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Pipe bursts, Library closes for 6 hours

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Plastic sheets cover book stacks on the second floor of Hesburgh Library Monday after a pipe burst, causing water to flood from the third floor.

Flooding damages 1,500 books, employees race to preserve materials

By KAITLYNN RIELY
Associate News Editor

Water flooded from the third floor of the Hesburgh Library to the basement after a pipe burst Monday morning, damaging approximately 1,500 books on the second floor, said Nigel Butterwick, associate director for user services at the library.

Water was "cascading" from the ceiling of the second floor on the west side of the building when Associate Vice President for News and Information Don Wycliff arrived shortly after the flooding was discovered.

Fire alarms went off throughout the building shortly after 9 a.m., Butterwick said, most likely due to a short circuit caused by the water that created smoke and a "smoldering situation."

When library staff members left their offices to evacuate, they discovered water was dripping down from the ceiling on the second floor. The scene was "pretty disastrous," Butterwick said.

"When we came in here, there was water all

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Dems travel to capital

By JOHN TIERNEY
News Writer

For many Democrats, the opportunity to meet and greet with the Democratic presidential candidates in 2008 would be a dream come true. For the Notre Dame College Democrats, this dream became a reality over the weekend at the annual Democratic National Committee (DNC) Winter Meetings in Washington, D.C.

The meetings, the last official gathering of the DNC before the 2008 convention, provided delegates from throughout the country and leaders of both College Democrats and Young Democrats with the opportunity to meet presidential hopefuls and to discuss issues relevant to the party's platform.

Candidates Joe Biden, Wesley Clark, Hillary Clinton, Chris Dodd, John Edwards, Dennis Kucinich, Barack Obama, Bill Richardson and Tom Vilsack all gave speeches and met with representatives from the College Democrats nationwide this weekend.

The most well known candidates made the biggest splash early at the meetings, as Clinton, Edwards and Obama all spoke on the convention's first day.

Obama was greeted with a supportive response, especially from the meeting's younger delegates.

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Students embrace ND's mission in Africa

By MARCELA BERRIOS
News Writer

After the Notre Dame Forum on global health in the fall and University President Father John Jenkins' recent trip to Uganda, it's no wonder students across campus have become caught up in the fervor to lend a helping hand to Africa.

Notre Dame Millennium Development Initiative (NDMDI) Assistant Director Tim Lyden pitched a series of forums to the Student Senate and the Hall Presidents' Council last week to facilitate dialogue between the Initiative and intrigued students.

Representatives from the NDMDI student advisory council will visit residence halls this semester for round-table conversations that will introduce students to the NDMDI and also enable them to make propositions.

Lyden said the student advisory council — a team of 21 students well-informed in Sub-Saharan African affairs — will present the Initiative's skeleton and Notre Dame's partner village, Nindye, in central Uganda.

But after those formalities are tackled, Lyden said he hoped questions would lead to arguments exploring economic development in Africa, the importance of empowerment over imposition in service interventions and the

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Courtesy of Patrick Reidy

Junior Patrick Reidy spent eight weeks in Africa through the Center for Social Concerns Summer Service Learning Program.

Transfer student runs for vice president

By BECKY HOGAN
News Writer

Junior Ashley Weiss has been a student at Notre Dame for a little more than two semesters — and if elected on Feb. 12, she will be the fourth transfer student in University history to serve as student body vice president.

Weiss

Weiss is running for vice president on a ticket with current Alumni Hall senator Danny Smith.

She said she decided to transfer to Notre Dame because she wanted to be part of a campus that included a community atmosphere.

"I was looking for a strong Catholic tradition and a unified community aspect," Weiss said. "That was something I didn't have previously."

Since she arrived at Notre Dame for the spring semes-

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Keough-Welsh Family win Olympics

By AARON STEINER
News Writer

The Keough-Welsh Family team reclaimed its title as reigning Late Night Olympics champions last weekend, bringing its record to seven wins over the past eight years.

Winning five of the 17 events helped the Keough-Welsh Family team edge the competition, said Welsh Family Hall athletic commissioner Stephanie Bendinelli. Last year they lost to the MBA team.

Keough-Welsh Family took first with 2,616 points, followed by the MBA Association team with 1,559 points, and the O'Neill-Lyons team with 1,285 points.

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DUSTIN MENNELLA/The Observer

Senior Michael Coughlin plays indoor soccer for Keough Hall Friday at the Late Night Olympics.

Inside Column

Snow, ice and joy

John-Paul Witt

News Wire Editor

This might sound sappy, but I love this weather.

I know. We risk hypothermia every time we go to class, to eat or to work out. I know that every other step, we slip on the ice.

And I know that in this sub-zero weather, we can't even make snowballs. Yet, walking to St. Ed's from South Dining Hall at 3 a.m., I was mesmerized.

I always try to work late at The Observer, because that time, the predawn hours, is my favorite time of the day. It's right before the snow plows start their early shifts, when all the walks are white and unsalted. The vista kindles something in my heart, seeing Father Sorin, Jesus and Mary wearing robes of white.

I think because I'm from Miami, Fla. and I never saw snow before my freshman year here, being surrounded by a world of white makes me a child again. I see an untrod field of foot-deep snow, and I can't help but to walk through it. I like the sound my shoes make as they compress the snow under me, and the lightness of it. How the slightest touch brushes millions of tiny crystals aside. Beautiful, but fragile.

Sometimes I feel that this fragility can affect us — the cold seeps through our many layers, external and internal. For example, for us non-coffee drinkers, it's difficult to make a commute from the DPAC to say, North Dining Hall, without looking like a Mestrovic sculpture.

But also, winter is the time when people are the loneliest, especially when it's cold and dark. That once-friend from Frosh-O you passed after dinner could be having a hard time. I know it's not the Christmas season, but, perhaps a little extra cheer from those capable of it could go a long way towards getting us through these cold and gloomy months.

One thing I do regret about this season is the difficulty inherent in visiting friends across campus. The walk is perilous at best, and the many memories one could create are squandered, victims to air that will freeze the hairspray right out of your head.

Granted, the excuse you used for missing your 8:30 a.m. lecture seems to disappear when there's a possibility to eat, drink and be merry. No matter how far TC is from Fisher, or how bad the roads are between D-6 and Fever. But, like all things in life, it requires effort! Theodore Roosevelt admired the people who are "in the arena." Friendship is an arena, but only a few have the fortitude to brave the cold for non-charitable ends (here's looking at you, Siegfried).

My last world to you jaded Chicagoans and Clevelanders, veterans of many winters, is that I understand you may think I'm too sentimental. But the way you feel about sunny beaches and crashing waves, is how I feel about Notre Dame in the darkest, deepest winter.

God bless us, that we have the chance to be here.

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Corrections

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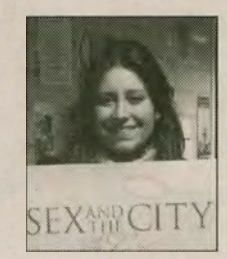
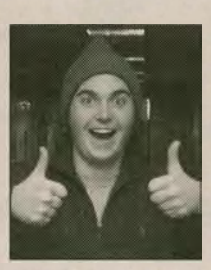
Question of the Day: *What would you title your autobiography?*

Fritz Shadley
junior
Siegfried
"Ghost Ride: Get out of the way, let Casper drive."



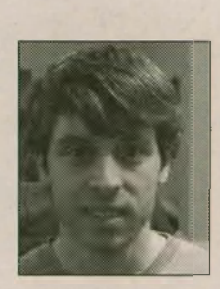
Desiree Moore
senior
off-campus
"Sex and The City of God."

Danice Brown
senior
off-campus
"Real Woman of Genius: Tales from the Popcorn Machine."



John Coyle
senior
Knott
"Coyle: The Man, The Myth, The Legend."

Kristen Leist
sophomore
Welsh Family
"Beware of Gifts Bearing Greek."



Logan Zoellner
sophomore
Morrissey
"Grilled Cheese Sandwiches, The Greeks and Life's Other Insoluble Mysteries."

TIM SULLIVAN/The Observer

Bengal Bouts fighters "warm down" after practice in the pit of the Joyce Center Monday. The Bouts begin Feb. 21 at 6:30 p.m. in the JACC.

Offbeat

City could get rubber sidewalks

PHILADELPHIA — A Philadelphia official wants the city council to look at whether the city's sidewalks should be made of rubber.

City councilman Jim Kenney recently toured Chicago to see environmentally-friendly city projects there. He came back with a number of ideas on which he plans to hold hearings.

One is using rubber for sidewalks.

No, don't expect to see people bouncing down the street. Kenney says the rubber is very solid — probably harder than a running track.

He says rubber sidewalks are made from recycled tires. They don't crack, and they last longer than concrete.

Gambler gives birth on casino floor

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. — A woman playing the penny slots Saturday morning left the Resorts Atlantic City casino with her own little jackpot — a new baby boy.

Eight-months pregnant Nyree Thompson, 32, went into labor on the casino floor about 9:30 a.m.

Thompson said she mistook labor pains for gas at first, but after going to the restroom told a security guard that she might be giving birth.

Thompson said the guard thought she was joking. Then her water broke.

"A guard came over and said, 'Don't push,'" Thompson said. "I said, 'Forget you, this baby is coming right now!'"

Minutes later, a boy weighing less than 5 pounds was born. Thompson named him Qualeem.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

In Brief

Visiting professor of political science **Alejandro Poiré** will give a lecture entitled **"Does Public Funding of Political Parties Improve Governance? Evidence from Mexico's States" today** at **12:30 p.m.** in the **Hesburgh Center**, Room C-103.

Samuel Gregg, director of Research at the Acton Institute for the Study of Religion and Liberty, will give a lecture entitled **"Beyond Legal Compliance: The Moral Life & Business" today** at **6 p.m.** in the **Jordan Auditorium** at the Mendoza College of Business.

As part of the **Notre Dame Literary Festival**, former poet laureate of Queens, New York, **Hal Sirowitz** will read **today** at **8 p.m.** in the **Oak Room** at South Dining Hall.

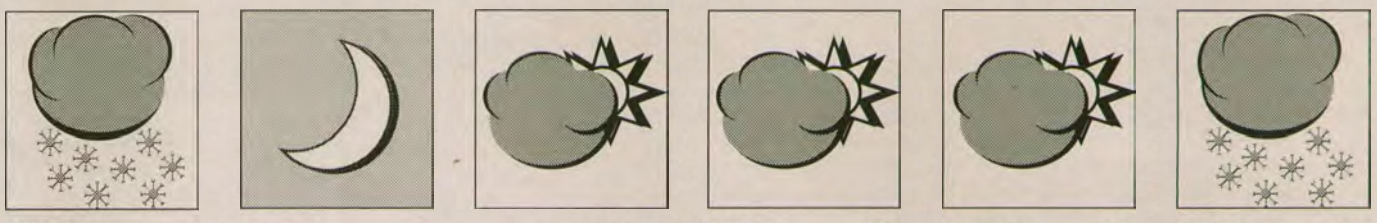
As part of the **Notre Dame Literary Festival**, essayist and humorist **David Rakoff** will speak **Wednesday** at **8 p.m.** in the **LaFortune Ballroom**.

The academic forum **"Ragtime 100 Years Later: Defining Our Generation's American Dream"** will be held at **7:30 p.m. Wednesday** in **Washington Hall**. Five campus speakers will comment on the themes of the musical "Ragtime." The event is free of charge and is co-hosted by the student groups Shades of Ebony and Wabruda.

Efraim Inbar, Professor of Political Studies at Bar-Ilan University, will give the lecture **"Israel's Security Environment" Thursday** at **8 p.m.** in **Room C-103** of the Hesburgh Center.

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

Local Weather



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BOARD OF GOVERNANCE

Event no-shows to be charged small price

By LIZ HARTER
News Writer

Saint Mary's Board of Governance (BOG) members discussed fining students a small fee if they sign up for an event but don't show up and do not inform the hosting organization.

"We're just going to be charging a small fee in hopes that [students] will be responsible and call us [to tell us they aren't going]," student body president Susan McIlduff said at the board's meeting Monday night.

This new rule is taking effect after the group analyzed the attendance of both the Heritage Week Dinner and the last Chicago bus trip.

After all the tickets for space on the two buses had been picked up, about three quarters of the students did not attend the Student Government Association sponsored trip, McIlduff said.

The same thing happened with the Heritage Dinner — 138 people signed up to eat in a room with a 120-person capacity and there were more on the waiting list for the evening.

"We didn't call people on the waiting list because we were already over capacity," McIlduff said. "People ended up not showing up so more [students who wanted to] could have attended."

Future bus trips, including one next Saturday, will still be free. But according to the new rule, if a student picks up a ticket and decides not to go, they must return their ticket at least 24 hours before Saturday so another student has a chance to attend or face a $20 fine.

In Other BOG news:

◆ Sib Fest will take place Feb. 23-25. Sign ups have been extended until Friday. Students can contact Samantha Peterson at speter01@saintmarys.edu if they are interested in registering a younger sibling for the event.

◆ Elections for the Student Diversity Board and Residence Hall Association president and vice president begin with campaigning today. Voting will take place Monday. Two tickets are running for Student Diversity Board and one is running for Residence Hall Association.

◆ Board of Governance turnover is April 1. The new student body president and vice president, Kim Hodges and Kelly Payne, will take over at that time.

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Democrats

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"Obama has a huge following in the youth community and he gave a great speech that resembled his speech at the convention in 2004," Notre Dame College Democrats co-president Helen Adeosun said.

John Edwards was also impressive at the mini-convention, she said.

"People were really supercharged by Edwards," Adeosun said. "He really motivated and fired up the crowd with a question and response-style speech."

Freshman Matt Molloy went on the trip to Washington, D.C. as well and agreed that Obama and Edwards lived up to their hype.

"I thought Obama and Edwards gave good, rousing speeches that got everyone in the crowd going," he said. "They really made people want to support them."

While Obama, Edwards and Clinton continue to dominate the presidential debate nationally, former New Mexico governor Bill Richardson's campaign is gaining momentum, as evidenced by the excitement surrounding his appearance this weekend.

"Richardson did very well speaking on the second day," Adeosun said. "He had a huge presence there. A lot of people are very excited about his campaign because it makes everything so rich. Richardson livens up a lot of hope as a candidate and he brings a lot of moderates to the table."

College Democrats co-president Megan Hawley and Molloy were able to meet Richardson in a small group setting.

"I personally met Richardson and Vilsack. I also shook Obama's hand, but I didn't get a chance to talk to him," Molloy said.

The College Democrats' main goal for 2006 was to help elect Joe Donnelly to Indiana's Second Congressional District seat, and now the club is firmly focused on the 2008 presidential election.

"We're just trying to position ourselves as best we can for 2008," Adeosun said. "We need to develop new leadership of mostly freshmen and sophomores, and that's what this trip was really good for. We're priming other people to take over the club next year."

Adeosun, a senior, will graduate in May.

She said the club will not officially endorse a specific candidate in the 2008 primary elections, but will provide members with outlets to work for their favorite candidates.

"When I was a freshman, we went out to Iowa to support Edwards and we did some caucusing for him out there," she said. "I can foresee the same thing happening in 2008, with a group that's truly rallying around one candidate to go to Iowa."

While the candidates are competing against each other in the primaries, their overall goal remains constant — to get a Democrat elected in 2008.

"A lot of candidates stressed that, no matter what happens, it's important to vote for a Democrat in 2008," Molloy said. "It's the first time in a long time that the field is this wide open and it's really exciting to be a part of it."

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CAMPUS LIFE COUNCIL

'Dis-orientations' discussed

Resolution urges creation of freshman informational program

By KATHLEEN McDONNELL
News Writer

Resolutions recognizing the need for a program addressing freshman 'dis-orientations' and aimed at enhancing the reliability of campus Domer Dollar card swipe systems were passed Monday at the Campus Life Council (CLC) meeting.

The resolution on disorientations — which passed 10-2-1 — "urges the Vice President for Student Affairs to form an ad-hoc committee to create an informational program for first year students."

The CLC recommended the committee include individuals from a variety of organizations including Student Affairs, the Office of Alcohol and Drug Education and Student Activities. The resolution left unspecified the direction of the committee so members can develop the most comprehensive program possible.

"The report fleshes out why disorientations are unique and proves the basis for the addition of a new committee or incorporating findings into existing programs," said Bill Andrichik, chair of the Conduct Awareness task force.

"We wanted to create a group with all seven or eight input voices [from various organizations] so that we can see what people want to do — no concrete plans are in the resolution so that the committee can do what is best."

The CLC resolved to support the findings and recommendation of the conduct awareness task force, who presented research that was conducted "due to the exceptional number of arrests and student safety issues directly connected with dorm 'disorientation' events in the fall of 2006," according to the resolution.

The task force interviewed upperclassmen, hall staff and rectors on a voluntary basis to garner information about the events planned to "break the freshman in after a week of Frosh-O activities," as some students described it in the interviews.

The second resolution CLC passed on Monday aimed to enhance the reliability of campus Domer Dollar card swipe systems. Student concerns task force chair Danny Smith said the resolution is a two-step process.

"First a survey needs to be conducted to figure out the frequency, geography and timing of why the Domer Dollar card swipe system goes down — especially targeted for laundry," Smith said.

The second part involves urging the Department of Food Services to "work with all appropriate parties" and dedicate adequate resources to enhance the ability of the system according to the resolution.

Carroll Hall rector Father Jim Lewis, among others, questioned CLC's ability to address Food Services directly since it is purely an advisory body to Vice President for Student Affairs Father Mark Poorman. But after changing the wording to "CLC requests the Vice President for Student Affairs to urge the Department of Food Services" and attaching a similar resolution from the spring of 2005, the resolution passed unanimously.

In other CLC news:

◆ Poorman updated CLC on his response to the Jan. 23 resolution to enhance student life for Native Americans. Arthur Taylor, the assistant director of the Multicultural Student Programs and Services is the existing official who advises Native American students, but Poorman has contacted Associate Provost Jean Ann Linney to discuss securing a faculty counterpart to Taylor's position. He has also forwarded the resolution to Hilary Crnkovich, vice president for Public Affairs and Communication, in order to address the presentation of Notre Dame's history in a culturally sensitive way.

◆ The ad hoc task force on student safety finalized a list of safety tips it wants to include in the Contemporary Topics book that freshmen study during physical education classes. The identification of campus call boxes, the availability of SafeWalk and the addition of an ICE (in case of emergency) entry to cell phones are among the tips included.

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Coffee at the Como

For Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Questioning Students at Notre Dame

Tuesday, February 6
7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
316 Coleman-Morse

The Core Council invites gay, lesbian, and bisexual members of the Notre Dame family, their friends, and supporters to an informal gathering at the Co-Mo.

Everyone is welcome and confidentiality is assured.

CORE COUNCIL FOR GAY & LESBIAN STUDENTS

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roles of faculty members and students in the NDMDI, among others.

"We're not expecting to find definitive answers at once but rather to encourage students to ask more questions and start a campus-wide dialogue," he said.

Senior Nicole Steele — a member of the NDMDI student advisory council — echoed Lyden's words, urging students to learn more about the development of Africa and then take action.

"Everybody has talents and specific areas of interest which could be beneficial to the NDMDI, from graphic design to marketing the project to prayer groups for solidarity with our Ugandan brothers and sisters."

Nicole Steele
senior

"Everybody has talents and specific areas of interest which could be beneficial to the NDMDI, from graphic design to marketing the project to prayer groups for solidarity with our Ugandan brothers and sisters," Steele said.

Besides her efforts in the advisory council, Steele contributed to the development of the African continent when she taught English at various primary schools in Uganda last summer through the Helen Kellogg Institute for International Studies.

Fellow senior and student advisory council member Jimmy Bettcher also traveled to Africa through the Kellogg Institute to develop sustainable income-generating projects with a non-governmental organization in Uganda.

He encouraged his peers to jump on the African wagon and explore the service options available the Kellogg Institute and the Center for Social Concerns (CSC).

Bettcher, however, recognized that not every student may feel compelled to travel to Africa and forsake running water — but there are ways in which students can contribute to the relief efforts without leaving their hometowns, he said.

"Simple steps such as giving ten dollars to buy a bed net for an African child or discussing the crises in Northern Uganda or in Darfur with friends can have a much greater impact than you could ever imagine," he said.

Senior Colleen Mallahan, another member of the student advisory council, had an encounter with malaria during her 11 months in Uganda last year.

"One of my little homestay sisters nearly died of malaria when I lived with her and that was absolutely terrifying," Mallahan said. "Fortunately my family was relatively 'middle class' so my mom could go and find the drugs she needed to bring the fever down. But many people in rural areas aren't as lucky."

The incident — and the deaths of more than 3,000 children in Sub-Saharan Africa every day — could have been prevented with a bed net to shield infants from the malaria mosquito, the United Nation's Children's Fund's (UNICEF) Web site reported.

Mallahan said she would address the threat of malaria when she moderates some of the residence hall forums.

Mallahan's fellow advisory council member, junior Patrick Reidy, may share with his audience his admiration of the Ugandan people's generosity and optimism despite adverse circumstances.

"I visited numerous homes of students and teachers who could afford no more than two or three chickens and a small patch of earth to farm," Reidy said, remembering the eight weeks he spent in Africa through the CSC's Summer Service Learning Program. "And these families would slaughter a chicken to feed me."

Steele, Bettcher, Mallahan and Reidy — among other members of the student advisory council — will be visiting residence halls in the latter half of February, Lyden said.

SIBC joins the effort

Business students have started their own initiative to foster progress in Africa, through the Student International Business Council's (SIBC) Global Development division.

The director of global development for the SIBC, sophomore Lupe Pineda, said there are ventures on track in Ghana, Tanzania and Uganda.

"The Uganda project in particular will be research-based, using the Internet and our partnership with people that have visited the region, including Tim Lyden and Father Bob Dowd, the director of the NDMDI," Pineda said. "Tim will be the advisor to this club."

Once the team of investigators, design models and strategies that can contribute to the NDMDI goals, an SIBC representative will be selected to travel to Uganda this summer and help implement the proposals, Pineda said.

"The Council looks forwards to sponsoring a project that will pursue research in line with its vision and the broader goals of the NDMDI," Pineda said.

MDG Task Force

In its efforts to eradicate extreme poverty, the Notre Dame's Millennium Development Goals task force also rallied troops to support the African relief movement.

Sophomore Joella Bitter, president of the task force, said the group successfully collected more than $10,000 last December for the organization Malaria No More.

To combat the threat of malaria in Sub-Saharan Africa, the money was donated to purchase 1,000 insecticide-treated bed nets in Nigeria, Bitter said.

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Flood

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over the floor... and water dripping down all over the books," he said.

The problem began when an air circulation fan on the third floor did not turn on and so did not circulate hot air around the pipes. A pipe froze in the subzero temperatures and when the air heated up again, it burst, Butterwick said. The third floor is a maintenance area and does not contain any books.

Most of the damage was on the second floor on the west side of the building, where approximately 8,500 books were taken off the shelves.

"The library staff was extremely diligent utilizing their resources to move the books that needed to be moved and also to protect the books on the book stacks," Butterwick said.

Butterwick estimated the water in some way damaged 1,500 books, ranging from little to moderate damage.

"In some situations we might consider sending some books to be freeze-dried," Butterwick said. "We are not in that situation. Nothing's damaged to that extent."

The flooded section on the second floor contained music and economic subject books, none of which Butterwick thought were irreplaceable.

After the books have dried, librarians will be able to assess the damage, Butterwick said. He said he could not estimate the monetary cost of the water damage.

The library closed Monday shortly after 9 a.m. Library officials decided to close the building when the water began spreading toward the stairs on the second floor, creating a potentially hazardous situation for library patrons, Butterwick said.

Butterwick led members of the media through the second floor Monday afternoon. Many of the book stacks were covered in plastic tarps and water was still dripping from the ceiling. Housekeeping staffers were mopping up the water that was still standing on the floor. On tables throughout the area, books were placed upright so fans could blow through the pages to dry them.

Some structural damage occurred due to the flooding, Butterwick said, mostly to ceiling tiles. The first floor was damaged slightly, but there was no damage to any library materials. There was no damage to any of the rare books and special collections area in the basement, since the library staff took precautions to protect against flooding after a similar incident in January 2004.

Cold temperatures three years ago and a broken damper on a heating/cooling unit led to flooding and damage on the first floor and in the basement of the library. Approximately 500 items were damaged in the flooding. After this incident, library officials developed a preservation plan in case of future incidents.

Butterwick praised the quick reaction of library staff and other University officials who helped clean up the water.

"The University community as a whole was extremely active and got engaged very quickly, with help from Notre Dame Security/Police, from facilities maintenance, housekeeping and many other parts of the University," Butterwick said.

Butterwick said hundreds of people aided in cleaning up the flooding.

The library re-opened at approximately 3:30 p.m. on Monday. Parts of the library remained close so a company that specializes in dehumidifying large areas could work on the damaged parts of the building.

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Come and Listen

Come and Read

Come and Play

Lectio@Eleven

A Late-Night Cabaret for the Soul

11:00 pm every Tuesday at Recker's
Free pizza supplied by First Year of Studies!

February 6 featuring:

Music by the Lazy Susans

Lectio@Eleven brings a cabaret of great music and great writing, read aloud, for the Notre Dame community. Come to Recker's and hear it with your own ears!

We are always looking for more readers and musicians. If interested, contact Jonathan Couser at jcouser@nd.edu or call 631-3923.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

U.S. Embassy: Attack threats rise

KHARTOUM, Sudan — The U.S. Embassy warned Americans on Monday of a heightened terrorist threat against Westerners in Sudan.

"The U.S. Embassy advises all U.S. citizens in Sudan that the United Nations mission in Sudan has received new information that an extremist group based in the country is likely to target Western interests," it said.

The U.S. message followed a similar warning that the United Nations sent its staff in Sudan last week, said a U.N. official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to discuss the issue with journalists.

The U.S. message warned of the danger of bombings, kidnappings and assassinations. It said the primary target of the threat might be the United Nations, but added that "terrorists do not distinguish between official and civilian targets."

Bomb explodes at British company

LONDON — A letter bomb exploded Monday at a London company that controls the city's traffic congestion fee, fire officials said. One worker suffered minor injuries to her hand.

The padded envelope exploded in the mailroom of Capita Commercial Services, which on behalf of the government controls the $16 daily fee for central London drivers meant to cut down on traffic in central London.

"We can confirm that there has been a small explosion at our Victoria Street office this morning," said a Capita spokeswoman, speaking on condition of anonymity in line with department policy. Scotland Yard said the injured woman was a Capita employee.

NATIONAL NEWS

Report: Youth suicide rates on rise

CHICAGO — New government figures show a surprising increase in youth suicides after a decade of decline, and some mental health experts think a drop in use of antidepressant drugs may be to blame.

Suicides climbed 18 percent from 2003 to 2004 for Americans under age 20, from 1,737 to 1,985 deaths. Most suicides occurred in older teens, according to the data — the most current to date from the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

By contrast, the suicide rate among 15- to 19-year-olds fell in previous years, from about 11 per 100,000 in 1990 to 7.3 per 100,000 in 2003.

Suicides were the only cause of death that increased for children through age 19 from 2003-04, according to a CDC report released Monday.

Man pleads guilty to identity theft

WASHINGTON — A 59-year-old man was sentenced Monday to 8 1/2 years in prison on charges stemming from his use of stolen identities in an attempt to acquire more than $100,000 in payments intended for victims of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

Jeffrey Alan Rothschild, who's also known as Jeffrey Zahler, pleaded guilty in August to bank fraud, mail fraud and money laundering in late 2005. He was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly in Washington.

LOCAL NEWS

Election official won't hear debate

VALPARAISO, Ind. — The debate over whether a newly elected lawmaker actually lives in his northern Indiana district may be headed to court after a top state election official announced he'll stay out of the dispute.

J. Bradley King, the Republican co-director of the Indiana Election Division, said Friday he disagrees with his Democratic counterpart that the body has the authority to decide the case.

In a letter King sent Friday to his Democratic Co-Director, Pam Potesta, he said that it's too late for the Indiana Election Division to act in the case involving Republican State Rep. Ed Soliday, R-Valparaiso.

INDONESIA

Flood leaves thousands homeless

Indonesian capital faced with threat of dysentery and widespread disease

Associated Press

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An Indonesian man wades through a flooded area of Jakarta, carrying his belongings on his head. More rain is predicted in the coming days.

JAKARTA — Filthy brown water flooded large parts of Indonesia's capital Monday, forcing 340,000 people from their homes and cutting off power and clean water in the city, where at least 29 have died after days of torrential rain.

In scenes reminiscent of New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina, residents of Jakarta waded through poor neighborhoods in water up to their necks, or floated on makeshift rafts bearing clothes and other salvaged possessions. Some scrambled onto roofs to await rescue from soldiers and emergency workers in rubber dinghies from floodwaters as deep as 12 feet.

Rising along with the water was the threat of diseases such as diarrhea and dysentery. Also increasing were complaints and anger about the response to the floods by local officials.

"The government is awful," said Augustina Rusli, who spent four days on the second floor of her suburban house with her 10-month-old baby. "We have a neighbor who is sick with cancer, but no one has come to rescue her."

Authorities estimated between 40 percent and 70 percent of the city, which covers an area of more than 255 square miles, had been submerged.

Skies cleared Monday and floodwaters receded in some parts of the city of 12 million. Residents of some districts were able to begin cleaning out their homes, witnesses and media reports said.

But Indonesia's meteorological agency predicted more rain in the coming days, and officials warned that more floods were possible because river levels were still high.

"I really hope the forecast is wrong," said Jayeng, 45, as volunteers handed out cups of hot milk to children at a shelter where hundreds have been sleeping under leaky tarps.

"We are still afraid the water might rise again," said Jayeng, who uses a single name.

The seasonal, torrential rains in Jakarta and the hills to the south forced rivers to overflow their banks Thursday. Some residents initially chose to stay in the upper stories of their homes, expecting the waters to quickly subside, but as the disaster dragged into Monday, some left for makeshift camps at schools and mosques, or to stay with relatives.

Hundreds of thousands of residents remain without electricity and clean water.

Landslides and flash floods during the wet season kill hundreds in Indonesia every year, and the capital is not immune, but it has rarely _ if ever _ seen floods as bad as those in recent days. The high water washed into rich and poor districts alike, inundating scores of markets, schools and businesses.

Environmentalists blame the annual flooding on trash-clogged storm drains and rivers, inadequate urban planning, and deforestation of hillsides south of the city, often to make space for the development of luxury villas.

Low-lying river areas _ where thousands of poor people are crammed into shacks made of plywood and metal sheets _ are often the most devastated. On Monday, many of these were only accessible by boat.

Some people rented horse-drawn carriages to ford flooded streets or were pulled to dry land in garbage carts.

The floods entered most districts slowly, causing little initial structural damage to buildings or city infrastructure, and authorities expect they will recede in full, allowing residents to return.

Charges filed in kidnapping case

Associated Press

CLAYTON, Mo. — A Missouri man accused of kidnapping two boys and holding one for more than four years was charged Monday with molesting them nearly 70 times.

The charges were the first time authorities have openly accused Michael Devlin of molesting the children.

Devlin, a 41-year-old pizzeria manager, was charged with 69 counts of forcible sodomy, all felonies and each punishable by up to life in prison.

St. Louis County prosecutor Robert McCullough said 17 of the counts related to 13-year-old Ben Ownby, who disappeared Jan. 8, and the remaining counts were related to Shawn Hornbeck, now 15, who was abducted in 2002.

McCullough said the evidence includes interviews with all of the people involved. "Devlin acknowledged committing these acts," McCullough said.

Both boys were found inside Devlin's apartment in the St. Louis suburb of Kirkwood on Jan. 12.

The charges allege that Devlin forced Ben to have "deviate sexual intercourse" four times each day for the four days he was held.

The charges also allege that after kidnapping Hornbeck in October 2002, Devlin kept Shawn isolated in Devlin's apartment for the first month. The boy was forced to have intercourse with Devlin throughout that month and at least once a month until Shawn and Ben were found in January.

Authorities refused to discuss other details of the allegations beyond what was described in the charges.

Less than a week after the boys were found, Shawn's parents appeared on Oprah Winfrey's talk show, saying they believed he had been sexually abused during the ordeal.

In a written statement, defense attorneys Ethan Corlija and Michael Kielty said they have explained the charges to Devlin and that he understands they are "very serious."

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In addition to the dorm rivalry the Olympics encourage, the event also raises money for the St. Joseph County Special Olympics. This year students raised a total of $6,207.

Bill Reagan, RecSports assistant director for instruction, special events and family programming, said teams were charged game fees and students were asked to make donations at the door. Other events — like a penny war and raffle — also helped raise funds.

The penny war — which contributed to the point system used to determine an overall winner — also helped Keough-Welsh Family win, Bendinelli said.

"Keough raised a lot of silver money to put in other team's jars," she said. "And, they raised a lot of bills for our jar."

Keough-Welsh Family walked away with a $600 grand prize this year and the remaining money will go directly to the Special Olympics.

The grand prize is typically taken by the winning team and used to fund events within dorms, but last year the winning MBA donated its prize to the Special Olympics.

Bendinelli said it was "too soon to say" how the prize money would be used.

The RecSports event, now in its 21st year, started at 7 p.m. Friday in the Joyce Center and ended with a broomball match at 3:55 a.m. Saturday, Reagan said.

With over 800 students participating, dorm teams competed in 17 sporting events including kayaking, target golf and 3-on-3 basketball.

Reagan said the numbers this year were "commendable," especially considering the timing of this past weekend's event.

"It was certainly more challenging [this year], because we were competing against other activities on campus — the Dierks Bentley concert, the Cavanaugh dance, the ongoing track meet — not to mention the weather," Reagan said. "The issue [with weather] showed up in part early on, in the way of forfeited games."

For Reagan, the event was a success, but in planning for next year, organizers will look for ways to update and improve the event after two decades.

These twenty years, he said, are a tribute to Notre Dame students.

"I think they come out [to participate] first for the competition. Some dorm teams take great pride in it," Reagan said, citing Keough-Welsh Family's "return to dominance."

"Second, I think it's the nature of the Notre Dame student to do something good like this," he said. "They know they're raising money for a great cause."

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ter of her sophomore year from the University of Rochester, Weiss was eager to become involved in student government.

"I think it's my nature," Weiss said. "I'm a leader and I have always pushed myself to the limit."

Weiss is the coordinator of the upcoming Notre Dame Eating Disorders Conference and was the Arts and Letters Chair for Junior Parents Weekend. At Rochester, Weiss was the freshman president and a member of the Sophomore Class Council.

Weiss made it a priority to get involved in campus life at Notre Dame quickly, and she said she encountered few challenges.

"I had probably the smoothest transition ever..." Weiss said. "It was just a matter of getting involved and putting myself out there."

Weiss interviewed for a position in student government last spring and was appointed chair of the Senate Gender Issues committee. She said she was qualified for this appointment due to her past experience at Rochester, where she tackled gender relations issues as the freshman representative of the Residence Life Advisory Council.

"Gender issues is the place that touches on home for me ... and it's an issue that needs to be addressed on this campus," Weiss said.

She hopes to continue her involvement with gender relations by restructuring Freshman Orientation activities. She said she wants to "take the focus away from gender individualized activities," and focus more on activities to help new students get to know their dorms and students from their sections, then branch out to "quad-size" activities.

"At Rochester, the freshman orientation was gender neutral, but it lacked the family aspect," she said. "From stories I've been told about Frosh-O, the activities can create and maintain a culture of dangerous social behaviors. ... It's about finding a balance between the family aspect and gender relations."

Weiss said her experience as a transfer student has given her a perspective of "objectivism" and "balance" on student life issues.

"Drawing on both experiences has helped me to address issues of the student body collectively as a whole," Weiss said.

If she is elected next week, Weiss — along with running mate Smith — hopes to implement a program for students which would allow free music downloads, expand Domer Dollar use at Notre Dame stadium, send the Notre Dame Marching Band to one more away game and improve the football ticket lottery. The ticket also hopes to stimulate dialogue with Health Services about the price of prescriptions and with the University about the possibility of locked tuition rates, Weiss said.

"We bring a fresh perspective," Weiss said. "When we walk into a room, we know what we are talking about on a multitude of issues."

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NASDAQ	2,470.60	-5.28
NYSE	9,313.21	-12.03
S&P 500	1,446.99	-1.40
NIKKEI(Tokyo)	17,412.39	+67.59
FTSE 100(London)	6,317.90	+7.00

COMPANY	%CHANGE	$GAIN	PRICE
MICROSOFT CP (MSFT)	-1.92	-0.58	29.61
NASDAQ 100 TR (QQQQ)	-0.09	-0.04	44.12
INTEL CP (INTC)	+0.77	+0.16	21.28
CISCO SYS INC (SUNW)	+1.36	+0.37	27.51
Treasuries			
10-YEAR NOTE	-0.39	-0.019	4.808
13-WEEK BILL	-0.10	-0.005	4.995
30-YEAR BOND	-0.32	-0.016	4.910
5-YEAR NOTE	-0.46	-0.022	4.796
Commodities			
LIGHT CRUDE ($/bbl.)		-0.28	58.74
GOLD ($/Troy oz.)		+4.60	656.10
PORK BELLIES (cents/lb.)		-2.73	104.68
Exchange Rates			
YEN			120.1450
EURO			0.7732
POUND			0.5100
CANADIAN $			1.1824

IN BRIEF

Trade group: Service sector expands

NEW YORK — The U.S. service sector expanded at a faster rate in January than in the previous month, a trade group said Monday, signaling a strong start to economic growth this year.

The Institute for Supply Management, which is based in Tempe, Ariz., said its index of business activity in the service sector advanced to 59.0 in January from 56.7 in December. Wall Street analysts had expected a reading of 57 for the latest month.

A reading above 50 indicates expansion, while one below that indicates contraction.

January marked the 46th consecutive month of business activity increase, the trade group said.

The service industries covered by the ISM report represent about 80 percent of the nation's economic activity, and economists are looking for the sector to be a driver of growth in 2007 as the manufacturing sector struggles with weakness in the automotive and housing industries.

There was little discernible reaction in the stock market, where shares were mixed in morning trading. The Dow Jones industrial average was up 6.57 or 0.05 percent, at 12,660.06. The Standard & Poor's 500 index was down 1.67, or 0.12 percent, to 1,446.72 while the Nasdaq composite index fell 4.61, or 0.19 percent, to 2,471.27.

Investor makes offer to Lear Corp.

DETROIT — Automotive equipment supplier Lear Corp. said Monday a group affiliated with billionaire investor activist Carl Icahn offered to buy the company for about $2.61 billion. But its share price climbed well above the offered price.

The offer of $36 a share from American Real Estate Partners LP represents a premium of 4 percent over the stock's Friday closing price of $34.67.

But Lear shares rose $3.97, or 11.45 percent, to close at $38.64 on the New York Stock Exchange after briefly touching a new 52-week high of $39.88.

Southfield-based Lear, whose products include seats and electronic systems, and the bidder are negotiating specific terms and there is no formal agreement, the company said.

Apple settles Beatles dispute

Company gains rights to Apple name; Fab Four "a lock" to have music on iTunes

Associated Press

SAN JOSE, Calif. — For the third time in nearly three decades, iPod maker Apple Inc. has resolved a bitter trademark dispute with The Beatles' guardian Apple Corps Ltd. over use of the iconic apple logo and name.

But while the truce announced Monday appeared to finally bury the long-simmering animosity, music lovers will still need to wait for the right to buy such songs as "Love Me Do" or "Hey Jude" on Apple Inc.'s iTunes online store.

The announcement — made jointly by one of the world's largest music sellers and one of history's most beloved bands — was silent on whether the catalog of Beatles songs will become available for download any time soon.

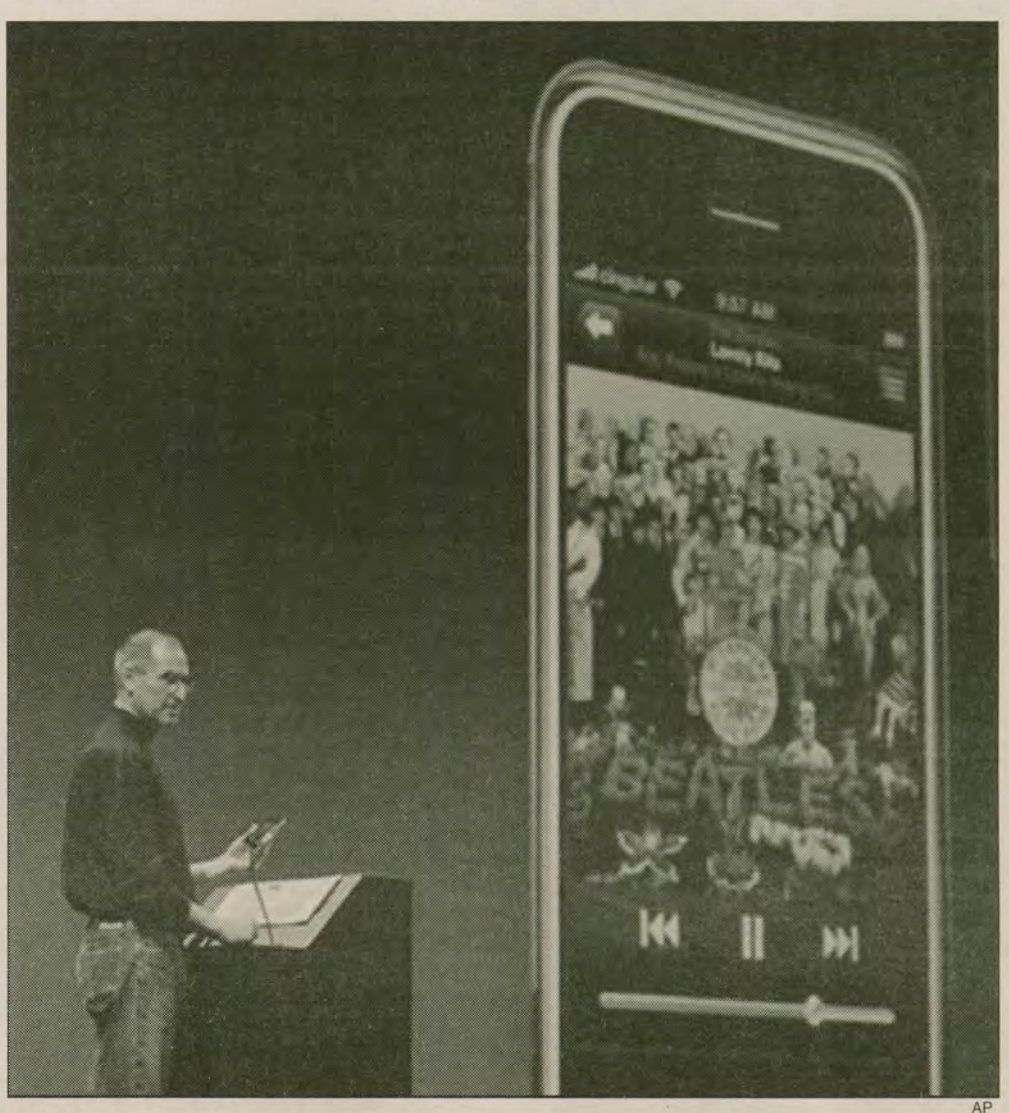
The Beatles have so far been the most prominent holdout from iTunes and other online music services, and Apple's overtures to put the music online have been stymied by the ongoing litigation.

The settlement gives Cupertino-based Apple Inc. ownership of the name and logo in return for agreeing to license some of those trademarks back to London-based Apple Corps — guardian of The Beatles' commercial interests — for their continued use.

It ends the ongoing trademark lawsuit between the two companies, with each side paying its own legal costs. Other terms of the settlement were not disclosed.

Industry analysts said a resolution on putting The Beatles' music online is likely already in the works.

"It goes from impossible to a lock that it's going to happen — it's a function of time at this point," said Gene Munster, senior research analyst with investment bank Piper Jaffray & Co. "I bet they move pretty fast. For Apple, it was critical that they got this taken care of."



AP

Apple CEO Steve Jobs plays a Beatles song on the new Apple iPhone at a promotional event Jan. 9. Apple recently settled a trademark dispute with The Beatles.

Jaffray estimates that Apple Inc. paid The Beatles $50 million to $100 million for the rights to the Apple name. That would come on top of more than $26.5 million Apple paid to settle past disputes with Apple Corps.

It's no secret that Steve Jobs — Apple Inc.'s chief executive officer and a huge Beatles fan — has wanted the British band's music on iTunes, which has sold more than 2 billion songs worldwide and has catapulted Apple into the top ranks of music sellers.

Jobs even cued up some Beatles music and album art in unveiling the company's highly anticipated iPhone gadget at the Macworld Conference and Expo last month, setting off rampant speculation that some type of deal might be in the works.

However, decades of legal disputes between the two companies have thus far made any partnership all but impossible.

"We love the Beatles, and it has been painful being at odds with them over these trademarks," Jobs said in a statement. "It feels great to resolve this in a positive manner, and in a way that should remove the potential of further disagreements in the future."

The Beatles had been one of the few remaining big-name musical acts to reject any legal distribution of its work on the Internet. Formerly hesitant artists from Madonna to Metallica have made peace with online customers as digital downloads have continued to grow in popularity — with iTunes holding the bulk of the market.

Russian oil tycoon faces new charges

Associated Press

MOSCOW — Prosecutors filed new charges Monday against former oil baron Mikhail Khodorkovsky, now serving the fourth year of an eight-year prison term in Siberia. The relentless pursuit of the tycoon has showcased President Vladimir Putin's highly successful campaign to tame Russia's oligarchs using its politically pliant justice system.

Lawyers for Khodorkovsky called the new money laundering charges an "insane" Kremlin bid to neutralize any remaining political threat ahead of crucial elections, casting it as a vengeful move to crush a man who challenged Putin's policies and broke an unwritten rule against bringing his vast wealth to bear in the political arena.

Once Russia's richest man and the chief of its largest oil producer, OAO Yukos, Khodorkovsky angered Putin's Kremlin by funding opposition parties before 2003 parliamentary elections. He also questioned government policy on pipelines and foreign participation in the oil industry, running up against a government increasingly bent on restoring its control over Russia's vast petroleum wealth.

Arrested in October 2003, his trial proceeded at the same time as a tax probe that put most of his blue chip oil giant OAO Yukos in state hands. Khodorkovsky was sentenced to eight years for fraud and tax evasion and shipped off to a prison camp near the Chinese border, where he has been out of the public eye but remained, for Putin's critics, a symbol of Russian injustice. For Russia's super-rich, his punishment served a stark reminder not to cross the Kremlin.

Khodorkovsky would be eligible for parole in October, after serving half his term. With parliamentary elections slated for December and a March 2008 presidential vote — which Putin is barred by term limits from contesting — analysts said the president and those around him want to ensure Khodorkovsky remains behind bars.

For the Kremlin, "The main thing is that he doesn't get out before 2008," said Yuri Korgunyuk of the Indem think tank in Moscow. "They very much wouldn't want that to happen."

The new charges are about "revenge," Korgunyuk said.

"The idea is to crush them completely," he said of Khodorkovsky and his business partner, Platon Lebedev, who is also serving eight years and faces the same charges.

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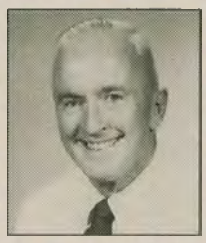

Charles Rice

Right or Wrong?

Let me tell you about a serious piece of business we do every year at Notre Dame. It's the Bengal Bouts. How can that be serious? Because every year since 1931, the Bouts have given to the Holy Cross Missions in Bangladesh donations averaging in the past decade over $50,000 a year. The annual per capita income of the 141 million people in Bangladesh is $1,470. Among the ultra-poor tribal people (1% of the population) served by the Holy Cross priests, brothers and seminarians (126 of whom are Bangladeshi) and the 60 Holy Cross sisters, a family of four could eat for two weeks on what we would casually pay for a pizza. The Bengal Bouts literally provide a lifeline to the poor.

Bangladesh is 88.3 percent Muslim and 10.5 percent Hindu. Catholics are fewer than 300,000. Holy Cross conducts over 200 primary schools and 12 secondary schools, all serving the very poor. Fr. Tom Smith, C.S.C., recently returned from Bangladesh, described the ministry as "evangelization, health care, education and hostels." The hostel — a bamboo and thatched-roof room with a dirt floor and platforms for sleep and study — provides children from remote villages their only chance for education. If we grumble about having to walk from North Quad to South Quad, it might help for us to think about the 14-year-old boy who told Smith that he walked three days through the jungle to reach the hostel in a Chittagong Hill parish near the border with Myanmar (formerly Burma). The education, the boy said, was his "only hope." Smith visited a pastor in another jungle parish where four teenage girls were lying on a hostel platform "burning up with malarial fever." When Smith asked the pastor why he had too few mosquito nets in the hostel, the pastor replied, "We do give nets, but at the first opportunity they take them home for their infant brothers and sisters. They consider themselves able to survive the malaria but they worry about their weaker siblings in the village. They care for the little ones first."

The Tripura tribe, incidentally, "is embracing Christianity, whole villages at a time, with 600-700 Easter baptisms in each parish each year." In one village in Kalipur, 86 were baptized this last Christmas.

So the Bouts have a purpose. The program, under the sponsorship of Rich O'Leary and Dave Brown of RecSports, is run by the student officers, president Andrew McGill, and captains Stu Stypula, Stephen Hansen, Mike Hennig, Dan Ward, Chris Calderone, Hunter Land, Lawrence Sullivan and Jesse Brawer. The officers run every aspect of the training but they agree that it would all come to a grinding halt without the student managers, Erika Meyer, Meghan O'Farrell and Melanie Rodarte. Working with Jimmy Rogers of RecSports, the managers maintain impeccable financial, medical, sparring and other records.

The volunteer coaches, Chicago lawyer Terry Johnson, Columbus developer Tom Suddes and University pilot Pat Farrell, are former Bengal champs. The training, under Suddes, builds character. Among the assistant coaches are Sweet C. Robinson of the Buchanan Police Department and former boxers Ryan Rans, Chip Farrell and Judge Roland Chamblee. The Church gets into the act through the chaplains, Fr. Bill Seetch, C.S.C., who is in Rome this term, and Father Brian Daley, S.J., who also coaches, and the timer, Msgr. John Hagerty of Erie, Pa.

If you want to know why this program has not had a serious injury in 76 years, give credit to Dr. James Moriarty, the University chief of medicine, and the Emergency Medical Technicians, led by Terri Engel, who attend every sparring session along with two of the Notre Dame Fire Department paramedics, Jordan Lacy, Baker Jones, Gordon Martinczak, Wayne Bishop and Damien Cruz. Safety is the controlling concern of the medical staff as well as of long-time trainer Jack Zimmerman.

The Bengal Bouts will be held in five sessions, all in the Joyce Center: Feb. 21, 22, 26 and 28, all at 6:30 p.m. and the finals on Saturday, March 3 at 8 p.m. The "season ticket," at $10, is good for all sessions.

St. Joseph Parish in Srimangal is 60 miles long with 70 villages. To finish a hostel to house and educate 50 girls, grades 3-5, from those tribal villages, they need a well, latrines, wiring, fixtures, equipment and furnishings. The cost: $2,800. In Fatima Rani parish in Bandarban, an area infested with malaria and also typhoid and jaundice, they need $1,500 to cover medical care for one year. King of Peace parish in Thanci, the most rural and remote parish in Bangladesh, needs to build a medical dispensary. The parishioners will do the labor but they need $1,500 for materials. The list could go on. These may be trifling amounts to us. But not to them. Those people need the Bengal Bouts. Be there.

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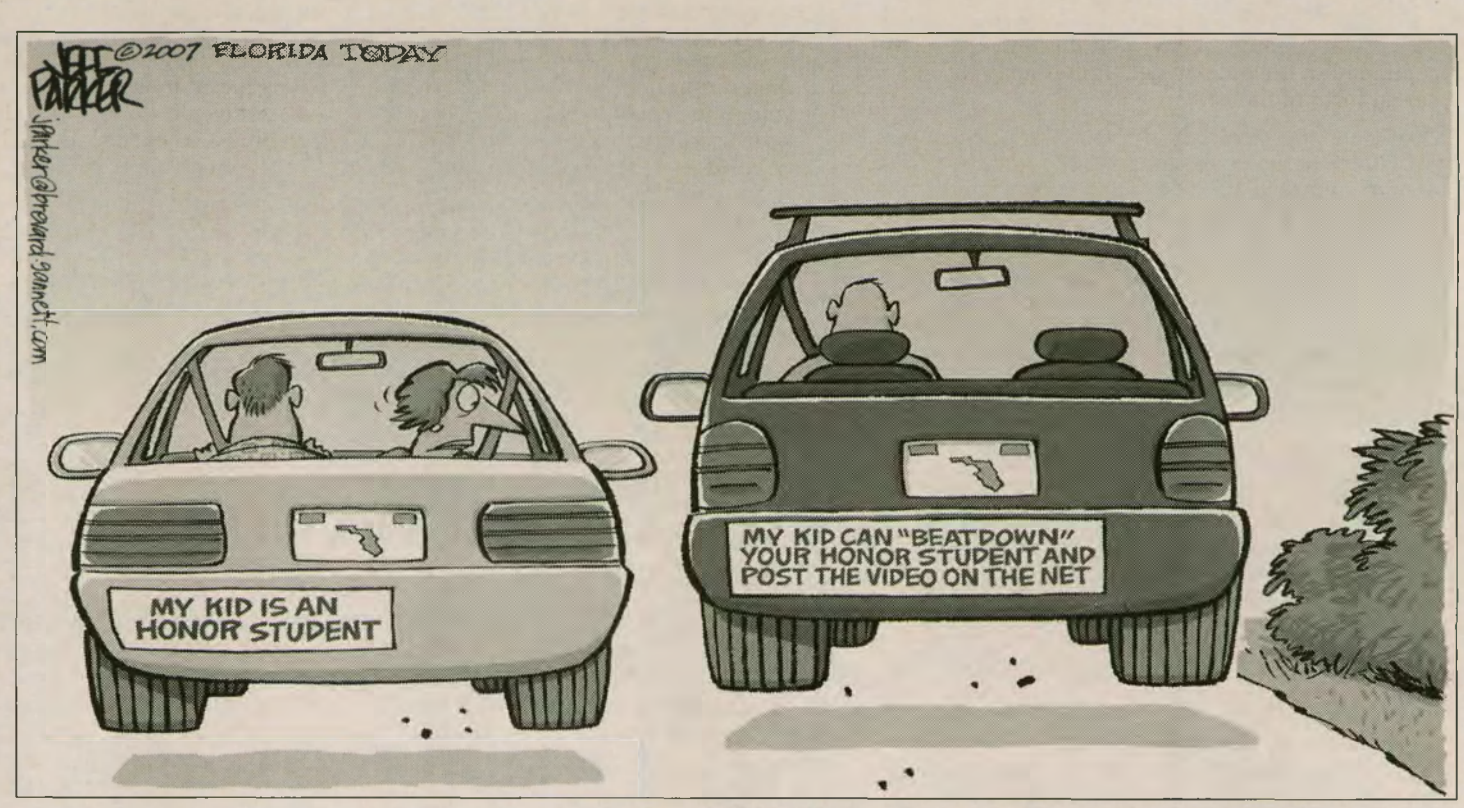

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Men occasionally stumble over the truth, but most of them pick themselves up and hurry off as if nothing ever happened."

Sir Winston Churchill
British politician

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

CLAP clarifies its position

Editor's Note: This column, written by Campus Labor Action Project organizers, is a response to several recent Viewpoint submissions. The Observer does not endorse CLAP, or any other organization. All viewpoints are welcome.

Due to our recent absence from the public eye, we, the members of the Campus Labor Action Project (CLAP), would like to clear the air on who we are and what we are doing. CLAP is a coalition of staff, faculty, community members, and students who seek to resolve a number of labor issues here at Notre Dame. Although we do support increased wages, we are not simply a living wage campaign. Far too many pressing concerns exist among University employees to limit ourselves to just that one issue.

The reason for our relative quietude last semester was that we recognized flaws in our past actions. Although well-intentioned, certain public actions were overly antagonistic and ultimately destructive rather than constructive. More importantly, we lacked the close relationships with campus employees that could bring legitimacy to our organization and its mission.

Last semester we concentrated on developing stronger ties with campus workers. These relationships now provide a solid foundation for our organization. Although we have acquainted ourselves with staff from various departments, our closest relationships are with Building Services and Food Services employees. These are the people who clean our dorms, classrooms, and offices, and prepare and serve our food whether in the dining halls, in LaFortune, or at one of the various cafés on campus.

In conversations with these workers, a number of issues came to our attention. First and foremost, the primary issue is respect. Workers tell us that they enjoy being around the students, faculty, and each other, and often happily note how appreciative we are of their work. However, they feel that their employer, the University and its administration, cares little about them and does not value their hard work.

Also, nearly every worker with whom we speak fears being fired or receiving some other reprimand from the University if he or she was to speak out. So, for now, it is our responsibility to tell their stories.

However, for many employees, the most immediate issue is wages. Anyone who believes that a family can be supported on $17,264 per year (the total annual pay of a Notre Dame employee making the base wage) has not tried to do so. CLAP believes that $12.10 per hour constituted a living wage in 2006. The 2007 number will be adjusted for inflation and included in our organization's revised living wage report within the next month. The figure that we have chosen is not random. It comes from the line used by the federal government to determine one's eligibility for food stamps and other subsidies. We believe that a living wage means not having to rely on government assistance or the local food bank in order to support a family.

Concerning the benefits provided by the University, staff members appreciate the benefits package but argue that subsidized health care and a college tuition benefit do not provide their families with housing, pay the bills, or put food on the table. These workers tell us that their raises, the maximum being three percent per year, do not even cover rising energy costs and health care premiums. In other words, in exchange for one more year of loyalty and service to our University, the "raises" given by Notre Dame lower their standard of living.

Other staff members point out that they incur injuries from being overworked. Each employee of Building Services is expected to clean 25,000 square feet of building space each shift. Many of them receive assignments that are far larger than this, and the added load takes a toll on their bodies. A number of custodians with whom we've spoken have had surgery on their shoulders or backs due to these job-related injuries and were expected to return to work two days later.

There is also an issue with part-time employees. The University has begun to replace retiring full-time employees with part-timers who work 30 to 35 hours per week. This saves the University money because it does not have to offer health care benefits to part-time employees. Instead, full-time employees are expected to pick up the extra hours of labor and must work mandatory overtime after already long days. Of course, such an arrangement also leaves the part-time employee with no health care insurance and a very tight budget.

As one can clearly observe, numerous labor-related issues exist on our campus. CLAP has chosen to focus primarily on wages because wages are the issue that arises most often in our interactions with University employees. By addressing the wage issue, we hope to raise the administration's awareness concerning these other matters as well.

Finally, we would like to directly address several groups in our community:

To the administration, we believe that you want to be a good employer. The Campus Labor Action Project has invested countless hours into understanding the concerns of your employees, and we would like to share what we have learned with you. We hope that our working relationship can continue in order to make Notre Dame the best University that it can be.

To the student body, whether or not one supports a living wage is a personal decision that each of us makes based on our own interpretation of theology, economics and politics. We invite your dissenting opinions. They have sharpened our focus as an organization. We only ask that you appreciate and respect the important work that campus employees perform for our community and support them in their efforts to obtain fair compensation and working conditions.

Lastly and most importantly, to the employees of this University, we thank you for the hard work you perform to serve our community. We hear your concerns and will continue to address them as best we can. However, students cannot resolve these issues alone. For change to occur, you must overcome your fears and speak out on your own behalf. We stand beside you. We support you.

Stuart Mora
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Polar run props

I applaud Morrissey Manor's efforts to help charity through its "polar run" this weekend. I am reminded of the old saying, "Imitation is the sincerest form of flattery."

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EDITORIAL CARTOON

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Pick privacy over profiles

Diana Kugel
The GW Hatchet

Tell me your name, and in less than a minute, I can know where you go to school, where you live, your screen name, who your friends are and what you did last Friday night. Give me another minute and a search engine, and I will know your home address, phone number, the particulars of your seventh grade blog and anything that you have ever done worthy of attention. Scary, right?

Even though privacy is not one of the freedoms explicitly guaranteed to us in the Bill of Rights, the American people have been fighting for it tooth and nail for a long time. Important court cases regarding issues as controversial as family planning and women's rights hinge on this very concept. As children, we've all posted "keep out" signs on our bedroom doors and have been told that it's not nice to snoop. If your college roommate went through your things or read your journal, you would be out of your mind with rage. So then why are we willing to forego all of this hard-won privacy in favor of posting the most intimate details of our lives online?

It's not as if we don't know that all of this information is out there and open to the public. In fact, most of the time, we're the ones who put it there in the first place via Facebook and countless other networking Web sites. After all, what could be better than being able to keep tabs on all of your friends and people you barely know without ever having to leave the comforting glow of your laptop?

The general mindset is that only your friends are going to be clicking through last weekend's drunken pictures on Facebook in order to leave hilarious comments — wrong. As pointed out in a recent Hatchet front page article Facebook is no longer a domain reserved solely for the antics of college students. Coaches, professors, the university police department, student association candidates, parents and other people whom you most certainly do not want to make privy to the inner workings of your private life now use Facebook to keep track of us.

Unfortunately, the consequences of making fools of ourselves in cyberspace will undoubtedly haunt us long after we stop checking Facebook 30 seconds after first waking up. Future employers are not going to be immune to checking up on who you really are, and if that means a quick glance online, so be it. If you think that you will be able to run for public office without those unfortunate pictures ending on the front page of the local newspaper or that embarrassing video circulating the Internet like wildfire, keep dreaming.

The whole question of privacy comes down not to who should and shouldn't be allowed to view this and that online, but rather, what you personally choose to keep private. It would be close to impossible to police the Internet to make sure that only those whom you personally approve of are allowed to view a particular photograph or read a certain comment. However, you do have power over how you present yourself online. Your profile picture would look just as charming even without the incriminating red plastic cup.

Facebook aside, you also have power over giving away your personal information to other entities. If you're sick of junk e-mail clogging up your inbox, stop giving away your e-mail address to every organization and company that offers you something you already know is too good to be true. If you're just about ready to strangle the next telemarketer that calls during dinner, don't fill out any more of those questionnaires at the mall. Our generation seems to be more willing than those of the past to give out personal information left and right.

It may be true that we're living in the information age, but do you really want your information to be floating around cyberspace unsupervised? Even if you take something off your profile, it might still be attached to someone's blog or stored on servers. Don't want that video of your attempts at inebriated gymnastics to be accessible online anymore? Too bad. In order to enjoy our right to privacy, we first have to learn how to indulge in our ability to not be negligent.

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SCENE in perspective

Super Bowl side dishes disappoint fans

Commercials, music surrounding yearly event not up to old standards

Brian Doxtader

Scene Editor

The Super Bowl has been criticized as being overblown pomp, and while certainly not a false statement, Super Bowl XLI is noteworthy because the game itself seemed to have more storylines and drama than the surrounding hoopla. Between featuring Prince during the halftime entertainment, Billy Joel singing the national anthem and the normal influx of new commercials, the Super Bowl always promises to be a complete show. Unfortunately, XLI wasn't as exciting or entertaining as Super Bowls of years past.

Joel's rendition of the national anthem was above average, simply because he didn't indulge himself in it. His belting take on "The Star-Spangled Banner" sounded, well, exactly like you might expect Billy Joel singing the national anthem to sound. Yet Joel played it straight and respectfully, which was exactly what was hoped for. The real entertainment was yet to come.

The decision to feature Prince during the halftime show caused a lot of head scratching in the media, yet it makes sense. Ever since the "wardrobe malfunction" debacle of Super Bowl XXXVIII, in which Justin Timberlake famously revealed Janet Jackson's breast, the halftime show producers have tended toward more traditional fare — Sir Paul McCartney for Super Bowl XXXIX and The Rolling Stones for Super Bowl XL.

Yet Prince isn't as far in the audience's cultural radar as either McCartney or The Stones, so his selection was still puzzling. Prince is a performer reputed for his bizarre, unpredictable behavior, which puts holes in the theory that the producers wanted someone "safe."

Evidence of this is the media day conference, during which reporters were told that Prince would not take questions. When he took the stage, however, he told reporters that, "contrary to rumor, I'd like to take a few questions right now." As soon as the first question was posed, Prince turned to his band and immediately launched into a rendition of Chuck Berry's "Johnny B. Goode" which featured two white-clad go-go dancers and a brass band. After playing a few more songs, Prince said simply, "Thank you, see you at the Super Bowl, peace," and left the stage.

The purpled-one's actual half time show, however, was far less unpredictable, though left much to be desired. The majority of the show consisted of a truly bizarre medley of unrelated songs, including (but not limited to) Bob Dylan's "All Along the Watchtower," Credence Clearwater Revival's "Proud Mary" and The Foo Fighter's "Best Of You."

He performed on a stage shaped like his symbol (from the days when Prince didn't have a name), slinging his guitar in phallic shadowplay that was just downright uncomfortable.

Prince remains a pretty good performer despite the fact that his heyday was over two decades ago, and his take on "Purple Rain" (complete with glow-in-the-dark marching band) was a reminder that once upon a time, The Artist Formerly Known As the Artist Formerly Known As Prince was a great songwriter.

Most disappointing, however, were the commercials. Generally speaking, the advertisements were sub-par by Super Bowl standards, and none stood out as this year's "1984 Apple" spot. Among the most notable ads were a Nationwide Insurance spot featuring Britney Spears ex-husband Kevin Federline (reminiscent of Nationwide's ad last year, which featured Fabio), a CareerBuilder ad featuring a fight in a jungle and a Taco Bell commercial featuring talking lions. Somehow, all of these ads, while certainly entertaining, feel vaguely familiar — soon-to-be-has-beens, overblown action and talking animals seem to have become staples of Super Bowl commercials. There's nothing new, groundbreaking or gritty, which is why that old Apple ad still seems fresh and original two decades later.

More egregious is that a lot of these advertisements (which cost over a million dollars for companies to air) are not new ads. Some, like the video game Coca-Cola ad, have been shown in movie theaters, while others, like a Flomax ad, are already tiresome (not to mention targeted at a niche audience). It really indicates toward a larger problem when the most popular ad, according to a USA Today survey, is of crabs worshipping a Bud Light cooler.

The media surrounding Super Bowl XLI is of the most disposable variety — entertaining and instantly forgettable. Nothing about Joel, Prince or any of the commercials hinted at a sort of timeless or classic status, which is a shame. Every year, the Super Bowl is a chance for advertisers and entertainers to showcase their wares, and it seems that in XLI the only ones who showcased themselves were (for once) the guys getting it done on the field.

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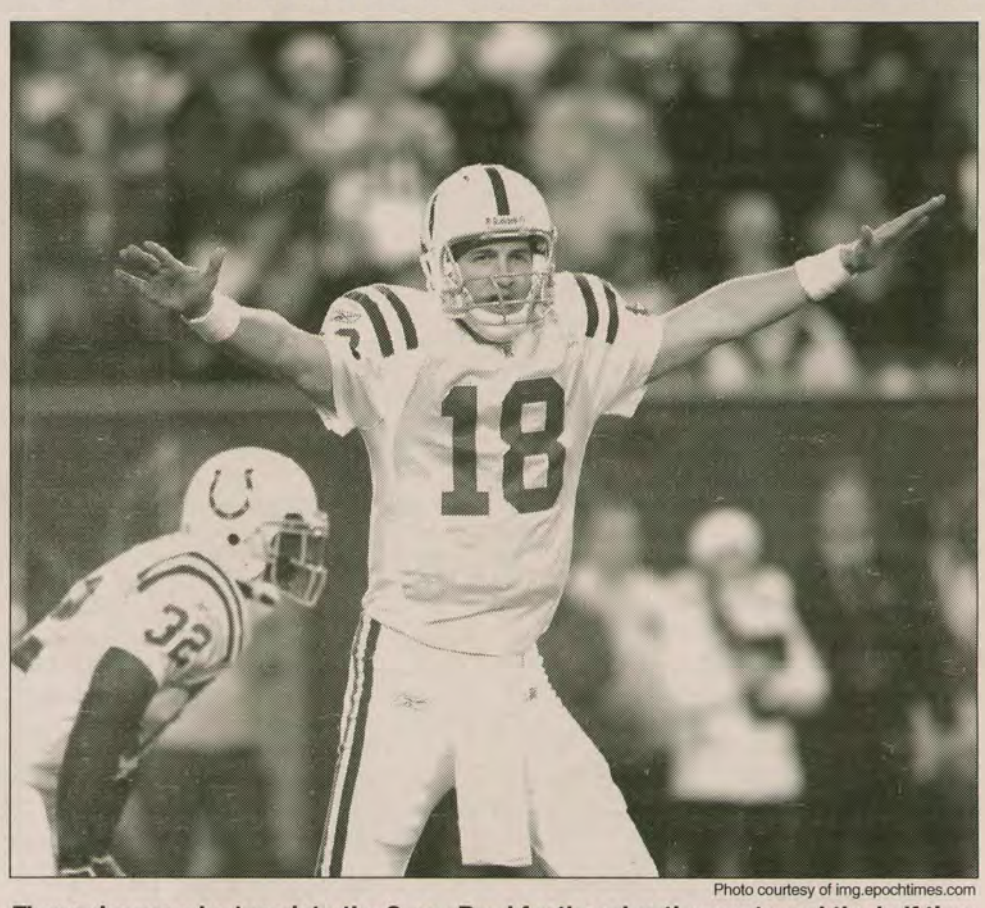

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Those viewers who tune into the Super Bowl for the advertisements and the half time show were likely disappointed as Peyton Manning, Super Bowl MVP, stole the show.

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Kevin Federline, pictured here with ex-wife Britney Spears, starred in one of the bright spots for the Super Bowl ads — a commercial for Nationwide Insurance.

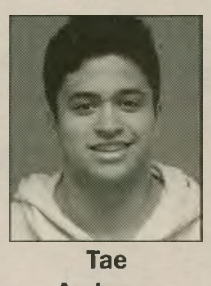
Photo courtesy of virgin.net

Prince, who performed a medley of songs, was a surprise pick for the half time entertainment, which in recent years has stayed away from volatile musicians.

SCENE & HEARD

Perfecting the art of the American handshake

The type of handshake you give someone when you see them in class, or out on the quad, speaks volumes about the type of image you want to present to others. For example, should you go with a high-five when you're saying hello? Or is that too casual? Or, do you want to go for the full-out hard-core handshake, in which you attempt to crush your opponent's hand in a vise-like grip in order to project an image of power? Or is that too "square"? As you can see, when debating the various merits of the different handshakes and high-fives, picking one can be a very difficult and confusing decision in the best of circumstances. For this reason, I've decided to go through the many different methods we college kids have of saying hi by talking with our hands, and debate their various pros and cons.



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Let's start off the discussion with the high-five. This classic staple of collegiate "cool" is a fairly low-risk endeavor, but it's also low-reward. Not a lot of style points are given for pulling off the old up-top routine. Shaking things up with the occasional low-five helps to break the monotony a little. Also, you have to keep in mind that you want to hit your pal with a solid, accurate strike, otherwise you risk a glancing, half-hearted high-five which is just lame. Common complaints of poorly executed handshakes are remarks such as, "Oh, that sucked" or "Let's try that again." Both of these scenarios are extremely awkward, and can make it hard to look cool. Also, your intended target should be very aware that you are coming in for the high-five, because if he isn't, there is a slight chance you could inadvertently end up smacking your friend with a five-star to the noodle, which makes for a really embarrassing situation. Just some food for thought.

After the high-five there's the other staple of American greetings, the handshake. This one seems pretty simple at first. Just a quick grab and squeeze of the hand. However, as with many things, the devil's in the details, and you have to worry about scope problems when pulling this one off. You have to think about duration and intensity when shaking someone's hand. If you give them a weak, limp handshake they might think you're a ninny. Squeeze too hard, and you risk breaking bones. Just make sure your fingers don't get too squirrely while pulling off said handshake, or people might get the wrong idea while you're hanging out with your buddies.

Fortunately for everyone, there are many other potential handshake options out there at your disposal if you're so inclined. For example, you could go with the cousin of the high-five, the standard fist pound, or you could "blow it up" afterward. Another variation on the standard pound is the "lock and load," in which you twist fists after the initial contact. Or perhaps the friendly and informative folks at Budweiser have it right as they showed the world during their Super Bowl commercial: perhaps the fist pound is out and the new handshake a la mode is the slap to the face.

For the more adventurous of you out there, you could try the triple fist pound, in which you pound down, then up, then meet your friend's fist head-on. This is a pretty good option. And if you really feel like showing off, you could even go for "The Fresh Prince," as made famous by Will Smith on the show by the same name. For people who really like showboating, you could attempt the complicated choreography which New York Mets baseball players such as Jose Reyes and Carlos Delgado have been known to pull off during games.

Or you could go with the "bro hug," in which you give your target a high-five, then kind of lean in with the shoulder until you're in a halfway hug-type thing. This one can be kind of awkward at times but it's a good choice if you find yourself in a No Man's Land type social situation where you're unsure whether to go for the handshake or the full-out hug.

And then, of course, you have the full-out hug, usually reserved for members of the opposite sex or really good friends. Even grown men have been known to "hug it out," as the character Ari taught us all on the HBO series "Entourage."

Regardless of what you decide to go with, it's vitally important to make sure your intended target knows what's happening. To this end, eye contact is a must when approaching your intended recipient. Perhaps even a finger point to single out your pal is a good idea.

Suffering the pain of an unrequited handshake speaks volumes about your social stature and overall "coolness" level, and the pain of a denied or ignored handshake or high-five attempt can put quite a bruise on any person's self-esteem. With enough practice and effort, even someone who's all thumbs can pull off some collegiate "cool."

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DVD REVIEW

Subpar writing damages 'Hollywoodland'

By MARTY SCHROEDER
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"Hollywoodland" is a film that has great potential and wants to be something profound but can't quite make it to what it wants to be. The film is hampered by a plot that runs amok in too many directions, and the DVD is a typical first release edition that doesn't have what fans really want. This movie is, in a word, boring. What could have been one of the best films of the year due to star power and storyline in the end couldn't quite figure itself out.

The film itself is a mystery yarn about the death of Superman actor George Reeves. Reeves is portrayed by Ben Affleck in the best performance of his career. The one redeeming quality of this film is Affleck's performance, and the fact he did not get nominated for a Best Supporting Actor Oscar is one of the biggest crimes of this year.

The rest of the performances, however, are merely mediocre. Adrien Brody plays the detective Louis Simo and Diane Lane is Toni Mannix, the wife of Hollywood executive Eddie Mannix. Eddie is played by the always-great Bob Hoskins whose lack of screen time is the only reason he isn't remembered in this film. Otherwise, he could have put in a grisly and tough performance and made the film better for it. Body and Lane are agreeable and decent but these are certainly not the best performances of their career. Brody in "The Pianist" or even "King Kong" is better than this one.

The DVD has a commentary by director Allen Coulter that is informative but not all that exciting. Fans of the film will appreciate the observations but otherwise, nothing special. One of the featurettes, entitled "Recreating Old Hollywood," is probably the best extra on the disc. For all of the plots lack of coherence, the art direction was top notch. Southern California in the glory days of Hollywood was faithfully created and allowed the audience to immerse themselves in the gaudy hotel rooms and elegant parties. There are a few deleted scenes that do little to bring order to the convoluted plot. The final cut drags so much that anymore screen time would only be annoying and unwanted.

Overall, this is a DVD for the true fans of the movie. The film itself isn't very good so anyone who hasn't seen it should watch it before buying it. For those who are ambivalent toward the movie but want to own it should wait for a collector's or special edition with at least two discs of extras because the time period this takes place in is a gold mine for documentaries and stories that might flesh out the film and make it better or at least more understandable. Then again, if this DVD doesn't sell well, the possibility of a collector's edition may be slim.

With gangster films such as "The Departed," which was directed by Martin Scorsese and "Smokin' Aces," which didn't take itself seriously at all, "Hollywoodland" feels like a lumbering bear that is too self-interested in itself to have any fun or know where it should go. Compared to Jack Nicholson (Frank Costello in "The Departed), Adrien Brody seems bored out of his mind. At the end of the day, the performances were good (Affleck's being great) and the art direction was good. The culprit was the script and the writer, Paul Bernbaum, hamstringed this film from the get go. With a better script, "Hollywoodland" could have been the film it wanted to be.

Photo courtesy of scene-stealers.com

Ben Affleck and Diane Lane star in "Hollywoodland," a story about the death of actor George Reeves. The movie was recently released on DVD by Universal Studios.

Hollywoodland

Universal Studios

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NBA

Bryant drops 27 points on Hawks in 90-83 win

Lakers guard scores nine unanswered points in fourth quarter, wags finger at Atlanta fans in eighth game of road trip

Associated Press

ATLANTA — The roar during pre-game introductions revealed that many in a rare Atlanta sellout came to see Kobe Bryant.

The applause for the Los Angeles Lakers' star continued after the game — in the Hawks' locker room.

Bryant, mostly quiet through three quarters, scored nine straight fourth-quarter points to lead Los Angeles to a victory over Atlanta on Monday night.

"You've got to give it to him," said Atlanta's Joe Johnson, who matched Bryant's 27 points but couldn't equal his fourth-quarter impact.

"He made some great shots down the stretch, and I was draped all over him for some of them," Johnson said.

Eleven of Bryant's 27 points came in the final period.

"He's a great player; he's one of the best players who has played our game," said Atlanta coach Mike Woodson. "When he makes a 27-footer, falling away in the corner, you've got to come back on the other end and execute your offense."

The Hawks were only 4-of-9 from the free throw line in the final period.

Bryant said he didn't look at the game as a scoring contest against Johnson.

"To me individually it doesn't mean much at this stage of my career; I've played in so many of those individual battles," Bryant said. "It's more just, 'What can I do to help us win the game?'

"A couple years ago I probably would have tried to end up with 25 points in the fourth quarter. Now it's not what's important. Once I got on a roll, saw they were double and triple-teaming, I was able to use myself as a decoy."

Smush Parker hit a 3-pointer after Bryant's nine straight points, and Andrew Bynum and Lamar Odom combined for 28 rebounds.

"It's a big difference in our team, and that's the understanding of when enough is enough," Lakers coach Phil Jackson said. "And when they started throwing extra bodies at people, there was open opportunities for other guys."

The Lakers swept the Hawks for the first time in seven years and improved to 3-2 on their eight-game road trip with their second straight win.

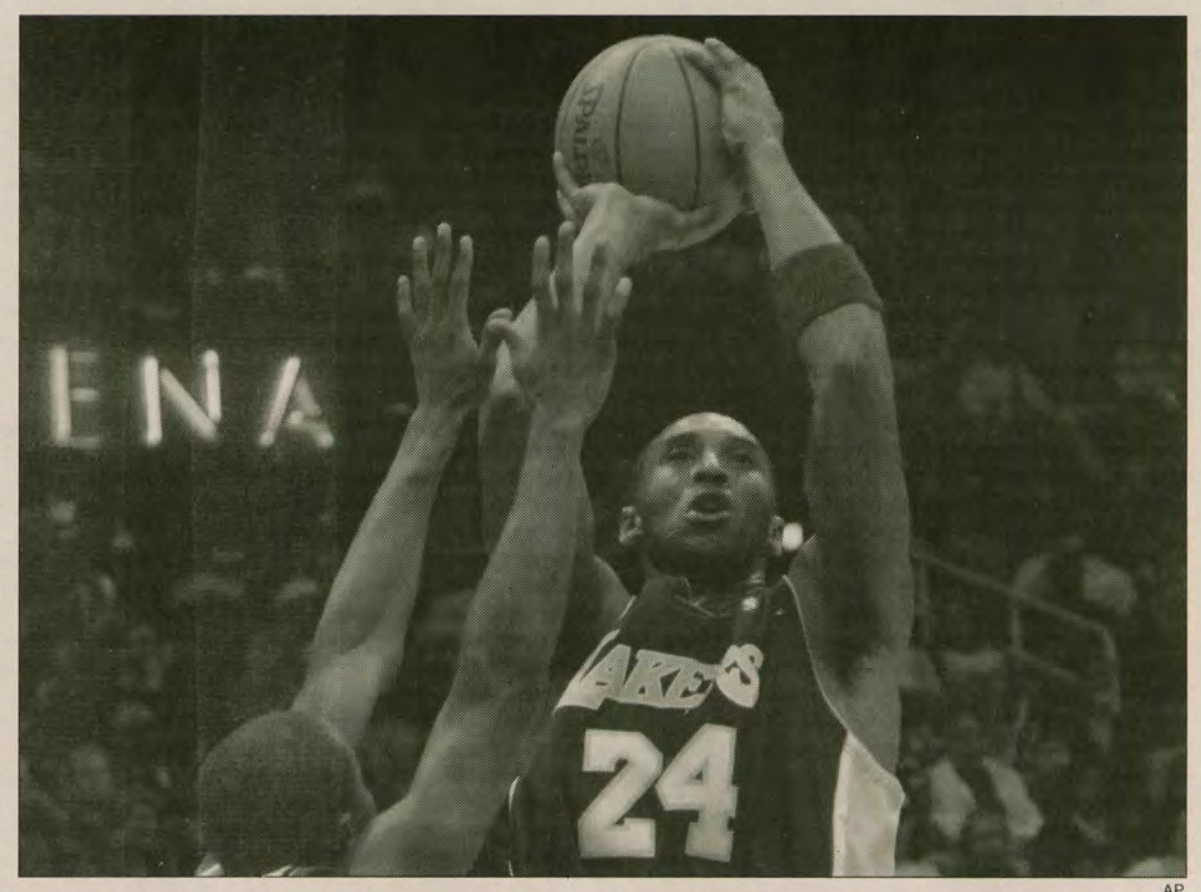
Bryant wagged his index finger at Atlanta fans after his fourth straight jumper in his hot streak, which left the Lakers with a 77-71 lead. Bryant didn't need to tease; it seemed most of the 19,600 fans in Atlanta's sixth sellout of the season were cheering for him, anyway.

The Hawks, led by Zaza Pachulia's inside scoring, pulled within three points three times early in the period, but they came no closer than six after Bryant's hot streak.

Johnson made only 10 of 26 shots. Josh Smith scored 20 points and Pachulia added 14.

Only two players joined Bryant in double figures for the Lakers. Odom had 15 points and 18 rebounds, and Bynum added another double-double with 14 points and 10 rebounds.

The Lakers, who beat Atlanta 106-95 at home on Dec. 8, completed their first season sweep of the Hawks since the 1999-00 season. Even in recent seasons, when the Hawks bottomed out with 13- and 26-win totals, the Lakers managed no better than a split of the two games.



AP

Lakers guard Kobe Bryant takes a shot against Hawks guard Speedy Claxton in Los Angeles' 90-83 win Monday night at Philips Arena in Atlanta.

Rockets 105
Timberwolves 77

Tracy McGrady scored 16 of his 32 points in the third quarter on Monday night to lead the Houston Rockets to a victory over the Minnesota Timberwolves.

Luther Head went 5-for-7 from 3-point range and had 20 points, and Juwan Howard had 20 points and eight rebounds for the Rockets, who've won nine of 13 games since an overtime loss to the Timberwolves in Minnesota on Jan. 7.

Kevin Garnett had 18 points, 12 rebounds and five assists for Minnesota, which has lost 10 of its last 12 games and four in a row. The Wolves are 2-6 since Randy Wittman replaced fired coach Dwane Casey on Jan. 23.

McGrady topped 30 points for the 13th time this season and the 11th since Dec. 23, when Yao Ming broke a bone in his right leg. Yao is likely out until March, but due mostly to McGrady, Houston is 14-6 since that injury.

The Rockets had lost four of their last five home games against the Timberwolves, but took command of this one with a 20-6 run bridging the first and second quarters.

McGrady missed seven of his first nine shots, then leaped for a rebound and dunked over Mark Blount in the last minute of the opening quarter to put the Rockets up 21-15.

Garnett did not score in the first quarter, missing three shots. The Timberwolves started 6-for-20.

Howard hit seven of his first eight shots, including his first three of the second quarter. Rafer Alston, ejected from the Rockets' loss to New Orleans on Saturday, converted a steal into a three-point play during the spurt, which ended with Houston up 34-19.

Garnett ended Minnesota's 4-minute scoring drought with his first basket with 6:50 left in the first half.

But after Garnett banked in a shot over Dikembe Mutombo, the Rockets finished the half with a 14-2 spurt. Head capped the run with a fast-break layup and a pull-up 3-pointer that put Houston up 50-30 at the break.

McGrady was 6-of-10 in the third quarter, all of them long jumpers _ and he had a good time doing it.

He playfully spanked Wittman after swishing a shot in front of the Wolves' bench with 3:12 left. Then, he high-fived fans in the front row after beating the buzzer with another jumper that gave Houston an 82-52 lead heading to the fourth quarter.

Head, fifth in the league in 3-point shooting, sank his fourth and fifth 3-pointers early in the final quarter to keep Houston in control.

Sixers 100, Nets 98 (OT)

New Jersey has become painfully familiar with watching other teams beat them in the final minutes.

This time, it was Andre Iguodala and Philadelphia's turn.

Iguodala had 23 points, a career-high 15 assists, and seven rebounds in the 76ers' overtime victory over New Jersey on Monday night, the Nets' second OT loss in two days.

Samuel Dalembert had 14 points and 17 rebounds, and Andre Miller had 18 points to give the Sixers their fifth win in eight games and sixth in 10.

"We're turning it around," said Kyle Korver, who scored nine points. "We're not winning as frequently as we'd like to, but we're doing so much better."

The same can't be said for the Nets.

One day after losing at the overtime buzzer against Atlanta, the Nets couldn't avoid another crunch time defeat. They did pull off a late-game thrill when Eddie House's 3-pointer with 7.8 seconds left in regulation sent the game into OT. But after Clifford Robinson's 3 gave them a 93-92 lead 2 minutes into the extra period, New Jersey went cold from the floor.

Miller hit a running jumper for the lead, then Iguodala calmly sank a 3 with 1:06 left that gave the Sixers a needed cushion.

Iguodala hit the clutch basket at the right time the Sixers needed to put away the Nets.

"He's one of the most well-balanced players in the NBA and he's only in his third year," Korver said.

The Nets didn't score again from the floor until Vince Carter's layup with 36 seconds to go pulled them within three, then Jason Kidd sank a pair of free throws that trimmed the lead to 99-98.

Korver went 1-for-2 from the free throw line and set up one last chance for the Nets. Carter's 3-point heave was off the mark, sending New Jersey to its fourth straight loss.

No, the 76ers didn't wildly celebrate at halfcourt like the Hawks did on Sunday when Tyronn Lue hit a 23-foot jumper at the buzzer to beat the Nets. But they've at least stopped playing like the worst team in basketball.

"It's starting to get back to normal around here," said Steven Hunter, who had 13 points. "Everyone's head is back to basketball. You can tell on the court we're focused on basketball and nothing else."

Carter had 23 points and 10 rebounds, House scored 15 points and Kidd 14 for the Nets, who blew an 11-point third-quarter lead.

"We have to work our way out of it," Carter said. "We have to work hard and hope things start breaking our way."

Nearly everything is breaking the Sixers way of late. Maybe they'll get fewer ping-pong balls in the draft lottery, but the 76ers could create a sense of excitement about the future with some strong play in the rest of the second half.

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2	Minnesota	23-5-3	472	3
3	New Hampshire	20-5-1	465	1
4	St. Cloud State	17-5-4	414	4
5	Denver	20-10-2	348	5
6	Michigan State	17-8-2	338	7
7	Boston Univ.	13-5-8	286	6
8	Michigan	21-9-0	259	10
9	Maine	17-8-2	252	9
10	Clarkson	17-7-4	212	8
11	North Dakota	15-11-2	159	13
12	Miami (Ohio)	18-10-4	131	11
13	Colorado College	16-10-2	121	NR
14	Vermont	15-9-4	79	14
15	Boston College	15-11-2	54	13
16	St. Lawrence	15-11-2	51	17
17	Massachusetts	13-9-4	48	19
18	Niagara	17-10-3	34	16
19	Quinnipac	13-9-5	22	18
20	Cornell	11-9-3	20	20

NCAA Hockey USCHO.com/CSTV Top 20

	team	record	points	previous
1	NOTRE DAME	23-5-2	756	2
2	Minnesota	23-5-3	753	3
3	New Hampshire	20-5-1	752	1
4	St. Cloud State	17-5-4	693	4
5	Denver	20-10-2	597	5
6	Michigan State	17-8-2	562	6
7	Maine	17-8-2	517	9
8	Boston Univ.	13-5-8	507	7
9	Michigan	21-9-0	491	11
10	Clarkson	17-7-4	471	8
11	North Dakota	15-11-2	389	12
12	Miami (Ohio)	18-10-4	363	10
13	Colorado College	16-10-2	351	15
14	Vermont	15-9-4	296	14
15	Boston College	14-10-1	265	13
16	St. Lawrence	15-11-2	196	17
17	Massachusetts	13-9-4	97	19
18	Niagara	17-10-3	92	16
19	Quinnipac	13-9-5	80	18
20	Cornell	11-9-3	72	20

Men's Basketball Big East Standings

	team	Big East record	overall record
1	Pittsburgh	8-1	20-3
2	Marquette	7-2	20-4
3	Georgetown	6-2	16-5
4	West Virginia	7-3	18-4
5	Louisville	6-3	16-7
6	NOTRE DAME	6-4	18-5
7	Syracuse	5-5	16-8
8	Providence	4-4	14-7
9	Villanova	4-5	15-7
10	Connecticut	4-6	15-8
11	St. John's	4-6	13-10
12	DePaul	4-6	13-11
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14	South Florida	3-6	12-11
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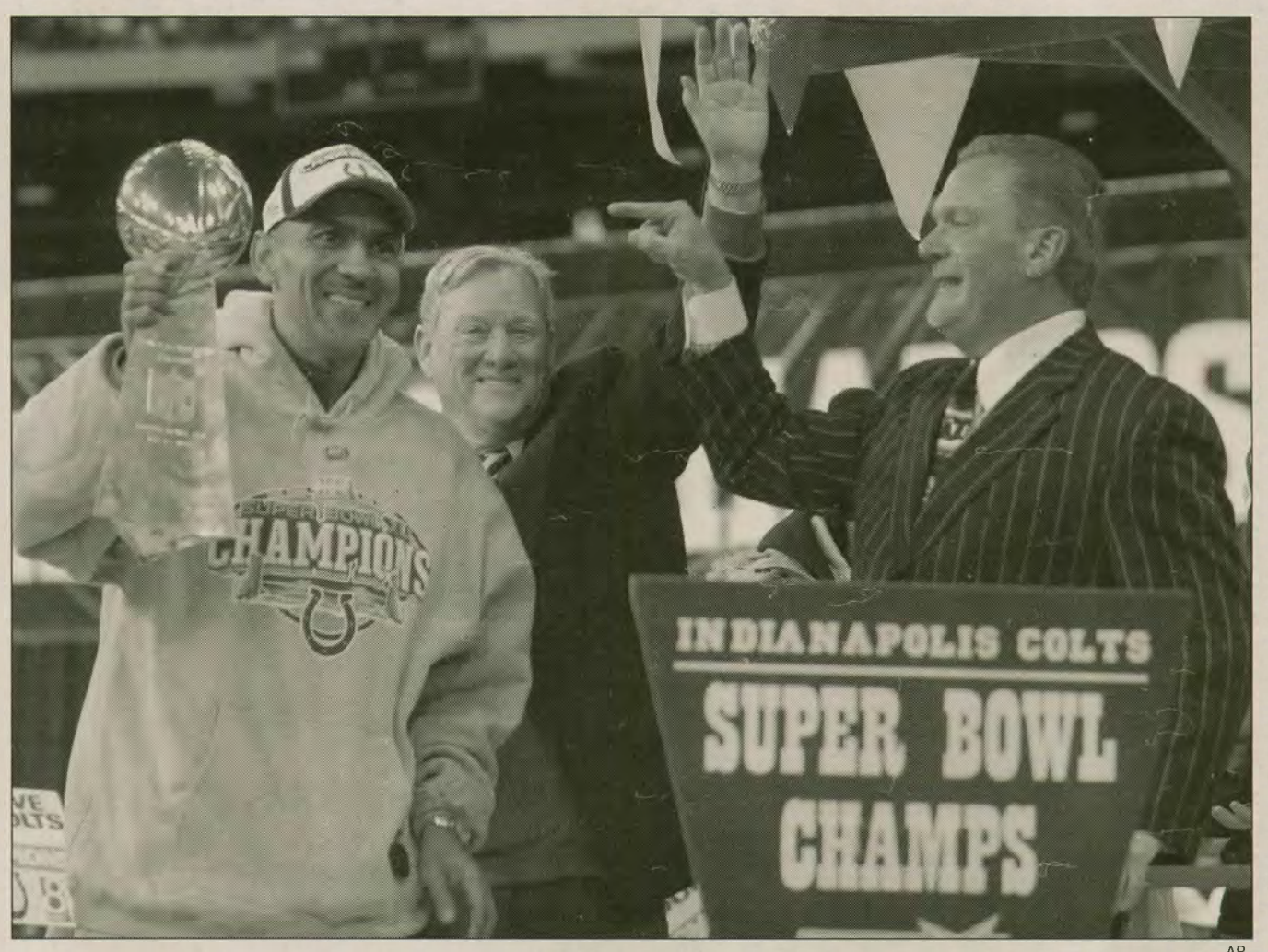

AP

Indianapolis coach Tony Dungy holds the Vince Lombardi trophy with Colts owner Jim Irsay and team president Bill Polian at a congratulatory parade Monday. The Colts beat the Bears 29-17 to win Super Bowl XLI.

Colts celebrate Super Bowl XLI victory

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — The RCA Dome never felt so good to the Super Bowl champion Indianapolis Colts.

After a rain-soaked victory in Miami the night before and then a frigid, bone-numbing homecoming parade through the streets of downtown Indianapolis on Monday night, the Colts finally arrived back at their stadium for a raucous celebration with their fans.

More than 40,000 of them, just as loud and boisterous as they were when the Colts left the Dome two weeks earlier with the AFC championship, welcomed them home, reveling in the city's first major profesional sports championship in more than 30 years.

"It sure feels good to be back in this Dome after playing in that weather last night," shouted Peyton Manning, the MVP in the Colts' 29-17 victory over the Chicago Bears. "On behalf of the players, we want to thank the greatest fans in the world."

Most of the fans had been there for hours, patiently waiting for the team to arrive. The parade was supposed to begin around 4 p.m. but got under way late because the Colts' plane from Miami was delayed. No matter.

"It might be a once-in-a-lifetime thing," Robert Smith of Indianapolis said while watching a giant-screen TV replay of Sunday night's victory over the Bears.

Many of the fans were wearing Colts blue. Many held signs such as "We love our Colts" or just a simple "Thank You."

Once the team arrived, still wearing their parkas or hooded sweatshirts from the below-zero wind chill outside, it was the Colts themselves who delivered all the thank yous.

"You guys are awesome," coach Tony Dungy told the crowd. "For the last 16 or 18 hours, we've been enjoying this championship. We had a team party (in Miami) last night, but we were looking forward to coming home. This is more than we could have ever expected. Thank you for this turnout."

Two giant inflatable balloons resembling Colts players flanked a stage that was set up on the floor of the Dome. Amid a barrage of camera flashes from the stands, many of the Colts players — and Dungy, too — brought out their own cameras to record the moment.

IN BRIEF

Mears names crew chief for 2007 NASCAR Season

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Casey Mears got a new crew chief Monday, just four days before NASCAR begins preparations for the season-opening Daytona 500.

Fortunately for Mears, he's teaming with last year's race-winning crew chief.

Darian Grubb, who led Jimmie Johnson to the Daytona 500 victory, will now lead Mears' No. 25 team at Hendrick Motorsports. Grubb, an engineer on Johnson's crew, filled in for Chad Knaus during his four-race suspension last season.

Grubb led Johnson to a pair of wins during his stint.

"Darian is one of the most respected voices in our organization and has proven to be a terrific leader," team owner Rick Hendrick said. "He and Casey represent an exciting new combination for the No. 25 team, its sponsors and its fans."

Flight restrictions from Lidle crash made permannt

WASHINGTON — Flight restrictions imposed around Manhattan after New York Yankees pitcher Cory Lidle crashed his single-engine plane into an apartment tower will be made permanent, government documents indicate.

The plan for the rule change was revealed as the National Transportation Safety Board released papers Monday detailing its investigation of the Oct. 11 crash that killed Lidle and his flight instructor.

"The pilot and owner was New York Yankee player Cory Lidle, and a California based flight instructor was with him," the NTSB said, also identifying Tyler Stanger elsewhere as the "passenger/flight instructor."

Included in the papers are toxicology reports showing that neither Lidle, 34, nor instructor Stanger, 26, had drugs or alcohol in their systems.

Michigan lawmakers propose day to honor Dungy

LANSING, Mich. — State lawmakers on Monday proposed a day honoring Indianapolis Colts coach Tony Dungy, who was born and raised in Michigan.

Dungy, whose Colts won the Super Bowl, is from Jackson, where he excelled in football at Parkside High School. He is the first black coach to win a Super Bowl.

"Because of the strength of his character, as well as his success on the field, Tony Dungy is an inspiration to all of us," said Senate Minority Leader Mark Schauer, D-Battle Creek, whose district includes Jackson.

Schauer plans to sponsor a legislative resolution proposing "Tony Dungy Day" along with Democratic Reps. Marty Griffin of Jackson and Mike Simpson of Jackson County's Liberty Township. They had not yet determined which day to honor Dungy.

U.S. SOCCER

Dempsey joins American migration to England

Associated Press

PHOENIX — Two days after appearing in an English Premier League game with three other Americans, midfielder Clint Dempsey worked out with the U.S. national team Monday afternoon.

He hopes the jet lag will wear off before the U.S. meets Mexico in a friendly Wednesday night.

"This morning, I woke up at 6 o'clock," Dempsey said after practice at Grand Canyon University. "Normally I don't do that. I'm not quite there yet, but it's getting better."

On Saturday, Dempsey was one of four Americans on the field when Fulham beat Newcastle 2-1 in the Premier League. Dempsey, who came on in the 78th minute, joined defender Carlos Bocanegra and forward Brian McBride while defender Oguchi Onyewu played for Newcastle.

"It's kind of cool just to think about," Dempsey said. "It's funny to know somebody on the other team and joke around with him during the game. It's good to see more Americans making the move over there, and hopefully there'll be more to come."

Dempsey joined Fulham on Jan. 10 for a transfer fee that could reach $4 million.

Dempsey said he's enjoyed his brief time in England and is looking forward to earning a start. This week, though, he is concentrating on beating Mexico, the United States' fiercest rival.

The United States has dominated the rivalry recently, going 7-2-1 against Mexico since 2000. The Americans are 6-0-1 on home soil in that stretch, outscoring Mexico 11-0 in those games.

Bradley said he selected Dempsey for this game because he likes his attacking style, which earned him a job in England.

"The reason he's there is he's got an aggressiveness going forward, fearlessness when he gets around the goal in terms of taking chances, and that's what we're looking for from him every time he steps on the field," Bradley said.

Bradley said he didn't know whether Dempsey would play in the middle or on the outside.

"It depends on how the team plays," Bradley said. "The most important thing is to still find a way for him to get the ball in situations going forward where his attacking skills come into play."

Dempsey scored the only goal by an American at last year's World Cup and was voted U.S. player of the year.

The 2004 MLS rookie of the year with New England, Dempsey scored 25 goals in 71 games in his three seasons with the Revolution. He has scored six goals in 23 games for the United States.

"He's a dangerous, attacking player," Bradley said. "He gets chances for himself. He's not afraid to go into the box and mix it up. So I think he's an important player for us."

Dempsey is one of four U.S. team members who have returned from England to join the squad this week. The others are Bocanegra; midfielder Bobby Convey of Reading FC; and goalkeeper Tim Howard of Everton FC.

Each was dealing with dramatic changes in time and temperature. London is seven hours ahead of Phoenix, and it was nearly 40 degrees warmer in the desert.

"I think it's like 4 in the morning for me right now," Convey said after the U.S. practice. "For us, that's the disadvantage to playing in England and being on the national team. I think my flight was like 15 hours to get all the way here. We'll see how it goes. I feel OK."

Dempsey grew up in Texas and followed the Mexican national team as a youngster. He's looking forward to facing them on Wednesday, even though it may feel like a road game for the Americans. More than 50,000 tickets have been sold for the match at 62,000-seat University of Phoenix Stadium in Glendale, and the crowd is expected to be heavily pro-Mexico.

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TENNIS

Sampras eyes return with Boston tourney

Associated Press

BOSTON — The last time Pete Sampras played competitive tennis in Boston, his doubles team notched the only victory for the United States in the Davis Cup quarterfinals against Australia in 1999.

The winner of a record 14 Grand Slam singles titles returns in three months for his first tournament since 2002 when he participates in the Outback Champions Series at Boston University from May 2-6. He wants to see how he feels there before committing to any of the other five tournaments in the series for players older than 30.

"I just want to see how it goes," Sampras said in a telephone interview Monday. "I don't want to commit to a bunch of them, just see how I enjoy the week, the playing. I didn't want to commit to something I wasn't 100 percent sure about."

His participation in the event was announced last Tuesday.

Boston is the second stop on the tour and Sampras prefers the hardcourt on which it will be played to other surfaces in the series. He said he enjoyed the city when he played in the Davis Cup where he teamed with Alex O'Brien for a five-set victory. Australia won the quarterfinal 4-1 and beat France in the final.

The 35-year-old Sampras retired after winning the U.S. Open in September 2002 with a victory over Andre Agassi. At first, he didn't miss the grueling routine of tournament tennis and practices.

"Initially, you enjoy it, you decompress, and it's nice not having to worry about tennis," he said. "The stress of trying to win the majors was gone. It was fun. I did some things I didn't get a chance to do."

One of those was golf.

"After a couple of years of that you kind of wake up as the mornings go on feeling you need to do a little bit more and feel more fulfilled," he said. "Getting up in the morning to play golf is fun, but you miss a little bit of the structured life you had."

One reason he's returning is his relationship with series co-founder Jim Courier, who also will be in the eight-man field in Boston along with John McEnroe. Total prize money is $142,000. To qualify for the series, now in its second full year, a player must have reached a Grand Slam singles final, been ranked in the top five, or played singles on a Davis Cup championship team.

"I almost in a way wish he came back and played (regularly)," McEnroe said Monday night after attending the Rangers' hockey game in New York. "I know he sort of in a way wants to preserve what he's already done. But no one can take that away."

Sampras said he won't return to the regular tennis tour but is ready for the competition again although it's "nothing as intense as it used to be."

"I know that he can beat most of these guys still — certainly at Wimbledon — so there's a temptation for him to want to do that," McEnroe said. "I know he's right. He can handle these guys but that's his call."

Sampras did play some exhibitions and World Team Tennis last year.

"I've been hitting the ball pretty well and using the bigger racket with the new technology string," Sampras said. "It's really given me the ability to hit the ball better today than I did in my prime."

For the first time in 4 1/2 years, fans will get a chance to judge for themselves in a tournament setting.

"You still have a lot of pride and you want to play well and you want to win," he said., "Every time I step on the court I still want to hit that big shot, hit that big serve."

NHL

Hasek beats out rough stretch

Red Wings goalie bailed out by teammates late in game, makes 17 saves

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Dominik Hasek flashed a smile and cracked some jokes even though he had just endured the worst period of an otherwise stellar season.

When your teammates bail you out with three goals in the third period, there is every reason to be happy.

The 42-year-old Hasek gave up three goals on seven shots in a shaky first period, but Henrik Zetterberg capped the Red Wings' big finish by scoring the decisive goal late in Detroit's 4-3 victory over the New York Rangers on Monday night.

"What happened? All I can say is it was the worst period for me this year."

Dominik Hasek
Red Wings goalie

"What happened? All I can say is it was the worst period for me this year," said Hasek, tied for third in the NHL with a 2.08 goals-against average. "I feel like all three goals I should save.

"It actually was a 7 o'clock game. I thought it was starting at 7:30."

By the time the Red Wings rallied, Hasek had settled down and it was Rangers goalie Henrik Lundqvist's turn to be unsteady. He couldn't really be blamed for the winning goal, but the ones scored by Jiri Hudler and Robert Lang were hardly picture perfect.

Hasek made 13 saves over the final 40 minutes as Detroit won its fourth straight game and eighth in 11 contests.

"My teammates played great," Hasek said. "They scored four goals and we won the game. All I can say is I made some mistakes that I usually don't make."

Zetterberg got to a loose puck off the stick of Rangers forward Blair Betts in front of the New York net and quickly slammed in a shot to break a 3-all tie with 7:24 left.

The Red Wings will certainly want more trips to New York than the current schedule allows. Their last two road games have both been in the metropolitan area and featured big third periods in comeback victories.

Detroit, which hadn't played in Madison Square Garden since Oct. 25, 2003, erased a 3-0 deficit to the Islanders in the third period last Tuesday before winning in overtime.

"We haven't had a lot of come-from-behind wins this year," defenseman Mathieu Schneider said. "It's huge for a team when you feel like you can win no matter what the deficit is."

Zetterberg helped set up Pavel Datsyuk's first-period goal, and Hudler took advantage of Lundqvist's misplay early in the third to make it 3-2. Lang tied it at 10:54.

That made up for Hasek's poor early effort. He yielded goals to Brendan Shanahan, Michael Nylander and Marcel Hossa before 15 minutes elapsed. Hasek earned his 29th victory despite making only 17 saves. Lundqvist stopped 22 shots.

Shanahan, in his first game against the Red Wings since leaving as a free agent in the offseason, gave the Rangers the lead just 2:18 in on New York's second shot.

Nylander doubled the advantage 13 seconds later after Hasek flubbed the puck behind his net, and Hossa wrapped up the Rangers' most productive period in nearly a month at 14:24.

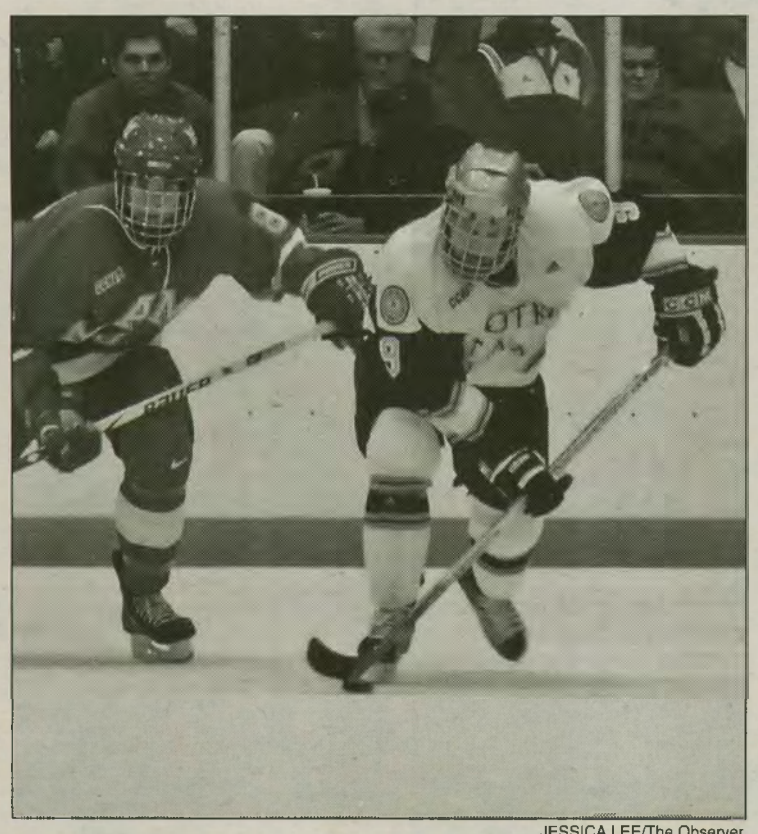
Lundqvist saved his meltdown until the end. He committed a costly turnover to Valtteri Filppula that turned into Hudler's ninth goal, then flubbed a soft, bouncing puck that Lang knocked in for the tying tally.

"It was one of those things that happened," Lundqvist said. "They took advantage. It was a tough break."

That put another crimp in the Rangers' fading playoff hopes. New York has dropped three straight, seven of 10 and 14 of 21, slipping to fourth in the Atlantic Division and 11th in the Eastern Conference. The loss, in the only NHL game Monday night, left the Rangers five points out of a playoff spot with 29 games left.

"There's lots of hockey left but we're digging ourselves a hole," Shanahan said.

WILD THANG



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Freshman right wing Ryan Thang carries the puck down the ice during a 4-1 win Jan. 26 over Miami.

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"I hope the camaraderie will help us grow as a team and bring us closer together, and just give them a lifetime experience that they will never forget," MacKenzie said.

The team will meet with a professional trainer in Manchester and compete in four friendly matches with teams of comparable skill levels. The trip, however, is not purely business. Mackenzie hopes to get in a good deal of sightseeing and to expose her team to a new culture.

"When I was in college, I was fortunate enough to travel with the team to Scotland one summer," said MacKenzie, who played for Quincy University. "It was awesome to be able to travel abroad with my teammates."

Being able to share that experience with her new team has been a dream of MacKenize's since she signed on with the Belles in 2003. After checking with Saint Mary's Athletic Director Stephen Hinkel, she began researching the trip.

The Belles selected Go Play Sports, a well-established travel agency based in Boston, Mass., that specializes in this type of event, to organize the tour.

The last obstacle that the team is currently in the process of hurdling is the fundraising to fray the hefty costs of international travel. Members of the team have been working for over two years now to collect money by parking cars during Notre Dame home football games.

"As a Division-III school, there are opportunities we can't really give our athletes because we don't have a huge budget," MacKenzie said.

The Belles are also auctioning a chance to win a four-day, three-night stay in Paris with the purchase of a $10 raffle ticket. The drawing will take place during Saint Mary's final home basketball game Feb. 17 against Hope College at 3 p.m.

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NFL

City mourns Super Bowl loss

Bears fans of all ages attempt to digest loss, look towards future

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Everyone from rush-hour commuters to T-shirt vendors to transit workers started the week here in a collective funk, lamenting how their Bears fell short of their first Super Bowl championship in 21 years.

Asked if he was a Bears fan the day after Chicago lost 29-17 to the Indianapolis Colts, Bill Lortz peered over a cup of coffee at the city's Billy Goat tavern Monday morning, looked up and grumbled, "Not any more."

But Lortz softened minutes later, saying he still held out hope for the future.

"Yesterday was the Colts' day," the 60-year-old said. "I think the Bears will make it back to the Super Bowl next year."

Other fans were quick to express gratitude for the Bears at least making it to, if not winning, Sunday's championship.

"They did something for Chicago," said Gene Burchell, a 41-year-old rail janitor for the Chicago Transit Authority. "They represented us well."

Al Castellanos agreed.

"It was painful that they lost, but there were 30 other teams who didn't make it to the Super Bowl," said the 49-year-old, wearing a Bears cap as he walked through a Chicago train station. "Hopefully it won't be another 21 years."

The Bears quietly returned to Chicago on Monday night, arriving with no fanfare at O'Hare International Airport shortly after 7 p.m.

Players and coaches, including head coach Lovie Smith, walked off a chartered flight and directly to buses that were to take them to their Halas Hall practice facility in Lake Forest. None spoke to the crowd of news media that had gathered to observe their arrival.

City officials said they would have considered going ahead with a parade to honor the Bears, despite the loss — but the team requested there be no such event. Last week, a post-Super Bowl celebration was tentatively planned for Tuesday.

"We wanted the team to know we appreciated them," said Cindy Gatziolis, a spokeswoman for the city's office of special events. "We would have done something, but it was the team's wishes not to unless they had a victory."

Sunday's defeat also hit souvenir vendors hard — right in the pocket book.

Orange and blue Bears gear sold briskly in the lead-up to Sunday, and a Super Bowl would have boosted sales to new heights, said Farid Muhamad, a manager at the Press Relay souvenir store at Chicago's Union Station.

"People were buying everything last week — Bears mugs, shirts, hats," he said. "We sold thousands of things. ... Today, no one's bought a single thing."

The store had ordered 5,000 "Chicago Bears — Super Bowl Champions" shirts in advance, Muhamad said. The order from the manufacturer was contingent on the Bears winning Sunday, he added, so the store didn't have to pay for any of the merchandise.

Some fans focused anger on Bears quarterback Rex Grossman, who had two fourth-quarter interceptions when the Colts still seemed within striking distance.

"I don't dislike Grossman. But he choked in a big game," said 28-year-old Jon Risk, a native Chicagoan who flew in from his current Brooklyn home to watch the game on TV. "Their offense did not look like they knew what ... was going on."

Others took solace in the fact that, however bad, the defeat could have been worse.

"They could have gotten blown out pretty easily," said Jose Reyes, 40, a Chicago-area computer applications developer. "They were able to stay in the game. ... It could have been like a 40-3 game."

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Big East

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and Villanova.

But when the Notre Dame women enter the pool on Feb. 14, few around the Notre Dame community other than those wearing their swimsuits will realize that the Irish will be defending a record 10 consecutive Big East titles.

"I don't think it's been publicized very much," senior captain Katie Carroll said. "It would be nice if people knew that we held the record. It would give a good name to the University."

With a victory at this year's Big East championships in Long Island, N.Y., No. 19 Notre Dame would become the first school in Big East history to win 11 consecutive conference titles in any sport. The only other program to match Notre Dame's current streak is the Pittsburgh men's swimming and diving program, which won 10 consecutive titles from 1983-1992.

"We've been fairly consistent over the years," Carroll said. "We've had some good coaching and some good recruiting, and it's helped us accomplish something pretty special."

Carroll, a four-year standout for Notre Dame, has been an integral member of the last three Irish teams to earn the Big East title. In 2006, Carroll was the Big East champion in the 400-meter individual medley, and she has earned seven all-conference certificates. Despite the individual accolades, Carroll realizes the magnitude of what the program has accomplished.

"It's pretty cool because in the past four years I've been part of something that's bigger than myself," Carroll said. "People ten years ago started this winning streak, and we're just trying to carry it on."

Despite being the highest-ranked team nationally from the Big East this season, the Irish can expect to face some stiff competition at this year's championships. By finishing second in five of the past seven Big East championships, Rutgers is a worthy adversary. And this season figures to be no different.

The No. 23 Scarlet Knights cracked the top 25 for the first time all season in the latest College Swimming Coaches Association of America poll. Rutgers, like Notre Dame, has only one dual loss.

"Rutgers almost beat us last year, and that would have been huge for them," Carroll said. "Honestly though, I think it's going to be a competition for second place. We have a lot of confidence in ourselves."

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Freshmen

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31 assists in conference games, compared to only 12 turnovers. But Barlow has provided the biggest spark to the Irish offense, averaging 10.6 points and 5.2 rebounds per game this season.

"It's been a challenge, but I think I'm up for it," said Barlow of the transition to college basketball. "I just try to come in and try to bring energy to the team and do what I need to do for the team."

Even though these three garner the majority of the team's substitution playing time, they are not the only ones sitting with McGraw at the start of the game.

Joining them off the bench for the Irish are freshman Danielle Ben-Tsvulun and junior Amanda Tsipis. Tsipis and Ben-Tsvulun have been able to get some time on the floor this season, although it has generally been limited to late-game situations in already decided games.

For Tsipis, her biggest game of the season was Dec. 28 against Prairie View A&M, where she played seven minutes, grabbed two boards and had two points. Ben-Tsvulun had her breakout game Sunday against the Mountaineers, coming in late in the first half.

Even though Ben-Tsvulun had only one minute in the game, she worked hard up and down the court. The freshman forward scored four points, including one fast-break layup to close out the half.

"She did a really nice job at the end of the half, and I was really pleased with her," McGraw said. "We thought about playing her a little bit more in the second half, we were just about to when they went on that run, because I think she can really post up strong."

For McGraw, the freshmen performances have been a highlight for her team this year. Coupled with the five veterans that make up the starting lineup, Barlow, Lechlitner and Williamson have been able to enter the game and play strong enough that the Irish don't miss a step.

"Our bench — they've been outscoring the other team's bench all year long, And you know it's all freshmen," she said. "So it's great to see that every game, that our freshmen are coming in and playing like veterans. And this time of the year we need them to do that."

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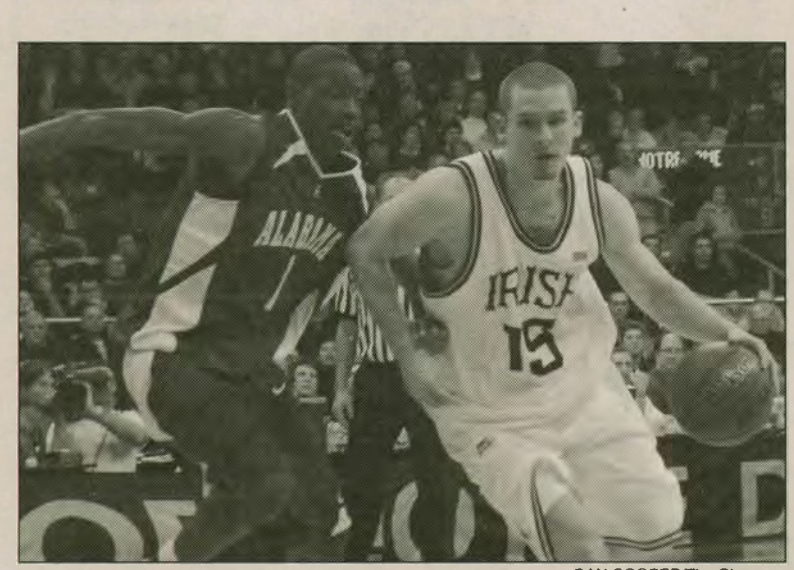
Irish center Melissa D'Amico elevates for a jump shot against Syracuse on Jan. 20. Notre Dame won the game 83-55.

Around the competition



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Irish guard Colin Falls drives around Alabama guard Mykal Riley during Notre Dame's 99-85 win on Dec. 5.

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Hockey Magazine poll, Notre Dame earned a little bit more breathing room in the national top five. The Irish grabbed 20 first-place votes to Minnesota's nine and New Hampshire's five. The Gophers and Irish are tied for the most wins in college hockey this season with 23.

With the sweep in league play over Bowling Green, the Irish secured a first-round bye in the CCHA playoffs that are set to begin March 2. Notre Dame holds first place in the standings currently with 36 points, while Michigan (32 points) sits in second, Miami (30 points) is in third and Michigan State (28 points) rounds out the top four teams that receive a bye, and home ice, in the second round. With only six games left in the regular season, the Irish cannot be caught by fifth-place Nebraska-Omaha (23 points).

The Irish have been a target for struggling teams capable of pulling off mid-season upsets since they jumped into the rankings Oct. 23 at No. 11 following a 7-1 destruction of then-No. 1 Boston College.

"Our guys are getting more accustomed to dealing with it since everyone plays their A-game against us," Jackson said. "I think that makes us a better team. It makes our opponents play their best games against us and in turn makes us play our best as well hopefully that will benefit us down the road."

Notre Dame has never been named the best team in college hockey before, but it has come close several times.

On Jan. 31, 1977, the Irish were voted No. 2 following a two-game sweep of Colorado College on the road. The icers remained at the spot for several more weeks after they beat and tied Minnesota the next weekend. The team fell short from a NCAA Tournament bid that year when it lost to the Gophers in the Western Collegiate Hockey Association playoffs, preventing the Irish from earning one of the limited four spots in the Tournament.

Several years earlier in 1973, Notre Dame was voted No. 2 in the preseason poll and held the spot for the first two weeks of the season, but ultimately could not hold on and finished the season below .500 and unranked.

The Irish were ranked No. 2 earlier this season when the polls were released Jan. 2, but dropped to No. 5 after a 4-2 loss to Robert Morris Jan. 7.

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Notre Dame and ranked teams: how the Irish fared

Rank	Team	Result
1	at Boston College	W, 7-1
4	Michigan State	W, 4-1
4	at Michigan State	L, 0-2
14	Alaska	W, 3-1
14	Alaska	W, 6-2
7	at Michigan	W, 7-1
7	Michigan	W, 4-3
15	at Lake Superior	W, 4-3 (ot)
15	at Lake Superior	W, 4-1
9	Miami	W, 4-1
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ward Zach Hillesland said. "He's been our best rebounder. His size and strength give us a definite advantage on the boards."

In the first meeting between South Florida and Notre Dame Jan. 21, Kurz led the way for the Irish with 21 points and 10 rebounds. His limited playing time and hampered mobility in Saturday's loss allowed South Florida to get 22 second-chance points and dominate the Irish on the glass 48-to-37.

> *"It's hard to play with [Kurz] not out there."*
>
> **Luke Harangody**
> **Irish forward**

"They were more physical on the boards," Irish guard Russell Carter said. "They had five guys rushing in every time as opposed to Syracuse, who had bigger bodies but they weren't as tough inside."

Hillesland filled in well against Syracuse, piling up 14 points and 10 rebounds, but got into foul trouble early against the Bulls. Kurz and then had to come off the bench, and forward Luke Harangody was left with the lion's share of the workload inside.

"We just couldn't get into the flow of the game, and we needed to hit the boards harder," Harangody said. "It's hard to play with [Kurz] not out there."

Without Kurz's usual offensive production, Carter and guard Colin Falls — Notre Dame's two leading scorers — are under more pressure to score, but opposing defenses have focused their gameplan more toward shutting them down without Kurz. This has forced traditional role players like Hillesland and guard Tory Jackson to look to shoot more often.

Falls scored 26 points to keep the Irish in the game against South Florida, but Carter and Jackson struggled from the floor, shooting a combined 7-of-24 from the field. Hillesland, who has started in Kurz's place the last two games, had four points and three rebounds against the Bulls.

"I've been up and down. I was limited the other night because of foul trouble the other night," Hillesland said. "I was trying to contain some of those guys, they were pretty athletic getting to the boards. I've been trying to pick up some of the productivity we lost with Rob."

Without a healthy Kurz on the defensive end of the floor, the Irish will try to avoid more games like South Florida where they gave up two or three shots on each opposing possession.

"His size and strength on the boards really gave us an advantage [rebounding]," Hillesland said. "We have to have the whole team rebound, from the forwards to the guards. Hopefully he can come back and be that force on the boards."

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ACROSS

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6 ___ carte
9 Just squeeze by
13 "The Bathers" painter
15 Naked Pooh?
17 "An Inconvenient Truth" presenter
18 Sources of free drinks
19 Bullwinkle's salon application?
21 Abbr. after many a major's name
22 Lop-___
23 Opposite SSW
24 Blue
26 Omaha Beach time
27 Hollywood's Alan and Diane
29 Country's McEntire
32 Luau fare
33 Think the world of
35 Hunk
38 The Bruins' #4
39 USA Today chart shape
40 ___ Irvin, classic cartoonist
41 Washed away
43 Aardvark's morsel
44 "Beowulf" quaff
45 "___ bleu!"
48 P. & L. statement preparers
52 ___ judicata
54 Anonymous John
55 Struck down
56 Sphere in space
58 Quick Draw McGraw with laryngitis?
61 Laconic president
63 Many a realty deal
64 Bugs Bunny's coat?
65 Indigent one
66 Black cat, to some
67 Hails from Rocky
68 Reporters

DOWN

1 Set up for a fall
2 Prepare for another shot
3 Silky-coated cat
4 Loosey-___
5 Begot
6 Be plentiful
7 Ran out
8 Bellicose god
9 Fall back
10 Beloved Bambi?
11 "___ Saint-Lazare" (Manet painting)
12 Once, old-style
14 Sleep acronym
16 Hydrocarbon suffixes
20 Being broadcast
25 Oils, busts, etc.
27 Some members of Parliament
28 Left Bank locale
30 Domesticated insect
31 Org. with a noted journal
32 Creator of the Ushers
34 Get firm
35 Ring insert
36 It needs refinement
37 Porky Pig's home movie presentation?
39 Cuts back
42 1950's political inits.
46 Slow, on a score
47 Tools for apples
48 Ninth-inning pitcher
49 Main Street event, maybe
50 Market areas
51 Villainous looks
53 ___ Tzu
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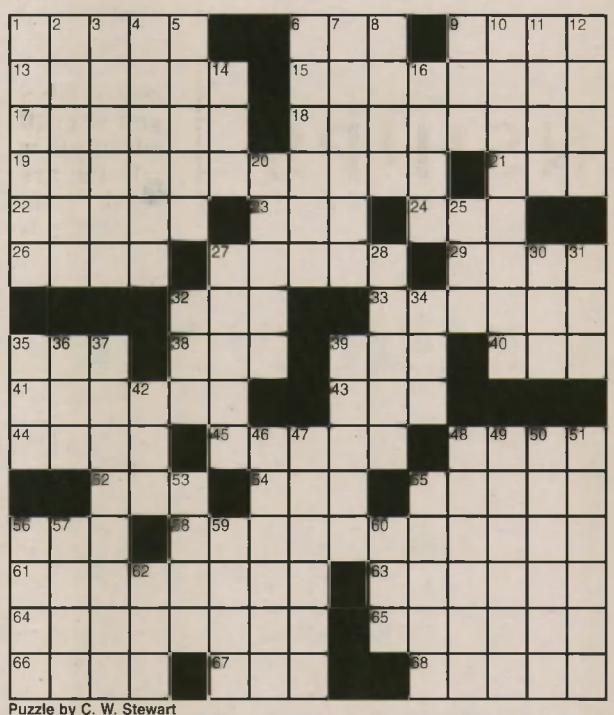
56 Twice cuatro
57 Gad about
59 Anita of jazz
60 West ender?
62 Grid great Dawson



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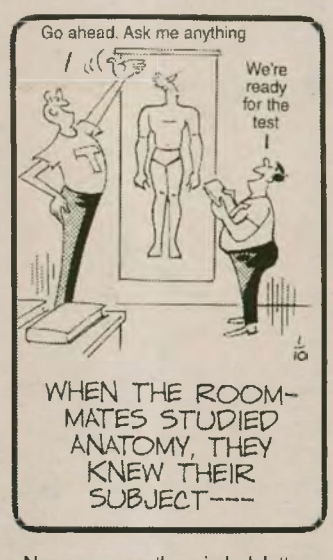

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Horoscope

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Happy Birthday: No matter how you feel about the people around you or the work you are trying to do, you have to follow through. No one said it would be easy but you have it in you to finish what you start. When you do, the accomplishment will set the standard for the entire year. You don't have to be perfect -- just live up to the standards and goals you set for yourself. Your numbers are 10, 14, 19, 21, 23, 38,

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You need to gather more information before you make a decision or take action. This is not the day to jump to conclusions. Chances are good that you are overreacting to a situation that is not out of line. ***
TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Learn to say no. You don't have time to waste getting other people's work out of the way. Focus on your own tasks and you will make an impression on the very people who can help you advance. *****
GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Watch who you are dealing with. Avoid people trying to get you to contribute, donate or give up your time. You have to be honest -- if you give someone the impression that you are willing to do something, you will be held accountable. **
CANCER (June 21-July 22): You have no time to waste today. You can make some interesting personal changes to yourself or your home that will leave you looking pretty efficient. Love is on the rise. ****
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Gambling, poor investments and, in general, overindulgence will have a far-reaching affect on you. Clear up unsettled business with friends, relatives or your lover. Now is not the time to let things linger, so clear the air. ***
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Don't let your emotions get the better of you. Take a closer look at what the people around you are doing and reassess your situation. This is not the best time to hire contractors or to renovate your home. Conserve, don't spend. ***
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Get your ideas down on paper. You will get some support from friends and relatives, with favors being granted. A child or older relative will do something unusual that can help you avoid a problem. ***
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You should be out discovering new things or making new acquaintances. The more networking you do, the better. Personal issues will confuse you. Someone you are close to will probably not tell you everything you need to know. ****
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Travel and communications will be problematic today. Take a wait-and-see attitude before you make a decision. Someone will withhold information, leaving you blindfolded regarding personal matters. **
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You can test your talents today and win. Any challenge you face will be a game in progress and you will play to win. Money can be made but someone may try to take advantage of your efforts and rewards. *****
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Be honest with yourself and others and you won't have a problem taking care of the emotional issues that arise today. If you hide your true feelings or withhold information, you will face an even greater obstacle. ***
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HOCKEY

Number one

By KYLE CASSILY
Sports Writer

Light up that bright yellow sign on top of Grace Hall, there's a new No. 1 team on campus.

For the first time in the program's 39-year history, the Irish hockey team is ranked No. 1 in the country. With the release of the two national polls Monday, the Irish leapfrogged — if just barely — previous leaders New Hampshire and Minnesota after a weekend in which the Irish slid past Bowling Green and got a helping hand out of New England.

"It's really insignificant at this point," Irish coach Jeff Jackson said of the ranking. "We just have to keep the mindset of focusing on the next game and the next weekend. We can't allow ourselves to get caught up in those types of things. The only poll that matters is the one that they take at the end of the season."

Notre Dame (23-5-2) defeated the last-place Falcons on the road 3-2 and 2-1 last weekend, while then-No. 1 New Hampshire fell 4-2 to No. 9 Maine in one of college hockey's most fierce rivalries, before taking the second game 2-1 over the Black Bears. The New Hampshire loss was enough to bump them down to No. 3 as Minnesota swept Alaska-Anchorage at home to jump to the No. 2 spot. And the then-No. 2 Irish became the third team in three weeks to take over the top spot.

The Irish received 17 first-place votes in the USCHO.com/CSTV poll, while the Gophers earned 12 and the Wildcats took home 11. Only four regular votes separated the Irish (756) from No. 3 New Hampshire (752).

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Striding to the top:
Notre Dame hockey's climb to No. 1

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11/27	5th	5th
12/11	4th	4th
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1/8	5th	5th
1/15	3rd	3rd
1/29	2nd	2nd
2/5	1st	1st

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ND WOMEN'S BBALL

Freshmen fulfill key bench roles

By JAY FITZPATRICK
Sports Writer

Irish coach Muffet McGraw has stressed the importance of the bench in her team's success. That was the case Sunday night, as it has been all season, with freshman guard Ashley Barlow helping lead Notre Dame past West Virginia 77-67.

"I think [Barlow has] been a spark for us all year, and when she comes in the game we're trying to get her to be a little more aggressive offensively because we need her to score," McGraw said. "She really did that tonight."

Barlow is one part of Notre Dame's trio of freshmen that compose the large portion of the team's substitutes — along with guard Melissa Lechlitner and center Erica Williamson.

These two have each been integral to the team's success, filling in at the point and the post, respectively, to run the offense while Notre Dame's veterans rest on the sidelines.

Williamson has been a presence inside all season, averaging six rebounds per game while blocking a team-high 28 shots. Lechlitner has filled in well all season off the bench for starting point guard Tulyah Gaines and has

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Kurz expects to play against DePaul

By CHRIS HINE
Sports Writer

Irish forward Rob Kurz said before practice Monday that he would play in Notre Dame's game Thursday at DePaul. Kurz missed last Tuesday's game at Syracuse and saw limited action Saturday at South Florida because of a sprained right ankle he sustained in Notre Dame's 66-63 win over Villanova Jan. 27.

Against the Orange, the Irish were able to win without their third leading scorer (13.4 points per game) thanks to an impressive offensive display. Notre Dame put up 61 points in the first half before besting the Orange 103-91, but the story was different against South Florida.

Kurz, who leads the Irish with 8.5 rebounds per game, saw only 19 minutes of action against the Bulls, scored no points and committed four fouls in Saturday's 69-63 loss in Tampa.

"[The biggest difference without Kurz on the floor] is definitely rebounding," Notre Dame for-

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ND WOMEN'S SWIMMING

Irish look to make history

PHIL HUDELSON/The Observer
Notre Dame freshman Vivian Healey swims in the 400 medley relay during the Dennis Stark Relays on Oct. 6.

By GREG ARBOGAST
Sports Writer

If it had been accomplished by the soccer team, Notre Dame would be known as the Indiana soccer powerhouse, rather than the cross-state rival Hoosiers.

And if it had been done by the basketball team, the Joyce Center would certainly be selling out home games other than Alabama

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SMC SOCCER

Belles travel to British isles, train for season

By DAN MURPHY
Sports Writer

For the first time in Saint Mary's history, a Belles team will travel overseas to participate in international competition — specifically, a little European football.

The Belles soccer team, which finished regular season play at 5-8-2, will spend 10 days training in England and Scotland this July.

Saint Mary's, led by third-year coach Caryn MacKenzie, will depart for Edinburgh, Scotland July 23 and return in time to start its regular training schedule for the fall. After spending the first three days in Scotland, the Belles will head to Manchester, England and then London before returning to the United States.

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