**Busts may paralyze businesses**

By MAUREEN SMITHE  
Assistant News Editor

The windows of Finnigan's Irish Pub may be darkened after the Oct. 12 raid that netted 147 underage citations, but that doesn't mean Benchwarmer's owner Steve Mitchell is happy about the reduced competition.

"Business creates business. The more people in the downtown area the better," Mitchell said. "I'll get my share."

Despite the early morning Jan. 25 raid on Benchwarmer's that yielded 18 underage citations, Mitchell refuses to compare his establishment with the likes of Finnigan's. ICONN and Bridge McGuire's Filling Station where numerous underage patrons were cited.

"As far as raids are concerned, I'm not worried because I've got good guys at the door. My philosophy is that I don't want undergangers," he said.

When a bar gets busted, a variety of consequences can result. At ICONN and Bridge McGuire's, liquor licenses were immediately revoked. Bridge's owner Karen Bauer transformed her bar popular with underage students into Molly McGuire's, a coffee house for all ages, after her bar was busted on Jan. 30, 1998.

Bauer said she was unaware of the heavy underage patronage to Bridge's, blaming the bust on incompetent bouncers at the door. She said owning and managing Molly's is much easier than owning Bridge's.

"I can control what is going on now. I guess I learned this lesson the hard way," she said. "Most students don't know about Bridge's and I don't want them to. It is all about Molly's right now. Everybody comes together in this place and everybody feels welcome."

For Bauer, opening up Molly's took months of preparation and planning. After seeing a Starbucks commercial on television three days after the Bridge's bust, she decided to continue her business in a new direction.

"I went in there with a bottle of disinfectant and a putty knife. It took nine months and with Molly's came. It was like giving birth," Bauer said.

A group gathers to get into Benchwarmer's while others wait outside for underage citations during the South Bend police raid early Thursday, Jan. 26.

ICONN owners changed their bar into a young adult dance club called the Four Penny Oasis. The owners of Finnigan's were unavailable for comment on the fate of their establishment.

Both Bauer and Mitchell agree increases in the availability and quality of fake IDs contribute to underage

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**Student government webpage to open communication**

By LAUREN BECK  
News Writer

The Notre Dame student government webpage will remain full of out of date information until a new design that is both practical and affordable can be created, student government officials said. Here are plans to try and update the information until a new design Charlotte.

Student Body President Brian O'Donoghue and vice president Brooke Norton contested their advisers regarding the Web page.

"We were not allowed to contract off a campus with a Web design company, but we were also not allocated a large enough amount of money to contract with an on-campus provider," Norton said.

"We believe students would rather see their money go to programming events than to a site. Furthermore, the counter indicated that last year not many students visited the Web page," said O'Donoghue.

In response to these issues, O'Donoghue and Norton opted to use The Observer, Scholastic and class list serves as forums for communication, confident that these types of outlets would reach a greater number of students.

As student body president-elect, Norton expressed interest in revamping the Web page next year. One of the planks in her communication platform was increased use of the Web page. "I would like to lobby for more money with which to construct our Web page," Norton said. "If this is not possible, I will ensure that the Web page is updated by the technology division."

According to Norton, a successful student government Web page would feature a list of
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dollars on a train ticket for him.

This weekend, beginning Thursday, a number of announcements will be made regarding University of California’s President Richard Atkinson recommendation to make the SAT optional for undergraduate admissions. Many academics are left questioning his unprecedented move and how it will change the university system and colleges across the nation.

While the long trip to implementation could take more than a year, the mere mention of the proposal was enough to cause speculation to circulate nationwide. "TheUniversity of California is the premier higher learning institution in the country, and I think this will be very important for universities across the country," said Pedro Noguera, a former University of California-Berkeley professor who now teaches at Harvard University. Some academics have hailed the proposal as a step in the right direction for the university, while others defend the SAT’s ability to reliably predict how students will perform in college. They all agree, however, that the UC president’s landmark recommendation is sure to challenge one of the nation’s most influential standardized tests.

The release of the plan will look to California and begin long-overdue debate about the SAT’s role in these tests," said Michael Reese, a UC spokesperson.

The UC system has often been viewed as a leader among public universities, setting the trend on a variety of issues.

Most private schools already utilize a more comprehensive process for evaluating applications, said Michael Rowan, chair of the executive board of the Academic Senate, the statewide faculty governing body for academic policy.

GALLAUDET UNIVERSITY
Student confesses to murders

Last Tuesday, Joseph Mesa, a 20-year-old Gallaudet University freshman, was arrested and charged with two counts of felony murder in connection with two separate murders in the past four-and-a-half months. His arrest came 10 days after the body of former dorm-mate Benjamin Varner, a 19-year-old freshman, was found beaten to death. In a videotaped confession, Mesa told detectives that he killed the two freshmen because he needed money. After Mesa killed Varner, he wrote himself a check that he said was for $620 and cashed it the next day. He explained he chose Plunkett because Plunkett was vulnerable from his condition and lived alone. Police reported they were led to Mesa by a trail of blood from Varner’s room to Mesa’s room. Detectives found bloody shoeprints in both rooms that matched the brand of shoes Mesa wore.

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"U of C.J is the premier higher learning institution in the country, and I think this will be very important across the country."

Pedro Noguera
former professor

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INSIDE COLUMN

From within this bubble

This campus, this University, is not reality. It is a fantastical place where students are all blessed beyond belief. The future is ours to take. This is an illusion. I find myself struggling with how I should give back to the world that has given me so much.

This past weekend, in an attempt to escape from Junior Parent Weekend and cabin fever, my friend and I packed up for a trip to Chicago.

On Saturday night, my parents took us out to a nice dinner on Michigan Avenue, and then we headed to the House of Blues. We didn’t think twice to drop $20 dollars apiece for tickets, and then inside obscure proofed to be a drink tab.

By the end of the evening, we had spent well over $200 dollars. As my friend and I headed back toward our car, we were approached by a homeless African-American man. He was dressed in rags, and told us that if we did not help him with money, he would freeze to death during the frigid night.

My initial reaction, unfortunately, was to keep walking. I was tired, and I had spent enough money already on myself.

But, nevertheless, there must be a reason he called me after this. My mind may not be too found, but I was suddenly struck by a realization.

What if I had been born in the slums of the inner city? What if I had been discriminated against because of my skin color? What if I had not been given the opportunities to succeed the way I have?

Why has God blessed me the way He has? Why am I at Notre Dame? Why do I deserve it, and not this poor guy on the street? It almost doesn’t make any sense.

But, nevertheless, there must be a reason I was granted the opportunity to be here.

Students of Notre Dame, I encourage you to realize your blessings, and to give back to those people less privileged than ourselves. Missions in Bangladesh. Its a good and noble cause. It’s the least we can do.

The devil is in the details. I really believe you’re on the right track, but I think you’re turning the keys over without the system in place."

Ulfelders told the task force. Universities will be held accountable by factors such as graduation, completion rates and diversity.
Prof. discloses admissions process

By PAT MCDONALD
News Writer

Underprivileged students are at a distinct disadvantage due to the intricacies and biases of the undergraduate admissions systems at elite American universities and colleges, said Mitchell Stevens, a professor at Hamilton College who also worked in the admissions office of the college this year.

"The admissions process systematically favors students coming from privileged backgrounds," Stevens said at a lecture in Plummer Hall today. Stevens said Hamilton College rates its applicants academically based in large part on the caliber and curriculum of their high schools. Students from less privileged backgrounds typically attend high schools in which lower percentages of students go on to four-year schools and offer fewer Advanced Placement courses than schools with more economically privileged students.

These ratings then factor into decisions on the amount of financial aid to offer an applicant, further prejudicing the admissions process against economically disadvantaged students, Stevens said.

"If you're from an unprivileged background, you can either be an exceptional student, a scholar, or a racial minority. Being a racial minority is the only way a social disadvantage can be translated into an advantage for admittance to a top college or university," Stevens said.

"Multicultural status places students into a different decision-making matrix with clearly different standards."

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Stevens said admissions officers face the difficult task of comparing an applicant's broad academic and personal profile to those of others in an effective and efficient manner.

"The process consists of reducing an applicant to a grid sheet full of numbers and then recreating their personal narrative," Stevens said.

"Decisions are rarely made by a committee. They are made by a consensus of the admissions committee."

Stevens, a sociology professor, is currently studying admissions at elite colleges and universities as part of a fellowship from the National Academy of Education.

Dartmouth suspects killers to be friends

Associated Press

CHELSEA, Vt.

One way on Wednesday, Feb. 21, 1990, that Tulloch and James Parker have been partners for nearly a decade — rafting rivers, climbing mountains and debating for their high school team.

According to friends and neighbors, the pair did everything together. According to authorities, that included murder.

Tulloch, 17, and Parker, 16, known around Chelsea mostly for their cocky, mischievous attitudes, are accused of killing two Dartmouth College professors in their Hanover, N.H., home three weeks ago. The teens were arrested Monday at an Indiana truck stop.

Authorities have refused to discuss a motive or any connection between the boys and the victims, who were stabbed repeatedly. Friends and acquaintances in this isolated town of 1,200 people are grappling for an explanation.

To them, Parker was the class clown and Tulloch was an honor student who had earned enough credits at Chelsea Public School to graduate early.

"Whatever he did, there was a reason for it," said Kirk Bailey, Tulloch's friend and a fellow debater. "He's really smart, very logical. Everything he did, there was a reason for it."

Both boys come from well-respected families. Their fathers are carpenters, and Parker's was known for his work with the community's recreation program. He also coached basketball and helped build the town's soccer and baseball fields.

"These kids were average teen-agers," said John Upham, owner of a variety store. "There was nothing extraordinary about them. There was nothing that would lead you to believe that they could do the crime they are accused of."

But not everyone speaks so highly of the boys. Some suggested their families were too permissive.

"This does not surprise me in the least," Robert Childs, the town property assessor, told The Boston Globe. "These kids weren't coming home from a job after school. These kids were unsupervised and on the streets.

"They aren't pillars of the community. Jimmy Parker wasn't quite wild, but his parents were permissive, and he's shunned by a major portion of the school population."

But as far as most of the community is concerned, any misthief the boys were involved in was minor — they liked their paintball guns (using them on neighbors' trees and lawns), clowning around in school and loved to speed along the town's narrow roads.

Encounters with police had been mostly stay-out-of-trouble type talks. Boys-will-be-boys type stuff, according to Steve Watson, who owns the town video store.

"It's going to take a long time for me to believe these kids were involved," he said.

Both boys were partners for nearly a decade of the school's preppy crowd, which friends said avoided drugs, alcohol and smoking.
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Boys & Girls Club of St. Joseph County and other local organizations. The Gigot Center for Entrepreneurial Studies, RecSports and the Notre Dame music department will present University-sponsored programs at the center. The 1st Class Steppers, a Notre Dame step dancing troupe, are also scheduled to perform.

"Bringing this center into being has been a very important and gratifying activity for the University to carry out, especially in conjunction with northeast neighborhood residents," Moore said. "We're looking forward to this formal opening." Notre Dame announced plans for the CLC in August. University administrators said the costs of renovating and equipping the center exceeded $500,000 and its annual operating budget will be about $300,000.

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Columbian troops raid drug trade:

Troops making a late-night descent on an airstrip in the Amazon didn't get the men they were looking for: a fugitive Brazilian drug lord and the Colombian guerrillas considered him to be one of his country's top narcotics traffickers.

**FBI agent accused of espionage**

Associated Press

A veteran FBI agent accused Tuesday of spying for the Soviet Union for more than 15 years, betraying three Russian undercover agents to Moscow and disclosing volumes of U.S. secrets in return for $2 million. The FBI director called the case "the most traumatic actions imaginable."

Robert Philip Hansen, 56, the father of six, was only the third FBI agent ever accused of espionage. President Bush called it "a difficult day," particularly for the law enforcement and intelligence communities.

Hansen, a 25-year FBI agent, was arrested Sunday night at a park in suburban Virginia after dropping a package of documents for his Russian contacts, authorities said. The FBI agents confiscated $50,000 hidden for him at a nearby drop site.

Hansen provided Moscow with the identities of two KGB officials who had been recruited by the U.S. government to serve as agents in-place at the Soviet Embassy in Washington. FBI Director Louis Freeh said the agents, whose names were first compromised by Aldrich Ames, were trying to obtain espionage charges on their return to Moscow and executed. A third KGB official identified by Hansen was imprisoned but ultimately released, Freeh said.

Ames pleaded guilty to spying for the Soviet Union in 1994. Operating under the codename "Raton," Hansen kept his identity and occupation secret from the Russians, Freeh said. He said Hansen frequently ran his name, address and his drop sites through FBI computers to see if they had raised any alarms.

Sen. Richard Shelby, R-Ala., who said he was briefed on the case a week to 10 days ago as chairman of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, said Hansen may have caused grave harm.

"This could be a very, very, very serious case of espionage," Shelby said in a telephone interview from Alabama. "Here's an agent who is a veteran of the FBI, who's been doing counterintelligence for a long time. He knows a lot. I could have given them a lot.""
Barak turns down Associated ISRAEL out Labor, Sharon will likely be forced into a narrow coalition. Such efforts to set up a national unity government with his Likud alists - who would have little flexibility in talks with Arabs — are an effort to thwart foreign scrutiny and might be a part of a plan for Mugabe to call early presidential elections this year.

Mugabe's six-year-term expires next March. Under the constitution, Mugabe, 76, can only call an early election if he resigns, firing his deputy to act as caretaker during the campaign. Mugabe himself prefers to face voters in the country's situation further deteriorates, analysts said. Instability in the country and Mugabe's increasingly authoritarian rule has crippled the economy, scared away foreign investors and drawn scathing criticism from the international community.

Monday night's warning follows a weekend crackdown on foreign journalists, in which two newsmen were ordered deported.

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Leaderhip key in AIDS battle

Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS It is now possible to dramatically reduce the spread and impact of AIDS, and the most important factor is global and national leadership, Secretary-General Kofi Annan said Tuesday.

In a report which will serve as the backdrop to the U.N. General Assembly's special session on the AIDS crisis in June, Annan called for expanded prevention programs and stepped up efforts to combat the stigma surrounding the disease and make low-cost generic drugs available to those infected with the HIV virus.

He also called for intensified development of affordable AIDS vaccines and new HIV treatments, greater efforts to alleviate the social and economic impact of the epidemic, and more money to fight it.

"The most important lesson learned from countries that have successfully responded to the epidemic has been the critical role of government and civil society leadership in increasing the visibility of the epidemic while decreasing the stigma associated with it," Annan said.

But despite successful AIDS prevention programs in a host of countries from Uganda to Thailand, last year also saw an estimated 5.3 million new infections around the globe, and 3 million deaths, the highest annual total of AIDS deaths ever, the report said.

"Leadership...is the single most important factor in reversing the epidemic." Kofi Annan UN Secretary-General

Napster attempts to settle lawsuit for $1B

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO Napster Inc. offered $1 billion to the recording industry Tuesday to settle a copyright infringement lawsuit that threatens to shut down the free Internet peer-to-peer music service.

Under the proposal, $150 million would be paid annually for five years to Sony, Warner, BMG, EMI and Universal. An additional $350 million would go to independent labels in each of those five years.

Napster believes it can generate hundreds of millions of dollars to pay record companies, mostly through monthly subscriptions. It has tried to reach agreements with record companies, but has done so only with BM from parent Bertelsmann Inc.

Analysts said they doubted whether The Recording Industry Association of America would agree to Napster's new offer, which would cost about $2 billion.

"It is Napster's responsibility to come to the creative community with a legitimate business model and a system that protects our artists and copyrights," the company said.

"Nothing we have heard in the past and nothing we have heard today suggests they have yet been able to accomplish that task." An industry group urged Napster to accept a federal injunction ordering it to block copyrighted music.

"This path would be more productive than trying to engage in business negotiations through the media," said Hillery Rosen, president of the Recording Industry Association of America.

A week ago, a federal appeals court said the music industry almost certainly will win its lawsuit against Napster.

Under the three-judge panel of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ordered Napster to stop millions of users from swapping copyrighted music without permission and without compensation.

Napster, whose lawyers have said such action would be virtually impossible, vowed to appeal.

"The company has argued it is not to blame for how subscribers use copyrighted material. This approach the appeals court said there was evidence of "massive, unauthorized downloading and uploading of plaintiffs' copyrighted works — as many as 10,000 files per second by defendant's own admission." Napster's popularity exploded in 1999 after founder Shawn Fanning released software that made it easy for personal computers to locate and trade songs stored as computer files in "the Napster format, which com-

pressed digital recordings without sacrificing quality.

The five largest record labels sued as soon as Napster took off and demanded millions of dollars in profits. Bertelsmann reached a deal with Napster, promising a compromise that would have required the company to pay record companies $200 million to $300 million over five years.

"Napster's new service would be available to those paying $2.95 to $4.95 a month," Barry estimated that 17 million fee-paying, registered users could generate more than $1 billion by the fifth year of the settlement.

"It's the biggest, largest collection of music lovers," said Andreas Schmidt, president and CEO of Bertelsmann's e-commerce group.

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Jury convicts doctor in botched abortion

Associated Press

A doctor was convicted of manslaughter Tuesday in the death of a patient following a botched abortion and the clinic administrator was found guilty of negligent homicide.

Dr. John Biskind, 75, and Carol Stuart-Schadoff, 63, were both charged with manslaughter in the death of Lorraine Herron, who died three hours after an abortion at the now-closed A-Z Women's Center in Phoenix in 1998. An autopsy found Herron's uterus had been ruptured by a medical instrument.

"We don't usually prosecute doctors for bad medicine, but this case was so bad we had to make a stand," prosecuting attorney Cameron Morgan, said he wants a new trial. "Obviously we disagree with the verdict," Morgan said.

The case led to a state law, now being wrangled in the courts, that would require a medical reason for performing more than six abortions per month and analysis of fetuses aborted after 12 weeks. The Legislature is also considering a bill requiring doctors to provide abortion information to women at least 24 hours before undergoing the procedure.

Arizona law does not give a specific date after which a doctor can no longer terminate a pregnancy, but it prohibits aborting a fetus after it becomes viable, or able to live outside the womb — usually 22 weeks.

The clinic advertised itself as the only place in Arizona performing abortions up to 24 weeks.

Ark. honors civil rights pioneer

Associated Press

In 2002, Daisy Bates to get state holiday on President's Day

LITTLE ROCK, Ark.

Daisy Bates, the late civil rights pioneer behind the nine black students who broke the color barrier in city schools in 1957, will be honored with a state holiday.

Gov. Mike Huckabee signed legislation Monday to honor Bates on the third Monday in February. Beginning next year, residents will honor her while at the same time observing President's Day.

The nine students walked into Central High amid rioting whites and with an Army escort. Meeting before and after school at Bates' small home during the crisis, she advised the children on how to face the taunting and urged them to be proud of what they were accomplishing.

The Central High incident was a sign that Washington was going to enforce the 1954 Supreme Court ruling in Brown vs. Board of Education that school segregation was unconstitutional.

The signing ceremony took place outside the Central High School Visitor Center, along Daisy L. Gatson Bates Drive. Among those in attendance was Shirley Brown, 18, who said Bates was her mother's godmother. She said the holiday recognition was important. "She thought it would make a better Arkansas — and it did," she said.

Bates, who died two years ago at age 84, became a national symbol of black hope and a target of segregationists late during the 1950s, first for her prominent role in desegregating the Little Rock bus system in 1956, then as her prominent role in desegregating the Little Rock High incident was a sign that Washington was going to enforce the 1954 Supreme Court ruling in Brown vs. Board of Education that school segregation was unconstitutional.

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BRAZIL

Planned uprisings end in 15 dead

Associated Press

SAO PAULO, Brazil -- Brazil's largest prison riot in history ended with at least 15 dead and many questions about just who's truly in charge of the nation's penitentiaries -- the state or organized crime.

The uprising by the First Capital Command organization, or PCC, started Sunday afternoon at Sao Paulo's hulking Carandiru prison complex and spread to 28 other prisons in the state before negotiators regained control Monday.

In Carandiru, some of the 10,000 inmates took guards hostage and held nearly 5,000 visitors inside.

"It was a carefully planned operation by an organization that exerts its influence over inmates in other prisons," said Marco Vinicio Petreluzzi, Sao Paulo's public security secretary.

The inmates demanded the return of 10 PCC leaders who were transferred from Carandiru to other facilities last Friday after stockpiles of ammunition, knives and cellular phones were found in their cells, he said.

"The uprising was clearly the organization's way of getting back at us for the transfer," said Marco Vinicio Petreluzzi, public security secretary.

Planned uprisings about just who's truly in control of the prison system. After nearly 24 hours of tense negotiations, authorities persuaded the rebellious inmates at all 29 facilities to release the hostages and visitors many of them family members.

"None of us considers ourselves hostages, we could have left whenever we wanted, but we preferred to stay inside for fear there could be a repeat of the massacre of 1992," C l a r a Martina Kalli, an inmate's wife, said in reference to an operation to quell a riot at Carandiru that left at least 111 inmates dead.

Officials had made it clear they would not return the PCC leaders to Carandiru, and the uprising ended peacefully.

Authorities said at least 15 inmates were killed, including seven at Carandiru, five at the Franco da Rocha prison, one at a penitentiary in Piraju and two at Belen, a jail.

Most of the violence appeared to take place between prisoners. Authorities were investigating the deaths of two inmates at Carandiru who may have been killed when police returned fire.

Inmates set bedding on fire in prisons, and smoke was seen pouring from windows of Carandiru as the revolt began. After it ended, television footage Monday evening showed naked inmates in recreation yards while guards in body armor searched prison cells.

Toups suspended the searches before nightfall, and officials said they would return in the morning.

The riots threw a spotlight on the PCC and its increasing influence in the state prison system, which holds more than 90,000 inmates. The state is about the size of Oregon.

Most observers say that the group was formed four years ago by convicted bank robbers and drug dealers serving time in the Taubate Penitentiary, 55 miles northeast of Sao Paulo.

In a 1997 television interview that was rebroadcast Monday, a prison guard said the group controlled drug trade in the prisons and extorted money inmates who refuse to join them. The guard, who was not identified, claimed those who don't pay or who betray the group are killed.

"The size of the latest uprising reflects the group's growing power," said Renato Simoes, president of the Sao Paulo State Legislature's Human Rights Commission.

"With the rebellion, the PCC has shown that it has become a parallel power and that the state's prison system is completely bankrupt," Simoes said.

"The government has only itself to blame," he added. "Because its focus is on repression instead of rehabilitation, the prison system is fertile ground for the PCC and its growing influence."

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RUSSIA

Putin pressures for NATO mobile missile defense

Associated Press

MOSCOW Russian President Vladimir Putin lobbied NATO's chief defense officials Thursday to ensure Moscow's answer to the United States' multibillion-dollar plans for a national missile shield -- a smaller mobile defense system for Europe.

NATO Secretary-General Lord Robertson said Russia should not count on Europeans to make it clear that the NATO allies accept that the United States has made its decision to have an effective missile defense, Robertson said.

"But what is important now is that we now have a Russian proposal to deal with the same kind of perceived threat," Lord Robertson, NATO Secretary-General, said.

Moscow vehemently opposes the U.S. plan to construct its own missile defense shield to protect against intercontinental missiles from other countries with small potential nuclear powers like North Korea. The estimated cost of a U.S. system ranges from $30 billion to $60 billion.

Details of the Russian alternative were to be presented to Robertson on Tuesday in Brussels to explain the direction of the greatest risk in Europe.

"None of us considers ourselves hostages, we could have left whenever we wanted, but we preferred to stay inside for fear there could be a repeat of the massacre of 1992," said Marco Vinicio Petreluzzi, Sao Paulo's public security secretary.

U.S. Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld had not seen the Russian proposal but was "heartened" by Russia's acknowledgment that Europe faces genuine missile threats.

Defense Minister Igor Sergeyev presented Robertson with Russia's official proposal in a Kremlin meeting.

"I made it clear that the NATO allies accept that the United States has made its decision to have an effective missile defense," Lord Robertson, NATO Secretary-General, said.

Putin urged Lord Robertson to "clearly consider the proposal.

"Our military and civilian experts are ready to arrive in Brussels to explain the meaning of Russian proposals to the NATO public and to show that our proposal to the Russian Federation is a serious alternative to the..." Lord Robertson, NATO Secretary-General, said.

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**OUR VIEWPOINT**

**Guest Column**

**Bands lose with Napster**

LEXINGTON, Ky.

So, we're all guilty. For the record though I don't think anyone thought what they were doing was legal.

Yes, Napster is about to be a thing of the past. Sad. I know. I too will miss being able to get practically any song that I wanted at any given time. But let's be honest, kids. Did anyone really think this was legal? Did anyone really think that stealing the creative works of thousands of artists wouldn't be, I don't know, a slight bit unethical at least?

For those of you who bust out with the "hey-music-should-be-free-to-everyone-dude" side, sit down a minute and listen to yourself. Unless you practice the musical equivalent of communism or even high-pressure socialism you can't go out and purchase anything from a store and then ask a hard-working (or hardly working) artist to just give you his music, his "wares" if you will.

Our society (however screwed up you might think it is) just doesn't work that way. For better or for worse we go to jobs to get money and we sell ourselves each day to make money. These guys — the guys out there who aren't on MTV and aren't selling millions of albums — those are the guys that are really getting ripped off. The guys like Metallica and Dr. Dre that get way more millions upon millions of dollars anyway really don't need the half million they lose to you in a little secret: the producers and record companies make more money than the performers do at almost a 5-to-1 ratio.

Even with this said, the idea of music trade isn't going anywhere in the near future. Even though people might be taking down pages like Napster and Scour music services the MP3 age is upon us and it's not going away. MP3 players are selling well and the actual technology of trading, sharing and encoding is just shy of silver brilliance.

Hopefully the old ways of the music industry will embrace this new technology. We can't survive without it — no matter how many lawsuits they win.

So what is the common college student to do? I'd say this: if you like your music, do as you would have normally. I plan on grilling while the getting is good. But when all is said and done I won't complain when it's over.

Hopefully you won't either.

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**Debate must follow controversy**

I apologize in advance for my hypocrisy. Just a few days ago I was laughing with friends about how the "Vagina Monologues" issue was still making the newspaper. Glancing at Monday's front page article, however, prompted me to put on foot in my mouth and write in to share my viewpoint.

I thoroughly enjoyed the Arts and Letters faculty presenta­tion this past weekend as it helped justify to my own mind my switch to that college in the hopes of a more fulfilling career. The faculty members who spoke emphasized, among other things, the absolutely vital role of open and ongoing discussion and debate of "tough questions" — academic, as well as moral, ethical, and spiritual — among students, faculty and administrators in a university of Notre Dame's repute.

Contrast this with the paraphrase in Monday's issue of The Observer of Marilou Eldred which indicated that "The Vagina Monologues" would not be allowed because of concern that the play would "draw more controversy than healthy discussion."

Pardon me, but doesn't the debate of tough questions that the Arts and Letters faculty spoke of imply a degree of controversy?

I might go further and infer that Marilou Eldred's idea, then, of "healthy discussion" involves everyone agreeing on everything — which also implies that nobody learns anything from any­

Dilbert

Scott Adams

"It is easier to fight for one's principles than to live up to them."

— Alfred Adler

psychologist

February 20, 2001
Learning center enriches community

Can you imagine knocking on the door of a house in your neighborhood and finding out that the family living there has never before seen a computer? Asking them if they have a "PC" brings a response of bewilderment, confusion, if not fear. They may have never seen a computer or understood what a PC was. Sadly, if you answered "no" to the first question you, as I, are unaware of the neighborhood surrounding our home here at Notre Dame.

Until last year I did not know that the area extending away from our campus toward and including Molly McGuire's, Lafayette and St. Joseph Medical Center was called the Northeast Neighborhood. I did not know that there was a diverse community of persons with the challenges of a neighborhood so close to the "Notre Dame bubble." Many in the neighborhood do not have computers.

It was then that I learned about certain students, staff and faculty members of the Center for Social Concerns who were working with an initiative of the President's Office and residents of the Northeast Neighborhood to create a center in the old Goodwill Building. They hoped to partner in a way to "strengthen interaction between the Northeast Neighborhood and Notre Dame by building trust through partnerships that stimulate community revitalization" (excerpt from the Community Learning Center Mission Statement).

Sadly, many in this neighborhood have in the past felt neglected and some abused by the powerful institution of Notre Dame. Why, many ask, has the University, a place of such education and philanthropy, not given and shared more with its neighbors? This, a sentiment long fostered in the neighborhood do not have computers. The Center for Social Concerns' column appears every other Wednesday. The Center's mission is to bring together the University and neighborhood to form a partnership that develops skills, encourages new efforts in communication and understanding. It offers us a chance to enrich our education and learning by participating in a two-way street of information and learning. This two-way street, if you may, is why this opportunity should strike at the hearts of the entire Notre Dame community. Students, staff and faculty can both give and receive from this unique and beautiful Center.

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John Micek
For a More Just and Humane World

Protest against sweatshops should persevere

Soon Notre Dame will decide whether or not to join with 74 other schools already signed on to the Worker Rights Consortium (WRC). The WRC is a monitoring system that will begin to end sweatshop labor by forcing apparel companies to follow the same labor laws here and then we paid little attention to them and wore feathered headdresses that said "JWP 2001." I admit, I too, have worn a headband such as this ... when I was in kindergarten for a Thanksgiving celebration. Back then I was too young to know the tragic effects of the conquest and European colonization on the indigenous peoples of the Americas. What I do know is that Notre Dame is one of the universities that perform no sweatshops at all. This is not adequate. The WRC is clearly better with continuous monitoring and making its findings available to the public.

Notre Dame has a chance of doing good alone, by joining with 74 other schools so much more can be done. Notre Dame has many things to be proud of but this pride should not get in the way of doing what is best to end sweatshops. Notre Dame should resume its position as a national leader and join with the WRC. The FLA's Mary's handouts and the WRC as have some of our closest footbal rivals: University of Michigan and Purdue,

Joe Smith
senior
O'Neill Family Hall
February 20, 2001

The Center for Social Concerns' column appears every other Wednesday. This week's column was written by John Micek. Micek, a senior and a Center for Social Concerns student intern this past summer, was, along with many others, one of the involved with the various community agency representatives, involved in the initial stages of the CLC's development.

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New technologies can identify songs, babysit your kids

We've all done it. We're rolling in our '83 Datsun or Dad's 2000 Explorer. We hear a new song that sounds like Madonna circa 1987 and we say, "What's this song called? I want to go home and buy it," so I have to buy it. I do not have to buy the whole CD for just one song—that Vanilla Ice album really sucked except for "Ice, Ice Baby,"

But then at the end of the new song, the smart-mouthed DJ starts talking about how Britney is the DWD wave with "The Blondie of Pennsylvania, has a free service called *CD where you hit *23 on your phone, punch in the station's frequency and then get the title of the track you just heard, as well as titles of other songs you heard earlier in the day on the same station."

There are a dozen of the top radio stations in each city. Then people can be sucker and actually buy the CD using your cell phone instead of just downloading the songs from one of the dozen of MP3 sites the University hasn't liked."

I would mention them, but I don't want to give anyone any ideas."

ConnexUs runs this service by using sound-recognition technology on a dozen of the top radio stations in each city. Then the song is compared to a database with one million tracks stored in it.

Still not sure? The best thing about it is, it doesn't cost a thing. The bad news is that it's only available in Philly and San Francisco. But the company is monitoring radio stations in 32 other cities, looking to expand the service.

Do you think South Bend is one of those lucky towns? I don't. Has anyone ever used the words "lucky" and "South Bend" in the same sentence? I'll have to do some research on that one."

It seems everyone is getting DVD players these days. Good ol' VHS is going to join Beta in VCR heaven because the tapes just can't keep pace with the multiple camera angles and director's commentary added on DVDs.

Resist the urge to buy "Weekend at Bernie's" because the NFL has now caught onto the DWD wave with "The NFL's Greatest Moments in Super Bowl History" ($25). As you watch each game, you can refresh through the opposing team's announcers.

I like this product because I always wanted to hear the Buffalo Bills announcers during those four Super Bowl losses. It's better to be around when you are the best place-kicker in football right before he choked it in Super Bowl XXV.

Also available on the NFL DVD are screen savers and trivia games. This product might help you get your football fix during the off-season without watching the XFL.

"It's always best to remember that people usually don't give away free stuff out of the goodness of their hearts. By and large, freebie providers are looking to draw you to their site to drum up business, so they can sell you something else.

All catches and loopholes aside, there are an enormous number of freebies out there for the taking. As long as you are careful and use common sense, you'll be OK.

On many of these Internet sites, you will be required to answer some marketing questions in order to have something sent to you for free.

Other sites similarly require you to sign up for one or more mailing lists. And there are other sites which offer free computer downloads that generally require nothing at all.

There are numerous search engines linked in a concise manner.

Some of their popular categories include "Free Fonts," "Free Graphics," "Free Internet Access," "Free Software" and "Free Games."

Once you find a topic of interest, all those offers are listed and described.

Get something for nothing

By MERIDETH PIERCE

Scene Write

It has long been man's goal to obtain something for nothing. And with the birth of the Internet, we may finally be reaching that goal.

Believe it or not, there are actually thousands of Internet sites that want to give you free stuff.

If you set your mind to it, and point your browser in the right direction, even you can obtain products and offers completely free from the Internet.

In fact many sites are practically begging for you to take free samples or free services.

Granted, there may be some freebie offers which require you to make a purchase of some sort. But once you have the free samples or free services you can create your own virtual pet. Another option helps you create your own search engine for a personal Web page.

If you are looking for something new to spice up your computer, you will find what you are looking for here.

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FreeStuffCenter.com is the category marked "contests." If you are feeling lucky, this option is for you — with one click you are instantly linked to dozens of freebies.

For those of you who like something a little more assured, there is also a category for "coupons." With this option you can print off coupons from CoolSavings.com or have them sent to you from SaveCoupons.com.

If by chance you have any spare time and not enough school-related reading, check out the category of books on FreeStuffCenter.com. Here, leisure readers can link up to TheFreebieDirectory.com where you can get a number of e-books for no cost at all.

In the book category you can also surf mystery and sci-fi book clubs that have a very low fee.

TheFreebieDirectory.com is yet another of the hundreds of freebie resources on the Internet.

Of the many search directories, this site is the easiest to read and use. What makes this site unique is that once you pick from the wide variety of categories of freebies, it lists them all.

Besides general information about the product or offer, TheFreebieDirectory.com also ranks the freebie, tells you when it was added and how many people have visited it from TheFreebieDirectory.com and allows you to read reviews that other users have written about the freebie.

There are many links on TheFreebieDirectory.com to useful tools for students. Through these links you can get free samples of Exceldrin and Folgers Coffee through these products' Web pages.

Other perks are a free CR-R disk from FileBurner.com. After registering to FileBurner.com and referring others to the site, you can earn even more free disks.

You may also choose to visit GreenTeaLifeline.com to have a free sample of green tea sent right to your dorm room.

Pantene Pro-V is also a part of TheFreebieDirectory.com and you can have hair product samples sent to you as well as coupons for their products.

Some people, however, might be better off checking out the link to Beano.com. There you can request a sample of the dietary supplement that helps prevent gas and subscribe to Beano's free mailing list.

A very helpful service that TheFreebieDirectory.com offers is "Is it Free?" In this section you can determine the price of the freebie, see how much the manufacturers spent on advertising and promotion, and how many people have visited the site.

Kournikova hacker offered interview: A local mayor in Sneek, Netherlands, has offered a job interview to a 20-year-old hacker who confesses to spreading a computer virus purporting to offer a photo of tennis star Anna Kournikova that backed up e-mail systems worldwide.

Mayor Siebold Hartkamp didn't specify what sort of post he might offer the man, who was arrested by police on Wednesday. But he suggested the hacker — known as "OnTheFly" — would be a good expert on computer security.

"I've learned that former hackers make the best game wardens," Hartkamp told Dutch television this weekend. "We're looking for just these kinds of kids. He should come and have a chat with us." But he said "OnTheFly," whose identity has been withheld under privacy rules, "should finish school first," presumably referring to college studies.

Web weddings offered in California: Couples tying the knot in San Mateo County will soon have the option of inviting the world. After a few test runs on Valentine's Day, officials in the county clerk's office in Redwood City, Calif., are preparing to offer Internet broadcasts for all civil marriages.

"This is the Silicon Valley," said county clerk Warren Slocum. "We're surrounded by technology, and I'm interested in how technology can better serve people." Couples will send e-mail invitations to guests, who can then enter a password and watch the ceremony live on their computer screens.

Although the $1,200 wedding Webcam isn't "like going to a movie," Slocum said the image quality doesn't seem to bother the couples. So far the Webcasts have been free, but Slocum said future Internet weddings will likely run about $10.

A marriage license costs $79, and a civil ceremony is an additional $35. This isn't the first high-tech project Slocum's office has come up with. It already posts voter registration lists online and is experimenting with Internet voting. The county first offered Web weddings two years ago, and this year, five couples broadcast their Valentine's Day weddings online. "If you wanted to invite your family from Texas, they could join you in cyberspace," Slocum said.

New online imprint to feature E-books: Nobel Prize winner Gao Xingjian, Joyce Carol Oates and children's author R.L. Stine are among those who will have e-books published around the world under a new imprint announced Tuesday by HarperCollins in New York City. "We will publish each e-book with full editorial design, marketing and publicity support — we will not just digitize books and release them into cyberspace," said Jane Friedman, HarperCollins' president and CEO, said in a statement. Starting Tuesday with Gao's novel "Soul Mountain," 15 titles will be published this month and in March and will be released in the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom, New Zealand and Australia.

Many of the books will have features unavailable in print form. For instance, Oates' short story collection "Faitheless" will include an interview with the author and "Soul Mountain" will come with Gao's Nobel acceptance speech.

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points of the game.
Magic shot 16-for-23 from the
Kidd hit two free throws to put

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winning streak to five games.

The Grizzlies received double-
figure scoring from six players.
Mahmoud Abdul-Rauf scored
13 points in the second half.
Sharief Abdur-Rahim also
scored 19 points for the Grizzlies, who
had 14 rebounds, matched
his season-high with 16 points.

Sy in California, which received 40 points
from Jowuan Howard led
Washington with 27 points.
Chris Webber added a season-high six
points and finished with 21.
Washington scored the first
four points of the second half and trimmed his
two points, 59-54, 2 minutes into the
third quarter.
But Dickinson seized control,
hitting two 3-pointers and cap-
ning a 13-0 run with a three-
point play, as the Grizzlies
moved out to an insurmountable
72-54 lead.

Raptors 113, Warriors 102
Vince Carter scored 33 points and
Mark Jackson moved
passed Isaiah Thomas into fourth
place on the NBA career assist
list as the Toronto Raptors beat
the Golden State Warriors 113-102
Tuesday night.
Jackson had 12 assists, raising
his career total to 9,065. After
passing Thomas with his 11th
assist of the night, the 14-year-vet
mates and received a standing
ovation. Jackson, a 14-year-vet
player for the New York Knicks,
Los Angeles Clippers, Indiana
and Denver before signing with
Toronto as a free agent in Aug.
2000.

Mike moiayok's jumper cut
Toronto's lead to two points with
3:22 remaining, but Jackson
scored six of the next nine
points, while the Grizzlies
committed five turnovers.

Grizzlies 116, Wizards 104
The Wizards fell nine of
his 23 points during a deci-
third-quarter run as the
Washington Wizards 116-104,
won its third straight on the
road.
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BUFFALO enters race for Grizzlies

Associated Press

BUFFALO, N.Y. — While city officials admit it's a longshot, add Buffalo to the list of places seeking to lure the NBA's Vancouver Grizzlies.

City council on Tuesday unanimously approved inviting NBA commissioner David Stern and Grizzlies owner Michael Heisley to visit Buffalo to consider relocating the franchise.

"Any time we get an opportunity to promote Buffalo as a big-time city and a big-time regional sports city, we need to do that," Mayor Anthony M. Masiello said. "I think it's worth pursuing. Is it a longshot? Probably.

Last week, Heisley, who said the team is expected to lose at least $260 million this year, was given permission to explore moving to another city next season. For that to happen, he has until March 1 to submit an application to the NBA outlining his intention to move.

Numerous cities have already lined up for the Grizzlies, with Anaheim considered the early front-runner despite the region already having two NBA franchises.

Other cities are regarded as question marks because they lack the facilities, such as Louisville, Kentucky, or lack the fan base to support another major pro sports team — Nashville, where the NHL's Predators are against sharing their arena with another sports franchise, St. Louis and New Orleans.

Then there's Las Vegas, which is regarded as taboo because it allows betting on NBA games.

Heisley met with St. Louis Blues owner Bill Laurie on Tuesday in St. Louis.

"Michael Heisley traveled to St. Louis today to meet with me for the first time," Laurie said in a statement. "There is nothing to report other than the meeting occurred and it was scheduled last Thursday.

Laurie declined further comment.

Laurie, who purchased the NHL's Blues and their Savvis Center home for $100 million in Sept. 1999, has already bid on the Grizzlies.

He pulled out of that $200 million deal after commissioner David Stern and the NBA voiced objections to Laurie's intent to move the team to St. Louis.

Vancouver also has an outshot of keeping the team after a group of business and community leaders announced they received four offers from prospective buyers willing to purchase all or part of the team and keep it in Vancouver.

Buffalo, according to city officials, has the fan base, the facility — the five-year-old HSBC Arena, which also serves home to the NHL's Sabres — and location.

"We have a great geography to attract fans from Erie, Pa. to Rochester, N.Y. to northern Ontario," Masiello said. "I'd love to invite them to Buffalo to look and see what we have here."

According to studies, there are more than 4 million people who live within 130 miles of Buffalo, and the city is considered the 26th largest market in the U.S., and one of the largest without an NBA franchise.

Buffalo lost its NBA franchise 23 years ago after Braves owner John B. Brown Jr. swapped teams with the owner of the Boston Celtics that resulted in the Braves' being moved to San Diego and eventually becoming the Los Angeles Clippers.

The Grizzlies, who've struggled in their six years, denied comment on Buffalo's bid.

Heisley, who purchased the team last year on the premise of keeping it in Vancouver, does reportedly have a deal worth $200 million to sell the team to an undisclosed person who would move the franchise to an undisclosed city.

Belle still bothered by hip

Associated Press

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — His limp was more telling than the physical he passed hours earlier.

Albert Belle worked out with the Baltimore Orioles on Tuesday, but his arthritic right hip hindered his ability to run and forced him to perform at less than full speed.

Belle is coming off arguably the worst season of his career.

 Forced to miss 20 games in September with an inflamed bursa sac in the right hip pointer, the outfielder finished with a 281 batting average and only 23 homers, the first time since 1991 he failed to hit at least 30.

He worked through the off-season to rehabilitate the degenerative hip, but at this point his condition is preventing him from getting any worse.

Belle also put on 15 pounds in his upper body during the winter — some in his chest but a good portion in his belly.

"I'm going to be examined by team physicians Tuesday morning. Belle was hindered by a restrictive limp as he participated in his first prac­ tice this spring. Right from the outset, as he hobbled in the outfield while jogging in line with his teammates, Belle showed that he is not nearly at 100 percent.

"Swinging the bat, he looked fine," manager Mike Hargrove said. "I thought he looked a little limited in his running, but it was only the first day."

Hargrove had projected Belle to be his starting right fielder, did not back off that assertion.

"If Albert either proves to himself, or to us, or breaks down or something happens that says he can't, obviously we will adjust," Hargrove said. "But until that happens, Albert is the right fielder.

Passing the physical was an important step for Belle, but it didn't provide any assurance that he will be able to play effectively, if at all, when the regular season gets underway in April.

"I just have to wait and see what he does and see how he feels and see what he can do at a professional level," said Syd Thrift, the Orioles' vice president of baseball operations. "The first thing we're going to do is see if he can play the outfield. We have to see how he plays the outfield, how he runs, how he hits."

Belle did not talk to the media after practice. But he told reporters Sunday that he was healthy enough to man his usual spot in right field.

"I feel like right now I can play. How many games, I couldn't tell you," Belle said. "I think it's going to be day by day. But I'm pretty much on course."

Belle has three years left on his $65 million, five-year guaranteed contract. He will receive the remaining $39 million even if his injury pre­ vents him from playing for any or part of that time.

Orioles third baseman Cal Ripken, who once played in 2,632 straight games, missed dozens of games over the past two seasons with a back injury. He can sympathize with Belle, whose string of playing in 232 consecutive games ended on August 27.

"I've never sat out more than 20 games in a full season before last year," Ripken said. "I would imagine that there's a lot of frustration inside Albert."

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NBA

Nelson returns to Mavericks

Associated Press

DALLAS

Leave it to Don Nelson to turn his return from beating cancer into a laughing matter.

Seeking levity on what could have been an emotional night, the Dallas Mavericks' coach celebrated the end of his 52-day absence to treat prostate cancer by wearing a red foam ball on his nose and ending his pep talk with Shaquille O'Neal.

Nelson, looking tan and about 10 pounds lighter, was beaming as he walked into Reunion Arena for hispregame introduction Tuesday night for the Mavs' game against the Los Angeles Lakers. He received a standing ovation as the public-address announcer said, "Welcome Back Nellie."

Once on the court and surrounded by players and camer­as, Nelson pulled the 89-cent, racquetball-sized toy out of his jacket pocket and squeezed it onto his nose so he'd look more like "a clown," which is what O'Neal called him after the Mavericks abysmally defended him the last time the Lakers played the Mavericks.

Nelson's gesture wasn't meant to re-ignite O'Neal's fire. The hatchet had long been buried as O'Neal called Nelson during his recovery and has been saying "I love you, Don Nelson" since hitting town Monday.

O'Neal was even in on the prank as he came over to Nelson, took the ball off the coach and wore it himself. The pair hugged then Dallas assistant coach Del Harris, formerly O'Neal's coach in Los Angeles, put on another foam ball.

"I am a bit of a clown," the 60-year-old Nelson said before the stunt.

Nelson, a master prankster and former advocate of the five-on-five game against the Los Angeles Clippers, turned his return from beating prostate cancer by wearing a red foam ball on his nose and red f oam ball on his nose and entering the end of his recovery in Maui, where he had a lot of fun," Nelson said.

"I wouldn't change this for sure. At least I got a shot." Deion Sanders, also out of the majors since 1997, reported to the Houston Astros camp in Scottsdale, Ariz.

Sanders, who also is the Mets' general manager, said he never considered returning only to the front-office post.

"It's win-win for me," Fernandez said. "It's exciting to come to town. It's not guaranteed. At least I got a shot."

Nelson admitted that he plotted for his return to be against O'Neal and the Lakers.

"I didn't even think about it until a couple of weeks ago, then I kind of circled it," Nelson said. "I wouldn't call it a big splash. I had to come back against somebody. I thought this was a logical spot.

While he was gone, Nelson watched about half the games and talked to Donnie roughly every other day. He returned to Dallas on Saturday, met with coaches Sunday and led the team through a workout Monday. The practice included plenty of hugs.

"I needed that from them more than they needed it from me," Nelson said.

Nelson, who also is the Mavs' general manager, said he never considered returning to the team in his absence and turned out to be a guarantee. At least I got a shot,"

Fernandez showed up at spring training answer, pa. 36, went through a 15-minute, 48-hitch audition Monday and signed a minor league contract.

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Donnie compared to (.625) under his dad. "He's world-class status in baseball,"said.

"That's why he's one of those guys that won the 1986 World Series with the Mets and the 1990 World Series with the Reds," Fernandez said.

"He's probably the one guy on the planet who could do what he needs to do to get back to world-class status in baseball," Fernandez said.

"I just don't want to look down the road two or 20 years and say 'What if I tried, I should have tried.'"

Sid Fernandez

Yankees' pitcher

Major League Baseball

El Sid, Sanders report to spring training

Associated Press

Sid Fernandez was so eager to begin his comeback, he caught a redeye flight to Florida and was the first right-hander into the New York Yankees' camp Tuesday morning.

An unexpected face at spring training, for sure, 38, the former left-hander has been out of baseball since 1997.

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Jones wins record arbitration case

Associated Press

Andruw Jones became the first player in nine years to set a salary arbitration record with a win when a panel selected his $8.2 million offer over Atlanta's $6.4 million offer.

"We felt like we had a strong case," Braves general manager John Schuerholz said. "I'm surprised a little bit, but not entirely. That's the nature of this process." Jones's salary eclipsed the previous arbitration high of $7.25 million set last year by New York Yankee closer Mariano Rivera — who received $9.25 million but lost his hearing.

"We chose not to accept it," said Jones with another of his clients, shortstop Alex Rodriguez, who in December agreed to a $252 million, 10-year deal with Texas.

"It's always difficult when you have young players like Andruw and Alex," Boras said. "You're going to have to have a contract to allow adjustments within the contract. So while it's open for us, it's going to take special considerations on the part of the club and it's usually something they don't want to do until a player's a free agent."

Players and owners have split the 12 cases decided so far.

There was no decision in the case of Baltimore right-hander Jose Mercedes, who also went to a hearing Monday. He asked to be awarded $3.8 million instead of the team's $2.75 million offer.

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because they have the ability to rebound, the ability to penetrate," Labati said, explaining why her young team was out-rebounded 47-33.  "You get into the NCAA Tournament [other teams] will start shutting down your transition game," Labati continued, explaining how good teams can do what her 13-12 team cannot. "But they're going to have a hard time with Notre Dame if you give them 19 rebounds on the offensive glass and they really play as a team just as well as the full-court."  

Quite simply, what Labati saw was the team that opened the season with a 23-game winning streak. She saw a team that cuts through ranked opponents like an Oregon State running back cutting through the Notre Dame defense. She saw the team that toppled powerhouse Connecticut. This was not the team that suffered a humilitating 1-point loss to Rutgers only three nights earlier.  

Against the Scarlet Knights, only five Irish players scored. Tuesday, all 12 players on the Irish roster put the ball in the basket. To put this teamwork in perspective, never before in this "dream season" as have as many as 11 players scored in a single game for Notre Dame. "They haven't been given a lot of opportunity in the last three games," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. "They were just ready to come out and they were ready to play."  

Freshman Jeneka Joyce, often mistaken for a team manager as she sat out with a fractured foot in December and January, scored a career-high 13, ran the offense through most of the second half. She also hit two key 3-pointers.  

Center Amanda Barksdale, known more for her shot blocking than her offense hit a pretty turn-around jumper at the end of the game.  

Even Karen Swanson, the only player on the Irish roster who has to worry about paying back loans following graduation, got into the act. After a loyal fan contingent cheered her onto the court, the 5 foot-7 Swanson did her best Ruth Riley impersonation heading full-speed into the lane to draw two fouls. She hit three of her four free-throw attempts.  

These players have spent more time standing and listening to the national anthem than standing on the court with the clock ticking down lately. But they will be essential in the Big East Tournament. With games on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, the Irish cannot expect to compete with deeper teams such as Rutgers and Connecticut if each of their starters have to play 35 minutes in the first two games.  

The bench will not be expected to extend a lead, but it needs to be able to maintain a large lead as the clock winds down. They could not do so against Pittsburgh or Providence. They extended the lead against the Hurricanes Tuesday. The Irish also blew the Hurricanes over with another impressive crowd of 6,533 fans. Labati praised that, too. "Look what Notre Dame has done this past year," Labati said. "They went out and hired a full-time marketing person. You guys pack the place now. It shows a tremendous effort on the court and a marketing standpoint."  

Thanks Ferne, don't forget to kiss the pig on the way out.  

The views expressed in this column are those of The Observer.

Women's College Basketball

Connecticut crushes West Virginia, 97-34

HARTFORD, Conn. — Swin Cash had 20 points and a career-high 29 rebounds to lead an injury-riddled No. 3 Connecticut to an easy 97-34 win over West Virginia on Tuesday night.  

With three key players — Svetlana Abrosimova, Tamika Williams and Diana Taurasi — out of the lineup, the Huskies were still too much for the overmatched Mountaineers. Abrosimova is out for the season with a foot injury. Williams is nursing a bruised rib and Taurasi has a mild Sphinx. They average 33 points and 14 rebounds.  

UConn (19-2, 13-1 Big East) got plenty of help from its remaining reserves. Freshman Maria Conlon had a career-high 16 points and was 4-of-6 from the 3-point line. Starter Shea Ralph had 14 points and nine rebounds as the Huskies dominated the glass 56-29.  

Kenitra Johnson, who started in place of Taurasi, finished with 15 points, four assists and two steals. The Mountaineers (5-20, 3-11) struggled against UConn's up-tempo game from the opening tip and were held scoreless for the first nine minutes. By the time Zsofia Horvath hit the first Mountaineers bucket, UConn was up 19-2 and the rout was on.  

West Virginia shot just 15 percent in the first half, and 19 percent for the game. The Huskies got 31 points off 25 West Virginia turnovers and outscored the Mountaineers 42-10 in the lane.  

Darya Kudryavtseva led West Virginia with 16 points. Connecticut's Briana Bailey, who scored 13 points, was held to six points, eight below her team-leading average.
Hutgers, the Irish rebounded with their usual domination of a second-tier Big East squad. All 12 players scored and the reserves, who failed to score against the Scarlet Knights and tallied just 20 in the previous four games, chipped in with 32 points last night. Swanson’s free throw with 1:04 remaining was her first point scored since Jan. 24. And sophomore center Amanda Burksdale, who had made two field goals in the last 11 games, matched that total and scored 4 points.

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Notre Dame attempted to return to a transition game, which caused problems. “It was a track meet and it was ugly for a couple of minutes,” McGraw said. “But I’ll definitely tolerate the turnovers.”

By midway through the second half, the lead expanded to 55-34 and Miami never got any closer. Sheila James led the Hurricanes with 11 points but shot just 3-of-9 from the field. Miami connected on 16-of-57 from the field and shot 4-of-18 on 3s.

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BASEBALL

Stavisky earns national honors

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Notre Dame sophomore right-fielder Brian Stavisky lived up to his preseason billing as a first-team All-American and Big East player of the year, earning national player-of-the-week honors after batting .692 (9-for-13) and reaching base on 10 consecutive plate appearances at last week's National Bank of Commerce Classic.

Stavisky was recognized by College Baseball magazine as the national player of the week while the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association tabbed Stavisky as its national "hitter of the week." The 6-3, 220-pound left-hander also earned the first Big East player-of-the-week award for the 2001 season.

Stavisky's rare 10 consecutive hits on base included hits in his first two at-bats versus New Orleans on Feb. 17 and a seven-hit effort (with two walks) later that day versus host Mississippi State. In the final game of the NCAA Classic, he then collected hits in his first three at-bats versus MSU, yielding 10 straight times on base.

A strikeout to open the eighth inning halted Stavisky's streak, but the hit in eight of his first 10 ABs overall and his final at-bat was a hard-lineout to center field in the 11th inning of that 4-2 win.

In addition to the nine hits, Stavisky's weekend production from the cleanup spot included three walks, three RBI, three runs scored, three triples, two doubles, 15 total bases, a stolen base and two strikeouts.

Stavisky's 10 straight times on base included a sixth-inning RBI triple in Sunday's game, plated Alec Porseil with the day's first run. In the first win over MSU, Stavisky doubled in the fifth inning and scored for a 6-5 lead (the Irish went on to win 7-5).

Stavisky's 10 straight times on base included a wide variety of at-bats, with three first-pitch hits (one RBI double, one RBI triple), four hits with two strikes (one RBI triple), two leadoff hits and a two-out two-out RBI double.

NASCAR

Funeral service set for Earnhardt, Sr.

Associated Press

MOORESVILLE, N.C. - Dale Earnhardt's funeral will be held Thursday in Charlotte's largest church, closed to the public but televised live nationwide to allow his fans to mourn with his family.

Thousands of those fans continued to line Earnhardt's team headquarters, leaving a 150-foot-long memorial poster and tributes to the fallen racing champion.

Stale police estimated 10,000 stopped by on Monday and the turnout was just as strong Tuesday -- even as the weather turned dark and windy.

Employees were all back at work at Dale Earnhardt Inc., and his three drivers were inside the shop somberly preparing for this weekend's race the Dura-Lube 400 at North Carolina Speedway in Rockingham. Daytona winner Michael Waltrip, Dale Earnhardt Jr., and Steve Park, who all drive DEI cars, will take part.

Earnhardt's family was at the Mooresville complex, too, planning the funeral.

Services for the 49-year-old Earnhardt will be held at Calvary Church, which seats 5,800, on three levels and features huge video screens inside.

"Because it is impossible to accommodate the tremendous outpouring of support from those who followed Dale, we are unable to open the service to the public," NASCAR said in a statement.

"With that in mind the family has chosen to broadcast the service live on television, enabling fans across the country to share in this service for Dale.

The service will be broadcast live on Fox Sports Net. Earnhardt was killed on the last turn of the last lap Sunday in the Daytona 500, slamming into the concrete wall after making contact with Sterling Marlin at the head of a tight pack of five cars fighting for position.

Driver Rusty Wallace described how difficult it has been to come to grips with Earnhardt's death.

"It ain't about being as close of friends as you can get in our sport, with the competition and all that goes along with it," Wallace said in a statement. "It's about keeping on living that last lap in my mind and keep saying to myself, 'Man, if I'd just been able to give him a little tap from the rear ...' that could have meant a whole different in the world. It's just a helpless feeling I have.

At Earnhardt's headquarters, a 27-foot long banner was draped up for fans to write their thoughts. When it was full, a security officer brought it inside the DEI complex and replaced it with a new one.

When the weather turned threatening, more than 100 people emerged from Earnhardt's garage carrying clear plastic folding chairs to watch the makeshift memorial to the seven-time Winston Cup champion.

Flowers, T-shirts, letters and other memorabilia were laid down.

One employee went to a clear spot along the fence and hung a sign: "Due to NBC's weather and preservation of the memorials, they are being moved inside."

A man who called himself "Wild Bill" Byrd rode along the memorial on a motorized wheelchair, passing out fliers to the fans with a tribute to Earnhardt on them. On his lap was his 13-year-old German Dachshund, wearing a small black hard hat with a No. 3 on it at the site of the memorial.

A pair of the sunglasses Earnhardt was famous for wearing.

"If we go anywhere, she wants to get this pair of sunglasses and the sunglasses in case she spots Dale," said the 77-year-old Byrd.

Chris Browning, general manager of North Carolina Speedway, said track officials were consulting with NASCAR about Earnhardt's family on a possible tribute to Earnhardt on the track this weekend.

"In the discussion stage of trying to put something together to tribute to Dale that is consistent with what his family would want," Browning said.

Other tracks around the country have gone ahead with memorials. Both Atlanta Motor Speedway and Talladega Superspeedway planned Tuesday services, and flags were at half-staff at Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

In Bloomington, Ind., a public memorial service for Earnhardt was planned for Wednesday night.

"We just felt strong we had to do something. We're real good NASCAR fans here, and we've lost a legend," said Kelly Cissell, manager of the Deremer-Frye Mortuary.

Meanwhile, the International Motorsports Hall of Fame in Talladega, Ala. museum was eligible for induction into the Talladega (Ala.) museum for five years before the driver's other hall of fame, the NASCAR Hall of Fame.

"It's eligible for induction in 2006, and it'll be eligible for induction in 2006, and it'll be eligible for induction in 2006, and it'll be eligible for induction in 2006, and it'll be eligible for induction in 2006, and if we get this in the five-year rule would, in a sense, downgrade all the other people we've made wait five, five years. It's something we wanted to do."
Carroll carves own mark into family game

**Sophomore guard took great coaching, became great player**

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN

American Spur Editor

Lots of sports figures say athletic talent runs in their families, but Irish basketball player Matt Carroll can one-up their claim. His bloodlines: it brought him his family together.

The sophomore guard's parents, John and Maureen, are both product of high basketball. He was a senior playing basketball at Pittsburgh's North Catholic High School. She was a freshman at Penn State, and the daughter of Dunald Graham, John's coach at North Catholic. Their relationship grew, and John followed Maureen to Penn State the next year, where he played football.

Decades later, basketball still winds through the Carroll family.

Graham retired in 1999 as the winningest high school coach in Pennsylvania history, following 51 years on the job. Two of Maureen's brothers played Division I basketball. Mike played for Villanova University and Don for St. Francis (Pa.). John Carroll was one of Pennsylvania's top basketball players as a senior, but opted for football instead.

Now the next generation is making its mark on the Carrolls. Matt Carroll, 20, is still playing basketball for the Irish, his younger brother Pat signing with St. Francis (Pa.) this year.

In a family filled with basketball talent, Matt Carroll may be the best of them all.

**Halftime Show to Highlight Reprint**

Carroll got his start in organized basketball in second grade. It wasn't long before Carroll, who put on dribbling shows at half-time while a ball boy for Duquesne, began dreaming of someday being in more than the halftime show. Carroll used to draft his younger brother Pat to the backyard to practice. He stayed on the court after North Catholic games, impressing straggling fans with his play.

By fifth grade, Maureen Carroll was used to people commenting on her son's talent.

Carroll's grandpa recognized his basketball potential by the time he hit sixth grade. Duffy was always against, scoring 40-plus points in the grade school state championship.

Graham was looking forward to coaching his grandson, whom he expected to be his "best player in 25 years," but the family pairing never happened. The day Matt began high school, the Carrolls moved from Pittsburgh to Philadelphia, robbing him of the chance to play for Graham's North Catholic.

"That year [Matt's freshman year], we won 23 games. I'm sure with Matt, we would have won a state title," Graham said.

Rachel Carroll's brothers played Division I players as a senior, but opted for football for the Irish; his younger brother Pat signed with St. Francis (Pa.) this year.

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Instead of playing for his grandpa, however, Carroll became a starter for Matt "Ozzie" Ostrowski at Hahbors-Horsham High School outside Philadelphia. Rumors of Carroll's skills reached Ostrowski before the season even started, and the younger guard, thinking the Irish would be a better fit, was better than Matt Carroll, and that includes Troy Murphy, Ryan Humphrey. He was as consistent as anybody," Brey said of Carroll. "He's absolutely delivered. He had the mark, the reputation as a shooter. This young man is a basketball player. The current Irish players are aware of Carroll's abilities as well.

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Carroll would stay the same. Uncle Don was good at reading tea leaves, as Carroll is already on his third Notre Dame coach. He was recruited by Coach John MacLeod, played for Matt Doherty as a freshman and now has Mike Brey at the helm, none of whom Carroll has a bad word for.

At Notre Dame, Carroll's role has evolved from the go-to offensive guy he was in high school.

High school opponents used to get so excited about taking on an All-American that they constantly seemed to put up career-best performances against Carroll.

That doesn't happen anymore. Brey often holds Carroll responsible for keeping opposing teams' top perimeter player in check. While Carroll can defend, Brey knows he can do more than that, too.

"The first six weeks of the season, before our first exhibition game, no one was better than Matt Carroll, and that includes Troy Murphy, Ryan Humphrey. He was as consistent as anybody," Brey said of Carroll. "He's absolutely delivered.

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"I came in here pretty much known as having a reputation for being a scorer and a shooter," Carroll said. "After my freshman season, I felt that I wanted to be known as a complete player. In the off-season, I worked hard at getting stronger and tried to become a defensive player. If I think I'll always be able to score, but I want to be known as a defensive guy."

Carroll is content to fill any role necessary, be it scoring or dishing off the ball. According to Brey, he also leads the team in floor burns. As long as it leads to wins.

"I write on my shoes, 'Play for one reason, and that's to win.' Carroll said. "No matter what it takes, I'll do whatever it takes to win."

Although still early in his Notre Dame career, the 20-year-old Carroll is already a floor leader for the Irish. When teammate Jere Macura became the victim of a foot in the face earlier this season, Carroll remained through with a few calming words and two arms around the waist.

But the normally calm sophomore wasn't too concerned about West Virginia, he shook his head. "I'm trying to be provoked like that would be real unusual. It's really out of character."

Because the action was so unusual for Carroll, Brey didn't suspend the starter. Instead, he talked with Carroll about the problem and asked him to write a letter of apology to West Virginia's coach.

The incident is over and behind Carroll, who focused on his future in basketball, not his past.

He's got short-term goals, which include a Big East regular season title, a Big East tournament title and an NCAA Championship.

Then there are long-term goals, including a career in the NBA. He hasn't discussed that possibility with Brey. He's leaving that for a future date when Brey doesn't have to deal with rummers of Murphy jumping to the NBA.

But Carroll's career prospects have already crossed Brey's mind.

"Absolutely, he is definitely an NBA prospect," Brey said. "The sky is the limit."
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TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Don't let anyone push you beyond your limits. Irene makes
waves, whereas a steady pace will pay off. Don't let colleagues stand
in the way of your progress. GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Your ability to communicate
clearly will aid you in reaching the best of someone you've been interested in. Don't try to
stand up or voice your opinions
in group-meetings.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Lower your filters or you may find your emotions
inundated by someone else. You
may find those changes painful,
but try not to separate your
emotions from your desires.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):
Don't allow others to play with
your emotions. Let them know
how you feel, and what you
expect out of partnerships. Take
heart of the advice given by trust-
ed friends. You will enjoy short
trips to visit old friends.

FISCELS (Feb. 19-March 20): Activities involving large groups may be
pressing. Try not to give in to the madness that surrounds you. Follow your intu-
ition, which is strong.

Birthday Baby: You have an unusual style. You will always follow
your heart and do things your own way. You are friendly, easygoing
and a little dramatic.

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Irish, Eagles battle for top spot in conference

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The possession arrow points toward Boston College.

Notre Dame's loss to Seton Hall Sunday gave the Eagles a one-game lead in the race for the Big East regular season title, but that just means the Irish need a steal. The Irish (17-6, 9-3 Big East) can swipe the advantage away from the Eagles (19-3, 10-2) by knocking off their cross-divisional rivals in a 7:30 p.m. Joyce Center clash tonight. A Notre Dame win would leave both teams at 10-3 in the league. "We still dream about maybe winning a regular season championship," Irish coach Mike Brey said Sunday. Notre Dame's schedule makes that a reasonable goal, since the one team higher than Notre Dame in the standings — Boston College — must beat the Irish tonight in order to stay there.

The Eagles and the Irish are both sharp shooting squads. With Player of the Year candidates in BC sophomore Troy Bell and ND junior Troy Murphy but legions apart in most areas. The Eagles are small and quick, with four players in their starting lineup who could be considered guards.

Having a court full of ball-handlers, with point guard Bell at the helm, helps the Eagles hold onto the ball, as they boast the best turnover margin in the Big East. The squad coached by Al Skinner also tops the Big East in steals per game — Bell alone averages three per contest — and scoring. Boston College's speed should concern Notre Dame, which was bothered by Seton Hall's pressure defense Sunday. "They're No. 1 over in their division," Irish guard Matt Carroll said. "They're probably going to be the favorite in this game."

Notre Dame's other downfall Sunday was a shorter wingspan than Seton Hall, which won't come into play against a shorter Boston College team. Height is where Notre Dame holds the advantage tonight.

All-American Murphy, at 6-foot-11, towers over all Boston College's players, and 6-8 Ryan Humphrey has a great vertical leap. Behind Murphy, Humphrey and junior Harold Swaganan, the Irish are second in the conference in both rebounding and blocks, while

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McGraw return to winning ways with 81-43 victory

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A large contingent of teenage and pre-teen girls, all season ticket holders, situated between sections 9 and 11 at the Joyce Center, normally chant "The Ruth, the Ruth, the Ruth is on fire" at least 10 times per game. Last night in Notre Dame's 81-43 win against Miami, the group added another cheer to their growing repertoire. With 4:12 left and the Irish ahead by 35 points, the girls screamed, "We want Swanson, we want Swanson."

As in seldom-used sophomore walk-on guard Karen Swanson. Seconds later, coach Muffet McGraw looked down the bench, pointed at Swanson and signaled her to enter. "That was coincidental," said McGraw, with a smile, "that I put her in at that exact moment."

McGraw could manage to be sardonic after an 81-43 win over Miami, which was also her 400th career victory. Following the contest, athletic director Kevin White and her husband Matt presented McGraw with a bouquet of flowers. "It doesn't feel any different," McGraw said of her 400th win. "It's just a chance to look back and remember all the great people that have been in this program. I'm so happy to be where I am right now." She should be.

Three nights after the loss to