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Professors react to Bush's State of Union

By LIAM FARRELL
News Writer

Notre Dame faculty voiced varied opinions to President Bush's State of the Union Address Tuesday night; some praised the strength of parts the speech, while others criticized the policies that were introduced.

The speech was a statement of confidence, promise and protection where the President touted the renewed strength of the economy and his administration's health care initiatives and encouraged every American to remain vigilant in the fight against terrorism and the efforts of Homeland security.

American Studies Professor Thomas Guglielmo said that the State of the Union Address should

be viewed in the context of a campaign speech.

"Watching a State of the Union Address is like watching a boxing match," Guglielmo said.

Although Guglielmo said he did not agree with Bush's statements or policies, he praised parts of the speech.

"To be charitable, it was striking to lead off with [the Patriot Act] and he is bold and sticking to his guns on the most controversial part of his campaign," Guglielmo said.

However, Guglielmo said he was not surprised that the type of strong assertions that marked last year's address, including naming

statistics and specific numbers of chemicals and toxins available for weapons of mass destruction in Iraq, were absent.

"[Last year, Saddam Hussein] was shown as an imminent threat but a year later nothing has turned up and all he said was a quote from the Kay report which does very little [in proving his case]."

Guglielmo said this was "clearly a weak part of the speech."

English Professor William O'Rourke criticized the address, saying Bush seemed to be defensive on foreign policy and weak on domestic issues, only reciting a "laundry list" of proposals. O'Rourke said the most interesting event of the speech was the

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GETTY IMAGES

President George W. Bush shakes hands with Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld before his State of the Union address.

Hesburgh lectures on Our Lady

By MATTHEW SMEDBERG
News Writer

In an evening address that included both meditation and lecture, Father Theodore Hesburgh spoke to students, faculty and alumni Tuesday night on "Notre Dame: Our Lady" in the Hesburgh library auditorium. Hesburgh, the University's president emeritus of 35 years, spoke for a little over an hour, discussing the story of Mary as found in the Gospels and mysteries of the rosary.

Hesburgh also retold the story of the foundation of Notre Dame, stressing Father Sorin's trust in and dependence on Mary's guidance for the struggling, fledgling

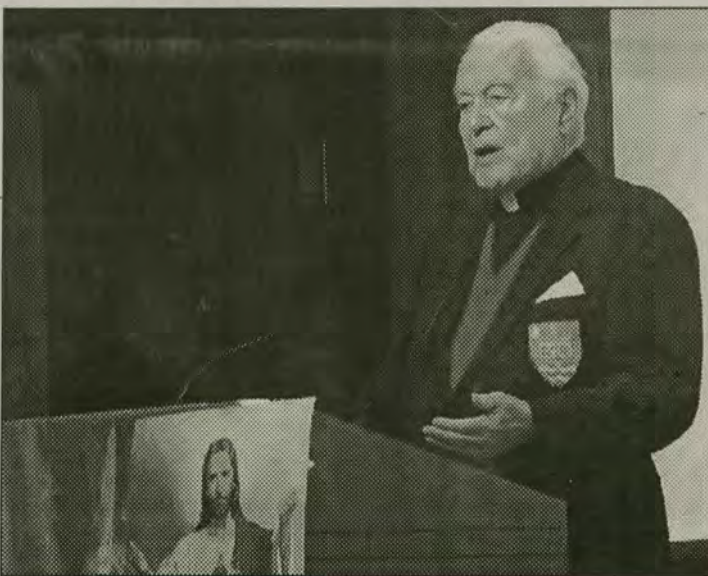
University's success.

The lecture is part of Campus Ministry's "Blessed Mother lecture series," a series begun as an initiative of Dolores Tantoco-Stauder, a University librarian emerita. Tantoco-Stauder, hired in 1957, was among Notre Dame's first female faculty members.

In reflecting on his own past, Hesburgh said that, as he is going blind, he is no longer able to pray the breviary every day, as priests are ordinarily required to do. Instead, he substitutes 15 decades of the rosary. He is still able to say Mass and does so daily.

"In the 60 years that I've been a priest, there have been

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TIM SULLIVAN/The Observer

University President Emeritus Father Theodore Hesburgh lectures on Mary Tuesday evening.

Students gear up for race

Three teams vie for SMC president

By KELLY MEEHAN
News Writer

Campaigning begins today for the Saint Mary's student body presidential and vice presidential election, which will occur next Tuesday.

Differing from the past three successive student body elections in which only one ticket ran, this year, there are three. The tickets are made up of Sarah Brown and Michelle Fitzgerald, Shay Jolly and Veronica Saavedra, and Sarah Catherine White and Mary Pauline Moran.

The six candidates running for office have each held a variety of leadership roles throughout their college careers, including representing Saint Mary's as Student Body Vice-President, Residence Hall Association President and Student Diversity Board President.

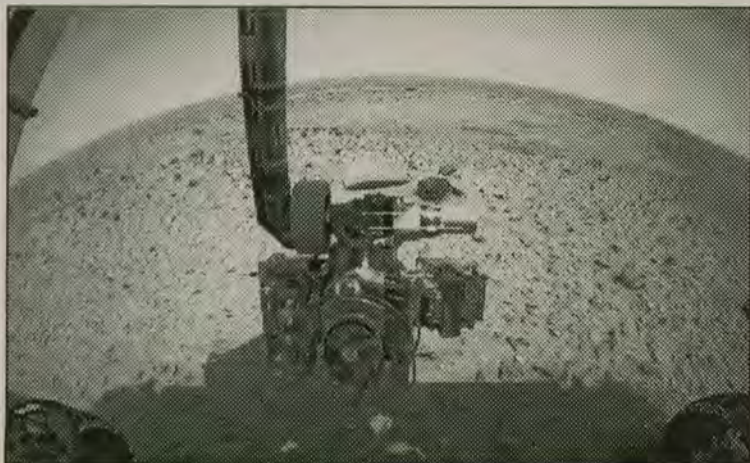
"I think we have three tickets this year because this year's student government has done a phenomenal job in making strides for our campus," said Nicole Haeberle, elections commissioner. "The rise in numbers is due to the spectacular efforts of our student government and making many students want to be involved."

In order to run, a student

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ND alum catches glimpse of Mars

Engineer supervises team for NASA rovers' robotic arms



EPA/US GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

An on-board camera catches a glimpse of Spirit's robotic arm and the Martian surface on Jan. 16.

By ANDREW THAGARD
Associate News Editor

When a younger Eric Baumgartner learned of an indication of high blood pressure during a physical, he figured his life-long dream of becoming an astronaut was over.

Years later, this double Domer (he graduated in 1988 with a degree in Aerospace Engineering, earned a Master's degree at the University of Cincinnati then returned to Notre Dame for a Ph.D. in Mechanical Engineering) hasn't set foot

in space. His job, however, as the lead test and operations engineer for the robotic arm component of NASA's Martian rovers Spirit and Opportunity, has given him a close-up look at Earth's neighbor that even a few astronauts might envy.

"It's been tremendous for me," Baumgartner said of the experience. "When you look at those vistas from the panoramic camera, it's like you're standing there."

Baumgartner's team is part of a larger NASA mission to explore the surface of

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INSIDE COLUMN

Read this
for once

You're not even reading this, are you?

That's because this is the Inside Column. Most people skip it. Honestly, I don't blame you. Giving paid staff members 400 words every single day leads to a lot of stress and really pointless columns. I consider it overkill.

Kate Gales

Wire Editor

Personally, I'm a freshman, which means I get stuck doing these columns as my coworkers of legal age go bar-hopping. It will be great to be the senior in this position, so I'll suck it up for now. But future freshmen, beware — the day I turn 21 is the day my inside column days are over.

I'm also basically out of topics. This is a column about anything — what on earth am I supposed to write about? My life is incredibly boring. I've talked about my dad's wild college days, eating pizza at 3 a.m. and how I love my Cavanaugh interhall football team. I'm not going to take 400 words to talk about how I read a lot of books, love National Arbor Day, know how to knit and spend half my waking hours checking peoples' away messages.

What's more interesting? Well, I spend a lot of time — for a girl — thinking about, talking about, and watching sports. However, I've totally exhausted this topic now that my poor Eagles are out of the Super Bowl. By the way, I'm boycotting the Super Bowl this year.

Other interesting details of my life won't be appropriate for this column because (a) my grandparents subscribe to The Observer and will probably read this and (b) I'm neither 21 nor married, which severely limits the diversions I can pursue according to the rules of duLac. My editors probably wouldn't like those kinds of columns. Actually, they'd probably enjoy reading them, make fun of me a lot and make me rewrite the column about something more appropriate. Why waste my time?

I'd say about three-quarters of my readers are friends who have heard me complain about how I have to write this column and want to see what all my fuss is about. I know for a fact, however, that people actually read this. That fascinates me. People will do anything to get out of doing productive work, including reading my columns and even e-mailing me responses. Okay, it was a bitter Giants fan — and I'd be bitter too, if I was stuck cheering for that team.

So thanks for reading to the end of this. If you come up with a good idea for an inside, let me know — I'll probably need one soon.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Kate Gales at kgales@nd.edu.

CORRECTIONS

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT SHOULD ND GIVE TO THE INDIAN TRIBE SUING OVER THE LAND?



Emily Pike

Sophomore
Farley

"They can have
Carroll."



Jen Mulreany

Sophomore
Breen-Phillips

"Football
tickets."



John Kearney

Sophomore
Siegfried

"Siegfried
sweatshirts."



Jonah White

Senior
Off-Campus

"Give them
some of the
endowment."



Matt Tara

Senior
Dillon

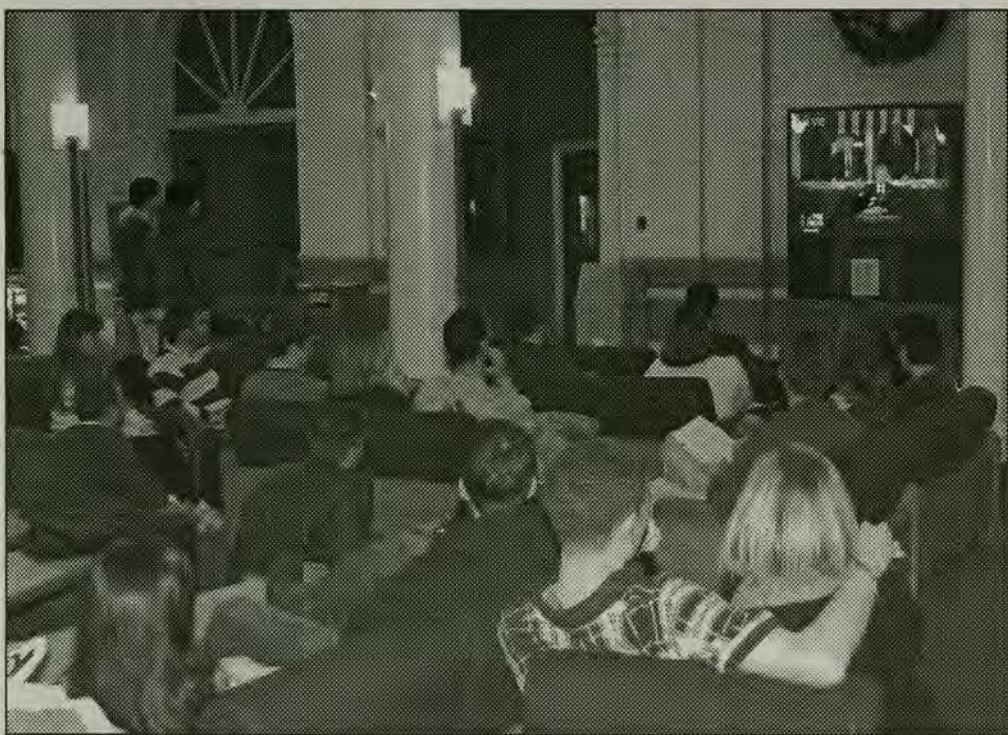
"We have lakes
to spare. We
can give them
one."



Rob Tenniswood

Junior
O'Neill

"We're giving
them the
Stegan Center."



SOFIA BALLON/The Observer

Students gather in a LaFortune lounge Tuesday night to watch President Bush deliver his State of the Union address. Bush paid specific attention to health insurance, national security and faith-based initiatives in the address.

OFFBEAT

Good to the last dropping

JAKARTA, Indonesia — SARS fears have stopped the Chinese from eating civet cats. But that hasn't turned off others from sipping the strangest of brews — one they insist is made from coffee beans eaten, partly digested and then excreted by the weasel-like animals.

The story goes like this: Civets live in the foliage of plantations across Southeast Asia. These fussy foragers pick the best and ripest coffee berries. Enzymes in their digestive system break

down the flesh of the fruit before the animals expel the bean.

Workers collect beans from the plantation floor, wash away the dung and roast them to produce a unique drink that devotees might say is good to the last dropping.

Money stolen from lottery winner

SCOTT DEPOT, W.Va. — Someone stole a bank bag containing \$100,000 from Jack Whittaker, winner of the richest undivided lottery jackpot in U.S. history.

The thief shattered a

window to get into Whittaker's locked sport utility vehicle, parked outside his home, Chief Sheriff's Deputy John Dailey said Tuesday.

Whittaker, a 56-year-old contractor, won a \$314.9 million Powerball jackpot in December 2002 and collected his winnings in a \$113 million lump sum.

The break-in was the second time in less than a year that money was stolen from Whittaker.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

Come learn how to be prepared and make the most of the Winter Career and Internship Fair's networking opportunities. A preparation session will be held tonight from 7 to 8 p.m. in Flanner Hall room 114.

The Graduate Student Union will sponsor a blood drive today from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the LaFortune Ballroom. Any students, faculty and staff who are able are invited to make a donation.

Test your knowledge during the College Bowl Competition tonight from 6 to 9 p.m. in the Notre Dame room of LaFortune. The Bowl is the longest running general knowledge quiz competition.

Spend your Thursday night at Legends' New Year's party. Music will begin at 10 p.m.

The "Strangers No Longer: Catholic Responses to Migration" lecture series will begin Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Hesburgh Center for International Studies Auditorium. Father Daniel Groody will be speaking and the film *Desperado: The Deadly Journey of Undocumented Migrants* will be shown.

The Late Night Olympics will be held Friday night from 7 p.m. to 4 a.m. in the Joyce Center. Events will include broomball, inner tube water polo, kickball, target golf and more.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to obsnews@nd.edu.

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GRADUATE STUDENT UNION

Students plan campus drive for blood bank

By AMANDA MICHAELS
News Writer

Notre Dame students, faculty and staff are giving back to the community at today's blood drive, organized by the Graduate Student Union and benefiting the South Bend Blood Bank.

This is the first time the GSU has sponsored a blood drive, but after the overwhelming response from the student body, it hopes for the drive to become tradition, said John Young, organizer of the blood drive and chair of the GSU's health care committee.

"The number of volunteers has been astounding. My inbox has been crammed every day for the past week, and I have needed to turn away about 50 or 60 potential

donors because the most-coveted time slots filled quickly," Young said.

Only 50 donors were initially expected, but due to a strong showing of interest among members of the Notre Dame community, the South Bend Medical Foundation agreed to send another technician, bringing the number of filled appointments to 75.

Appointments are scheduled every 15 minutes, and the entire process lasts about one hour,

Young said.

The blood drive, suggested to GSU president Martiqua Post by graduate student Harold Ernst, will take place today from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the LaFortune Ballroom.

Contact Amanda Michaels at amichael@nd.edu.

"The number of volunteers has been astounding."

John Young
chairman
health care committee

Legends entertains campus

By KATIE LAIRD
News Writer

Since opening last fall, Legends has become the entertainment hub on Notre Dame's campus.

Transformed from Senior Bar last summer, Legends provides a place for students to socialize in various settings, including dining, drinking and dancing, while also offering a variety of live music entertainment.

Program Coordinator Jonathan Jorissen is pleased with the success of Legends among both the Notre Dame and South Bend communities.

"We're the premiere venue for live music in South Bend," he said.

Legends maintains a structured set-up of events that provide a wide range of entertainment specifically targeting students.

"Thursdays are geared toward students ... we set Thursdays mainly aside for campus bands," Jorissen said. "Students here on campus deserve a chance to play in front of their friends."

Students interested in performing at Legends are required to provide program coordinators with a demo-tape. The venue books bands ranging from hip-hop to rock to pop music. With the number of students wanting to perform, availability is competitive.

"We have literally hundreds of bands that want to play, and we

have to be highly selective," Jorissen said. "We don't want to be stuck to one particular genre, and we also don't want to be generic rock band central."

Friday nights have a variety of themes including karaoke, Celtic bands, professional comedians and decade cover bands, while Saturdays are reserved for outside groups and singers. Jorissen coordinates bands from across the country, including San Francisco, Chicago, New York and Nashville.

"These are bands you could see and hear maybe in of couple of years on MTV," Jorissen said.

As for deciding where to get off-campus entertainment, Jorissen said it is a question of determining the acts' caliber. Students request bands from home, community members provide local suggestions and a national touring agency is used as a good "go-to source."

"Our name has gotten out there quite quickly because of our equipment and caliber and nature of the venue," Jorissen said.

The first semester alone has shown promising results for the new establishment. November proved a successful turnout for the ND alum pop group Umphrey's McGee and singer

Gavin DeGraw.

"It's a learn-as-you-go process," Jorissen said.

For example, Jorissen learned that Legends will have to postpone programming on next year's home football Saturdays due to difficulty booking groups and attracting big crowds with traffic, parking and other activities occurring around campus.

He is especially optimistic about "Ok Go," a Chicago group performing their power-pop rock style music at Legends Jan. 31. The group has recently been featured in Rolling Stone Magazine as well as on MTV and VH1.

"Son of Glam," an 80's cover-band, will also be performing in the next couple of

weeks, bringing with them the full look of the 80's including mullets and long hair. Legends promotes bands through listserv e-mails, posters, giveaways and by playing CDs in the dining halls. Students can join the listserv to receive information about Legends by e-mailing legends@nd.edu.

"We've seen great turnouts ... it's been a lot of fun," Jorissen said.

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"We're the premiere venue for live music in South Bend."

Johathon Jorissen
program coordinator

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Mars

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Mars and search for past signs of water and, possibly, life. The two rovers were deployed last summer at a combined cost of \$800 million.

The first of the two rovers, Spirit, has landed successfully within Mars' Gusev Crater, a geographic landmark that scientists believe may be a former lake basin, and its sister rover Opportunity is scheduled to touch down on the red planet Saturday night.

For Baumgartner, who has been working on this project for the past three and a half years, the excitement — and apprehension — begins when the rovers reach Mars' surface and the engineers must coordinate the unfolding of their arms.

"The first time we deployed the arm there was a great deal of tension," Baumgartner said.

The first ten minutes that Spirit spent on the planet were also particularly suspenseful, he admits, especially because during that time frame no communica-

tion existed between Earth and the rover as it bounced along Mars' rocky terrain.

After communication was reestablished and the rover settled, Baumgartner and his team began the task of unfolding the vehicle's robotic arm. The rover contains six instruments, including a panoramic camera, rock abrasion tool and spectrometers for analyzing minerals. The equipment allows the rovers to function as "robotic field geologists," according to Baumgartner.

"It's like a geologist out in the field," he said. "It takes to the field with it the same tools that a geologist would."

The rovers and the instruments they contain allow scientists to enjoy never before seen views of Mars' surface and even minute details of its rocks while also analyzing their chemical content.

And what's it like driving a \$400 million piece of equip-

ment millions of miles away via remote control with a ten minute lag time?

Stressful but pretty cool, according to Baumgartner.

"There's a little bit of fear there. If you break it, you're pretty much stuck," he said. "You feel a sense of being there. It's almost like the robot is an extension of yourself."

NASA initially estimated that the rovers would have a lifetime of approximately 90 days,

though scientists now say they may be operational for longer.

For Baumgartner, that means he'll be kept busy for the next few months.

"I'm gonna try to stick with [the mission] as long as the vehicles are alive," he said. "You work so hard on these projects. To see that come to fruition is just tremendous."

"You feel a sense of being there. It's almost like the robot is an extension of yourself."

Eric Baumgartner
engineer

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three days that I did not say Mass," Hesburgh said. "I have said it 500 feet beneath the Pacific on a submarine, at 50,000 feet in an airplane and at the South Pole ... I almost had the opportunity to go up

into space, and if I had I would have said Mass on the space shuttle, which is definitely something you don't see every day."

Hesburgh spoke with fierce pride about Notre Dame, calling it "the greatest Catholic University in the world, bar none." If you were to "take all the pontifical universities in the world," he said, and "add [them] up, I don't think they'd

add up to Notre Dame."

When asked if he had one piece of advice for Notre Dame students at the end of the lecture, Hesburgh responded simply, "Stay close to our Lady. It's her place; she knows how to take care of you."

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2004 SAINT MARY'S STUDENT BODY CANDIDATES

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VICE-PRESIDENT



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Mary Moran



Veronica Saavedra

Election

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must be a rising junior or senior and in good academic and social standing. If she is interested in running, she must attend a meeting, abide by all campaign rules and are given \$150 for campaign expenses.

"It is very exciting to have worked with each of the women running for election and to know that any of them would do a super job," said current student body president Elizabeth Jablonski-Diehl.

Campaigning will end at midnight on Jan. 26. Students will have the opportunity to vote in the primary election Jan. 27 through PRISM. If none of the tickets receive over 50 percent of the vote, a run-off election between the two tickets with the most votes will be held via PRISM on Jan. 29.

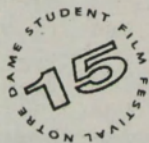
"The best part for me knowing that any of the women running for office are capable of developing programs even more imaginative than what we have been able to do," said Jablonski-Diehl.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Israeli warplanes strike Lebanon

BEIRUT, Lebanon — Israeli warplanes struck Hezbollah guerrilla bases in southern Lebanon late Tuesday, threatening to reignite another Arab-Israeli front that has been mostly calm for years.

Israel said it was retaliating for a Hezbollah attack that killed one Israeli soldier and wounded another a day earlier, and said the attacks were intended as a message to Syria, the main power broker in Lebanon.

The United States blamed Hezbollah guerrillas for the escalation and cautioned Syria against giving support to the Lebanese militant group.

There was no word on casualties from the airstrikes in a valley six miles north of the Israeli border near the Mediterranean coast, Lebanese security officials said.

One target, a Hezbollah training position, took a direct missile hit and the sound of exploding ammunition was heard in the area, the officials said. They said they couldn't determine the extent of damage because of the remote location.

Gas plant explosion kills 23

ALGIERS, Algeria — Searchers discovered ten more bodies at a natural gas complex rocked by an explosion, raising the death toll to 23, an official said Tuesday. Seventy-four people were injured and rescuers said as many as a dozen workers were believed missing.

The cause of Monday evening's explosion in the Mediterranean port city of Skikda was still under investigation, Algeria energy minister Chakib Khelil told state radio.

Authorities feared the death toll could rise because it was not known how many people

NATIONAL NEWS

Gephardt withdraws candidacy

ST. LOUIS — Democrat Dick Gephardt abandoned his second bid for the presidency Tuesday, delivering a political valedictory after some three decades of public service while putting his home state of Missouri up for grabs in the competitive primary race.

After a poor, fourth-place showing in Iowa Monday, Gephardt exited the race for the nomination, leaving a field of seven candidates. A winner of Iowa in his unsuccessful White House bid in 1988, Gephardt was unable to produce a repeat performance despite a strong ground organization and union support.

"I gave this campaign everything I had in me," Gephardt told a news conference, his voice breaking at times. "Today my pursuit of the presidency has reached its end. I'm withdrawing as a candidate and returning to private life after a long time in the warm light of public service."

Peterson trial changes venue

MODESTO, Calif. — The judge in the murder case against Scott Peterson moved the trial about 90 miles away to the San Francisco Bay area Tuesday because of hostility toward Peterson in his dead wife's hometown.

Judge Al Girolami ruled earlier this month that the trial had to be moved out of Modesto to make sure Peterson got a fair trial in the slaying of his wife, Laci, and unborn son.

STATE NEWS

Prognosis poor for Siamese twins

INDIANAPOLIS — Conjoined twin girls born Tuesday to a Fort Wayne woman are unlikely to survive long because they share several vital organs, said a neonatologist who is caring for them.

The twins were in critical condition at St. Vincent Hospital after being born at 12:21 p.m. Tuesday to April McCray, 18, and her 19-year-old husband, Rocky McCray.

The girls, Stephanie Nicole and Rebecca Marie, are joined at the torso and have separate hearts, but appear to share a liver, intestines and other organs.

Bush gives State of the Union

Annual address focuses on reelection issues, capture of Saddam and Iraq war

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Laying out campaign themes, President Bush is hailing progress fighting terrorism, recharging the economy and helping Americans afford health care. But Democrats say his election-year State of the Union address underscores how paltry his achievements have been.

The morning after he addressed a national television audience and a joint session of Congress, Bush was embarking Wednesday on a two-day swing through Ohio, Arizona and New Mexico to highlight his job training and counterterrorism proposals.

Those were among several plans he said he would offer in his 2005 budget — a blueprint to be released Feb. 2 that will be constrained by record deficits expected to approach \$500 billion this year.

Even as Democrats scrapped among themselves over who would oppose him in November, the president touted his administration's successes: the toppling and capture of Saddam Hussein, the revival of economic growth, and the passage of major tax cuts and a Medicare prescription drug benefit.

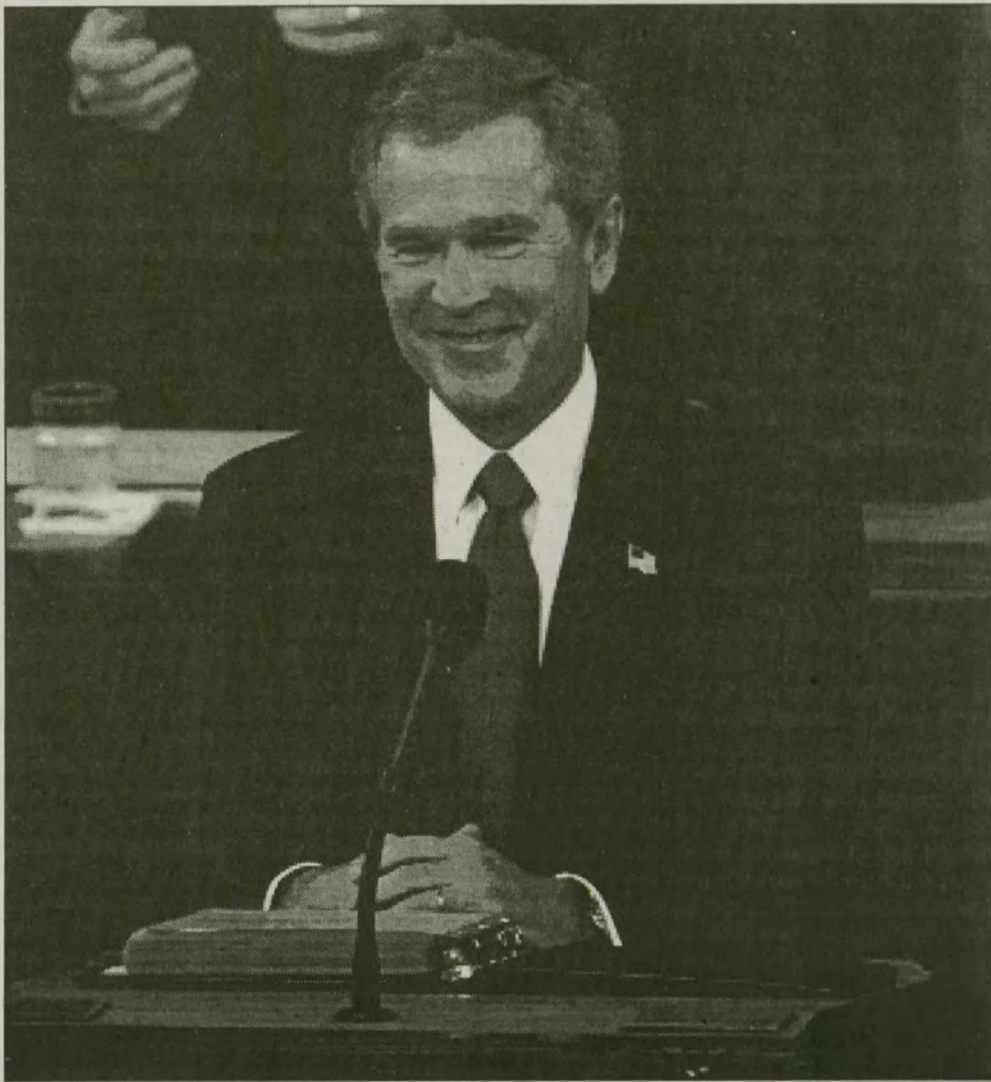
"America this evening is a nation called to great responsibilities," Bush said in his 54-minute address Tuesday evening. "And we are rising to meet them."

The address contained few major new proposals, underlining the limitations of a budget burdened by deficits and a campaign year in which far-reaching legislative accomplishments probably will be hard to come by.

From Congress to the presidential campaign trail in New Hampshire, where she was taking charge, backed by dozens of guerrilla commanders in ousting a husband whose ambitions she said were endangering the nation's hard-won peace.

In a family feud with West Africa's stability in the balance, warlord Sekou Conneh frantically took to state radio to insist it was only a marital squabble and he was still in command.

But Asha Keita-Conneh declared she was the "double boss," of her



President George W. Bush pauses while giving his State of the Union Address Tuesday. The speech dealt with Iraq, terrorism, the economy and other issues.

terized his administration.

"He promised us a humble foreign policy. Instead, he's alienated our allies, lost the respect of the world community and cost 500 brave young men and women their lives' in Iraq," said retired Gen. Wesley Clark.

"President Bush's speech was not so much of a State of the Union as a state of his re-election campaign," said Rep. Charles Rangel, D-N.Y. "But the president's words do not change the reality that his priorities are out of touch with the priorities of most Americans."

Bush touted a cluster of issues sure to energize conservative voters who are the core of the Republican Party.

He said he would support a constitutional amendment defining marriage as being

between a man and a woman if courts struck down a law mandating that. He asked lawmakers to renew expiring portions of the USA Patriot Act that strengthen the investigative reach of law enforcement agencies, double funds for abstinence education and codify his administration's award of federal grants to religious charities.

He also took a swipe at Democrats who have challenged the path he took in Iraq, who have said his tax cuts were an unnecessary boon to the rich and that his Medicare expansion and education initiatives were inadequate.

He said the nation needed to stay the course against terrorism and admonished those who would "turn back

to the dangerous illusion that terrorists are not plotting and outlaw regimes are no threat to us."

"We have not come all this way — through tragedy and trial and war — only to falter and leave our work unfinished," the president said.

Democrats, however, saw Bush and his policies as entirely dispensable — and employed rhetoric aimed at their own supporters.

"The State of the Union may look rosy from the White House balcony or the suites of George Bush's wealthiest donors, but hard-working Americans will see through this president's effort to wrap his radical agenda with a compassionate ribbon," said former Vermont Gov. Howard Dean.

Rebel leader ousted by wife in feud

Associated Press

MONROVIA, Liberia — The wife of the leader of Liberia's most powerful rebel movement announced Tuesday she was taking charge, backed by dozens of guerrilla commanders in ousting a husband whose ambitions she said were endangering the nation's hard-won peace.

In a family feud with West Africa's stability in the balance, warlord Sekou Conneh frantically took to state radio to insist it was only a marital squabble and he was still in command.

But Asha Keita-Conneh declared she was the "double boss," of her

husband and the movement.

"I put him there. If you open a big business and you put your husband in charge, if you see that things are not going the right way, you set him aside, and straighten things up," Keita-Conneh told The Associated Press, as her baby daughter — who she is still nursing — lay beside her on a bed in the family home.

A powerfully built woman in brown caftan and head-wrap, Keita-Conneh promised she would put Liberia's 6-month-old peace process on track. "I will never agree for anybody to fight in this country again," she said.

Around her, fighters of the rebel Liberians United for Reconciliation

and Democracy movement nodded assent. Dignitaries streamed in for consultations.

Unless rapidly resolved, the dispute threatens to destabilize Liberia, where a U.N. force of 15,000 is backing a power-sharing government after 14 years of civil war that killed a quarter-million people.

Peace came to Liberia in August, when warlord President Charles Taylor fled into exile as the rebels laid siege to his capital and international peacekeepers moved in.

The risk is that a lasting rift between loyalists of rebel husband and rebel wife could revive factional fighting.

Potential 20th 9/11 hijacker was refused entry

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A man who may have been the intended 20th hijacker in al-Qaida's Sept. 11 terror attack was prevented from entering the country by a U.S. immigration agent, federal officials said Tuesday.

The man, identified only by his last name of al-Qahtani, was turned away by the agent Jose Melendez-Perez at Orlando International Airport in late August 2001, according to two senior law enforcement officials who spoke on condition of anonymity.

FBI and Justice Department investigators say al-Qaida was attempting to bring additional operatives into the United States only a few weeks before the attacks, perhaps to join the hijacking plot or to launch a second wave of terror.

As many as a dozen names are being examined through immigration records, the officials said. It was unclear whether any of these others were stopped from entering the United States.

The agent in Orlando became suspicious when al-Qahtani provided only vague answers to questions about what he was doing in the United States and could not provide names of people meeting him at the airport or describe where he was staying, one official said.

Al-Qahtani was stopped and questioned at about the same

time that Mohamed Atta, a ring-leader of the Sept. 11 attacks, was using a pay phone at the Orlando airport, according to surveillance camera tapes. Atta called a number in the Middle East, the officials said.

At the time al-Qahtani was stopped in Orlando, the United States possessed no information linking him to terrorism, the officials said.

So far, investigators have not proven a link between Atta and al-Qahtani. But the FBI has long suspected that one of the planes — United Flight 93, which crashed in a Pennsylvania field after a passenger uprising — was supposed to have a team of five instead of only four hijackers. The other three planes taken over that day had five hijackers.

Melendez-Perez is to testify about the matter at a hearing next week before the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States, better known as the 9/11 commission. Melendez-Perez is currently an inspector with the Customs and Border Protection bureau of the Homeland Security Department.

FBI Director Robert Mueller told reporters last week that the bureau had shared "millions of documents" with the commission and that many senior FBI officials, Mueller included, had briefed the panel members. Mueller said the briefings and documents include information about "persons we are interest-

ed in" as part of the Sept. 11 investigation.

Commission spokesman Al Felzenberg declined to discuss specifics of the Orlando case but said testimony from Melendez-Perez and others will shed new light on what happened before and after the Sept. 11 attacks.

"There are things that have not been well known in the public that will have an impact on our investigation," Felzenberg said.

The FBI initially identified Zacarias Moussaoui, an avowed al-Qaida adherent, as the 20th hijacker. But Moussaoui, awaiting trial in Virginia on federal conspiracy charges, insists he was unaware of the Sept. 11 plot and officials now believe he may have been intended for a subsequent attack.

Moussaoui is the only person being prosecuted in connection with the Sept. 11 attacks.

A 2003 report from the House and Senate intelligence committees concluded that all of the 19 hijackers who took part in the Sept. 11 attack were in the United States by June 2001.

The six organizers lived in the United States for varying amounts of time. The other 13 — the "muscle" intended to overcome pilots and control passengers — arrived in pairs, except for one group of three, the report said. All traveled to the United States through the United Arab Emirates.

After his apprehension, U.S.

agents put al-Qahtani on a plane back to Saudi Arabia, the officials said. He later wound up in Afghanistan, where he was captured by U.S. forces and is now being held along with other captives at the U.S. naval base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

Of the 19 hijackers, only two were connected to al-Qaida

prior to Sept. 11, and the failure of the CIA and FBI to communicate about them represents what congressional investigators called a major lost chance to unravel the plot. Those two — Khalid al-Mihdhar and Nawaf al-Hazmi — were aboard the plane that crashed into the Pentagon.



Happenings

January 21, 2004

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Career and Internship Fair

Take advantage of this opportunity to discuss summer service internships, ACCION internships, non-profit and for-profit businesses opportunities.

When: Tuesday, January 27 from 4:00-8:00

Where: Joyce Center

Enroll Now for NYSP Program

If you have always wanted to make a difference, and enjoy working with kids, NYSP is for you. The program runs this Summer 2004 (mid-June to end-July) and is a sports and enrichment camp for children from economically disadvantaged communities. Applications due Friday, January 23 and can be picked up at the CSC.

Participants receive a \$1,500 stipend, meals and housing on Campus, and three Theo credits. Contact Carl Loesch for more information.

Social Concerns Festival Today

Learn about service and social action in South Bend at the Center for Social Concerns annual "Social Concerns Festival." Representatives from area service organizations will be on hand to introduce students to opportunities

with local community organizations.

When: January 21 from 7 pm - 9 pm.

Where: Center for Social Concerns

Business Careers as Vocations Session Held Sunday

The Center for Social Concerns in collaboration with the Notre Dame Vocation Initiative will host a series of Careers as Vocations panels this semester. Alumni and alumnae of the University will discuss how they have come to understand their careers in response to the "call" and how they have integrated faith and social concerns into their professions. Speakers include:

Tom Suddes '71 (President of Suddes Group Challenge), Dan Bell '82 (Ohio Employee Ownership Center), Deb Hines '90 (Center for Individual and Organizational Effectiveness)

When: Sunday, January 25 from 1:00-2:30

Where: Center for Social Concerns
Pizza will be served.

Tom Dooley Award Lunch

Listen to Paul Wright, M.D., '72, recipient of the Tom Dooley Award, speak on "Mother Teresa's Message." He will explain the Purpose of Life, How to Serve, his Prescription for Healing Humanity, Obtaining and Sustaining Peace and

Happiness.

When: Friday, January 23, from 11:30 - 12:45 pm.

Where: Center for Social Concerns.

For more information contact Tracy Wickham.

Spring Break Seminars

Travel to Appalachia, Washington, D.C., New York City, Florida, and more to study issues, such as Children and Poverty, Faithful Citizenship, the L'Arche community, and more.

Information and Applications available at <http://centerforsocialconcerns.nd.edu> or at the CSC. To learn more about Spring Break Seminars, attend the Information Session.

When: Monday, January 26

Where: Center for Social Concerns

7:00: Appalachia, 7:10: Washington, 7:20: Children and Poverty, 7:30: Migrant, 7:40: Coachella, 7:50: L'Arche

Applications due January 28

Mexico Seminar Deadline January 30

Applications are now available for the Oaxaca, Mexico Seminar. Applications can be downloaded at the CSC Web site or are available at the CSC. The due date for the seminar is January 30.

The Mexico Seminar provides students the opportunity for two weeks of experiential-learning in Mexico City (and other areas) in collaboration with local organizations. This one-credit seminar (THEO 366) involves extensive student-directed planning, resource development, and reflection.

Meet Montoya at Reception

Meet Malaquias Montoya at a reception to be held January 25 from 2-4 pm. At 3 pm that day, Montoya will give a gallery talk.

His exhibition, "Pre-meditated: Meditations On Capital Punishment New Works" is now on display at The Snite Museum of Art.

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AMEX	1,210.25	+26.51	
NASDAQ	2,147.98	+31.80	
NYSE	6,599.48	+31.80	
S&P 500	1,138.77	-1.06	
NIKKEI(Tokyo)	11,103.10	0.00	
FTSE 100(London)	4,499.30	-18.80	
Treasuries			
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10-YEAR NOTE	+1.07	+0.43	40.57
5-YEAR NOTE	+1.06	+0.32	30.47
3-MONTH BILL	-0.58	-0.05	8.57
Commodities			
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GOLD (\$/Troy oz.)	+5.90		412.90
PORK BELLIES (cents/lb.)	+0.225		82.50

IN BRIEF

Regulators review lending laws

WASHINGTON — Federal regulators are proposing changes in a community lending law that would ease requirements for smaller banks by demanding less frequent government reviews.

Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. voted unanimously Tuesday to propose the rule changes to the Community Reinvestment Act, the 1977 law that requires banks to make loans in low-income and minority areas where they operate as a condition for opening new branches. FDIC opened the proposals to public comment for 60 days.

The other major federal agencies that oversee banks — the Federal Reserve, the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency and the Office of Thrift Supervision — either have taken similar action or are expected to do so soon.

Regulators say the changes, in the works for about two years, are needed to reduce a paperwork burden on smaller banks and to more clearly define predatory lending, which gives banks a lower rating under the community-lending law.

Stocks looking towards recovery

NEW YORK — The Dow Jones industrial average reached its highest level since mid-2002 Friday as investors greeted strong earnings from General Electric Co. and the technology sector. The market's major indexes were all up for a seventh week in a row.

GE's earnings helped reassure investors skittish following Intel Corp.'s disappointing revenue projections earlier this week.

"The key thing here is that you're starting to see some aggressive buying coming back into the market," said Jim Raphaelian, head of institutional trading at Charles Schwab. "There's more than one buyer for any stock being sold, and there are both institutional and retail buyers. And that's because earnings are showing us that fundamentals are sound."

The Dow Jones industrial average was up 46.66, or 0.4 percent, at 10,600.51, a new 52-week high. It was the index's highest close since March 19, 2002, when it finished at 10,635.30.

The Nasdaq finished up 31.38, or 1.5 percent, at 2,140.46, eclipsing the previous 2 1/2-year high reached Monday.

Martha Stewart's trial opens

Famous home decorating expert pleads not guilty to five criminal charges

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Martha Stewart strode into a Manhattan courthouse and repeated a plea of innocent at the formal start of her stock-trading trial Tuesday.

The 62-year-old millionaire gracious-living guru stood in court and nodded at the first batch of jurors, who were interviewed one by one in a judge's private robing room.

"Not guilty," Stewart said five times, speaking almost inaudibly and nodding as she re-entered her plea to five criminal counts related to her 2001 sale of nearly 4,000 shares of ImClone Systems.

Stewart, in a dark overcoat, clutched two bags as she stepped out of a black town car and said "Good morning" while passing a phalanx of cameras. She then climbed the courthouse steps and briefly waved to two fans standing in the freezing cold, including a man wearing a "Save Martha" chef's hat and matching apron.

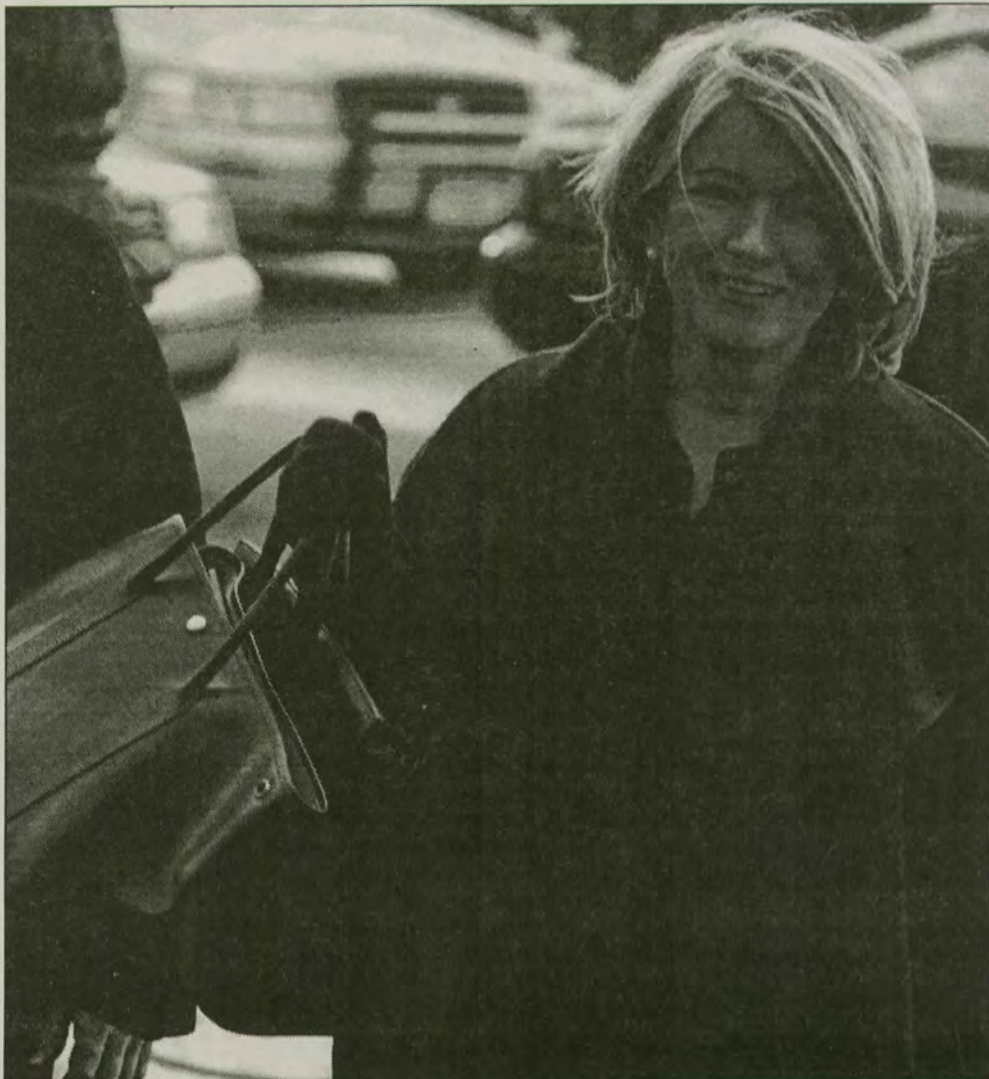
In court, she produced a ballpoint pen and green stenographer's notebook and listened to U.S. District Judge Miriam Goldman Cedarbaum instruct the potential jurors on their role in the trial.

"Only you can determine what happened, and the verdict as to each count will be your decision alone," the judge said.

Cedarbaum told the potential jurors that opening statements will probably begin next week. The trial is expected to last into March.

Stewart faces 30 years in prison and penalties of \$1.25 million, although she would likely receive far less under federal sentencing guidelines if convicted.

Stewart is the highest-profile figure to stand trial since the government began its crackdown on corporate corruption two years ago.



Martha Stewart enters the U.S. Federal Courthouse in Lower Manhattan Tuesday. She pled "not guilty" to various charges brought by the FBI and SEC.

She became the queen of home decor and amassed a fortune as the head of Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia, which stamped her style on everything from magazines and recipes to bed linens and bath towels. Her legions of supporters argue she is being targeted because of her celebrity status.

"This is a witch hunt," said Linda Smith, who took a two-hour bus ride from New Jersey to stand outside the courthouse in support of Stewart. "Martha's public believes her, believes in her innocence."

The ImClone stock fell sharply the day after Stewart's sale on a negative government report

about an ImClone cancer drug. Prosecutors say Stewart lied to investigators to cover up that her stock sale was prompted by a tip that ImClone founder Sam Waksal was trying to sell his shares after getting advance word of the report.

Stewart claims she and her stockbroker had a pre-existing order to sell ImClone stock when it fell to \$60 per share.

The broker, Peter Bacanovic, also is charged with five criminal counts in the trial. Arriving in court after Stewart, he briefly leaned in to hug her and exchange kisses on the cheek.

Bacanovic, 41, also re-entered a plea of innocent

to each count against him, clearly and emphatically repeating the phrase "not guilty." Bacanovic's five counts carry a total of 25 years and \$1.25 million.

Stewart and Bacanovic entered the same innocent pleas on June 4, the day they were indicted. They had to formally re-enter them Tuesday because the government made last-minute changes to its indictment.

The jury selection process is routinely held in open court, but Cedarbaum closed it for this case, saying she was worried jurors might be less forthcoming with their answers if they knew reporters were in the room.

Salvation Army receives \$1.5 billion

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The charity famous for its red Christmas kettles is getting a record donation from the woman behind the golden arches.

The estate of Joan Kroc, the McDonald's heiress, said Tuesday it is giving an estimated \$1.5 billion to the Salvation Army to build community centers across the country. It's the largest single donation ever given to a charitable organization.

The Salvation Army, which promises "soup, soap and salvation," was a favorite of her husband, Ray Kroc, who died in 1984. He was a bell-ringer for the charity in the 1950s and '60s. "He used to bring coffee and hamburgers to kettle workers,"

said W. Todd Bassett, national commander of the organization.

The exact size of the gift won't be known until administration of Kroc's estate is complete, which could take several months.

"We are obviously thrilled, but genuinely humbled by the exceptional generosity of Joan Kroc," said Bassett. "We recognize the deep sense of trust she has placed into our hands with this gift."

The money will be used to build about 25 to 30 community centers across the country similar to the Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center. That facility opened in San Diego in June 2002 after a \$92 million gift by Kroc to the Salvation Army.

The 12-acre recreation and cultural arts center serves about 6,600 members, who participate in classes such as skating, swimming and gymnastics. The goal, Kroc remarked at the time, was to create a place where youths can reach their full potential and "learn of each other."

Kroc was the widow of Ray Kroc, who founded McDonald's Corp. in 1955. A noted philanthropist, she gave away hundreds of millions of dollars to promote world peace, education, health care and the arts.

Mrs. Kroc died Oct. 12 and bequeathed \$200 million to National Public Radio and \$50 million apiece to peace institutes at the universities of Notre Dame and San Diego that bear her name.

Convicted pedophile priest defrocked in Mass.

Associated Press

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. — A convicted pedophile priest who is a suspect in the murder of an altar boy has been defrocked decades after the allegations surfaced, the Springfield Diocese announced Tuesday.

Richard Lavigne was defrocked by the pope on Nov. 20 and will be removed from the payroll on May 31, Springfield Bishop Thomas Dupre said.

Lavigne pleaded guilty in

1992 to molesting two altar boys, and was suspected by authorities but never charged with killing another one — Danny Croteau — in 1972. The boy's family believes Lavigne abused their son, and killed the child to stop him from reporting it.

Lavigne, 62, was sentenced to a treatment facility and 10 years of probation. He was barred from serving as a priest, but still received a monthly stipend and health insurance totaling more than \$20,000 a year.

"This is the beginning of attaining justice for the victims of Richard Lavigne," said John Stobierski, the lawyer representing most victims suing Lavigne.

Msgr. Richard Sniezyk said the diocese has received at least 40 complaints of abuse by Lavigne since the 1970s.

In the 1990s the diocese settled suits for \$1.4 million with 17 men who accused Lavigne of abusing them. Within the past two years, at least 15 other people have filed lawsuits accusing

Lavigne of abuse.

Dupre said announcing the pope's decision "brings me no pleasure."

"Indeed no priest or bishop can ever take pleasure in seeing such a severe penalty handed down," he said. "As Christians, we must remain faithful to the church teaching of love and forgiveness and as such, I commend Richard Lavigne to our prayers."

Sniezyk said Lavigne maintains his innocence and was "disappointed" when he

learned on Saturday that the Vatican defrocked him.

Lavigne's lawyer, Max Stern, did not immediately return a call seeking comment.

Dismissal from the priesthood is a fairly unusual and complicated process.

Since the clergy sex abuse scandal erupted in the Boston Archdiocese two years ago, about two dozen priests have been suspended from the archdiocese.

None have yet been defrocked.

Senate likely to pass spending bill soon

WASHINGTON — The Senate seemed prepared to approve an overdue \$373 billion measure by next week after Democrats said Tuesday they would no longer stall the bill over food labeling rules and other issues.

In its first roll call of the election year, the Senate failed to end Democratic procedural delays that have bogged the measure down since December. The 48-45 vote fell 12 short of the 60 votes needed to free the bill, which would finance education, law enforcement and most federal domestic programs.

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Republican leaders and President Bush just hours before his State of the Union address, however, the roll call became more of a symbolic protest.

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Reaction

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Democrats' applause about the impending end of the Patriot Act.

"Democrats seemed to make a point themselves," O'Rourke said.

O'Rourke also criticized the beginning of the address, where Bush discussed terrorism.

"[It seemed designed] to make Americans fearful and scared to make the country more receptive of [the President's] plans," O'Rourke said.

Sociology professor Eugene Halton criticized Bush's approach to homeland security and his stance on gay marriage.

Halton said he was concerned with the "erosion of freedom in America" that has resulted from the "sense [in America] that security is a technical operation that can be solved with technical apparatus" such as the Department of Homeland Security. Although Halton said there is no doubt there are real terrorists, the fact there is a missing concern with any sort of inner threat to the very freedom President Bush states to protect is troublesome. Americans have become fearful of appearing vulnerable, but to an extent that is necessary to enjoy freedom in the first place.

"[Americans] need to see ourselves as a vulnerable part of a vulnerable world and as a fellow member of the world community [for] being free necessarily means being vulnerable at some points," Halton said, adding that security cannot be seen as "the be all and end all" of American concerns.

Halton also said he believes that the President's statements concerning the need to overrule the acts of judges in favor of the

will of the American people towards the issue of gay marriage is "dangerous."

"[At times in American history, trusting] the opinions of the masses as better judges of right and wrong [was] precarious," Halton said, citing civil rights legislation. He said that it is important to follow the government system as it is set up and maintain "democracy [as] the rule of law."

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Democrats end blockade of spending bill

Associated Press

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He said if Republicans refused to rewrite the disputed provisions, Democrats would use other legislation to wage their fights. The bill would impose a two-year delay on labels identifying the countries many foods come from, would

allow an administration move to reduce the number of white-collar workers eligible for overtime pay and would ease limits on the number of television stations a company can own.

"The point is to draw attention to how important this issue is to people across this country."

Tom Daschle
Senate Minority Leader

That stance was a reversal from more combative talk many Democrats had used during Congress' winter recess. They had never before said they would let the bill pass if their problems were not addressed, and had refused to put limits on how long they

would delay the legislation.

Bush criticized "a minority in the Senate" for blocking a vote for added resources for veterans, AIDS victims in Africa, FBI agents and public school students.

"The Senate needs to pass it," he said in a written statement.

The House approved the spending measure in December. Since then, even as mad cow disease became a political issue, administration officials and House GOP leaders have refused to rewrite the measure.

Republicans, however, have been pressured by some of their own members to address the labeling issue. Sens. Mike Enzi and Craig Thomas, both R-Wyo., said they voted to limit

Democratic delays after Senate Appropriations Committee Chairman Ted Stevens, R-Alaska, assured them it would be addressed in the first spending bill Congress writes this year.

"It's an issue we have to resolve," said Stevens.

Democratic aides said there probably would not be enough support to continue delaying the legislation past Tuesday's vote. The bill — for the budget year that started Oct. 1 — contains increases for veterans' health care, bio-

medical research, education for the disabled and other programs popular with members of both parties.

Had the delays continued, GOP leaders were threatening to try to push a bill through Congress to finance most programs at last year's levels, which would mean \$6 billion less spending than the stalled legislation would provide. That created major pressure to approve the delayed bill, Republicans said.

"Once they hear \$3.1 billion in health care is going to be taken away by people who vote against this ... they're going to be calling" lawmakers, Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn., said, referring to veterans' groups.

The measure also is loaded with money for theater renovations and other home-district projects lawmakers would be loath to lose — 7,932 of them costing \$10.7 billion, according to the conservative group Taxpayers for Common Sense.

In addition, Democrats worried further delays could invite campaign-season accusations that they were threatening a federal shutdown, aides said.

Even so, Democratic lawmakers and outside groups supporting them sought to couch Tuesday's vote as a win. AFL-CIO President John Sweeney called it "a denunciation" of the administration's overtime plan, while Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, said, "We are not going to give up" on the issue.

Congressional approval four months into the budget year is an embarrassment to the GOP, which controls the White House and Congress for the first time since the early 1950s. But Republicans believe the public, focused instead on the economy and Iraq, will barely notice.

The 1,182-page bill would finance 11 Cabinet-level departments and scores of other agencies, because it combines seven spending measures into a single, mammoth package. It covers everything from NASA to housing aid for the poor, from foreign aid to the District of Columbia's local government.

It also includes money for initiatives that members of both parties support. There is money to fight AIDS in Africa and the Caribbean, to help countries that achieve democratic reforms and to pay for operations of the FBI, highway construction and the AmeriCorps national service program.

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Elam's scholarship reprehensible

Abram Elam was convicted of a felony in August for his role in a 2002 incident involving three other Notre Dame football players and a female Notre Dame student at an off-campus house. All four players were dismissed from the University a year and a half ago and were charged with various sexual assault crimes. Of the four, Elam was the only person convicted of any wrongdoing — Donald Dykes was acquitted on all three counts and the prosecutor's office dropped charges against Lorenzo Crawford and Justin Smith — and was placed on probation.

Last week, Kent State University not only accepted Elam as a student, but Golden Flash football coach Dean Pees offered Elam a scholarship to play football in 2004. Elam has one year of eligibility remaining.

Give Elam credit for trying to get his life back in order in part by wanting to play the sport he loves, and give Pees credit for giving Elam a second chance. While Elam shouldn't have to live the rest of his life in the shadow of a grievous error he made when he was 20 years old, he shouldn't get a free ride, either.

The problem lies with the scholarship money given to Elam, a convicted felon. The money Elam receives will consequently be taken from another aspiring Kent State athlete,

who does not have a felony on his or her record.

Why would Pees and Kent State make such a decision? One could conclude that Kent State, which ranked last in pass defense in the Mid-American conference in 2003, badly needs defensive help. Elam, who played defensive back for the Irish, will undoubtedly make an impact for the Golden Flashes next season in the secondary.

But Elam's ability to improve the Kent State football team does not excuse Pees from offering the defensive back scholarship money.

Elam should have the opportunity to play football again wherever he wants. But Pees should have made the former Irish defensive back walk onto his team instead of giving him a scholarship. Giving Elam a second chance is not the issue, but rather rewarding Elam for his football abilities while ignoring his serious personal mistakes shows poor judgment by Kent State.

Many criticized Notre Dame's disciplinary process that kicked Elam and the other three football players out of school before criminal charges were filed. But few can question the University's moral stance. Kent State, on the other hand, should be embarrassed by its decision to give scholarship money to a convicted felon.

The Observer Editorial

Even presidents write rough drafts

Thanks to my many powerful connections in the White House, I actually managed to procure a copy of President Bush's first draft to last night's State of the Union address. What follows is Dubya's original version of the speech prior to any tampering by White House officials.

Joey Falco

*Forty Ounces
of Falco*

Mr. Speaker, Uncle Dick, members of Congress, oil tycoons, former Enron executives, my beloved dog Barney and the rest of Daddy's friends: I come before you today to tell you that the state of our union is stronger than the spicy bean burritos that my indentured servant Juanita cooks for me on my ranch in Crawford.

As for the economy, my Krispy Kreme stock has gone through the roof, fishin' bait is cheaper than ever, Dodge is putting a Hemi in just about every one of its pickup trucks and I even found a crumpled up dollar bill in my back pocket this morning.

Also, this coming year, I have even more up my sleeve to make sure that the recent economic surge continues. I'm like a sneaky Injun creeping up on you with a bow and arrow. Watch out! You never know when I might decide to pin you down and scalp you like a lost pioneer, or at least eliminate some of the highest tax brackets.

In domestic affairs, 2004 will certainly prove to the world what I've been saying for years: Don't mess with Texas. Not only is there an "Alamo" movie coming out with my favorite actor, Billy Bob Thornton, but the Houston Astros just signed Andy Pettitte and Roger Clemens. So take

that, Yankees.

And a new pitching staff isn't the only thing I've got cookin' down in Houston. As you may have heard, I've decided that NASA will return to the moon for the first time in over 30 years. Actually, I thought of the concept of a permanent lunar colony one day while mediating peace talks between Israel and Palestine. Since the Palestinians want a country of their own and Israel won't give it to them, I decided to give the moon to the PLO. Within a few years, we should have the technology to send every Palestinian in the world on a one-way trip to the big rock in the sky, and I, George Dubya Bush, will have single-handedly solved the crisis in the Middle East!

Not only that, but I will also lead this great nation on its first manned mission to Mars. As you may or may not know, the Red Planet is incredibly hot, millions of light years away and inhabited by apes. Luckily, the Millennium Falcon is still the fastest ship in the galaxy, and I'm fairly confident that my hand-picked team of Han Solo and Bilbo Baggins can brave the climate of this hostile planet. After that, who knows what I'll do next? I might even explore Uranus. Hehe. Get it?

Now, on to a more serious note, another series of exact, scientific studies from some of Britain's top researchers have shown that the Axis of Evil has spread all the way to Crapistan, a tiny nation nestled in the flat, barren desert area between Tibet and Nepal. In order to combat this terrible threat to American homeland security, I have decided that the time has come to reinstate the military draft. Luckily, due to the size of Crapistan's army, very few citizens will

need to be drafted during this process. I actually happen to have the names of those selected with me today, and they are as follows: Howard Dean, John Kerry, John Edwards, Dick Gephardt, Dennis Kucinich, Joe Lieberman, Al Sharpton and Carson from "Queer Eye for the Straight Guy."

If your name was just called, please report to your mission commander, General Wesley Clark, at the Paris Island military training facility immediately. Thank you.

Moving on, I must address an issue that has been of growing concern to Americans everywhere. And no, I don't mean Samantha being diagnosed with breast cancer on "Sex and the City," although that certainly did knock me off my saddle when I heard it. I'm talking, of course, about Mad Cow Disease, also known to us scientific types as Canine Spongy Oligopoly. In order to combat the spread of this rare disorder, I have initiated a \$40 billion plan with Congress that will drastically lower the amount of beef consumed by Americans each year. Essentially, this strategy will consist of all imported cattle being told not to mess with Texas.

In closing, I only wish to say that in 2004, if I reclaim the throne in November, God will continue to bless the United States of America.

As long as we aren't invaded by killer Martian apes.

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OBSERVER POLL

Which cartoon would you rather see on the Today page: Dilbert or Classic Peanuts?

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"The hardest thing to understand in the world is the income tax."

Albert Einstein
physicist

Face the music

The year of our Lord 2003 ended magnificently. Months of careful planning crystallized into what many may or may not remember as the party of the year. In honor of MTV poster boy and choreographing prodigy Wade Robson, we printed pocket tees bearing his name. He made dancing cool, and we consecrated an entire evening to thank him for that. We shimmied and we shook, we laughed and we cried. We danced until delirium and her friend euphoria told us to sit down, stop shaking and accept the fact that life cannot get much better.

David Barrett

A Domer's
Outlook

It didn't. Exam time was stressful. So was sitting at home over break knowing that I had forgotten to have the post office hold the paper. So were the lame end-of-year jokes — "See you in a year" — and the equally unoriginal New Year resolutions — "I'm giving up helping people, lima beans and going to class." Nonetheless, I endured them, even offering up a few of my own. To be expected, though, they can be helpful at holiday parties as icebreakers with the uncle who can't remember your name. As can the adult eggnog, which legality finally permitted me to partake of this season.

Santa was once again very generous, sending me 50 hours cross-country from Boston to Big Sky, Montana. Armed with my brand new L.L. Bean luggage and my sole resolution to relish the remaining days of this ever-

exciting collegiate experience, I traversed about 10 states in three days alongside 109 new friends in a bus with no working toilet, running water or significant leg room. We resurrected old favorites, like 20 Questions and Belittle the Bus Driver, and still had the time to play 13 hours of electronic Catchphrase. The cool kids in the back must have even played a few rounds of Capture the Flag. Most of them emerged unscathed, but one unfortunate would-be skier managed to tear his ACL somewhere outside Bismarck. Immobilized even before braving the blue squares, he brought new meaning to the week's inaugural pub-crawl.

It was a great week undeniably worth every hour I spent on the bus getting there. We savored larger-than-life burritos, six-hour beer pong tournaments with kids who like college way too much and mid-morning Blue Ribbons at the base of the mountain. By far the best moment though was the 4 a.m. dance party to which few were privy. It started off as the week's capstone event, at

which newcomers to the ski trip were to be initiated by way of the beer-ski and other hushed hazing rituals. It ended, however, with the reprisal of Flashdance in our living room to a score of '80s recordings by a group of kids who should have ended up at Juilliard or as background dancers in "Jenny From the Block."

I take two very important lessons from my time in Montana, both of which I wish I had learned during freshman orientation. One, you shouldn't restrict the title of "friend" to just those kids who happen to live down the hall from you in your dorm. People grow complacent in accepting as their friends only those that some computer randomly assigns them to live with and next to. Just because that nice boy who sits next to you in theology isn't from your dorm doesn't mean you can't hang out with him on weekends. Pretty much all Notre Dame guys are the same insofar as they assume that all those that are not in their dorm are thereby not cool. It's simply not true, and you are



doing yourself an injustice in thinking so.

Second, theme parties, and more specifically, dance and performance parties, are the missing ingredient in the elusive recipe for a great social life. My experience at the Wade Robson Project dance party, and the as-yet-unnamed 4 a.m. version, really proved that point. Perhaps a bit belatedly I have now arrived at a feasible resolution for the New Year. I resolve myself to throwing bi-weekly theme parties so that others may witness firsthand dancing's therapeutic power in helping to cope with a long spring and an otherwise lackluster social scene here at Notre Dame. We already have a few marinating in our minds, and fully intend to bring them to fruition in weeks to come. Amongst them are Junior High Revisited and Springtime Slow-Dance, as well as a possible second installment of Wade Robson. Truly, the options are endless.

With an open mind and the ability to literally think on your feet, you might have the night of your life and make a few friends in the process. It's too easy to get bogged down in average entertainment, and, quite frankly, life is too short. Turn over that leaf, turn up the music and turn down the lights. This is the year of the theme party.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Clarifying Moveon.org

When I opened up the Viewpoint section on Monday and saw that there was an article reprinted from the Ohio State University (like there's gonna be another Ohio State University) student newspaper, I was, as a lifelong Ohio resident, immediately disgusted and turned the page (as any Notre Dame fan from Ohio can understand). But I thought, "I shouldn't be this judgmental. Give the guy a chance; maybe your tax dollars are spent on something other than Intermediate Basket Weaving Theory and Intro to Falsifying Insurance Claims."

The article, entitled "Anti-Bush TV ads are weak" was another classic example of either pitiful research or malicious lying. First of all, I should state that he was correct in one part. The ads in question were weak. There is no legitimate reason to compare George Bush to Adolf Hitler (just as there was no reason to morph former Sen. Max Cleland's face into the visage of Osama bin Laden as Cleland's Republican challenger did in the 2002 Georgia Senate race, but things happen, eh?). The difference is that the anti-Bush ads did not appear on television. They were part of a free and open

contest for people to express their opinions on President Bush and were posted just like the other more than 1,500 submissions. But I guess Ed Gillespie's argument that Moveon.org is responsible for portraying the President as Hitler is consistent with the Bush Administration's philosophy: censorship good, free speech bad.

The article continued to go awry when it claimed that Moveon.org is intended to facilitate hate for the President. When the site was launched, President Bush was just a figment of Karl Rove's imagination. Moveon.org was actually started during the Clinton Administration in an effort to censor then-President Clinton. The site's objective was to convince President Clinton to take his punishment, accept censure, and "move on" with governing the country. Not exactly a left-wing conspiracy to hate all things Republican. The fact of the matter is that the site grew so wildly and unexpectedly popular that it never went away. The average American needed an organization like Moveon.org, so it continued its mission, as stated by Moveon.org Voter Fund Wes Boyd (not a millionaire and

not George Soros), "To bring the public into the political process and produce a more fact-based election process." As it happened, this conflicts with the Bush Administration and its philosophies so completely that a natural rivalry was born.

Unfortunately, over the course of time, politics in the United States has been more about money than anything else. Fighting this \$10 and \$20 at a time, Moveon.org and the Moveon.org Voter Fund have managed to allow the average voter to have his or her opinion compete with those being broadcast daily by the major parties. To be sure, the organization has been supported by famous people and some millionaires, but the heart of the organization is still the \$20 donation and the volunteer grassroots organization.

Even more unfortunately, given the past actions of the current RNC and the Bush Administration, it comes as no surprise that they would want to drag an organization that has threatened the power of individual wealth in U.S. politics through the mud.

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'The Question' is unfair to students

I hate "the Question." It is by far the worst possible thing to ask a senior in college. People should know not to ask it. I mean, seriously, don't they realize all the stress and all the pressure asking a question like that causes? And why does society expect us to know? Are we supposed to have life figured out at 22? In fact, why do they have to know the answer anyway?

Complete strangers ask "the Question." The other day, I was at Martin's and the cashier asked me. I could have screamed. If I say "I don't know," then I look like an ass because, apparently, I should know the answer. "Doesn't everyone know by now?" she said.

One day, will I wake up and have it hit me like a bolt of lightning? Or am I forever doomed to the uncertainty of it all? Will I wonder about this for the rest of my life? Because really, my answer will determine the route I will travel for a good many years.

I know you know the question I am talking about. It probably lingers in the back of your mind like a bright yellow rain jacket in the corner of a closet. It's always there — just staring back at you ... hardly ever to be used but constantly there, letting itself be known — screaming, "I am important! You need me!"

And all you want to do is stuff it under your bed where you don't have to worry about it any longer — you never have to see it. But you know the five-day forecast, and rain is approaching. You're going to have to face it. You will have to remove it from the corner of your closet and decide soon. Maybe not today. Maybe not tomorrow, but soon.

For now, you leave it hanging there in the closet and every time you open the door to get your jacket or your shoes — there it is. "The question." The bright yellow rain jacket that won't go away: "What are you going to do next year?"

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DVD REVIEW

Horror legends make killer comeback

By MARK BEMENDERFER
Scene DVD Critic

Freddy vs. Jason, directed by Ronny Yu, is an epic romance of star-crossed lovers, forever kept apart because of a cruel twist of fate.

Yeah, right.

At this point in history, practically everyone has seen one of the *Nightmare on Elm Street* or *Friday the 13th* sagas. In the very least, one has at least been exposed to their influence. Every Halloween, one is almost overwhelmed by the flood of hockey masks and glove knives.

The latest movie, *Freddy vs. Jason*, counts as Freddy's eighth film, and Jason's 11th. After all this time, the image of someone beating a dead horse springs to mind. So it is surprising to discover that *Freddy vs. Jason* is a great little flick.

As can be expected, the plot is predictable with all of the standard precedents of the two series still in effect. Freddy makes wise cracks

while pursuing his victims. Jason walks slowly, and yet still catches the running teen (after she trips of course).

Blood is spilt by the gallon. And of course, the members of society that drink, smoke and have premarital sex are the first to go, making one wonder if the scriptwriters also wrote *duLac* (with the drugs and sex business, not the massive spilling of blood).

But of course, the plot isn't the real reason to see the movie, although it's still pretty fun with plenty of drinking game potential. The real reason to see the movie is for the last 20 minutes that features the much-anticipated fight. It's choreographed well, although don't expect to see Jason dodging bullets as the camera slowly whirls around him.

However, since both anti-heroes are dead, they can take quite a bit of abuse from each other. The DVD is quite nice as one can always just skip all the boring dialogue, plot elements, and people in various stages of undress to witness the showdown.

The DVD was released as a two-disc special edition, and it shows in the details. The video is top-notch. Never before has being bad looked so good. The audio on the DVD is also crystal (lake) clear. You're able to hear all of the sound effects in all their gory detail, which is either an



Photo courtesy of www.imdb.com

Horror legends Freddy Krueger (Robert Englund) and Jason Voorhees (Ken Kirzinger) face off in a special edition DVD boasting crystal clear carnage.

advantage or disadvantage depending on your disposition.

In the way of special features, the DVD offers commentary from the director and the actors who played Jason and Freddy. It also offers some deleted scenes, some of which are actually quite funny but cut for good reason. For the gore hounds out there, the DVD also offers a "skip to a death" along with a scene selection.

Freddy vs. Jason is a fun DVD that is definitely not for everyone, and those

people probably know who they are. However, if you have ever considered watching either one of the two killer's respective movies, this is a good place to start. It does a good job of re-introducing the two main characters, along with having the best parts of either series. The sheer carnage displayed at the end is a visual treat, although not for the weak-hearted.

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Freddy vs. Jason Platinum Series

New Line



MOVIE REVIEW

Along came predictability

By JACQUELINE PIMENTEL-GANNON
Scene Movie Critic

Ben Stiller and Jennifer Aniston star in *Along Came Polly*, a comedy from director John Hamburg. This movie follows the path of the typical romantic comedy to arrive at the standard conclusion — the hero and heroine overcome various obstacles to end up together.

In *Along Came Polly*, the obstacles

are comical, especially for those who are fond of bathroom humor — literally as well as figuratively. Unfortunately, most of the funniest parts of the film are revealed in the previews.

Stiller plays Reuben Feffer, a risk assessment analyst who uses his technical skills to manage and minimize the risk in his own life. His perfect life is right on track as he marries his real estate agent Lisa Kramer (Debra Messing of television's *Will and*

Grace). Everything falls apart, however, on the first day of their honeymoon as Feffer goes to pick up his new wife from her scuba diving lesson only to find her in a compromising position with the French scuba instructor Claude (Hank Azaria).

Feffer returns home to New York to face friends, coworkers and complete strangers who all know what has happened thanks to his interfering mother. The audience can't help but feel sorry for Feffer, even though they laugh as he deals with the humiliation.

In an attempt to meet new people, Feffer attends a party where he meets Polly Prince (Aniston), a classmate from middle school. Phillip Seymour Hoffman, as Feffer's best friend Sandy, provides the most memorable line of the movie when explaining why he and Feffer have to leave the party immediately. So if for no other reason, watch this movie to truly appreciate the meaning of "shart."

On his first date with Polly, Feffer runs into problems almost as ridiculous as those that confront Stiller's character in *Meet the Parents*. Ironically, Polly is about the only person who hasn't yet heard about Feffer's ordeal — though this is recti-

fied soon enough Feffer's oh-so-helpful mother.

Despite the rough start, a romance soon blossoms between Feffer and Polly until Feffer's wife returns. Feffer then has to make the usual choice between the two women and makes the predictable decision — surprise, surprise.

Considering several of the actors in *Along Came Polly* are crossovers from television, the acting is not bad at all. In fact the actors probably pulled the film off as well as they could have

given the tired plot with which they had to work. The chemistry between Aniston and Stiller is mediocre at best, but their comedic skill keeps the movie from dragging.

The story, which includes the

amusing parallel story line of Feffer trying to get an important client insured, is simple and easy to follow even when half-asleep.

In the end, watching *Along Came Polly* is not a bad way to spend 90 minutes if one wants a few laughs and a vacation for the mind — but it might be better to wait until video and put the \$5.75 to better use now.

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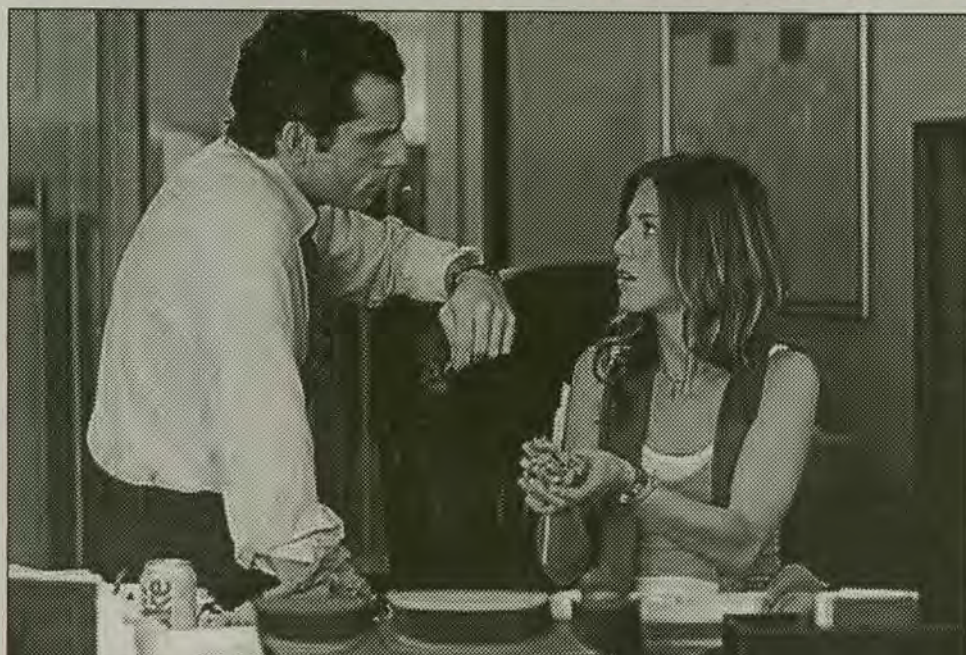


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Polar opposites Reuben Feffer (Ben Stiller) and Polly Prince (Jennifer Aniston) end up in a risky romance in the new romantic comedy 'Along Came Polly.'

DVD REVIEW

'Simpsons' DVD set delivers the goods

By MOLLY GRIFFIN
Scene DVD Critic

Fans of *The Simpsons* don't border on fanatical, but instead embrace their love of the show with a fervor bordering on fanaticism. Fortunately, the show more than earns such frenzied devotion with offerings like the DVD of the show's third season.

Season Three marks the show's evolution both in style and content. The drawings look cleaner and resemble the current shows, and the show's trademark humor reaches new heights with some now-classic episodes.

The Simpsons, which began its long television run as a series of shorts on the Tracy Ullman show in 1986, quickly branched off to become its own show in 1989. It survived the highs and lows of becoming a national fad in the early '90's, and in doing so not only garnered critical and popular success but had a massive influence on the whole of pop culture. It was named, "Best Television Show of the 20th Century" by *Time* magazine, and

Homer Simpson's trademark exclamation, "D'oh!", made its way into the "Oxford English Dictionary" last year.

After 13 years on the air, the show only gains more respect and influence with each successive season. The show doesn't shy away from topics like religion or family that are normally anathema for television, but it approaches difficult topics and situations with a deft balance of humor and emotion.

A major complaint of *Simpsons* fans is the slow rate at which the collections are released, but the extras and the overall presentation of the DVD show both the love of those involved in the series as well as their respect for their obsessive fans. It is ultimately better to wait for a superior product than to have a simple one come out early and incomplete.

The level of detail in things as basic as the language option (each of the languages is illustrated by a specific character; Sharri Bobbins represents English, Bumblebee Man represents Spanish, and Bart's exchange host, Cesar, represents French), reveals an appreciation for the intricacies of the series and the fans who know all of them.

The color of the shows seems brighter than the reruns seen on TV, and the sound is clear and has no major bugs. As a result of having so many extras, commentaries and other information, there are a good number of menus to go through in order to

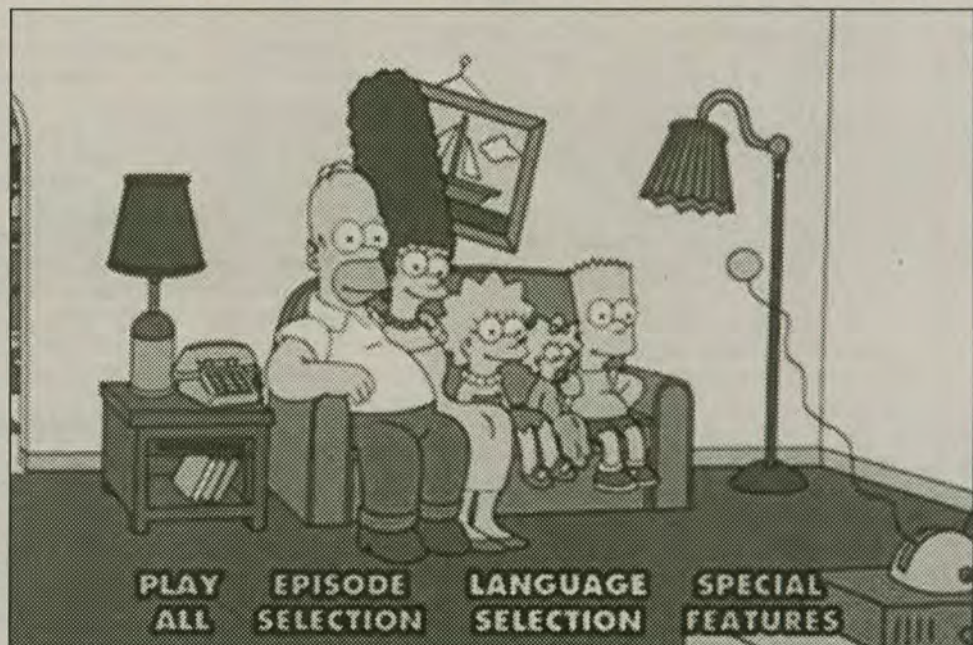


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The latest Simpsons box set from 20th Century Fox does not disappoint, delivering excellent video and audio quality and entertaining special features.

watch the show. However, there is a "Play All" function, which is worth the sacrifice of a few extra seconds for all of the extra commentaries and other additions.

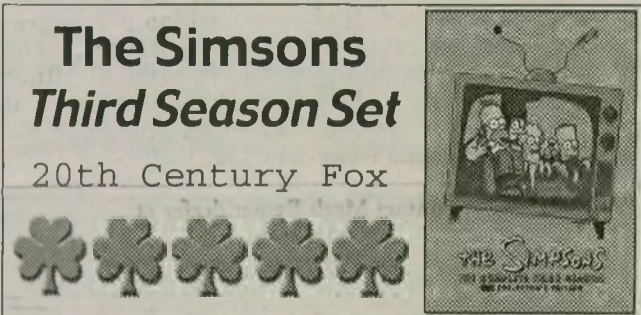
Simpsons fans will appreciate the Season Three DVD both for its content and the extras. It is a season with many guest voices, notably Danny DeVito as Homer's long-lost brother Herb and Beverly D'Angelo (the mom from the National Lampoon's Vacation series) as Lurleen Lumpkin, the country music starlet infatuated with Homer.

The commentary track for each

episode is an extra that most fans will appreciate, and episodes like, "I Married Marge" and "Lisa's Pony" make the show into the cultural force it is today.

It would be difficult to make a bad *Simpsons* DVD because of the content, but it would be very easy to make a mediocre one. Fortunately, the brains of the *Simpsons* operation have not let the fans down and have come out with a DVD definitely worth the wait.

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'Polly' Dethrones 'Lord of the Rings'

Associated Press

Along Came Polly came along and swept *The Lord of the Rings* from its four-week perch atop the box office list.

The new romantic comedy collected \$27.6 million to debut at No. 1, while *The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King* fell to fourth place with \$10.2 million, according to studio estimates Sunday.

Along Came Polly stars *Friends* sweetheart Jennifer Aniston with Ben Stiller playing yet another romantically inept young man.

Audiences were not deterred by what some critics described as a rut for Stiller, who played similar roles in *Meet the Parents* and *There's Something About Mary*. "The chemistry between the two stars was part of its appeal," said Nikki Rocco, president of Universal Pictures distribution. "Sure, he's done this before, but now she's with him. That might have something to do with it," she said.

"After weeks of heavy dramas angling for awards considerations, sometimes all an audience wants is a laugh," said Paul Dergarabedian, president of box-office tracker

Exhibitor Relations Co.

"[Stiller] does seem to play this role a lot, but he does it well," Dergarabedian said. "The audience obviously loves Ben Stiller in this type of movie."

If estimates hold, *Polly* will rank as the highest-grossing movie to debut on a Martin Luther King holiday weekend, topping the \$23.4 million of 2001's *Save the Last Dance*.

The Tim Burton storytelling fantasy *Big Fish*, which lost a close race to *Lord of the Rings* for the top spot last week, held on at No. 2 with \$10.4 million.

The movie has slowly built an audience since debuting in limited release six weeks ago, and is one of the nominees for best comedy film at next weekend's Golden Globe Awards.

"Enough people have seen and heard about it to create buzz, but not everyone has been convinced to go out and see it," Dergarabedian said. "This is one that could really benefit at the box office from awards or nominations."

Torque, featuring rapper-actor Ice Cube in a motorcycle-chase action film akin to *The Fast and the Furious*, debuted in third place with \$10.3 million.

The only other film opening in wide release, the cartoon *Disney's*



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Sam (Sean Astin) and Frodo (Elijah Wood) continue on their quest to Mount Doom in 'Return of the King.' The film continues to perform well worldwide.

Teacher's Pet, was a bomb that didn't come close to cracking the Top 10. The animated feature, about a talking dog who disguises himself as a schoolboy, was based on a TV show from the Disney Channel.

Although *Lord of the Rings* dropped to fourth place, it is still performing strongly for a movie in its fifth week of release. So far, the third installment of the trilogy has collected \$326.8 million domestically.

Worldwide, *The Return of the King* has earned \$771.5 million, putting it on track to cross the billion-dollar mark, especially if it fares well at the Golden Globes or Academy Awards.

The overall box office was down slightly, with the top 12 movies taking in \$95.6 million, down 4 percent from the same weekend last year, when *Kangaroo Jack*, *National Security* and *Just Married* were at the top of the box office.

NBA

Pierce leads Celtics past Heat to snap losing streak

Associated Press

MIAMI — Everything went right for the Boston Celtics down the stretch.

Paul Pierce turned a potential turnover into a layup, Mark Blount came up with the night's most important rebound, and the Miami Heat kept missing.

The combination helped Boston rally from a nine-point deficit in the final 5 1/2 minutes Tuesday night to snap a four-game losing streak by beating Miami 86-84.

"We just had that great sense of urgency," Pierce said. "We could have gotten discouraged with four or five minutes to go, but we kept our composure."

The Celtics were badly out-rebounded, but Blount's tip-in put them ahead 85-84 with 48 seconds left. The Heat's Rafer Alston attempted a potential game-winning shot from 25 feet, but it glanced off the front of the rim at the buzzer.

Pierce scored 29 points, including a highlight-reel drive that cut the margin to 84-83. He lost the ball, scooped it up, juked past John Wallace with a 360-degree spin and sank a layup.

Reserve Udonis Haslem scored 18 points and grabbed 17 rebounds, a record for a Miami rookie. Lamar Odom came within an assist of only the fourth triple-double in Heat history, finishing with 12 points, 14 rebounds and nine assists.

"It's a game we should have won," Odom said. "That one hurt."

Alston's 3-pointer put the Heat ahead 79-70 with 5:38 left, but they shot 2-for-10 with three turnovers the rest of the way.

"Our defense was the key down the stretch," Boston coach Jim O'Brien said. "We shut them down in the last five minutes."

"We haven't been playing that well," Pierce said, "and coach has been riding us about defense being the reason. The guys who are going to play are the guys who play defense."

The Celtics won even though they were outrebounded 52-34 and shot just 42 percent. The Heat, who have the worst shooting percentage in the NBA, also shot 42 percent and committed 17 turnovers.

Pierce, shooting 26 percent over the past three games, shook the slump by going 12-for-24 and added eight rebounds.

The Heat, playing their first home game since Jan. 7, got off to a good start as Boston missed 12 of its first 14 shots and sank just 20 percent in the first quar-

ter.

Miami led 35-24 before the Celtics warmed up, and consecutive three-point plays by Jiri Welsch and Pierce left them trailing only 40-39 at halftime.

Eddie Jones sank a 3-pointer as Miami scored seven consecutive points to lead 68-60.

Three-pointers by Walter McCarty and Mike James started the Celtics' comeback. With 48 seconds left, Blount outfought the 6-foot-10 Odom to tap in a miss by Pierce and put Boston ahead.

"I made it a jumping match," Blount said. It was one of only eight offensive rebounds for Boston.

The Heat then missed their final four shots, including an off-balance 21-foot try by Jones. James rebounded that miss and sank one of two free with 8.2 seconds to go for the game's final points.

Mavericks 106, Nets 93

DALLAS — Antoine Walker scored 19 of his 22 points in the second half and Dirk Nowitzki added 19 points, helping the Dallas Mavericks continue their stronghold over the New Jersey Nets with a victory Tuesday night.

The Mavs hit their midpoint of the season by winning a fifth straight game, their best thus far. This was the seventh straight time they've beaten the Nets, their longest current streak against any team.

Nowitzki scored 15 by halftime, then played the second half with his left wrist taped following a hard foul by Kenyon Martin. Michael Finley, just named the Western Conference player of the week, scored 18 and Steve Nash had 18, too.

Martin enjoyed his lone annual trip to his hometown with a season-high 29 points and nine rebounds.

Richard Jefferson added 21 points and seven rebounds. Jason Kidd had 12 assists, but shot just 4-of-11 for 10 points as New Jersey lost its third game in a row.

The Nets were within 98-90 on a breakaway dunk by Kerry Kittles with 3:40 left, but Nowitzki's rebound led to a layup by Walker with 1:51 left, and the Mavericks were back up by 12.

The way Dallas protected the lead was significant for a team that lost advantages of 20 and 15 before pulling out overtime victories last week.

Those games started the current winning streak.

Cavallers 99, SuperSonics 94

CLEVELAND — Carlos Boozer provided the short-handed Cavaliers points, rebounds and assists. But more importantly, Boozer gave them heart — and a win.

Who says LeBron James is all alone in Cleveland?

Boozer matched a career-high with 32 points and added 20 rebounds as Cleveland survived its first game without James, beating the Seattle SuperSonics 99-94 Tuesday night.

Boozer picked up the slack for the Cavaliers, who were missing their top two scorers — James (sprained ankle) and center Zydrunas Ilgauskas (suspension) — as they swept the season series with Seattle for the first time.

"To win without 'Z' and LeBron gives everybody confidence," said Boozer, only the fifth Cleveland player to record at least 30 points and 20 rebounds in a game. "Those two are a huge part of our offense, but other guys stepped up."

Nobody more than Boozer, who has 64 points and 38 rebounds in his past two games.

"He was a monster in there," Cleveland coach Paul Silas said. "He was totally focused."

Tony Battie added 17 points, Dajuan Wagner had 14 and Kevin Ollie hit two big free throws down the stretch for the Cavs, who went 38-of-42 from the line and beat the Sonics for the first time in nine tries at Gund Arena.

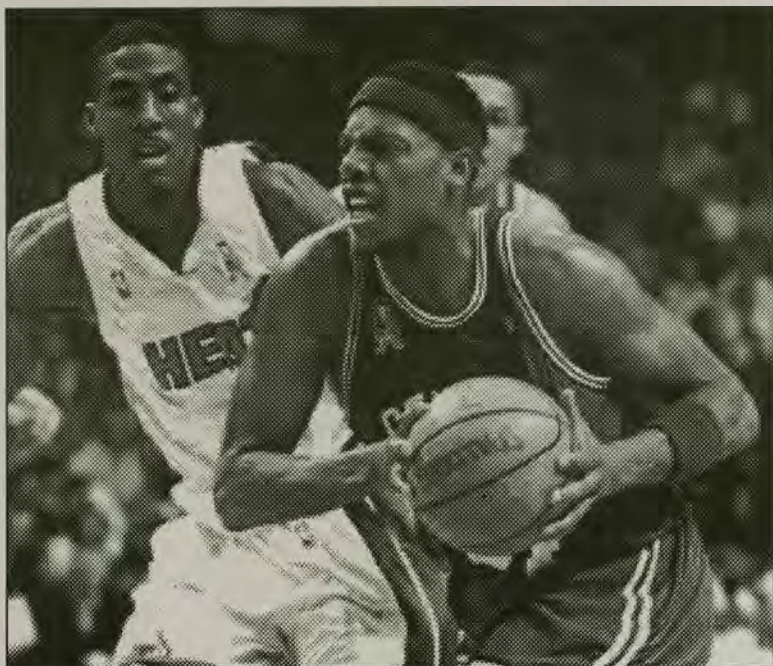
The victory was the 300th for Silas, making him the 46th NBA coach to reach that plateau.

"It's great to be the team that got him No. 300," Boozer said of his coach, who grabbed a TV microphone and playfully grilled the second-year forward with questions in the locker room. "Let's move on and get him 400. Well, let's look at 350 first."

Darius Miles, who skipped Cleveland's practice when he overslept on Monday, soared down the baseline to dunk a miss by Battie, and after Lewis misfired on a 3, Ollie made his two free throws to put the Cavs up 95-91 with 27 seconds to play.

Lewis converted a three-point play as the Sonics crept back within one, but Boozer, who was coming off a 32-point, 18-rebound performance in a win at Utah, made four straight foul shots in the final 21.3 seconds to ice it.

"This was a big time win," said Boozer. "Everybody stepped up. I'm not trying to downplay what I



UPI

Boston's Paul Pierce drives past Miami's Eddie Jones in the first half on the Celtics' win.

did, but I'm not playing it up, either."

Allen shot 9-of-25, missing badly on his final four attempts in the last 2:22.

Seattle coach Nate McMillan was disappointed with his team's effort. The Sonics were outrebounded 55-35, and the Cavs had 24 offensive boards.

"The Cavaliers were the aggressors," he said. "They controlled this game, and felt they could pound the boards, and they did."

Before grabbing a seat on Cleveland's bench, James said he would take his time and not rush coming back to play until his right ankle was 100 percent.

"It's a long season and I've got a long career," said James, who has not run on his ankle as yet and was limping as he walked back and forth to the Cavs' locker room.

Nuggets 96, Jazz 75

SALT LAKE CITY — Voshon Lenard scored 17 points, Carmelo Anthony had 14 and the Denver Nuggets gave Utah its first three-game losing streak of the season, beating the Jazz.

Marcus Camby added 12 points and six rebounds for Denver, which took a 2-0 lead in the season series. The Nuggets were swept by the Jazz last season.

The Jazz were already thin because of injuries and could not keep up with the Nuggets, who had six players score in double figures.

Utah dressed just 10 players, and leading scorer Andrei

Kirilenko wasn't one of them as he nursed a sprained ankle for the second straight night. Utah lost even more depth when Raja Bell was ejected at the end of the first quarter for kicking the ball into the crowd.

Rookie Mo Williams ended up leading the Jazz with 20 points, scoring nine in the fourth quarter as Denver rested most of its starters.

The Nuggets hadn't won in Salt Lake City since December, 1995.

Earl Boykins scored 15 points and Andre Miller and Rodney White each finished with 10 points for the Nuggets, who had 17 turnovers but could afford to be a little sloppy.

Utah had three other two-game losing streaks entering Tuesday, but had managed to win before the streak reached three. After falling behind 24-12 in the first quarter, the Jazz made a brief threat in the second, then Denver took off and kept going after halftime when the Nuggets led 50-36.

Anthony increased the lead to 66-49 with 3:51 left in the third, then after an airball by Sasha Pavlovic, Miller set up Anthony with an alley-oop that increased the lead to 19.

Utah pulled to 70-57 by the end of the third, but Denver opened the fourth with an 8-0 run on two 3-pointers by Rodney White and a jumper by Boykins and was never threatened the rest of the way.

Carlos Arroyo was the only Utah starter to score in double figures with 11 points.

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NCAA BASKETBALL

Seton Hall snaps 13-game Syracuse winning streak

Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Kelly Whitney had 21 points and eight rebounds to lead Seton Hall to a 74-67 victory over No. 13 Syracuse on Tuesday night, snapping a number of streaks for both teams.

The Pirates (12-4, 2-2 Big East) had lost their last two games and their last five to Syracuse. It was Seton Hall coach Louis Orr's first win in five games against his alma mater and former coach Jim Boheim.

The loss ended the 13-game winning streak Syracuse (13-2, 3-1) was on since losing its season opener to Charlotte. This was the last of a three-game road trip for the Orangemen, who won the first two at Missouri and Notre Dame.

No. 4 Connecticut (3-0) is the only unbeaten team left in Big East play.

Seton Hall started the game by scoring the first 12 points and Syracuse never really threatened to take the lead. The Pirates made sure there wouldn't be any late comeback by the Orangemen by going 14-for-16 from the free-throw line over the final 3:40.

Andre Barrett and John Allen had 16 points apiece for Seton Hall, which shot 52 percent (24-for-46).

Hakim Warrick had 26 points and 13 rebounds for Syracuse, while Billy Edelin added 16 points. Gerry McNamara, who had six points on 2-for-10 shooting, played just 10 minutes in the second half after injuring his left leg in the first half.

Syracuse, which came in

averaging 82.5 points, was 27-for-63 from the field (42.9 percent) but was only 3-for-11 from 3-point range. Edelin made the Orangemen's first 3 of the game with 2:58 to play. The last time the Orangemen didn't make a 3 in a game was March 10, 1995, against Providence.

Kentucky 69, Tennessee 68

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Chuck Hayes scored off his own miss with 3:49 left in overtime to lead ninth-ranked Kentucky to a 69-68 victory Tuesday night over Tennessee.

Erik Daniels had 19 points and Hayes added 18 points and 16 rebounds for the Wildcats (12-2, 3-1 Southeastern Conference), who nearly had another scare after their 19-game SEC home winning streak was ended Saturday by Georgia.

Tennessee (10-4, 2-3) trailed until it put together two 9-0 runs midway through the second half, the last giving the Volunteers their first lead at 52-51 with 7:37 remaining.

Kentucky got the lead back and was ahead by three points with 3:53 left.

Tennessee's Scooter McFadgon made two free throws to make it 61-60, but neither team could score over the next three minutes.

C.J. Watson broke the drought for Tennessee with 55.3 seconds left on a fast-break layup off a turnover Brandon Crump grabbed from Kentucky's Gerald Fitch.

Watson extended Tennessee's lead to 64-61 with two free throws with 22 seconds to go, but the Vols couldn't hold on for the upset.



Seton Hall's Marcus Toney-EI runs down the court.

Cliff Hawkins hit a 3-pointer with 16.3 seconds left to tie it at 64. McFadgon missed a shot as time expired.

McFadgon had four points in overtime, but a 3 by Daniels and Hayes' rebound and basket was all Kentucky needed to get its fourth straight win over the Vols.

McFadgon led Tennessee by scoring 19 of his 33 points in the first half, and Crump added 14 points and 13 rebounds.

Hawkins had 13 points and six assists for the Wildcats, who overcame 23 turnovers and 30 personal fouls to avoid a second straight loss.

Kentucky lost 65-57 to Georgia at home, and coach Tubby Smith questioned the Wildcats' toughness. But Kentucky showed plenty against, which came in 9-0 at home this season.

Charlotte 84, Marquette 76

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Demon Bown scored 23 points to lead Charlotte to an 84-76 victory Tuesday over Marquette, which lost leading scorer Travis Diener to an apparent neck injury.

Brown hit 6-of-16 3-pointers while Curtis Withers added 17 points and Eddie Basden 15 or the 49ers (11-4, 3-1 Conference USA), who picked up their second win against a Final Four team from a year ago.

Charlotte beat national champion Syracuse 96-92 on Nov. 26.

Steve Novak and Dameon Mason each scored 16 points and Scott Merritt had 14 for the Golden Eagles (11-5, 2-3), who have dropped three straight games for the first time in three seasons.

Marquette cut a once 15-point deficit to 63-60 with under eight minutes to play. But Withers responded with a 3-point play and Brown hit a 3-pointer in a 13-1 run to put it away.

Marquette finished with 20 turnovers in a game that featured 55 fouls.

Diener, who came in averaging 17.3 points and 6.3 assists per game, was injured with 13:03 left when Calvin Clemmons went for an uplake and fell hard on top of him.

Charlotte athletic director Judy Rose said Dr. Jim Fleischli told her Diener had movement in his arms and legs, but was complaining of tenderness in his neck and back. He was scheduled to undergo an MRI and a CAT scan at University Hospital late Tuesday.

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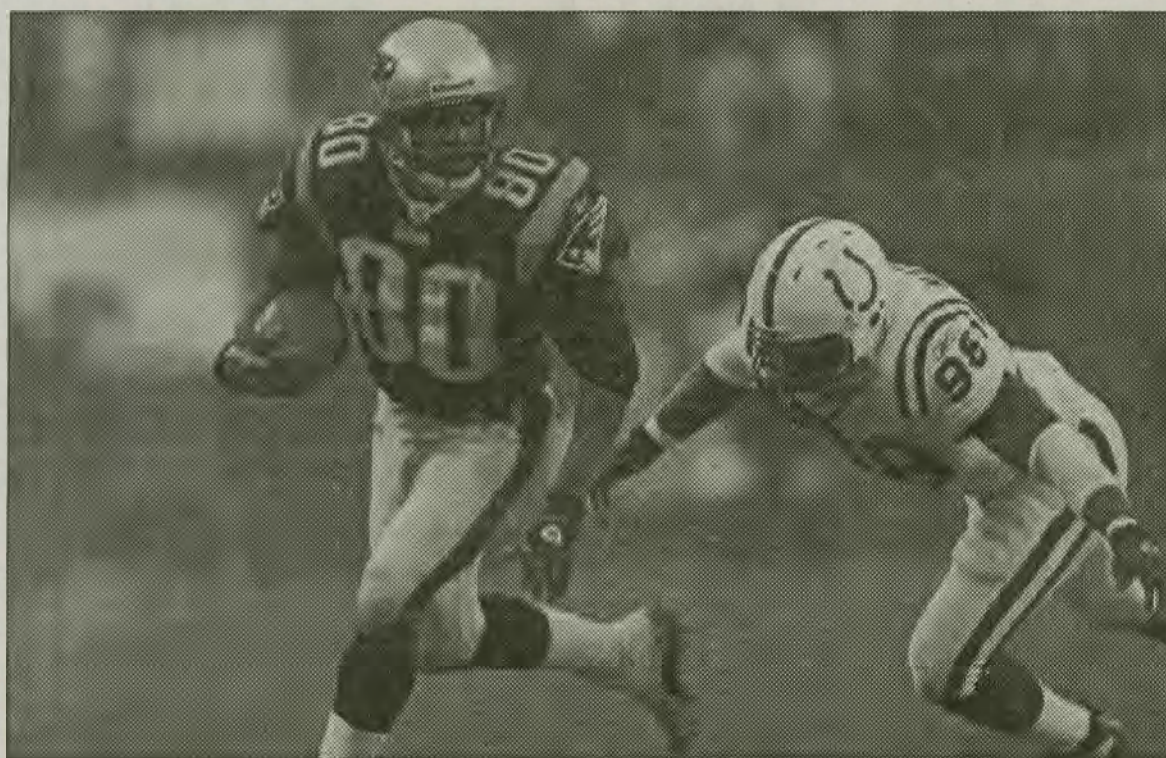
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NFL

After being shut out in opener, Patriots have responded



The Patriots' Troy Brown looks to break loose against the Colts in the AFC Championship game. Brown and the Patriots have won 14 straight games after losing their first game to Buffalo, 31-0.

Associated Press

FOXBORO, Mass. — A team that looked like an NFL power emerged from New England's season opener.

No, not the Patriots.

They lost 31-0 to the Bills, who lived up to glowing preseason predictions in that game. The Patriots, meanwhile, gave no indication that they would start an amazing Super Bowl run.

The loss came five days after the surprising release of star safety Lawyer Milloy, who signed with Buffalo and played against the Patriots.

Certainly, the setback must have motivated the Patriots. Some good must have come from such a problem-filled opener.

"Good?" coach Bill Belichick said. "No. No. No."

In the four months since, Buffalo faltered and missed the playoffs while the Patriots went 16-1. They take a 14-game winning streak into the Super Bowl

against Carolina on Feb. 1 in Houston.

"We knew from Week 1 to Week 2 that we needed to play better than we played in Week 1," Belichick said. "And, frankly, in Week 3 we felt like we needed to play better than we played in Week 2 and so forth right down the line."

The pain of the rout was compounded by linebacker Ted Johnson's broken foot — the first of many serious injuries to key players that began with that game.

In the second game, linebacker Roosevelt Colvin broke his hip and was sidelined for the rest of the season. In the third game, nose tackle Ted Washington broke his leg and linebacker Mike Vrabel broke his arm.

Then there was the ankle sprain that sidelined cornerback Ty Law for one game and the broken foot that ended guard Mike Compton's season after two games.

"We're down in numbers, but we still have to go out and play," Law said early in the season. "It may mean we change a few schemes here and there, but overall, we know everyone on this roster can play and wouldn't be here if they couldn't."

The Patriots kept proving that. There are few big-name players, but Belichick put together a very deep team that was able to fill holes with talented backups.

"This is the ultimate team defense and this is the ultimate team," Law said after intercepting three passes in Sunday's 24-14 win over Indianapolis in the AFC title game. "If we play together, we feel like we can beat anybody."

The only other team they failed to beat was Washington and they came very close. The Patriots lost 20-17 in the fourth game, but outgained the Redskins 387-250.

Since then, New England is perfect.

"To win 14 in a row, I mean that's unbelievable," Brady said. "I mean, who does that? Nobody does that."

The streak started on Oct. 5 with a 38-30 win over Tennessee and continued with victories over the New York Giants, Miami, Cleveland, Denver, Dallas and Houston.

Then the Patriots went to Indianapolis and beat the Colts 38-34 when Willie McGinest tackled Edgerrin James at the Patriots 1-yard line on the final play.

"Every time we play them it's a ... fight," McGinest said afterward. "We got a lot of fighters in our locker room. We're not going to give anything away."

They didn't as they won their last four regular-season games by a combined score of 91-29 while committing just four turnovers, then beat Tennessee and Indianapolis again in the playoffs.

The Patriots kept winning behind Brady's steadiness, the defense's stinginess and the entire team's selflessness.

But Belichick wouldn't single out a game as being particularly special.

"They were all special. Any time you win in this league it is special," he said. "Obviously, playoff games sit a little bit higher than the regular-season ones, but without the regular-season ones there wouldn't be a playoffs."

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NHL

Hurricanes acquire Williams from Flyers

Associated Press

RALEIGH, N.C. — Desperate to fix a struggling offense, the Carolina Hurricanes acquired right wing Justin Williams from the Philadelphia Flyers for defenseman Danny Markov on Tuesday.

The Hurricanes rank last in the NHL with 86 goals and hope Williams will help. He has six goals and 20 assists this season.

"Obviously there's not the right mix right now," Carolina president and general manager Jim Rutherford said. "And we have to do something to change that."

The Flyers were forced into the trade by a rash of injuries to defenseman. Philadelphia was already in the market for a top-four defenseman before losing three backliners in less than a week.

"It's our opinion that a top-four defenseman is more valuable on our team than a third-line winger," Flyers general manager Bob Clarke said.

Markov was in Philadelphia's starting lineup Tuesday for its game with Montreal. He was on the ice for two goals against the Flyers and when Simon Gagne scored Philadelphia's only goal in the 4-1 loss to the Canadiens.

"I was a little bit shocked, but I know it's part of the business," Markov said. "Nothing surpris-

es me anymore in the NHL. I try not to think about it. I try just to concentrate on my game and play."

Williams, along with the 23-year-old Gagne, was supposed to form the future foundation of the Flyers' offense.

"We certainly didn't want to give up Justin, but we didn't have any choice," Clarke said.

Williams suited up for his new team Tuesday night, getting one shot on goal in the Hurricanes' 3-1 loss to Ottawa. Williams, the Flyers' first-round pick in 2000, played in all 47 games for Philadelphia this season.

"The positive thing is I'm coming to a team that really wants me here and I'm going to play here," Williams said after the game. "I'm excited to turn a new page in my career."

The move brought an abrupt end to Markov's short tenure with Carolina, which went to great lengths to acquire the 6-foot-1, 190-pound defenseman.

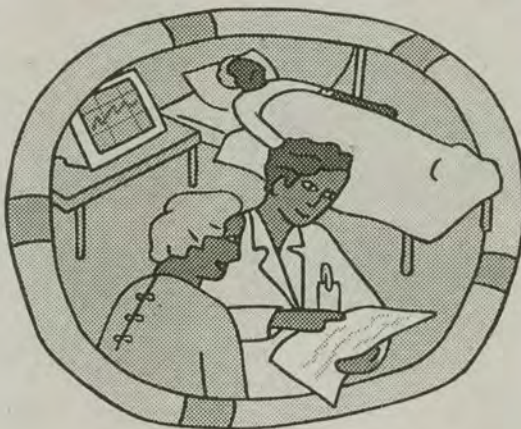
The Hurricanes traded former first-round picks David Tanabe and Igor Knyazev to Phoenix on draft day. But it took a long time to sign Markov, who threatened to play in Russia before coming on board in August.

Markov had four goals and 10 assists in 44 games for Carolina.

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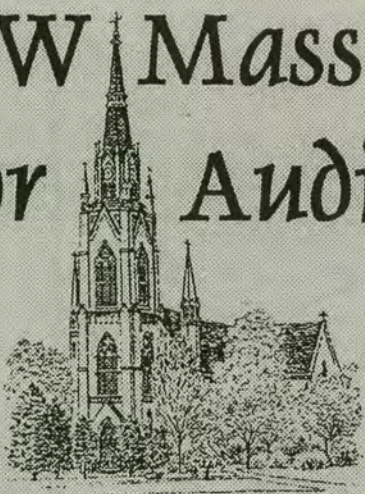
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2 Tennessee (1)	14-1	1,096
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4 Texas Tech	16-1	980
5 Connecticut	12-2	928
6 Stanford	14-2	926
7 Penn State	13-3	880
8 Purdue	14-2	879
9 Kansas State	13-2	779
10 Minnesota	15-1	779
11 Louisiana Tech	12-2	640
12 LSU	15-2	609
13 North Carolina	13-2	607
14 Colorado	14-2	531
15 Oklahoma	13-2	528
16 DePaul	16-1	488
17 Georgia	13-4	393
18 Miami	15-1	312
19 Baylor	14-3	268
20 Michigan State	13-3	217
21 TCU	13-3	164
22 Auburn	13-4	149
23 Villanova	13-3	148
24 Boston College	12-3	134
25 Houston	13-2	90

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team	record	points
1 North Dakota (33)	17-2-2	589
2 Boston College (1)	16-3-3	477
3 Maine	16-5-1	428
4 Michigan	14-7-1	384
5 Minnesota	13-8-3	363
6 Wisconsin	14-6-6	338
7 St. Cloud	13-8-3	283
8 New Hampshire	14-7-3	276
9 Minnesota (Duluth)	15-8-2	240
10 Denver	15-8-3	217
11 Ohio State	15-10	162
12 Colorado College	11-8-3	106
13 Cornell	7-4-6	98
14 Massachusetts	11-7-5	58
15 Miami Ohio	13-9-2	48

NFL



Former Dallas Cowboys quarterback coach Sean Payton congratulates quarterback Quincy Carter in the Cowboys' 24-20 win over the Panthers in November. Payton will sign a four year deal to coach the Raiders.

Raiders replace Callahan, hire Payton

Associated Press

DALLAS — Al Davis has a history of not hiring high-profile coaches. Apparently, that trend will continue.

The Dallas Morning News reported on its Web site Tuesday night that the Oakland Raiders will make Dallas Cowboys assistant Sean Payton their next coach.

According to the newspaper, Payton is expected to sign a four-year, \$1.3 million contract.

He spent much of Sunday and Monday

interviewing with Davis, the Raiders' renegade owner.

Payton, 40, would become the NFL's youngest head coach. If wide receiver Jerry Rice returns to the club, he would be a year older than Payton.

The hiring also would complete a remarkable career rehabilitation for Payton, who as New York Giants offensive coordinator was stripped of his play-calling duties midway through the 2002 season.

This season, Payton was on Bill Parcells' staff

with the Cowboys, overseeing the team's passing game while working with quarterbacks.

Hiring a relative unknown is nothing new for Davis.

In 1998, he made Jon Gruden the youngest coach in NFL history at 34.

Gruden went 40-28 in four seasons and led the Raiders to an appearance in the AFC championship game before leaving over differences with Davis following the 2001 season.

In Oakland, Payton would replace Bill

Callahan, who was fired one season after leading the Raiders to their first Super Bowl appearance since 1984.

In 2003, the Raiders went 4-12 and tied for last place in the AFC West.

Callahan also drew the wrath of many of his veteran players for his unapproachable attitude.

With the Raiders, Payton would inherit one of the NFL's oldest teams and a club that is expected to have major salary cap problems.

Oakland owns the second pick in April's draft.

IN BRIEF

Colts owner plans to meet with city for negotiations

INDIANAPOLIS — Indianapolis Colts owner Jim Irsay said Tuesday he plans to meet with city officials within the next six weeks for negotiations that he hopes will eventually lead to a new stadium to replace the RCA Dome.

Under the Colts' current contract, the city is supposed to make payments to the team in two out of the next three years intended to keep the team near the middle of the pack among NFL teams in terms of revenue.

Irsay said it would take about \$30 million over that time to reach that medium.

He also said during a news conference that he is willing to make Peyton Manning the league's highest paid player and hopes to have him signed to a new contract before March 1.

Manning was named the NFL's co-Most Valuable Player earlier this

Beltran signs one-year contract with Royals

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Outfielder Carlos Beltran and the Kansas City Royals agreed Tuesday to a \$9 million, one-year contract.

Beltran, who had filed for arbitration last week, is eligible for free agency after this season and the Royals have said it is unlikely they will be able to sign their star to a longterm deal before then.

Despite opening the 2003 season on the disabled list.

Beltran led the team with a .307 batting average, 102 runs, 26 homers, 100 RBIs, 72 walks and 41 steals.

Manning named Sporting News player of the year

ST. LOUIS — Indianapolis Colts quarterback Peyton Manning has won another postseason award, and he won't have to share this one.

Manning, who earlier was named

co-MVP along with Tennessee quarterback Steve McNair, on Tuesday was named player of the year by Sporting News.

Manning received 11 of 22 votes cast by NFL pro personnel directors.

McNair was second with three votes, and Baltimore Ravens running back Jamal Lewis received two votes.

The St. Louis-based publication also named New England's Bill Belichick coach of the year.

Manning threw for more than 4,200 yards and 29 touchdowns.

He also erased the stigma of previous playoff failures by leading the Colts to two playoff wins before losing 24-14 to New England in the AFC championship game Sunday.

"Peyton Manning has been a great quarterback for several years and his play this season was simply unsurpassed," said Sporting News editorial director John Rawlings. "His control over the offense is unique in the NFL and he makes the most of the opportunity."

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Duke at Maryland 7 p.m., ESPN

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TIM KACMAR/The Observer

Torin Francis struggled against Syracuse but had 22 points and 16 rebounds Tuesday night.

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But the Irish jumped out to an early, 12-2 lead behind two 3-pointers from Chris Quinn and one from Jordan Cornette. The Hokies responded with a 9-2 run to get within three. A 9-2 run of their own later in the half gave the Irish some separation as they went into the locker room up, 30-22.

Notre Dame opened the second half just like they opened the game — with hot shooting. A 12-4 run put the Irish up 16 points.

After seeming to solve the

Virginia Tech pressure defense for most of the second half, the Irish had problems late in the game as the Hokies implemented a full-court press and got as close as seven.

Cornette fouled out with 11:08 remaining and Tom Timmermans already had four fouls.

Still, the Notre Dame guards broke the press and maintained the lead. Chris Thomas finished with 23 points on 7-of-16 shooting. Quinn ended up with 13 points, with eight of them coming in the first half.

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TIM SULLIVAN/The Observer

Notre Dame guard Chris Thomas finished with 23 points on 7-of-16 shooting at Virginia Tech Tuesday.

Recruits

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recruiting expert Tom Lemming said in comparison to the former Irish and present Indiana Hoosier quarterback. "He doesn't have an overpowering arm, but he has decent running ability."

Wolke, at 6-foot-3, 205 pounds, threw almost every down from the shotgun at Smyrna High School. A four-year starter, Wolke completed 53.8 percent of his passes for 6,232 yards and 54 touchdowns.

"[Irish coaches] said they'll play the best player," Wolke said. "I'll have the opportunity

to compete in camp."

Crum is a 6-foot, 210-pound linebacker who received honorable mention all-state in his junior year at Tampa Bay Tech, making 100 tackles — 13 for a loss — and three interceptions. He runs a 4.6 second 40-meter dash and is the son of former Miami Hurricane great Maurice Crum, Sr.

"Crum is solid and quick to the ball," Lemming said. "He's a bit undersized, but he can grow."

Lemming rated Crum the 25th best inside linebacker in the country.

The linebacker recorded 70 tackles, four sacks and one interception for a touchdown his senior season, even though a bruised thigh kept him out of

two games.

Crum made the decision to attend Notre Dame on Sunday morning during his visit and has cancelled a scheduled visit to Tennessee on Jan. 23.

"The overall visit, everything went well," he said. "When I was meeting the coaches and players, I knew this was the place I wanted to be."

Crum claims the attitudes of the players encouraged him.

"Talking to everyone and

looking in their eyes, I could see fire in their eyes," he said. "Talking about [last season], I could see they felt pain."

Crum's size, however, will most likely prevent him from having an immediate impact. Wolke is not rated high and barring anything extreme will most likely compete for a backup role.

The top priority for Coach Tyrone Willingham and the Irish had been Brohm, who waited longer than expected to announce a decision. But as

"When I was meeting the coaches and players, I knew this was the place I wanted to be."

**Maurice Crum, Jr.
linebacker recruit**

Irish Insider columnist Mike Frank predicted Monday night, "Not many kids will stand in front of a hometown school and say they're going somewhere else."

ESPN reported that Brohm spoke with Louisville coach Bobby Petrino on Saturday and waited for Monday to announce his decision.

Now, Notre Dame hopes visits in the next two weekends will attract their top remaining players — Georgia running back Darius Walker and New Jersey linebacker Brian Toal.

Toal has two remaining visits and has not decided whether or not to travel to South Bend.

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again looking at not changing the starting lineup, but playing different people at different times."

The Irish have moved from an offensive-oriented starting lineup to a more defensive-oriented group, which includes Megan Duffy, Le'Tania Severe, Teresa Borton, Jacqueline Batteast and Monique Hernandez. McGraw said she plans on starting that lineup against the Orangewomen.

McGraw was not expecting such struggles on the road, especially with four seniors and three juniors returning to the team.

"I'm disappointed the upper-

classmen haven't been able to get it done on the road," McGraw said. "It's a veteran team who is just struggling to find an answer."

At 9-7 and 2-2 in the Big East, Notre Dame needs this game if they hope to make a run at the conference championship. Three teams have just one loss in the Big East, including Syracuse. The Orangewomen are just 6-8 overall, but they recently defeated Rutgers to become 3-1 in conference play. Notre Dame meets Miami (4-1) two times this season, while the Irish have already defeated Connecticut (4-1).

Syracuse is led by reigning Big East Player of the Week Julie McBride, who averaged 20.0 points, 5.5 rebounds and five assists in two wins over Rutgers and Providence last week.

Freshman Lauren Kohn has won back-to-back Big East Freshman of the Week honors after scoring 11.5 points and 3.5 rebounds for the Orangewomen in their most recent games.

"Julie McBride is a great player. She's a senior and a great guard," McGraw said. "She's played well against us quite a few times, and we have a lot of respect for her. We really need to shut her down."

Syracuse's greatest weakness is their lack of depth. Orangewoman coach Keith Cieplicki uses only seven players during most games.

Notre Dame heads back to the Joyce Center Saturday to face 13-3, 3-2 Villanova at noon.

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Sophomore guard Megan Duffy drives to the basket against Connecticut Jan. 13. The Irish travel to Syracuse tonight.

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SMC BASKETBALL

Belles look to snap six game losing streak

Saint Mary's hopes to improve on what has been a disappointing season thus far

By BOBBY GRIFFIN
Sports Writer

It would be an understatement to say that the Belles' season to this point has been a disappointment.

Saint Mary's has dropped six straight games, culminating with a 70-67 heartbreaking loss to Alma. The Belles seem lost as they try to turn around the season and need to get their feet back on the ground tonight, when they take on Kalamazoo on the road.

Kalamazoo, on the other hand, is coming off back-to-back wins over Tri-State and Adrian, games won by a combined five points. Their season has been up and down, with several winning streaks split by pairs of losses. Mary Brown has been the leading threat for

Kalamazoo, scoring 13.8 points per game despite shooting 36 percent from the field. Ashley Riley adds 13.1 points per game while grabbing an average of 8.6 rebounds.

In the loss to Alma, the Belles' Emily Creachbaum played scored 19 points and had six rebounds. Creachbaum was limited to 29 minutes due to foul trouble. Katie Miller added 15 points, all coming from behind the 3-point arch. She made five-of-ten from three, and five-of-eleven from the field.

Most impressive in the loss for the Belles, however, was their lack of turnovers, which have become characteristic of their play in recent losses. They turned the ball over a total of seven times, while managing to dish out 17 assists. In their most recent three losses, Saint Mary's turned the ball over 64 times — 25 against Adrian, 18 against Hope and 21 against Calvin College.

The Belles must continue to minimize their mistakes tomorrow night in order to be successful against a very strong Kalamazoo team. This may be a challenge for Saint Mary's, as Kalamazoo forces an average of 20.4 turnovers per game. Kalamazoo's defense, combined with Saint Mary's recent trouble in keeping possession of the ball, may create problems for the Belles.

Saint Mary's has ten games remaining on its schedule, including Thursday night, before the MIAA tournament begins. They have an 0-5 record in their conference and need to finish out strong to save their season.

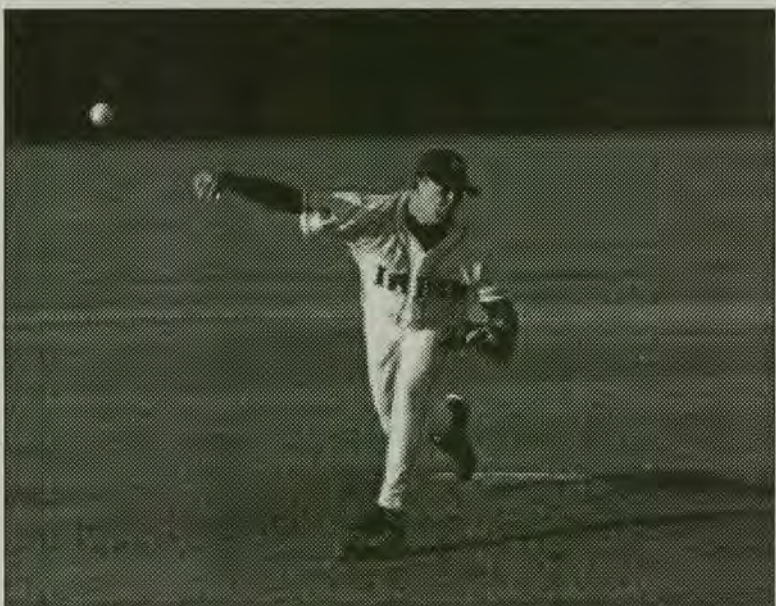
The Belles will need solid efforts from Creachbaum, who leads the Belles down low, and guard Katie Miller. Miller had just one turnover in the 3-point loss to Alma.

Tip off time tonight is at 7:30 p.m. in Kalamazoo.

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CHIP MARKS/The Observer
Senior shortstop Steve Sollman led the Irish with a .384 batting average last season. He is one of three captains this year.



CHIP MARKS/The Observer
Pitching ace Chris Niesel was 9-1 last season with a .265 ERA. Now a team tri-captain, Niesel also struck out 87 batters in 2003.

Captains

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looked to for leadership and looked up to for the way they go about their business," Mainieri said. "I just felt that these three guys clearly should be named as captains and have that honor."

Sollmann, who also served as a captain in 2003, became just the eleventh player in the history of the program and the fourth in the Mainieri era to serve as captain in multiple years.

Last season, Sollmann led the Irish with a .384 batting average. He was named a second team All-American by the American Baseball Coaches Association and a third team All-American by the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association.

Already this season, Sollmann has found himself named to three pre-season All-America rosters and has been tabbed as the 2004 Big East Preseason Player of the Year.

After seeing only limited playing time as a freshman, Sanchez burst onto the Irish scene his sophomore year at shortstop after injuries to Matt Macri and Matt Edwards

left a whole at that position. That season, Sanchez hit .281 with five home runs and played a big role in Notre Dame's run to the College World Series.

Last year, Sanchez filled another void, this time at the catcher's position vacated by Paul O'Toole. In just his first year behind the plate, Sanchez

exceeded expectations by committing only eight errors and batting .303 along the way.

"Fortunately we have a couple of senior players that have seen just about everything that college baseball can

"Fortunately we have a couple of senior players that have seen just about everything that college baseball can throw at them in Javi Sanchez and Steve Sollmann."

Paul Mainieri
head coach

"Chris Niesel is head and shoulders the guy that everybody on our team looks to for leadership on that pitching staff."

Paul Mainieri
head coach

seen a lot of college baseball, those two guys have it all. I think they are just tremendously unselfish players that always put the team before themselves, and I think they epitomize exactly what seniors

should be."

As a freshman, the right-handed hurler Niesel overcame a bout with mononucleosis that sidelined him for a month to finish 4-0 with a 3.36 ERA, but he best proved his worth at the end of the year with the season on the line. In Game 3 of the NCAA Super Regionals, Niesel held off a strong-

hitting Florida State team in a 3-1 victory as the Irish advanced to the College World Series.

Last year, Niesel finished 9-1 with a 2.65 ERA and 87 strikeouts in 98.1 innings pitched and was named third team All-America by the NCBWA.

"Chris Niesel is head and shoulders the guy that everybody on our team looks to for leadership on that pitching staff," Mainieri said. "I think everybody on our team, when they look at Chris Niesel, they realize we have a bulldog out there on the mound, and we've got a chance to win. He's a great example for all of our younger players."

The first Irish game is now less than a month away, as the Irish will travel to Los Angeles to take on San Diego State Feb. 20 to start the season.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

On the road again

Irish dominate Hokies inside in 74-63 victory

By MATT LOZAR
Associate Sports Editor

After Saturday's loss to Syracuse, the Irish talked about becoming more physical. Instead of outscoring their opponents, Notre Dame wanted to get back to a 40-minute defensive effort.

Tuesday night's performance at Virginia Tech was a first step in the right direction.

The Irish dominated inside in the paint and on the glass in defeating the Hokies 74-63 in Blacksburg, Va.

The win snaps a two-game losing streak for the Irish (9-5, 3-2 in the Big East), and hands Virginia Tech (8-7, 1-3) its

fourth loss in its last five games.

Last week, Pittsburgh and Syracuse each controlled the lane against the Irish, but coach Mike Brey exploited the undersized Hokies down low. Virginia Tech had no answer for forward Torin Francis, who finished with 22 points and 16 rebounds.

For the game, the Irish outscored the Hokies 32-26 in the paint. In the first half, the Irish held the Hokies to zero offensive rebounds and out-rebounded the Hokies 20-11. Overall, the Irish held a 42-37 rebounding edge.

The defensive effort also improved against Virginia Tech as the Notre Dame defense

held its opponent to 35.4 percent from the field.

Virginia Tech's 1-3-1 trap zone caused some problems for the Irish in the first half, forcing nine turnovers and 15 overall. On the game, that pressure defense resulted in 11 steals.

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BASEBALL

Mainieri names 2004 captains

By CHRIS FEDERICO
Sports Writer

Notre Dame baseball coach Paul Mainieri and his staff have named the Irish captains for the 2004 squad. Senior infielders Steve Sollmann and Javi Sanchez and junior pitcher Chris Niesel were granted the honor of leading the Irish into the upcoming season.

"Each of these three guys has a great story behind him, and I'm so proud of them for the great things they've already accomplished and what they will continue to accomplish," Mainieri said. "I don't think our team could be in better hands than to have those three guys leading the way."

In selecting captains for the baseball team, players can nominate teammates for the position in essay form, and the Irish coaching staff evaluates the letters for the players they feel are most worthy of the honor. This year, Mainieri and his staff saw three distinct favorites for the positions.

"[Sollmann, Sanchez and Niesel] were clearly the guys that their teammates

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Javier Sanchez bats in a game at Eck Stadium last spring. The senior catcher and former shortstop recently became one of three team captains for the 2004 season.

SOFIA BALLON/The Observer

FOOTBALL RECRUITING

Wolke and Crum join 2008 class

By PAT LEONARD
Sports Writer

Notre Dame football coaches are batting .500 recruiting quarterbacks.

Quarterback David Wolke became the tenth verbal commit on Monday with a statement from his home in Smyrna, Tenn., while top-rated Kentucky signal caller Brian Brohm chose his hometown Louisville over Notre Dame, Kentucky and Tennessee on Tuesday.

Quarterback Darrin Bragg of San Jose, Calif. will visit Notre Dame this weekend. Bragg could also commit, as coaches have said they plan to sign two quarterbacks.

Wolke committed just a day after the Irish received their ninth commitment from Florida linebacker Maurice Crum, Jr. While not rated high in recruiting reports, Wolke — who bypassed offers from Kentucky and Wake Forest — reminds one expert of a former Irish quarterback.

"[Wolke] is a blonde-haired Matt LoVecchio," ESPN

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David Wolke



Maurice Crum, Jr.

ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Irish need answers, wins away from home

By JOE HETTLER
Sports Editor

They can beat ranked foes like Virginia Tech and Connecticut at home, but for whatever reason, the Notre Dame women can't beat anyone on the road.

That trend must end soon for the Irish if they're going to make a strong run at the NCAA Tournament in March. Notre Dame gets a chance to improve its road mark tonight against

Syracuse in Manley Field House at 7 p.m.

"We want to play every game at home," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. "Right now we just can't win on the road, and we're just beating our heads against a wall trying to figure out a reason for it. We're losing to teams that are not quite as talented when we're on the road."

The Irish are 1-7 in true road games — games at the opponent's home court — while stak-

ing a perfect 7-0 record at the Joyce Center. Disappointing road losses this season include Michigan State, Georgetown and West Virginia.

"We're just so comfortable playing at home," McGraw said. "The crowd really helps us, and I think there's an immaturity to that — that you need somebody else to pick you up. That's what we have to work on — how can we individually and as a group find the poise to withstand playing on the road? So far we

haven't found the answer."

Struggling on offense or defense can be fixed during practices leading up to a game.

Figuring out how to beat teams in their home arena in front of a hostile crowd isn't an easy task.

"We've tried a lot of different things, and I still feel it has to be a combination of people that we're putting in the games," McGraw said. "So we're yet

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SMC BASKETBALL

Saint Mary's at Kalamazoo

Tonight, 7:30

The struggling Belles need a win after losing a heartbreaker to Alma.

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NHL

Hurricanes and Flyers swap players in trade

The Carolina Hurricanes dealt defenseman Danny Markov to the Philadelphia Flyers for forward Justin Williams on Tuesday night.

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NFL

Patriots' accomplish huge turnaround

After losing the season opener 31-0 to the Buffalo Bills, New England has made an impressive run to the Super Bowl.

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NCAA BASKETBALL

Seton Hall ends Syracuse streak

The Pirates ended a 13-game Orangemen winning streak with a 74-67 win in East Rutherford, N.J.

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