Osborn/Donahey appeal legitimacy of runoff election

By LAURA ROMPF
Assistant News Editor

The committee to elect John Osborn and Mark Donahue will appeal the Judicial Council’s final decision which declared Brian O’Donoghue and Brook Norton student body president and vice president for 2000-2001, according to a statement released Wednesday night by the committee to elect Osborn/Donahey.

The council decided in favor of O’Donoghue/Norton last Thursday after runoff challengers Hunt Hanover and John Micek’s ticket was disqualified because of campaign violations. The vote tally for the runoff has not been made public.

"There wasn’t a real runoff," said Donahue, whose ticket finished third in the runoff. "You can’t have a runoff between one ticket, and because O’Donoghue did not receive 50-plus-one (percent) of the vote in the first election and the second election was null-and-void, technically the constitution still requires a runoff election."

The appeal to the Student Senate states that O’Donoghue did not receive 50 percent of the vote in the primary election and therefore the constitution specifically outlines a runoff is required.

“The student body needs the opportunity to vote between two valid tickets,” Donahue said. “The constitution of the Student Union specifies there should be a runoff between the two top tickets, and we happen to be one of those tickets because the Hanover ticket was disqualified. "Our basic reasoning is to be true to the constitution and personally we were shocked that the Judicial board did not bring up this issue," Donahue said. "We see why the decision was made hastily, however I feel the student opinion is being over looked." Osborn agreed with Donahue. "This is a matter of proper representation" Osborn said. "Last Thursday the ballots were cast, the votes were counted, but the results were ignored. If student government is to represent the student body, they should allow the students to select their representatives rather than appoint them through administrative action."

O’Donoghue and Norton had no comment on the appeal (itself, however Norton said their rules will not change until the appeal is heard. "Oddie and I are going to continue to act in our capacity as president- and vice president-elect until otherwise notified of that status," Norton said.

Osborn and Donahue made the decision to appeal when the Hunt Hanover and John Micek ticket announced Monday they would not appeal the Judicial Council’s decision.

"The student body wants to have a vote, we are the campaign manager for Hanover/Micek, made a statement on their behalf. "We think all of this is a good example of why campaign reform is necessary," Peate said. "A committee has been formed under Michal Murphy to address the issue, and it is about time. We chose not to appeal, we have no desire to appeal, but we respect their right and definitely think they should be allowed to file this appeal."

The current student body vice president Michael Palumbo said, Niether the appeal will be heard by Student Senate as soon as possible. "We’re trying to have a meeting (today) at 6 p.m. because we understand this is an urgent matter which needs to be handled as soon as possible," he said. "Most senators realize the issue needs to be addressed and are saying ‘let’s do it tomorrow.’"
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Kristen L'Aurore

While on the phone the other night, I was asked a question I have probably answered a thousand times in my life: "Where are you from?" Similar questions include: "Are you from the South?" and "Where did you learn to talk like that?" There are many more — and, trust me, I've heard them all. I never understand how people hear my accent. I think I speak perfectly normal. I guess I do put a twist on certain words. Some friends claim I say the word "why" a little differently from the rest of the English-speaking population. Somehow the one-syllable word suddenly gains three more: "Whyyyyy?" Hey, at least I get my question across. So everyone always assumes that because I'm from Kentucky, all Kentuckians talk just like I do. Thank God.

I walked to high school 35 minutes outside my hometown — all the way to the big city of Lexington. And believe me, the insults occurred there, too. In fact, my nickname freshman year was none other than "Forrest Gump." I can't tell you how many times I heard, "Run Forrest, run."

I don't have a high school accent. I just say things a little differently from the rest of the students. I don't mean to overstate the obvious, but when someone talks with a Southern accent, I automatically think they are dumb. OK, so she meant it as a joke. That's OK. I'm laughing it up over here. Ha Ha Ha.

I guess people like her made me think I should be ashamed of my Southern drawl. People like her made me try to imitate my best friend's Chicago accent. Unfortunately, I don't sound like Chicagoans and those "A's" just aren't there yet. Following a summer home in Clark County, my accent is now as strong as ever. Everyone seems to notice it. Twice a week I tutor middle school students and they can be heartless.

"Where are you from around here you are?" "Are you some country girl? ... You can't talk!" I try to tell myself what a fifth grader thinks doesn't matter, but even that 11-year-old recognizes I'm different. However, different is good, right? I'm starting to realize that even though my dialect does make me different, that's OK. I'm embracing my Southern accent.

You'll keep the insults coming. Whiny little brat? Because I'm proud of this accent. I love the great state of Kentucky. If I do say so myself, it's the best one in the Union.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

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Jayc L'Aurore

Cheating becomes more common

EVANSTON, Ill.

In the arena of academic dishonesty, colleges and universities nationwide are facing a discrepancy between policy and practice. Half of all college students admit to having cheated at least once during their undergraduate careers, according to a recent survey conducted by Ball State University. At Ball State and at other schools, cheating occurs despite outlined academic integrity policies. To address the issue, Pennsylvania State University is designing a new academic integrity policy. "We had a long-standing policy that was very elaborate," said John Cahir, vice provost and dean for undergraduate education at Penn State. "We became dissatisfied with it because we detected widespread sentiment that it was too complex and bureaucratic." The new policy will allow the faculty to make the final determinations regarding consequences of cheating, such as having the primary agents as professors, it becomes a teaching/learning situation," Cahir said. "It becomes a more positive experience for the student, one they can learn from.

Texas A&M's struggle continues

AUSTIN, Texas

Investigators of the 1999 Texas A&M Bonfire collapse said they were seeking additional funding to complete the investigation, which was originally scheduled to conclude on March 31. Although investigators didn't specify by how much they will exceed their $1 million budget, the Bonfire Commission plans to ask the university for funds. Jon Zagrodzky, a consultant with McKinsey & Co., a management and consulting firm providing the commission with pro bono assistance, said because the nature of the investigation and research is so complex, future work is difficult to plan, and findings may exceed initial budgets. He added that a few uncertainties, such as the number of interviews required, are preventing investigators from knowing how much money is needed to finish the job. "Basically, anyone you find that there is a lead, you have to follow up — at this time we can't be precise about how many of those we are going to end up doing," Zagrodzky said. "Every time you add another interview, it not only adds time to the budget but cost as well."
Senate focuses on finances of Student Business Board

By LAURA ROMPF
Assistant News Editor

Senate last night discussed the debt of the Student Business Board.

"This is the first time in seven years that we are not going to add to the current debt," Jesse said. "Not only that, but we have made enough money to cut the current debt in half.

During the meeting, Campbell explained the structure of Dome Designs, a student Web site design company, which is one of the businesses adding to this year's surplus.

"We started with five employees and now we have 15," Campbell said. "I'm hiring as fast as I can. Hiring employees is the hardest part, there is plenty of work. We're growing very fast."

Campbell explained that Dome Designs not only creates Web sites, but also maintains things that involve the sites.

"Completing the inventory of the Solar System," he said. "We're also working in the planetary initiatives in physics."

Senator Jesse also addressed the controversial ND Video.

"There's no way an on campus video place like Blockbuster, there is no way an on campus video store could survive."

Campbell also explained plans to shut down ND video and possibly replace it with either a tanning bed salon or a New York style newspaper stand.

The Student Business Board is supposed to provide a learning opportunity, said Campbell, and ND Video's debt is part of that experience.

Jesse also said that even though ND Video has lost money this year, there is still a surplus from other businesses, especially Irish Gardens. Under it's new management this year, it has made roughly $10,000 or $15,000.

"Irish Gardens is a business that usually makes or loses $2,000. Breaking even is good, and this year, because of Dominic Julian and his employees, it has made nearly $15,000."

In other senate news

Senate suspended a bylaw that scheduled senate elections on Monday, Feb. 23. The elections will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 29.

Scheduling concerns originated from hall presidents.

"Only around five halls would be ready to hold their elections this Monday," said Brian O'Donoghue, student body president-elect and Keough Hall senator. "At Hall President's Council [Tuesday] they voted that the elections should be moved to next Tuesday.

The motion passed unanimously, but Michael Palmello, student body vice-president and Jesse explained that even the hall presidents support the change."

"[Hall Presidents' Council should be fully aware of what we are doing because we are working in the attention of Ted Bowell," Rettig said. "It's just a nice thing to have happened, a fun thing."

Although Rettig specializes in understanding the chemistry of comets and does not work specifically with asteroids, he does know a bit about his new "baby."

"It's approximately five miles in diameter and it can be seen in the early evening, but it's not something that you can go outside and point to," he said. "It takes an eight- to 10-inch telescope to see the asteroid, I can tell you where it is, but it's not something you can just go look at.

"It has an orbit of about three years, and it will be out there forever or at least as long as the solar system is ... unless something disturbs it," Rettig added. "My friends are sure that my asteroid will be the one that gets distorted in its orbit and eventually hits the earth."

Rettig is described as an extraordinary popular teacher who has been honored for his ability to make astronomy accessible not only to physics majors but to non-science undergraduates as well. Currently on leave in Washington, D.C., he is helping the National Science Foundation with curriculum development and educational initiatives in physics. "We are trying to promote physics education throughout the country," he said. Rettig intends to return to the University to teach astronomy next fall.

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Student Government Invites Student Nominations for the 1999-2000 Irish Clover Awards and the Frank O'Malley Undergraduate Teaching Award

Each year Irish Clover Awards are presented to one undergraduate student and one administrator, faculty, director, or staff member of the Notre Dame Community who has demonstrated outstanding service to the students at the University of Notre Dame.

The Frank O'Malley Undergraduate Teaching Award is awarded to a member of the Faculty who has stimulated academic creativity and personal development in and outside the classroom.

Letters of Nomination may be submitted to the Student Government Office, 203 Lafortune by Wednesday, March 1st. If you have questions, please call the office at 631-7668.

Asteroid named after ND prof

By KATE NAGENGAST
News Writer

Terrence Rettig recently received news of his newest namesake - a 4.5 billion year-old asteroid.

As associate professor of physics at Notre Dame, Rettig's work on the book, "Completing the Inventory of the Solar System" and his research on comets and planetary formation caught the attention of Ted Bowell. Renowned for asteroid discovery and Rettig's co-author of the "Inventory" book, Bowell recommended to the International Astronomical Union that one of his discoveries be named after him.

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Student Senate discusses the financial success of Irish Gardens Wednesday. They also brainstormed about replacing ND Video with a tanning bed salon.

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CAMPUS NEWS
Palacz ticket claims victory in SMC Class of 2001 election

• Saint Mary's class, Diversity Board elections will have runoffs on Friday

By NICOLE HADDAD News Writer

Saint Mary's Class of 2001's election for class officers is complete, and the Class of 2002 and 2003 will have a runoff on Friday to elect their class officers for the 2000-01 school year.

Autumn Palacz and her running mate comprised the only Class of 2001 ticket and successfully held 84 percent of the vote.

"We four have been in government since our freshman year," Palacz said. "This is what we wanted. We've been working on our platform since last semester and we feel that we are very experienced and qualified."

The class of 2002 showed a good turn-out of student vote with 59 percent of the class participating. The Erin Callahan ticket leads with 49 percent of student votes. Katy Robinson is second with 27 percent.

"We had excellent class turn out in voting," Robinson said. "We're going to keep campaigning and let everyone know about the runoff because everyone's vote counts."

Callahan was unavailable for comment.

The Class of 2003 also showed an excellent turn-out. With 59 percent of the class voting, the Kristen Matha ticket currently leads the Steph Pace ticket with 37 percent of votes.

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Autumn Palacz
Saint Mary's class of 2001 president

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Bowles, who has worked with Martin for the last four years, believes it took a lot of vision for Martin to compile the exhibition.

Throughout the past months, Martin was not only responsible for all the correspondence with the artists but also the planning and securing of the space the work was to go in. She also wrote a catalog, her own curator's statement, and dealt with paperwork, shipping and insurance. She will give a lecture at the opening reception.

"I like being closer to the artwork than just writing a paper about it."

Sarah Martin
Saint Mary's senior

"I can't think of another place a student would have this opportunity," said Bowles. 'This has been a focused career goal since she was an incoming freshman."

Martin has had a lot of preparation: working in the galleries, interning in Chicago and working in the Snite Museum at Notre Dame. Already, she is focusing on her next goal: to receive a master's degree in art history.

Following graduation, Martin plans to work in a museum gallery as a director or curator.

"I don't want to do research for the rest of my life," Martin said. "I like being closer to the artwork than just writing a paper about it. I like to interact with the artist."

The exhibit will open on Friday, Feb. 25, at 5:30 p.m. It will be on display until March 24. Martin has also created an exhibition Web site at www.saintmarys.edu/mart52/ChasingTheIden1

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Prof. returns to U.S. after 39-year exile

Associated Press

ATLANTA

A black man who refused induction into the Army in the 1960s because the all-white draft board wouldn't address him as "Mr." returned to the United States for the first time in 39 years Wednesday after receiving a presidential pardon.

With tears streaming down his face, Preston King greeted 20 members of his family — some of whom he had never met and others he had not seen in decades — at Atlanta's Hartsfield International Airport.

King, 63, fled his hometown of Albany, Ga., in 1961 after being sentenced to 18 months in prison. Over the years, he made a life for himself as a professor in England, where his daughter is a member of Parliament.

On Monday, President Clinton granted King a pardon so he could return to Albany for the funeral Thursday of his oldest brother, Clennon King Jr.

"This is a wonderful homecoming," King said at the airport Wednesday. "This is my turf. These are my folks. I feel a great sense of love for this terrain."

King's daughter Oona, a member of Britain's House of Commons, flew with her father from London and said the homecoming was bittersweet.

"He doesn't get those 39 years back," she said. "He thought he would die without ever seeing his home again."

King thanked Clinton for having the courage to pardon what he called "a simple issue of common decency and mutual respect."

In 1958, King, who had been granted time by his draft board to pursue a master's degree at the London School of Economics and Political Science, was told to report for induction.

The draft board addressed him as "Mr. Preston King" before learning he was black and "Preston" after that. He refused to report for an Army physical until the board addressed him as "Mr." — as they did white draftees. He was eventually convicted of draft evasion.

King, now a professor of political science at Lancaster University, said he felt no bitterness about the time he spent away from the United States.

"I'm a veritable Rip Van Winkle — I go out one day, and 39 years later, I come back," he said. "But we Georgians are relatively tough people. You get on with it."

King praised federal retired U.S. District Judge William A. Bootie, who presided over his trial in 1961 and petitioned Clinton to pardon him.

The judge, now 97, said King had suffered enough, having missed the funerals of his parents and three other brothers. He said that the sentence was appropriate but that King had established himself as a good citizen.

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Avid Bush supporters question his tactics

Associated Press  WASHINGTON

Shaken by defeat, Republican leaders allied with George W. Bush strongly criticized his campaign tactics Wednesday and warned that rival John McCain is a serious threat to the embattled GOP frontrunner.

Governors, fund-raisers and ranking GOP officials second-guessed Bush and his strategists in the aftermath of McCain's sweep of Michigan and Arizona in Tuesday primaries. The complaints ranged from his decision to visit a conservative South Carolina university — which one governor called "stupid" — to the $1 million TV ad campaign in McCain's home state.

"I think there's a learning curve happening right now in terms of running a national campaign," said Chris DePino, chairman of the Connecticut Republican Party and a staunch Bush supporter.

The allies said they still believe Bush will prevail in upcoming primaries.

"When it comes down to it, and they actually have to choose a nominee and a president, voters are going to be looking for the guy who had done stuff and not just look at the slogans and a lot of rah rah," said Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee.

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Legendary Santana wins eight Grammys

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES

Carlos Santana, who first gained fame a generation ago with a searing guitar performance at Woodstock, capped a triumphant comeback Wednesday with a record-tying eight Grammy Awards.

The 52-year-old guitarist's multi-platinum "Supernatural" won album of the year. His first No. 1 single, "Smooth," capped a sweep of the major Grammys by winning song and record of the year.

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All student groups must re-register annually to be eligible for official recognition and funding. Official recognition can only be granted by the Student Activities Office. For the 2000-2001 academic year, club registration will be held on April 27 and 28 in the Club Resource Center. Forms for the April registration will be distributed at the February sessions listed below. All undergraduate clubs are required to register during one of these two days. An appointment is not required -- just show up between the hours listed below!

**TODAY!**
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* FYI - Graduate Club Registration will be held on March 23 and 24. Check the SAO web site for details.
I attended Notre Dame right before the British Invasion (the one with George Harrison and the Beatles, not the one with George with the Third and the Redcoats). Some of my most stimulating philosophy and theology classes were in “ethics.” The way things worked, I’m afraid ethics will soon be taught in the business department.

In a recent Observer article, College of Business dean Carolyn Woo (whose programs were recently rated first in the country for their ethical content) reported that “83 percent of the people surveyed said that they had encountered an ethical conflict in 2012 during their careers.” The article does not provide any details of what the ethics of an administered was, but it implies it was an audience from the business world.

These results could have been characterized in a different manner: “17 percent of the people surveyed have NO CLUE about the ethical dimensions of their work.” How can a person have enough responsibility in his employment to be the recipient of a survey and not have faced decisions with an ethical dimension? Those 17 percent have no concept of the meaning and importance of ethics.

It doesn’t take an MBA to conjure up ethical dilemmas which are routine in the business world. How about companies who make stockbrokers and send their employees to foreign countries without knowing the legalities of taking advantage of their own citizens? How about deceptive product advertising? How about “acceptable losses” in product safety? How about CEO’s who make their stockbrokers hike up all prices (and raise their compensation), while hurting their company in the long run? How about planned obsolescence (seen only on a Chrysler product lately)? How about doing, carrying out his pledge to check out working conditions of the Nike plants in the Third World?

Politics is another field where ethics has left the building. A while back, a gentleman fellow was vilified as a sexual harasser, while facing Senate confirmation hearings for the United States Supreme Court. This man was accused of some “naughty talk” by a former top subordinate. According to her testimony, this man neither proposed sex or asked for a date, nor ever touched her. Neither did she ever tell him that his occasional “naughty talk” was before the law, no other employee could confirm these complaints. Despite this lack of evidence, a large group of feminists and left-leaning politicians heaped scorn upon this decent man (perhaps one could even say that he had been other than exemplary except for this little-for-a-decade charge of misconduct). A nationally regarded expert on sexual harassment, an attorney, stated that he completely believed the solo complainant. When asked why the victim in this case had not come forward, and, in fact, had gone out of her way to remain in contact with the perpetrator, the expert said it was a classic case of a victim in an unequal power situation.

Fast forward several more years, and we have a political figure, from the other side of the political spectrum. This guy also engaged in “naughty talk” with a fellow employee. This guy even went so far as to state that while he never had sex with the other person, he had sex with the person who was her partner. The woman in this case, unlike the victim in the former matter, did not have a Yale law degree, woman was the highest Equal Employment Opportunity Officer on the land, like the victim in the first example. In fact, this victim was barely old enough to break curfew and at the lowest ring on the食べ行銷 depth chart.

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Those of you who attend the 70th annual Bengal Bouts Friday will see the biggest loss in recent tournament history. That loss will be the departure of Edward "El Papoose" Hernandez -- last year's 145-pound champion.

Dominic "Nappy" Napolitano started the Bengal Bouts to raise money for the Holy Cross Mission in Bangladesh and to provide students with the opportunity to box. The boxing club evolved into an organization where student athletes formed a fraternal bond through pushing their physical limits and, in turn, helping others.

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"Pitch Black" loses its sci-fi potential

By JEFFREY Q. IRISH

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"Predator." Fry, the captain of the ship. She is an art collector. a few. "Star Trek.") The planet is stranded on an unknown planet, in the sci-fi thriller "Pitch Black". Washington plays Nathaniel Serling, a lieutenant colonel struggling with the truth. as well as the native creatures, which really aren't surprise at all is that the best character in the film is the convict. His name is Riddick, and he is played by the appropriately named Vin Diesel (Capt. Caparzo from "Saving Private Ryan").

Riddick has killed numerous aliens, women and children, which gives no reason for his murders, and the audience can easily grasp he has remorse. His last few years have been spent in a futuristic prison with few or no lights. Potential attackers would sneak up on him at night, so he had a doctor do a "shine job" on his eyes, allowing him to see at night.

The special effects are probably the highlight of the film, although they are really nothing out of the mundane. The planet the group is stranded on has three suns, so the first part of the film has extreme brightness, an almost white background and reflection on all objects (much like "Three Kings").

Riddick's special vision blinds him during the day but at night allows him to see things that the others cannot, namely the native creatures, which are really similar to the aliens from "Starship Troopers." In cus reminiscent of "Predator," we are allowed to see the angles and distinct light and movement visions of both Riddick and the native creatures.

"Black" was disappointing in that there is so much potential for creativity on an alien planet. The three-sun concept was an interesting dilemma, but when the night came it was somewhat disappointing. People instinctively fear the dark. Last summer's hit "The Fugitive" thrived because people felt the fear of the dark. Long-held shots of pitch black, empty space with sounds of various alien creatures would have invoked the fear Twoby desired. With a multi-million dollar budget and an alien world, it is surprising that the result was not more thrilling.

The film's running time is only 107 minutes, which is a relief from the three-hour films of recent seasons, but it may be the reason the film seems somewhat incomplete. Twoby could have spent more time setting up the background of the film. Was there a reason why they didn't foresee the asteroid field? He also could have spent a few more minutes ending the film—it seems rushed.

Washington struggles for redemption in 'Fire'

By JOHN CRAWFORD

Scene Movie Critic

As he struggles with the past, Serling is ordered to investigate and prove that a Captain Karen Walden, who died in combat after she rescued a downed helicopter crew, is deserving of the Medal of Honor. The heroine's good-story will provide entertainment for one whole movie. Washington portrays a man struggling with the ghosts of war. Directed by Edward Zwick, whose previous efforts include "The Siege," "Legends of the Fall," and most notably, "Glory," for which Washington was a best supporting actor Oscar, "Courage Under Fire" shows men confronting their memories of combat and how those memories warp and bend. War buries the truth, and everyone from a army investigators to reporters to soldiers tries to discover or hide it.

The film is set against the backdrop of the Gulf War, where oil wells burn in the night and tanks roll over a desert wasteland. It depicts modern conflict fought with scanners and scopes and radar screen bips—a video game with rockets and bullets.

It is also brutal. Before riding into battle, Serling tells his men, "Let's kill everybody. Firing a machine gun at Iraqi soldiers, he flashes his teeth with a killed-or-be-killed intensity.

During the battle, however, Serling accidentally orders his men to fire on an American tank. Returning home, this dishonor causes Serling at times crumple and crushed with guilt, other times mean and angry, he hides in bars and motels rooms. He becomes isolated from his family.

Colored, the war is over, he is told, but for Serling and the other soldiers in the film, the war is never over.

In "Courage Under Fire," Nathaniel Sterling (Denzel Washington) must find out the truth about a fellow soldier.

Photo courtesy of 20th Century Fox
Sharp dialogue thrives in 'Boiler Room'

By MATT NANIA
Assistant Scene Editor

"Boiler Room," a hot ticket at the recent Sundance Film Festival, is a no-frills, tight-budget version of "Wall Street."

First-time writer/director Ben Younger does a smart if derivative job demonstrating the influence of late-20th century myths on ambitious young men looking for a quick score in the stock market. Tempted by tales of Microsoft millionaires and others who made their fortunes on stock options, the film's 19-year-old hero, Seth Davis (Giovanni Ribisi), declares that "nobody wants to work for it anymore."

Seth, a smart, aimless young man in his early 20s, has dropped out of college to run a small but profitable illegal gambling operation out of his dorm room. Dug into a painful childhood memory that makes him desperate to win his father's approval, Seth accepts a job at a small brokerage firm that—while literally only hours away from Wall Street—is figuratively light-years removed from that sacred money haven.

Filled with young, arrogant and obvious 20-something white guys, the fledgling firm makes money hand over fist, promising all new recruits the impossible. Despite this, the wannabe millionaires are like a bunch of kids watching "Home Alone" for the 40th time. Seth quickly establishes himself as a credible level. He's an expert manipulator is hard to buy, as is the give-and-take between the frat-boy stylings and the give-and-take between the frat-boy brokers comes off as intensely authentic.

Even more interesting is the way that while these highly privileged young white men so often slip into hip-hop vernacular—both naturally and with self-conscious parody. The soundtrack, which is wall-to-wall hip hop, underscores the irony of how a music and culture from the streets of impoverished inner-cities devolves into representing these brokers' conspicuous consumption.

While the story trajectory performs at a credible level, it makes certain veers for easy points and, not surprisingly, drops when it does. A superficial romance involving Seth and the receptionist (Nia Long) rings false. The film's pace also slows down for a few sentimental speed bumps when Seth meets his father.

Ribisi ("Saving Private Ryan"), who's done consistently fine supporting work in the past, is solid in the lead, bringing a palpable, heartbroken quality to his character, even when he's cockily commanding clients. But his seemingly overnight rise from shy recruit to overnight success, is nearly on par with Alec Baldwin's speech in the similar-themed "Glengarry Glen Ross," a speech Affleck is clearly trying to imitate.

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for the love of the game. Ask him why he decided to play and you will hear a line typical of a collegiate athlete.

"I love playing even though I'm not a star in the games. There are a lot of people that aren't but it's worth the opportuni-
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**CLASS OF 2000**

Harlem Globetrotters Game with Boys and Girls Club. 2/26. Saturday. Class Office. Stop by the Class office (2nd floor LaFortune) for details.

**CLASS OF 2001**

Ice Skating at the JACC. 2/28. Monday. JACC. 1100PM-0100AM.

**CCC/CAMPUS WIDE**


French Film festival. 2/27. Sunday. Snite Annenburg Auditorium. 0200PM.

**HALL PRESIDENT’S COUNCIL**

Date Week. This coming week. Check campus advertisements for details.

**STUDENT GOVERNMENT**


**STUDENT UNION TREASURER’S OFFICE**

Applications for Assistant Treasurer. Due by Friday, 2/25. Applications available at Treasurer’s Office or Student Government office.

Student Government is accepting nominations for the Irish Clover Awards through March 1. The clover award is for a student and a non-student in the community who had made significant contributions to Notre Dame. Pick up an application in the Student Government office. Call 1-7668 for more details.

Student Leadership Award nominations are due to the Student Activities office by March 8.
Notre Wright, coming off a dismal season, and Indians general manager John Hart plans to get more innings from his starters this spring. This is the first time Danys Baez pitch this spring. Hart said Monday, following the arrival of shortstop Omar Vizquel and third baseman Travis Fryman, that all of the Indians position players reported to training camp, and will have five starters pitch this spring. Hart will depend in part on how Wright, coming off a dismal season, feels had a chance to do so.

New Indians manager Charlie Manuel will also have to decide whether to keep seven relievers or six. "We probably won't do any- thing until near the end of camp," Manuel said. "It depends on who the starters can go five-to-seven innings right from the start of the year and the health of the staff." Manuel faces some other pitching decisions in his first year as Cleveland manager, He needs to find a closer to replace Mike Jackson, a second- ond left-hander in the bullpen. To go along with Ricardo Rincon and a long reliever. Hired to replace Mike Hargrove following the Indians' postseason loss to Boston, Manuel will hold his first full-squad workout as a big league manager on Thursday. Manuel said Wednesday, following the arrival of shortstop Omar Vizquel and third baseman Travis Fryman, that all of the Indians position players had reported.
Hey You Seniors Out There!

Jim Lies, C.S.C.

Well, we've entered the home stretch. I wish I could provide here some pearl of wisdom that could make these final days at Notre Dame all that you would have them be. The stark reality that there is but one more semester, one more spring break, one more... leaves you a bit nostalgic, if not stunned. There won't prove enough time in each day, especially as the weather improves, to spend with friends and to visit those places on this campus which mean the most to you... much less study!

As I think back, oh so long ago, on my waning days at the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minnesota, what I remember most are the late nights spent with those who had come to mean so much to me over the years. The gatherings I remember with particular fondness weren't the occasions when we happened into one another as we often did in the places we normally frequented. It was those intentional times, those times that we went out of our way to gather and to do something special together, that I remember most now. As our days together grew fewer we found ourselves particularly attentive to just such gatherings... an overnight at the lakeside cottage of one of our number... a Mass that we coordinated with a priest friend at one of the off-campus houses... a walk with a friend on the meandering paths beside the Mississippi which borders the campus.

I remember one night in particular which seems almost corny in the retelling but which meant the world to me then... and does still. Eight of us who had been particularly close during our years together at St. Thomas decided that we weren't going to leave that place without ritualizing in some way all that we had known together and celebrate all the ways that we had grown together. Although we were all busy folks, the reality of our imminent departure compelled us to make the time that we seemed never to have. Our schedules dictated that we would gather very late and very local. We settled on a weekend night in late April. We decided that we would head to the other side of the river by car and then wade out to a large sandbar which was easily accessed from that side and which had always beckoned us from the campus side... however much the signs to the contrary might have discouraged more timid spirits.

It was midnight before we arrived with our provisions and a guitar in tow. We settled into a large circle, stoked up a small, albeit illegal, campfire and proceeded to remember, and to sing and to pray. We didn't really have an agenda, and I don't remember that any one of us felt particularly competent to lead prayer, but we just knew that it was what we had to do... we knew it was, somehow, the men and women we had become over the years together. We had become people who knew that we were somehow bound up not only with each other but with God, and because of God. As we entertained, and feared, life beyond the community that we had come to know and love, we knew ourselves to need something more than each other to sustain and nurture us, and in some sense, something more than ourselves to keep us together. We were headed in a variety of directions and vocations, to great professional opportunities, to the Peace Corps, to professional and graduate schools, and yes, for some, to unemployment.

We talked and we laughed and we cried; and as the sun was peaking up in the eastern sky we each took time to pray aloud for one another and for those things which most consumed our minds and our hearts on that early spring morning.

There was nothing particularly noteworthy about this gathering other than the fact that it happened, that eight people took a little time to be together and to mark the holiness of their days together. It will surely go unnoted in the recorded history of human events, but for those of us who were there it is one of the more memorable moments of our young lives. There is irony in the fact that the moment during which we gathered to remember all that mattered most to us has become the moment we most remember. I'll close by simply urging each of you to attend to just such occasions before the end of this academic year: March 31-April 1 and April 14-15. The retreat is a chance to spend 24 hours away in a structured and prayerful setting to reflect on the things that have been important to you here. Grab a friend and join us! As appealing as Club and Coaches may be, and have always been!, this retreat may mean more to you than almost anything you choose to do in these waning days. Think twice before you say yet again that you're just too busy or that you don't have enough time. These remaining days are all the time you've got.

Calendar of Events

Freshman Retreat #28 (Mar. 3-4) Sign-Up
Monday, February 14 through Monday, February 28, 10:30 Hesburgh Library
Targeted Dorms: Alumn, Breen-Phillips, Howard, Keough, Knott, Lyons, McGlinn, Pasquerilla West, and Sorin

Senior Retreat #3 (Mar. 31-Apr. 2) Sign-Up
Monday, February 14 through Friday, March 24 10:30 Hesburgh Library

6-part class series on Natural Family Planning for engaged and married couples
Thursday, February 24, 7:00-9:00 p.m.
Montgomery Theatre, Lafontaine Student Center
Co-sponsored by the Office of Campus Ministry and The Natural Family Program of St. Joseph County
Fee: $125.00 Financial Aid is available
To register call 237-7405

Handbell Choir Tour to Michigan
Friday-Saturday, February 26-27

Senior Transition Retreat
Friday-Saturday, February 26-27
Co-sponsored with the Center for Social Concerns

ROTC Freshman Retreat
Saturday-Sunday, February 26-27
Moreau Seminary

Poo Farley Mass - ND Handbell Choir
Sunday, February 27, 10:00 a.m.
Farley Hall Chapel

Notre Dame Encounter Retreat #61 (April 14-16) Sign-Up
Monday, February 28 through Monday, March 3 10:30 Hesburgh Library

Campus Bible Study
Tuesday, February 29, 7:00 p.m., Salam Hall Chapel

Graduate Student Bible Study Group
Wednesday, March 1, 8:00 p.m., Wilson Commons

Inorthian Christian Night Prayer
Wednesday, March 1, 10:00-10:30 p.m., Walsh Hall Chapel

Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Weekend Presiders
Basilica of the Sacred Heart

Saturday, February 26
Mass 5:00 p.m.
Rev. Randall C Rentner, C.S.C.

Sunday, February 27
Mass 10:00 a.m.
Rev. John J. Jenkins, C.S.C.

Scripture Readings for This Coming Sunday

1st Reading Hos 2:16b, 17b, 21-22
2nd Reading 2 Cor 3:1b-6
Gospel Mark 2:18-22
Trades, possible suspension shake up lineups

Associated Press

While the San Diego Padres found their leadoff hitter, the New York Yankees will have to start looking for a designated hitter.

The Padres acquired outfielder Al Martin from the Pittsburgh Pirates on Wednesday for John Vander Wal and two minor leaguers.

"This makes us a better club," Padres general manager Kevin Towers said. "Al Martin has had success hitting at the top and middle of the lineup and has always been a club leader and a tremendous clubhouse presence.

Meanwhile, Strawberry was ordered off the practice field and could be suspended for the season after a positive cocaine test. He was told to go to the clubhouse, and could be suspended for the remainder of the season, and has always been a club leader and a tremendous clubhouse presence.

The Yankees were taking batting practice when Strawberry was told to go to the clubhouse, and could be suspended for the remainder of the season. "Runs wins games, not on-base percentage," Strawberry said.

"I'm like Al Martin, but the thing is, he's a leadoff hitter?" Padres star Tony Gwynn asked.

"I want to see what Chuck is or what he's going to be. We know he has great tools and he had two great years in Triple-A," manager Gene Lamont said.

The Yankees had been counting on Strawberry to be their top designated hitter this season, with the retirement of Chili Davis. "I hope it's not the end for him because I don't know what would mean," Torre said.

Strawberry, who has already been suspended twice for drugs, is expected to learn his fate from commissioner Bud Selig on Thursday. Asked if a one-year suspension was likely, a high-ranking baseball official, speaking on the condition he not be identified, said: "That's a good guess.

The eight-time All-Star, who turns 38 next month, tested positive for cocaine Jan. 19, a violation of probation stemming from a no-contest plea to charges of cocaine possession and soliciting a prostitute in Tampa last spring.

"I'm going to stand by him, I'm going to try to see that he rights his life. If it's in baseball, fine. If it's outside baseball, fine," owner George Steinbrenner said. "It isn't like George has given him enough chances, now dump him. Dump him... I don't think so."

Thomas arrived in Tucson, Ariz., after missing Chicago's first workout to be with his ailing father.

"I thought I would lose him over weekend," Thomas said. "He's doing a little better. But you have bad kidneys and heart at the same time, it's a tough situation."

Thomas, the AL MVP in 1993 and 1994, is hoping to reverse his struggles at the plate the last two seasons by working again with former hitting coach Walt Hriniak.

"I worked with him for years. You saw the best of me with Walt," Thomas said. "We're bringing him just as a consultant.

Lankford was the only player to miss St. Louis' first full workout in Jupiter, Fla.
CHRISTMAS IN APRIL
APRIL 15, 2000

Join together with up to seven of your friends to participate in Christmas in April (CIA).

CIA is a one day working session during which the South Bend community joins forces with the students, faculty, and staff of Notre Dame, Saint Mary’s, and Holy Cross College to renovate and repair the homes of the needy, elderly, and handicapped residents of a South Bend neighborhood.

SIGN-UPS

Wednesday, February 23 & Thursday, February 24
11 am-2 pm
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Craig Komanec at 243-9361 or Komanec1@nd.edu
Miller leads Gators to easy victory over Bulldogs

Associated Press

Mike Miller scored 12 of his 25 points during a seven-minute stretch of the second half as No. 9 Florida beat Georgia 90-68 Wednesday night.

The Gators (21-5, 10-3 Southeastern Conference) went in front for good at 44-43 when Miller converted a three-point play with 14:10 remaining.

Miller ended his scoring spree with two free throws after Georgia coach Jim Harrick was called for a technical foul with 7:07 to play. Miller’s free throws stretched the lead to 69-55, coming after Donnell Harvey had completed a three-point play.

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Gred up, freshman Ivan Karteles hit a bucket from behind the free-throw line to narrow the scoring gap to eight.

But it seemed that Wade stepped up every time the Irish began closing in on the Friars. This time he swished a 17-footer to put Providence ahead by double-digits once more.

"Certainly he clicked into high gear tonight," Providence head coach Tim Welsh said. "I think the whole arena sensed his confidence. I just told him to keep pulling the trigger until you get cold, and obviously, he never did."

Notre Dame kept up its trademark zone defense, despite its inability to contain Wade.

"That zone's been pretty good to us," Doherty said. "Wade was the only one who was really shooting the ball well from the outside. The thing that was disappointing to me was them getting into the paint."

The scoring gap fluctuated between seven and 12 for the rest of the half as Providence headed into half-time trailing Notre Dame, 42-33. Murphy's 12 first-half points, coupled with Carroll's nine, kept the Irish in the game, but their efforts could not match those of Wade and Maxey, who scored 19 and 12, respectively.

In the second half, the Irish dropped to 11 points down on a 3-pointer by Friars' Abdul Mills.

Then they started climbing back into contention. Freshman Jere Macura made one of two free throws. (On a Friars' missed shot, the Irish came down with the rebound, and the next time down the court, freshman Mike Monserez dropped a trey. With Providence leading 52-45, the two teams exchanged layups.

Then Notre Dame kept moving one point closer. Sophomore Harold Swanagan made one of two free throws for the Irish. Mills hit a deuce for Providence, but Notre Dame point guard Jimmy Dillon made his first three of the night.

With Notre Dame trailing just 56-51 with less than 11 minutes to go, the crowd at the Joyce Center rose to its feet. The fans quickly sat down as the Irish began to self-destruct. By the time the clock sunk to six minutes remaining, Wade had drilled in three more treys, and the Irish had fallen behind 69-52.

"That can be a dagger in your heart," Welsh said. "It's like the pin goes into the balloon and it's deflating."

Murphy scored six points in the next 2:14, but Wade added another three to keep Notre Dame at bay.

The Irish were forced to foul in an attempt to recover possession and the rest of the Friars' points all came at the charity stripe. Macura and Graves did their best to score as Murphy struggled behind the Friars' defensive pressure. Macura scored six points, two at the free throw line. Graves appeared from nowhere with 1:48 to go, he hit five 3-pointers, but it was too little, too late, as the Irish lost their third home game of the season.

"It's a tough place to come in and win," Welsh said. "The wins have come so far and few between this year. The feeling in the locker room tonight is like we're a team going to the NCAA tournament."

Notre Dame headed into its match against Providence on a hot streak after wins over two ranked conference teams - Connecticut and Seton Hall.

"I don't think it's because we were falling good about ourselves," Doherty said. "It was their night. It wasn't our night. And it results in a 10-point loss at home."

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NHL

Stars skate past Red Wings to earn solid victory

Associated Press

Mike Modano had a goal and an assist in the third period as the Dallas Stars stormed back with four goals for a 5-2 victory over the Detroit Red Wings on Wednesday night. Brett Hull, Scott Thornton, Aaron Gavey and Mike Keane also scored for Dallas. Vyacheslav Kozlov and Brendan Shanahan scored for Detroit.

Thornton's fourth goal, on the rebound of Kirk Muller's shot, tied it at 2 just 1:11 into the third period. Forty-five seconds later, Gavey skated in unchecked on the left side, took a pass from Modano and snapped it just inside the post, past goalie Chris Osgood for a 3-2 lead.

Modano's 27th goal made it 4-2 with 6:17 left, and Keane also scored for Dallas.

Chris Chelios had his eighth. Steve Yzerman's goal with 40 seconds left in the first period during a 4-on-4 situation.

The Stars
gave the Maple Leafs a 3-0 lead with 3:52 left in the second period, diving Tom Fitzgerald also had third-period goals for the Predators, who won their second straight after losing six in a row. Alexei Zhamnov and Doug Gilmour scored for Chicago, which has lost two straight and is 1-5 in its last six. Chicago star Tony Amonte's goal streak was snapped at six games.

Regan scored his first goal of the season, giving a power-play goal. He beat goalie Mike Dunham on a screened shot.

Together, Dallas and Detroit. They split the two, each winning on the other team's ice.

Shanahan's 33rd goal, a blast from the right circle that handcuffed goalie Ed Belfour, gave Detroit a 2-1 lead at 9:44 of the second period.

Kozlov scored his 16th goal at 1:15 of the first shot of the game, taking a pass in the left circle from Steve Duchesne and slipping the puck away from Detroit defenseman Chris Chelios near the Red Wings' blue line to set up Hull's 18th goal. Muller pushed it ahead to Thornton who fed it to Hull skating in alone.

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You were looking! Look! Look! Nordstrom's having a shoe sale!

Bill Amend

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2000

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Paul Jones, Helen Shaver, Paula Zahn, Jenny O'Hara, Barry Bostwick, Abe Vigoda, Edward James Olmos.

Happy Birthday: You will be highly courageous this year. Your basic nature is to act on your impulses, and if you just can't refuse. You will have a large interest in learning all sorts of new things that will help you get ahead and set you apart. That looks like an exciting and productive year as long as you don't let anyone run on your parade. Your numbers: 1, 15, 26, 0.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Difficulties with business or personal relationships are likely. You will be involved in deceptive circumstances as you are attempting to gain some advantage with a business associate. You must be on your guard. Your numbers: 1, 0, 0.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Be more tactful. Increased communication may not be as successful. Deception is likely to be a factor in your work. You should be more careful in your dealings. Your numbers: 1, 3, 6.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You may be looking through rose-colored glasses. Other people may not be as interested in your plans as you think. You may be over-optimistic. Your numbers: 0, 0, 0.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Your friends must not neglect your feelings. Someone else does the driving. Your numbers: 1, 1, 0.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): If you are not careful, rash decisions will be made. You may be looking for a mate and may find that situations aren't as they appear to be. Your numbers: 0, 0, 0.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Aug. 22): Your work environment will be subject to change. Someone on your domestic front may have problems with gas, oil or water; double-check to make sure everything is safe. Your numbers: 0, 0, 0.

LIBRA (Sept. 23- Oct. 22): Your personal relationships are likely to be unraveling. Secret matters should be tended to today. You are working through some emotional problems. Your numbers: 0, 0, 0.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You must not neglect your financial obligations. Your love may give you a hard time if you seem uninterested. Your numbers: 0, 0, 0.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Involvement with groups and organizations will be conducive to romantic situations. Your communications will be more apparent. You will have an interest in your position and your relationship. Keep your eyes open. Your numbers: 0, 0, 0.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Deception prevents co-workers from gaining. You are not interested in your personal life. Your numbers: 0, 0, 0.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): If you decide to travel, make sure someone else does the driving. You will be confused about your legal rights and your personal position. Your numbers: 0, 0, 0.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Deception is likely if you get involved in joint money matters. This is the day to lay all the cards on the table and view of your position and your relationship. Try to think before you act. Your numbers: 0, 0, 0.

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**SPORTS**

**MEN'S BASKETBALL**

Providence knocks out Notre Dame

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
Assistant Sports Editor

Providence's junior college transfer Donta Wade shot the lights out Wednesday, breaking Big East records for 3-point goals made and attempted. In the process, he burst a hole through Notre Dame's hopes of qualifying for the NCAA tournament.

Wade knocked down 10 3-pointers on the way to scoring a career-high 38 points. He nearly single-handedly defeated the Irish, as the Friars (11-16, 3-10 Big East) upset the Irish 89-79.

"We didn't expect Wade to shoot the ball so well," Notre Dame head coach Matt Doherty said. "One of the things they've struggled with this year is shooting. He certainly didn't struggle tonight."

Wade, who only averages 6.8 points per game, started the Friars off in scoring with a soft-touch 3-pointer. Within the first seven minutes of play, he added 11 more points to put the Friars ahead, 20-9.

"Very rarely do you see a guy like Wade come out and shoot the way he did tonight," Notre Dame sophomore Troy Murphy said.

After hitting bottom at 15 points behind, the Irish began working their way back into the contest.

Friars' forward Erron Maxey fouled Murphy, who nailed two free throws. Irish freshman Matt Carroll added in a 3-pointer to get the crowd involved.

Irish center Harold Swanagan gets knocked to the ground by two Friars as Swanagan scored 3 points in a losing effort Wednesday night.

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**BASEBALL**

Irish sluggers open season in Tennessee

By NOAH AMSTADTER
Sports Writer

After months of being limited to the batting cages in their new indoor facility and the turf-covered football field of Loftus, the No. 23-ranked Irish baseball team finally gets a chance to step onto a sun-drenched, grass-covered field this weekend as they compete in the Service Academy Classic at Millington, Tenn.

The six-team tournament includes Army, Navy, and Air Force as well as Ohio State and Memphis.

Action begins Thursday afternoon as Notre Dame takes on Air Force. Notre Dame has won all five of the previous meetings between the two teams. An interesting subplot to this afternoon's game involves Irish head coach Paul Mainieri, who formerly was the head coach at Air Force.

"The Air Force Academy game is kind of a neat opportunity for me personally, because I coached at the Air Force Academy for six years," said Mainieri. "We're going against a team that I know very well, and I know how the service academies play."

Starting on the mound for the Irish today is Senior Scott Casey, coming off of an impressive season in which he posted a 6-1 record and 3.70 ERA. Casey's best asset is his control; he has averaged only 1.8 walks per nine innings in 10 1/3 innings this season.

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**BASEBALL AT A GLANCE**

**Wednesday, February 24, 2000**

**Super Stars**

Dallas goalie Ed Belfour made 29 saves as the Stars defeated the Red Wings, 5-2.

**No rest for walk-on Thomas**

Don't tell Charles Thomas that you're busy, unappreciated or in a rut.

Next time you feel busy at 2 a.m., look into the third-floor window closest to South Dining Hall on the east side of O'Neill Hall.

Charles are you will see the light. Look again at 7 in the morning. The light will probably remain.

Next time you feel tired, try balancing the demands of a grueling academic schedule and attempts at simulating the defense of Big East superstars Shabazz Holloway, Khalid El-Amin and Jason Hart.

Next time you feel unappreciated, try working harder than many of your teammates, running the same drills, suffering the same social activities in hopes of being a mere minute of playing time in an already decided game.

This is the life of Charles Thomas, a second-year walk-on to the Irish men's basketball team. It's a life that he's lived for more than just the two years he's poured his sweat onto the Joyce Center floor.

It's a life that's stretched back to his younger days, growing up in Flint, Mich. Having famous friends around tends to reflect some of the limelight.

He played his summer ball with the famous "Flintstones," Mateen Cleaves, Morris Peterson, Charlie Bell and Jason Richardson, always finding himself somewhat under-appreciated.

"In high school, I didn't get much recognition," he said. "People didn't really know my name. They just knew me as 'that kid from Powers Catholic.'"

Being a walk-on on a team with stars Troy Murphy and David Graves hasn't helped him emerge from the shadows either.

Living a nameless basketball existence doesn't bother Thomas though. He plays not for fame nor recognition but...