NFC East and the chance to break Jerry Rice's combined yardage record.

Mitchell said he was surprised the Eagles had not pursued him more aggressively after last season, when he averaged 12.3 yards per return, on 46 returns for 567 yards. He also returned 43 kickoffs for 1,162 yards, for a 27-yard average. He rushed only once, for 1 yard, and did not

LB Barber joins Chiefs in 7-year deal

The Kansas City Chiefs took the first step toward revamping their leagueworst defense Monday by signing free-agent linebacker Shawn Barber to a seven-year deal.

Barber, who had 93 tackles and two interceptions with the Philadelphia Eagles last year, should help bolster the Chiefs' awful defense, which allowed more points and yardage last season than any other in franchise history.

Barber said the deal — the terms of which were not disclosed - came together quickly because the Chiefs were the top team on his list and he was the top linebacker on the team's

"He possesses the skills, abilities and experience that should improve our defense immediately," Chiefs defensive coordinator Greg Peterson said in a statement. "He has played with one of the top defenses in the NFL in Philadelphia. We look for him to bring that experience with him to our defense."

Barber said he was drawn to Kansas City by head coach Dick

WOMENS GOLF

Rain and rust affect Irish performance

By ANDY TROEGER
Sports Writer

Between terrible weather conditions and rusty golf swings, the womens golf team figured it would struggle in its first outing at the Edwin Watts/Carolinas Collegiate Classic. While the team's scores were far from their 312 goal, the Irish golfers showed steady improvement over the three days as they tied for 14th in the 22-team field.

"The weather was really bad," Irish coach Debby King said. "It was raining sideways and was about 35 degrees during our practice round, so we ended up only getting to walk the course. That, combined with our rusty swings, was a bad combination."

After an opening round 338, the Irish turned in rounds of 333 and 321 for their 992 total, 70 strokes behind tournament winner East Carolina. Penn State finished second, with North Carolina-Wilmington, Georgia State, and Jacksonville State rounding out the top five.

Freshman Sarah Bassett was low for the Irish, finishing tied for 46th with a 246 total (84-79-83). Classmate Katie Brophy was one stroke higher at 247 (86-85-76). Brophy's 76 was the low round of

the tournament for the Irish. Sophomore Karen Lotta finished at 248 (81-84-83) while juniors Shannon Byrne and Rebecca Rogers tied with 254. Byrne fired rounds of 89-85-80 while Rogers shot 86-86-84. Rounding out the Irish contingent was freshman Lauren Gebauer who shot 257 (87-88-82).

"Sunday wasn't too bad," King said about the third round of the event. "That was our one saving grace, that the scores kept getting better. I really expected we'd be in the 318 to 321 range. We've been practicing inside since Feb. 3, but this is the first time we've played off real grass."

In addition to the team championship, East Carolina's Jessica Krasny took home medalist honors with a 223 total (73-77-73). She finished one stroke ahead of second round leader Brooke Mangan of Alabama-Birmingham. Katie Futcher of Penn State and Janie Quinn of East Carolina tied for third at 227.

The Irish will continue the spring portion of their schedule on March 10 at the Peggy Kirk Bell Invitational in Orlando.

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CLUB SPORTS

Ultimate team thrives at Mardi Gras Invite

Special to The Observer

Baton Rouge hosted the 10th annual Mardi Gras Invite this weekend, and the Notre Dame ultimate club thrived in the festive atmosphere. The Irish opened on Saturday with victories against Whitman College, 15-11, and Winona State, 15-12, to earn a third-round bye. The Irish returned to action with impressive afternoon victories over Texas Graze, 15-7, and Georgia State, 15-5. The Irish dropped their next game to fourth-seeded Georgia, 13-12, in a game that came down to the end. In the consolation, the Irish were doomed to suffer another 13-12 heartbreaker to Illinois.

Womens Water Polo

Stepping up in competition, the Notre Dame womens water polo club played several of the Midwest's best this weekend at the Purdue Invitational. In their best performance to date, the Irish opened the tournament with a 7-5 upset of 10th ranked Illinois. After defeating Purdue B, 13-2, the Irish dropped a 16-1 contest to third ranked Purdue. Instead of hanging their heads, the club bounced back to defeat arch rival Miami (Ohio) 5-4 to close the tournament.

Womens Ice Hockey

Although continuing to show marked improvement, the Notre Dame womens ice hockey club dropped a pair of CCWHA games this weekend to Michigan. In Friday's contest, the Irish trailed 1-0 after one period and deep into the second period. Allison

Ricci and Lizzy Coghill skated in on goal with Coghill tipping in Ricci's rebound with three seconds left to knot the score at one. The Wolverines scored twice within twelve seconds of the third period to take a 4-1 victory.

period to take a 4-1 victory.
Sunday's rematch was a mirror image as the teams were again squared at one after two periods. Megan Mattia scored at 13:02 in the second period for the lone Irish goal. Again, the Michigan depth and experience was evident as the Wolverines scored three goals in the latter half of the third period, once on a 5 on 3 advantage, and one empty netter with nine seconds on the clock.

Sailing

Temperatures in the seventies and winds of 12–15 knots greeted the Notre Dame sailing club in St. Petersburg, Fla. this weekend as the club competed in the Eckerd Intersectional. The Irish finished ninth, as host Eckerd won the regatta, followed in order by Boston College, Texas A&M, Rollins, South Florida, Florida, and Florida State in the top eight places. The Irish finished ahead of Virginia, Tennessee, and Emory. Sailors competed in four races, sailing 420's.

Mens Volleyball

The Notre Dame mens volley-ball club continued its midseason slump, dropping four of five contests this weekend. The Irish lost to Ball State, 25-17, 25-19; Marquette, 25-22, 25-18, Chicago, 20-25, 25-17, 15-13; and Dayton, 25-13, 25-20. The lone Irish win was against Platteville, 18-24, 25-22, 15-12.

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this season while making sure the rest of her team gets time with ball, falling among the top five in the Big East in assists, with 6.38 per game.

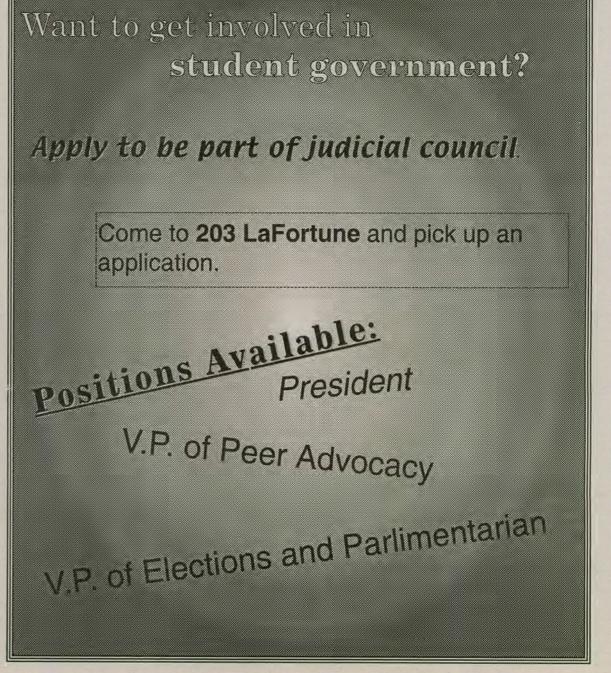
With that in mind, the Irish are hoping to shut down the lift the Orangewomen got from their win against Pittsburgh.

"I think our chemistry helps us get through the rough spots in the season," LaVere said. "And this season has had its ups and downs, and we're kind of on a high."

Notre Dame hopes that high will continue.

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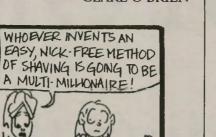
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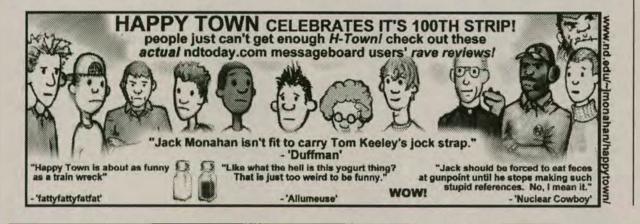
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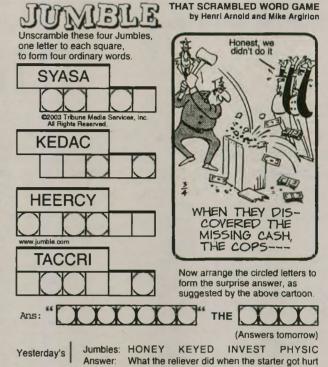
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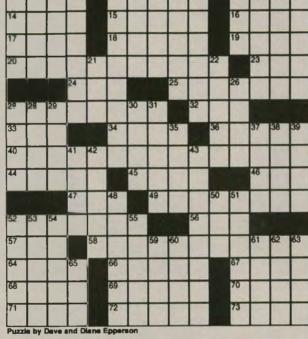
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Happy Birthday: You will face challenges to your plans, so be prepared to adapt so that you don't lose momentum. You may not want to leave whatever you are working on in the hands of someone else, but doing so will only prove how valuable you are. Be good to yourself and so will everyone around you. Your numbers are 2, 17, 21, 36, 44, 48

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You'll be ready to take on anything and anyone today. Your intent will be financially oriented with the purpose of acquiring extra cash to have some fun. You will be respected for your wit, honesty and integrity in your

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You can make headway in all aspects of your life today if you mix business, pleasure and personal issues. You can handle it all if you are smart and organized. ***

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You can make financial gains today, but be careful with whom you deal. Be secretive about your intentions and ideas in order to protect yourself, $\star\star$

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Welcome a new experience. Being on the receiving end of knowledge will open your eyes to different lifestyles. Romance is likely to

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Focus on the job you have to get finished. Be creative in your pursuits, but don't lose sight of your original plans. ****
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Business trips will be successful, as will the partnerships

you form today. You will meet new clients that could turn your life around, so be observant and make your move.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Business and partnerships should be your prime concern today. Form a good working relationship with somebody at either a personal or business level. Make plans to budget. ★★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Intellectual pursuits will turn into entertainment, with the opportunity to meet someone who could change your life. Be receptive to someone who is shy but obviously interested in getting to know you better. **** SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Don't let everyone around you distract you from what it is you are supposed to be accomplishing. Consider your options carefully and refrain from making hasty decisions. **

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Your ability to see situations clearly will make you a valuable friend today. Today is the perfect day to do what's right and what's best for those around you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): If you really want to follow your dreams, consider what it is you have to sacrifice. Weigh the pros and cons carefully. There will be no return once you make your move. ***

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You will be nervous and a little uptight today. Speak about what you know and you will impress others. Don't hold back because of your own inner fears. **

Birthday Baby: You will be a little sensitive, especially when others don't see things our way. You will also be ahead of your time and will make huge steps in whatever direction you choose for yourself.

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SPORTS

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WOMENS BASKETBALL

Riding the high

♦ Irish hope to ride three-game streak into tourney

By KATIE McVOY Associate Sports Editor

All season Irish coach Muffet McGraw has been talking about looking for her team to peak as they head into the Big East tournament and, ultimately, the NCAA tournament. Tonight, she will get a chance to see if that happened.

Exactly one year after Syracuse (10-16, 5-10 in the Big East) eliminated Notre Dame in the quarterfinals of the Big East tournament, the Irish will have a chance to use the Orangewomen as a momentum booster as they head into the Big East tourna-

According to team members, they haven't reached their peak yet, but there are hopes that it will happen.

"I don't think we've peaked yet," freshman Courtney LaVere said. "We're capable of so many things. We still have a lot to look forward to.'

The Irish are heading into tonight's game with a twogame win streak under their belts. But that fact may spell defeat for the Irish. Notre Dame has yet to put together a winning streak any longer than two games this season. But Saturday's come-from-behind victory against Seton Hall provided the Irish some momentum heading into the game against Syracuse.

Now the Irish are just hoping that the momentum will lead them straight through tonight's game and into a solid showing in the Big East tournament.

"I think ending with a win would be really good as we head into the Big East tournament and the NCAA tournament," LaVere said. "That's what we're looking for — a win to build our confidence."

But in order to get that confidence booster, Notre Dame must control a Syracuse team that has experienced some real trouble this season.

While the Orangewomen have found some success on the road, collecting a 6-8 mark, they have won a paltry four games at home, losing their other eight. In conference play, Syracuse is even worse, winning just two of their five Big East games at Manley Field

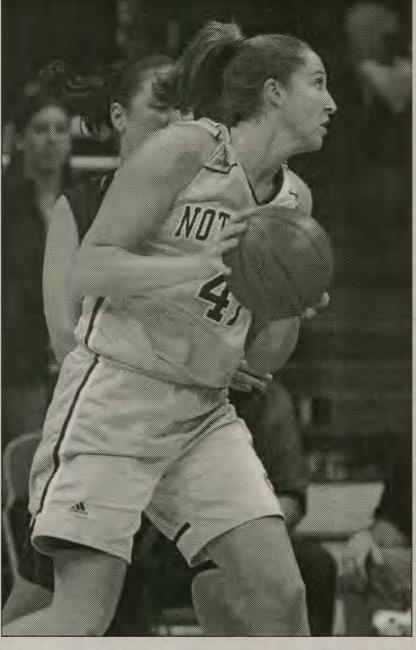
However, Syracuse is coming into tonight's game on a high note after closing down Pittsburgh for a 71-61 victory Saturday.

In order to make sure that they do not suffer the same fate as the Pirates, the Irish are going to have to shut down Syracuse's dangerous perimeter game. Syracuse is much smaller than Notre Dame, but can be deadly accurate at the three-point line.

"They have some really good point guards, shooting guards," LaVere said. "We have to contain the three-point

Syracuse's Julie McBride and Shannon Perry are both averaging 16 points per game, placing them among the top 10 in the Big East. McBride, who has taken more than half of her points from the perimeter, has hit a team-high 65 treys

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LISA VELTE/The Observer

Irish freshman Courtney LaVere was named Big East Rookie of the Week as the Irish head into their final regular season game tonight.

◆ LaVere grabs Big **East honors**

By KATIE McVOY Associate Sports Editor

Courtney LaVere made sure that Notre Dame could take five out of six. With the Big East's announcement on Monday that LaVere was the Big East rookie of the week, LaVere confirmed the Irish had a rookie of the week in five out of the last six years.

"It's a big honor," LaVere said. "It's nice way to end off the season since we're coming to end. I was really happy to hear about

The award marks the first Big East award of LaVere's career, coming after what was arguably the best week she has had since falling sick in late January.

"Since what's been happening the last couple months - I've been sick almost every day - 1 was just able to play last week like I was healthy," LaVere said.

In two Irish victories against Big East opponents last week, LaVere averaged 17 points and 4.5 rebounds per game, with a .520 field goal percentage (13-25). On Saturday, she tied a game-high with 20 points on 7of-13 shooting, marking her fifth 20-point game of the season.

The previous Wednesday against Pittsburgh, she had a team-high 14 points, grabbing 10 of those points in a three-minute span in the second half. But her most important contribution was her game-tying lay-up with 7.8 seconds, setting up for the Irish

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WOMENS LACROSSE

Irish give up 8 second-half goals in loss

By ANDY TROEGER Sports Writer

After a fairly even first half of play, the Irish womens lacrosse team gave up eight goals to begin the second half, as No. 9 Cornell defeated the No. 7 Irish 13-5 in both teams' season openers.

After the Irish tied the game with 4:53 left in the first half, Cornell's Lindsay Steinberg scored with less than a minute to go in the half for a 5-4 lead before adding two more early

in the second half. The Big Red added six more goals in the second half, including three by Sarah Fischer and two from Sarah Fischer a Sarah Averson, both of whom had also scored in the first

"I think they're very good," said Irish coach Tracy Coyne about Cornell, a team that is coming off a Final Four appearance last year. "They exposed some of our weaknesses and they have a lot of components on the field that were clicking well for this early in the season."

goal and two assists. Senior Eleanor Weille and freshman Mary McGrath added the other scores for Notre Dame.

Cornell out shot the Irish 34-26, with Irish goalkeeper Jen White making 11 saves for the Irish while Ashley Charron had eight saves for the Big Red.

The first half was a back and forth battle as Simon gave the Irish an early lead with her goal at 23:19 in the first half.

Senior midfielder Danielle Steinberg and Fischer to go over certain things," she

The Big Red took a 4-2 lead on goals by Averson and Kate Hirschfield, but Shearer and Weille answered to tie the game at 4 before Cornell's decisive run.

Despite the loss Coyne looked at the game as an opportunity for her team to learn lessons for later in the season.

"When you lose it causes you to go back and re-evaluate and

costly. When you play a top 10 team you have to play a 60minute game and we didn't capitalize on our opportunities in the second half.'

The Irish continue with their early season road trip, playing at Brown March 9 before trips to Ohio and Boston College.

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MENS BASKETBALL

Syracuse at Notre Dame

Notre Dame will honor its seniors as the Irish take on the Orangemen in their final home game.

Irish Insider

WOMENS GOLF

Irish finish 14th at Edwin Watts/Carolinas Collegiate Classic

Bad weather and rusty strokes spelled trouble for the Irish.

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CLUB SPORTS

Irish Ultimate team goes 4-2 over weekend

The Irish were successful in the early rounds of the Mardi Gras Invitational before falling in the

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