**Censorship, academic freedom discussed at forum**

By NICOLE HADDAD

On the heels of CARE’s letter of explanation to College president Mariou Eldred regarding the decision to stage an unofficial performance of The Virginia Monologues, students, faculty and staff convened at Dallaway’s Wednesday evening to sound off about censorship, rape and academic freedom.

The forum was the second time Saint Mary’s community members had the opportunity to voice opinions about the Monologues, which was performed unofficially by CARE officers and several students Feb. 19 in Regina Hall. The first forum came shortly after Eldred’s official decision the Monologues would not be sponsored by any campus group. Nearly a month after the performance, student, faculty and staff concerns are still being vocalized, with approximately 30 people attending Wednesday’s forum to speak up.

Faculty members made it clear that censorship will not be tolerated — and they will not back down in light of Eldred’s decision to not permit the Monologues performance on campus.

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**Student Senate**

Resolution passes to extend parietals by 1 hour

By LAURA ROMPF

The student senate took the first step towards extending parietals Wednesday night. In a resolution that will now be sent to the Campus Life Council (CLC), the student senate asked for visitation hours in dorms to be extended from midnight to 1 a.m. on weeknights and from 10 a.m. to 9 a.m. every morning.

This is in no way a jab at the administration,” St. Edwards senator Seth Whetzel said. “We’ve worked hard with the Administration in hopes of getting this passed.”

Whetzel said he and other members of student government have met with several rectors and Mark Fourman, vice president for Student Affairs.

“We’re clearly trying to do this the right way, the respectful way,” Whetzel said.

In preparation for the resolution, the student senate conducted a survey to the student body about extending parietals. In response to the referendum, 80 percent of students were in favor of extending parietals past 12 a.m. on weeknights, 15 percent were opposed and 5 percent had no opinion.

In a second question, 78 percent of students were in favor of ending parietals before 10 a.m., 13 percent were opposed and 9 percent had no opinion. The response figures differed by a less than two percentage points between male and female dorms.

Cavanaugh senator Kristen Caponi cautioned senators about believing the resolution will actu-

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**Grandin: People should focus on talents, not deficits**

By SHEILA FLYNN

Focusing on talents rather than deficits is a way to help autistic individuals find their niche in the world, said Temple Grandin, a visually autistic assistant professor of animal sciences at Colorado State University, in a lecture given for Disabilities Awareness Week Wednesday.

A renowned author of “Embrace: Labeled Autistic,” Grandin described how her visual autism has helped her in her field of work. Grandin has designed one-third of all animal-handling facilities for slaughterhouses in the U.S.

She explained how she does not think in language, but rather in pictures; furthermore, she does not envision general images to words. For example, when she hears “church steeple” she sees the steeple of the church she attended when she was a child, not just a generic steeple. Grandin said her ability to visualize has helped her in her field of work.

Relating her particular experience to autistic people in general, Grandin emphasized the importance of developing their particular talents.

“Too often we have way too much emphasis on deficits and not enough emphasis on talents,” she said.

Grandin added that many autistic and dyslexic people focus a great deal of attention on one area or interest, and this should be adapted to help them learn and find their own niche in the world. For example, if a child likes trains, she explained, then trains should be employed in teaching him math and art and every other subject.

“A little bit of obsession gets things done in this world,” she said.

Gradin explained how emotion is underdeveloped in an autistic person’s brain, while other parts may be extremely fine-tuned and high-functioning. Many autistic people must work on speech, sensory perception and social difficulties.

“I had to learn social skills like being in a play,” she said.

Gradin said she believes that this aspect of autism should be addressed by getting autistics involved in careers which are intellectually stimulating but do not expose them to threatening social situations or short-term working memory demands, such as computer programming.

She pointed out the fine line between a “computer nerd” and a high-functioning autistic person, mentioning that Albert Einstein displayed many autistic qualities.

Gradin is a critically acclaimed author, designer and lecturer, who is also an advocate for the autistic.
**INSIDE COLUMN**

**Ollly Ollly Oxen Free!!**

I remember when I was in elementary school and everyone would go out for recess. I sure missed the old days. I was a kid. You could forget what you were doing in class, run outside, play kickball, red rover, jump rope, dodge ball, etc. I felt it was an awesome release of test anxiety, friend trouble, or fear of cousins. Fifteen minutes every morning and half an hour at lunch. It was great.

So what happened? It seems that when we get older, we don't need breaks between classes to let go of everything and just screw. On the other hand, we get away from everything that bothers us and let us be ourselves. Phy Ed is mandatory in high school and with those corny PE clothes, in college, PE is mandatory for the first year, then whatever you want to do after that for fitness is up to you. Sounds good, right?

I guess it would if I didn't keep myself so busy. There's always something else more important than going over to the Rock or hiking to fully work out. But that's missing the point. You can work out as much as you want, and lose weight or build up your muscles, but is that doing anything to help you get away from everything that bothers us and let us be ourselves?

So when we get ready to DART, do we have a break in the day where nothing goes on? Do we try to fill it with a minor or other elective? I'm guilty as charged on several counts of chalking up the day and filling it in. Most of us don't have recess. We have classes, clubs, sports, student government, but we don't have the time to do it the way we do. We do it in the fall semester (and when spring officially hits, we'll see more of it again), especially when the weather roams the quad throwing footballs, frisbees and baseballs or kicking soccer balls. But during those monotonously grey winter months, what's our recess? What do we do to keep ourselves sane?

We assassinate each other!

You read right. The game called "Assassins" has students shooting each other all across campus. A group gets together, with water pistols (crickets, snipers, pistols, super soakers or any other variety), they each draw names of someone else in the group. A time is set for a fair and honest duel, and then they stalk each other around campus until only one person is left "alive".

I'm in a game of assassins right now. We play it 24 hours a day. If you happen to think you're safe in the hall at 4:30 am, guess again. Some of it edges on pure paranoia, the rest is just like playing with a game of hide 'n go seek, except we seek with water guns, and instead of one it, we're all in and all targets.

It's recess. We do it when we're not in class. We talk about it at a bar to stop our victim or main our attacker. We're tense cause we're excited, not stressed. It's our stress relief. Just watch your back, don't invite anyone inside, and always have your gun loaded.

Hey ghostbuster, keep it real. You won't find a haunted hiding in the shadows today. Unless the sun is shining, that is.

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**THIS WEEK IN NOTRE DAME/SAIN'T MARY'S**

**Thursday**
- **Lecture:** Buried Secrets: Truth and Human Rights in Guatemala.
  - Venue: Room C-103, Hesburgh Library
- **Lecture:** Stone Field, True Arrow.
  - Venue: 6:30 p.m., Carroll Auditorium, Saint Mary's

**Friday**
- **Event:** Winter's Tale.
  - Venue: Stage 7 p.m., Little Theatre Saint Mary's
- **Event:** Latin Expressions.
  - Venue: 8 p.m., O'Laughlin Auditorium, Saint Mary's

**Saturday**
- **Opera:** Handel's Xenex.
  - Venue: 7:30 p.m., Washington Hall.
- **Movie:** Requiem for a Dream.
  - Venue: 7:30 p.m., Annenburg Auditorium

**Sunday**
- **Event:** Thomas Aquinas Symposium. "Aquinas on Teaching.
  - Venue: 2:30 p.m., Spokane Lounge, Saint Mary's
- **Event:** The Diary of Anne Frank.
  - Venue: 7:30 p.m., Annenburg Auditorium

**OUTSIDE THE DOME**

North Carolina runs Horowitz in opinion column

DURHAM, N.C.
The Daily Tar Heel at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill has decided not to run an anti-slavery resolution advocated by Sen. Ken Miller, R-Laurel, would have asked voters to raise property taxes statewide to provide up to $500 per student. This amount, in turn, would be matched by local governments — like Missoula — before a Montana student would get the scholarship. The aid was to have been renewal for up to four years. Miller said that because university towns generate millions in economic benefits because they host schools, then they should be happy to raise the money for his scholarship plan. And university towns wouldn't need to raise taxes. Miller said, but could also create partnerships with corporations to help come up with the matching money. "They get to decide how to raise the money," Miller said. University of Montana and Montana State University student representatives said they supported Miller's bill — at least in concept.

**SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY**

Search for student's killer continues

CARBONDALE, ILL.
The Carbondale Police Department continues to treat the death of Southern Illinois University student Marcus Thomas as its most important unsolved case, even after a weekend that included an armed robbery at the school and the shooting of two people. "It's still the No. 1 priority for the investigations division," said Community Resource Officer Don Reed. "The detectives are still working the case hard as and aggressively as they possibly can." Thomas was killed on March 17 from gunshot wounds. He was found lying on the living room floor of 315 S. Marion St. Tenants of the apartment did not know Thomas and police do not know the exact location of the shooting or how "Thomas" body ended up in a stranger's apartment. Police Chief R.T. Finney said the entire investigative division is back on the case, after being pulled off temporarily for Saturday's armed robbery at Midwest Cash, 1200 W. Main St., which led to the death of two people.

**UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA**

Montana senate vetos college tax

HELENA, Mont.
A measure that would have asked university towns in the state to foot part of the bill for student scholarships failed in the Montana state Senate Tuesday. The Montana Opportunity Scholarship proposal, which Sen. Casey Miller, R-Laurel, would have asked voters to raise property taxes statewide to provide up to $500 per student. This amount, in turn, would be matched by local governments — like Missoula — before a Montana student would get the scholarship. The aid was to have been renewal for up to four years. Miller said that because university towns generate millions in economic benefits because they host schools, then they should be happy to raise the money for his scholarship plan. And university towns wouldn't need to raise taxes. Miller said, but could also create partnerships with corporations to help come up with the matching money. "They get to decide how to raise the money," Miller said. University of Montana and Montana State University student representatives said they supported Miller's bill — at least in concept.

**LOCAL WEATHER**

5 Day South Bend Forecast (for daytime conditions and high temperatures)

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Debate team caps successful season, finishes 14th in nation

"A big tournament such as this is a dark pilgrimage," said junior Will McDonald.

"Debate nationals is an experience like no other," said Rachel Smith, junior. Smith and her partner sophomore Chris Gallo finished the preliminary rounds with an even record of four wins and four losses, as did the team of Michelle Petersen, junior, and Clayton Swope, sophomore. Seniors Kate Huetteman and Priscilla Clements advanced to the partial-quadruple-octagonal round. Juniors Mark Styczynski and Will McDonald and freshmen Kara Vey and Mary Komperda advanced to the triple-octagonal round. Notre Dame's highest placing team, sophomores Maureen Gottlieb and Victoria Fetterman, advanced to the double-octagonal round.

The efforts of all team members resulted in Notre Dame placing seventh out of the 90 schools attending. Combined with the season-long ranking, this placing puts Notre Dame as one of a handful best in the nation.

"The two kinds of awards we received show that, as a team, we're both deep and consistent, aside from being one of only three or four teams in the nation to achieve such honors," said Styczynski.

This is just one accomplishment of many for the debate team. "I also saw the team of McDonald and Styczynski go undefeated to win a tournament at Central Missouri State University earlier this semester, as well as consistently competing in quarterfinal and semifinal rounds. "Finishing in the top 10 at the national tournament in Denver is just the beginning for this team. We have made ourselves known nationally, and I can only expect greater success in the future," said senior Priscilla Clements.

The team is looking to improve upon their record next season. While they lose two of the strongest leaders on the team, Clements and Huetteman graduate, they maintain a strong base. With the accomplishments of underclassmen, the debate team is sure to shine even brighter next semester.

"I don't see the national championship as being too far from our grasp next year," said Michelle Petersen, junior.

NYU scholar Molloy to deliver O'Grady lecture

Leading literary critic and author Sylvia Molloy will make two presentations at the end of March as the O'Grady Latin American Literature Lecturer at the University of Notre Dame.

Molloy will deliver a lecture titled "National Parts and Unnatural Others: A Reflection on Patrimony in Turn-of-the-Century Argentina" at 4:30 p.m. today in the auditorium of the Hesburgh Center for International Studies. The lecture is free and open to the public and will be followed by a reception.

Molloy will also discuss her critical work on autobiogra-phy and her own writing at 4:30 p.m., Friday in Room 100-104 of McKenna Hall. Title: "Autobiography in Translation, or How to Write a Novel," the talk is intended primarily for Notre Dame faculty and students and teachers from South Bend-area schools. A reception will follow.

The Albert Schweitzer Professor of Humanities at New York University (NYU), Molloy focuses her research on 19th- and 20th-century Spanish-American literatures, autobiography, literary theory, and Latin American and European literary relations. She also holds faculty appointments at NYU in the departments of Spanish and Portuguese languages and literatures and comparative literature.

Molloy previously taught at the State University of New York at Buffalo, Vassar College, Princeton University and Yale University. Among her books are "Signs of Borge," "Women's Writing in Latin America" and "At Face Value: Autobiographical Writing in Spanish America." Molloy has received fellowships from the Guggenheim Foundation and the National Endowment for the Humanities and currently serves as president of the Modern Language Association.

Sponsored by the Department of Romance Languages and Literatures and the Hesburgh Library, the Latin American Literature Lecture Series has been funded by a gift from 1963 Notre Dame graduate Robert O'Grady and his wife, Susan.
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Whetzel disagreed with Caponi and said she thought because he and other senators have worked closely with several administrators, he feels the resolution will have enough support to go into effect.

Tim Jaroszkiewicz was approved as the 2001-2002 Judicial Council president.

The student senate passed an open letter requesting a woman's retreat should be offered by Campus Ministry for students from Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross.

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**WORLD NEWS BRIEFS**

EU approves foot-and-mouth shot: Army butchers began slaughtering sheep in northern England on Wednesday, and Britain received the green light to vaccinate thousands of cattle against foot-and-mouth disease — but officials are still debating whether to use the last-resort measure. As Britain's top-ranking government veterinarians moved to step up the battle to contain the livestock disease, EU veterinary experts approved the government's request for authorization to vaccinate up to 180,000 dairy cattle.

**Police crack down on Hells' Angels:** Police raided homes and suspected Hells' Angels hangouts across Quebec on Wednesday, arresting more than 100 suspects in a major crack-down on alleged organized crime by biker gangs. The raids began around dawn and continued through the day. Police in Quebec had taken 118 people into custody by afternoon.

**Judges hear Utah's census plea:** A federal judge said Wednesday it would be "wildly unfair" to count Utah's Mormon missionaries overseas in the 2000 Census because other Americans abroad can't be so easily counted. "Including only missionaries would not advance the cause of equal representation," said Stephen Anderson, a 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals judge.

**Labor department files low injuries:** Work-related repetitive strain injuries and carpal tunnel syndrome are easily counted. "Including only missionaries would not advance the cause of equal representation," said Stephen Anderson, a 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals judge.

** Gaza Strip**

Associated Press

Israeli helicopters rocketed headquarters of Force 17, Yasser Arafat's elite guard, in Gaza and the West Bank town of Ramallah on Wednesday, retaliating for a wave of bombings, including a suicide attack that killed two Israeli teenagers. Red flares lit up the night sky over Ramallah, where two people were killed in the assault, and flames leaped from burning buildings and cars as firefighters tried to put out multiple blazes.

Doctors in Ramallah said the dead included a member of Force 17 and a female civilian. Overall, more than two dozen Palestinians were injured in Ramallah and Gaza, several critically, doctors said. The attacks on Palestinian government buildings were the first since last fall and further eroded the fabric and foundation of the peace agreements that granted the Palestinians autonomy and self-government.

Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon has repeatedly accused Force 17 of involvement in attacks against Israeli civilians. "The purpose is to strike directly at those responsible for terrorism," the Israeli military said in a statement. The military said it hit the Force 17 headquarters in Ramallah, and four Force 17 targets around Gaza City and Deir al-Balah in the southern Gaza Strip — including a training camp and an arms depot.

The buildings under attack — all in areas governed by Arafat's Palestinian Authority under peace agreements — had been evacuated after the Israeli military warned the Palestinians to leave.

In Gaza City, the low-flying Israeli gunsights blasted a Force 17 building that had been used as a weapons arsenal and is only 100 yards from Arafat's house.

The Palestinians said the building had been empty for some time, but women and children screamed as they fled nearby buildings. The smell of gunpowder hung in the salty sea air after the attack.

Arafat was in Amman, Jordan, where Arab leaders wrapped up a two-day summit earlier Wednesday with pledges of financial aid to the cash-starved Palestinian Authority.

**INDIANA NEWS BRIEFS**

Inmate escapes through kitchen: An inmate escaped Wednesday from the Westville Correctional Facility by stealing a state-owned van and driving it through a prison fence. Fred Bishop, 27, was working in the kitchen area of the northern Indiana prison about 3 p.m. when he fled the building, stole a van and drove it at high speed through the fence. "He just drove it through the fence. There's a big hole in our fence," said Sharon Hawk, an administrative assistant to the prison's superintendent.

**Dow Jones**

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**Dot-com demise lowers office rents**

Associated Press

**San Francisco**

The dot-com meltdown is flooding the San Francisco office market with vacant space and lowering average rents in the city's main business district for the first time in more than two years, according to a new real estate study. Rents for prime downtown San Francisco office space averaged $74.16 per square foot in the first quarter, down 7.5 percent from an average of $80.16 per square foot in the fourth quarter, according to the Berkeley-based Rosen Consulting Group. It's the first quarter-to-quarter rent decline for so-called Class A space in San Francisco's financial district since the end of 1998, when landlords charged an average of $47.75 per square foot. Despite the decline, average Class A rents for new San Francisco financial district leases remain 9 percent higher than a year ago.

San Francisco's office rents are still the highest in the country. New York's midtown Manhattan office market is the second most expensive in the country at $67.75 per square foot, according to Cushman & Wakefield, a commercial real estate brokerage that supplied the data used in Rosen's report.

Internet companies accounted for 77 percent of the 3 million square feet returned to the San Francisco office market between October 2000 and February 2001, the report said.

In an unusual step, Cushman & Wakefield distanced itself from Rosen's report, which the broker called "premature." The firm said it planned to release a more extensive report Thursday comparing San Francisco to other cities facing an economic downturn.
Court throws out $107 million verdict against abortion foes

Associated Press

A federal appeals court threw out a record $107 million verdict against anti-abortion activists Wednesday, ruling that a Web site and wanted posters branding abortion doctors as "baby butchers" were protected by the First Amendment.

A three-judge panel of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals unanimously said the activists could be held liable only if the material authorized or directly threatened violence.

The ruling came two years after a jury in Portland, Ore., ordered a dozen abortion foes to pay damages to Planned Parenthood and four doctors. They had sued under federal racketeering law and the 1994 federal law that makes it illegal to incite violence against abortion doctors.

The case was widely seen as a test of a recent Supreme Court ruling that a Web site and wanted posters branding abortion doctors "an umbrella of fear in the minds of abortionists that it wasn't safe for them to go to work," the 57-year-old Baltimore man said. "We now retain the free speech right to call abortion what it is: cold-blooded murder of a baby in the womb."

The anti-abortion activists said their posters and Web site were protected under the First Amendment because they were merely a list of doctors and clinics — not a threat. "I think its a great relief that our posters are just as protected by the First Amendment as the posters of any other movement," said Christopher Ferrara, the attorney who represented the activists.

The union now intends to begin contract negotiations with the Temple administration for better pay, enhanced health care coverage and a fuller workload for its members. Most assistants make $11,000 a year, the union said.

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One was Dr. Barnett Slepian, who was killed by a sniper in 1998 at his home near Buffalo, N.Y. Slepian's name was crossed out on "The Nuremberg Files" Web site later that same day.

Doctors who were on the list testified that they lived in constant fear, used disguises, bodyguards and bulletproof vests, and instructed their children to crouch in the bathtub if they heard gunfire.

The defendants maintained they were political protesters collecting data on doctors in hopes of one day putting them on trial like Nazi war criminals were at Nuremberg.

After the jury's verdict, the judge called the Web site and the wanted posters "blatant and illegal communication of true threats to kill."

The man who ran the Nuremberg Web site was not a defendant in the lawsuit, but his Internet provider pulled the plug on the site after the verdict.

Among the defendants was Michael Bray of Bowie, Md., author of a book that justifies killing doctors to stop abortions. Bray went to prison from 1985 to 1989 for his role in arson attacks and bombings of seven clinics.

Another defendant was Cathy Ramey of Portland, an editor at Life Advocate magazine and author of "In Defense of Others," which defends people who refuse to condemn the killing of abortion providers.

Graduate students may unionize

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA

Temple University graduate teaching and research assistants voted Wednesday to unionize.

The students voted 290-16 to join the Temple University Graduate Students Association, an affiliate of the American Federation of Teachers. The Pennsylvania Labor Relations Board ruled in October that the union could be formed.

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The state-supported university had said that graduate students did not have the same rights as other workers to unionize because their jobs are part of their education.

The union argued that the university still benefited from the work of graduate students, and that many of the students' jobs had little to do with their fields of study.

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Don Treshman

anti-abortion activist
Bush prefers informal interviews

WASHINGTON

President Bush would prefer to talk to reporters in informal settings, rather than in the formal East Room news conferences staged by many of his predecessors, the White House spokesman said Wednesday.

White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said Bush considers his almost daily interactions with reporters as news conferences. Outside of his daily appearances and sessions with world leaders, Bush has held only one solo news conference, a 30-minute session in the White House briefing room on Feb. 22 that was announced only an hour earlier.

"He always preserves the right to come down here on short notice," Fleischer said, referring to the briefing room. "The president continues to be accessible, and that will be his approach." Bush has not categorically ruled out an East Room news conference, but had not scheduled one as of Wednesday.

The president made four appearances Wednesday, all of which were open to reporters. But he referred all questions in two of the sessions and took no questions during his meeting with high-tech leaders and when greeting King Carlos of Spain.

Fleischer said Bush "doesn't talk about what the American people really care about, and whether Bush speaks to the press in a formal or informal way, it's the press, which room of the White House he speaks in, "the president prefers an informal way about certain things," Fleischer said. "What's important is that people have an opportunity to ask questions. Not all the presidents always took questions at daily events the way the president does.

Marlin Fitzwater, former White House spokesman for Bush's father, said the younger Bush's preferences are not out of line with those of other presidents. "In my time, TV network news conferences were not that popular with the president," Fitzwater said.

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Silicon Valley money dries up

Investment slowdown hurting tech companies

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO

In another sign of the technology industry’s jarring about-face, the amount of money flowing into Silicon Valley companies from public markets is quickly evaporating, according to new data provided to The Associated Press.

Silicon Valley firms received $2.7 billion from the sale of stock and other securities through March 15, down from $14.1 billion during the first three months of last year, when Silicon Valley companies raised $6.5 billion from the public markets.

The report, compiled by financial publishing company Bowne & Co. from Thomson Financial Securities data, provides a snapshot of how much money is flowing into Silicon Valley through March and even other parts of the nation — and even other parts of California.

Nationally, companies raised $361 billion from the public markets through March 15, down from $407 billion during the first three months of last year, according to the report.

The Silicon Valley current cash drought extends beyond the public markets. The venture capitalists that showed up during the last three months of last year, they told us, are teaching the CEOs at all our companies how to be thrifty right now. In the first three months of this year, venture capitalist investment in Northern California fell 19 percent from the previous year to $6.9 billion, according to Venture Economics, an industry research firm.

Statistics for the first quarter aren’t available yet, but virtually all venture capitalists expect the numbers to reflect a steep decline.

The decrease in money pouring into Silicon Valley companies is bound to have a ripple effect on households and businesses throughout the region, economists said.

That’s because companies that receive cash from the public markets redistribute the money by hiring more workers, buying new equipment and investing in new offices.

"This (data) sort of cements it for me. You are going to get a serious downturn in the Silicon Valley economy," said Tom Lieser, a senior economist for the UCLA Business Forecasting Project.

An investment slowdown such as the one emerging in Silicon Valley frequently has a viral effect. As more businesses conclude they have too much money to spend this year, they table their own expansion plans and hold off on raising more cash from investors.

We probably won’t see this economy bounce back any time soon,” predicted Gary Schonsberg, a senior economist with Wells Fargo Capital Markets.

Nortel plans to cut additional 5000 jobs

Associated Press

NEW YORK

Shares of Nortel Networks fell 16.5 percent Wednesday after the maker of optical and wireless network equipment said it won’t meet the sharply reduced profit forecasts set just a month ago, and now plans to eliminate 5,000 more jobs on top of the 10,000 already cut since the start of 2001.

The warning Tuesday by the Canadian company, echoed the increasingly dire projections coming from Cisco Systems, the world’s leading producer of network equipment for the Internet. Nortel also made the unsettling suggestion that business conditions have turned too difficult to make any forecasts for the rest of 2001.

"Given the poor visibility into the duration and breadth of the economic downturn and its impact on the overall market growth in 2001, it is not possible to provide guidance for the company’s financial performance, year," John Roth, president and chief executive officer said.

Tech companies are teaching the CEOs at all our companies how to be thrifty right now. In the first three months of last year, they raised $6.5 billion from the public markets.
Bush ends Office for Women's Initiatives

Associated Press

WASHINGTON - President Bush will not revive a special White House office on women's issues that was created under President Clinton, a spokeswoman said Wednesday.

The National Organization for Women decried the decision as "really foolish and high-handed."

White House spokeswoman Claire Buchan said the function of the old office — gathering policy and political input from women's advocacy groups and disseminating information on the administration's activities — will be handled by aides in the White House Office of Public Liaison.

"We're still working on how exactly that will be structured, but we're committed to having a strong relationship with women's groups in the White House," Buchan said.

"The president believes the best way to address issues important to women is through a broad variety of fronts, through his policy initiatives, through outreach by the White House and by the agencies," she said.

Since Bush's inauguration in January, an answering machine at the White House Office for Women's Initiatives and Outreach has notified callers: "We will no longer be able to receive your calls."

NOW President Patricia Ireland pleaded out that, to date, Bush has not reached out to women's groups — except for a meeting last week with Republican-leaning women business executives.

"We don't really think that's sufficient if he wants to have support from women in congressional elections a year and a half from now or in the presidential election in 2004," Ireland said.

The office that Clinton created in 1995 gave women activists a voice in policy deliberations, Ireland said.

"Can we talk about the budget and which domestic programs are going to be slimmed, which are going to be preserved? All this discussion about outreach to the communities, about not being polarized, about (Bush) being the president of everyone — it sounds like just so much hot air when we don't have any way to even approach the White House," Ireland said.

Bush budget clears House, 222-205

Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Republicans overcame the Democrats and pushed a $1.94 trillion budget for 2002 through the House on Wednesday, as President Bush's blueprint for tax cuts and tailored spending cleared its first major congressional hurdle.

The vote was a near-party-line 222-205. Though devoid of suspense because of the GOP's thin but unified majority, Republicans hailed their victory as a triumph for their view of government.

"The choice is between two visions," said House Majority Leader Dick Armey, R-Texas.

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The House roll call, though, was but a warmup for a rougher test next week in the evenly divided Senate. There, the GOP not only faces near-lockstep Democratic opposition, but some moderate Republicans have said Bush's 10-year, $1.6 trillion tax cut is too big and his proposed spending restraints too stingy.

Even so, Bush said the House action made Wednesday "a big day" and said the budget's centerpiece — an across-the-board cut in income tax rates — would help all Americans.

"We need to cut all rates so that there's certainty in our economy when people plan, and I'm confident we can get this done," he said before meeting with GOP congressional leaders at the White House.

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The vote on a separate tax cut for this year, but have yet to determine all the details. House GOP leaders remain undecided on the size and shape of a package meant to stimulate the economy. A final figure will be set in the final congressional budget, which House-Senate bargainers hope to complete next month.

Besides its tax reduction, the House GOP budget envisions $2.3 trillion in debt reduction over the coming decade, using parts of the Social Security and Medicare surpluses to overhaul both programs, and limiting many programs to 4 percent growth next year. That would be half this year's increase.

Besides drawing Democratic fire, Bush's fiscal plans have prompted calls from some Republicans for deeper tax cuts and added spending for defense.

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Friday, March 30, 8:00 p.m.
Chapel of Notre Dame Our Mother Coleman-Morse Center 807 - A New Mass on Friday Nights

Friday-Sunday, March 30-April 1
Fatima Retreat Center
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Friday-Saturday, March 30-31
Sacred Heart Parish Center
Freshman Retreat #35

Sunday, April 1, 11:45 a.m.
Basilica of the Sacred Heart
RCIA Rite of Reception

Sunday, April 1, 1:30 p.m.
Zahn Hall Chapel
Spanish Mass
Presider: Rev. Tom Bednar, csc

Sunday, April 1, 8:00-10:00 p.m.
Basilica of the Sacred Heart
St. Joseph Cathedral Choir
Columbus, Ohio

Monday-Tuesday, April 2-3, 11:30 a.m.-10:00 p.m.
St. Paul’s Chapel, Fisher Hall
Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday, April 2, 7:00 p.m.
Badin Hall Chapel
Campus Bible Study

Wednesday, April 3, 10:00 p.m.
Morrisey Hall Chapel
Interfaith Christian Night Prayer

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Weekend Presiders
- Basilica of the Sacred Heart

Saturday, March 31 Mass
5:00 p.m. Rev. Thomas P. Doyle, c.s.c.

Sunday, April 1 Mass
10:00 a.m. Rev. Thomas P. Doyle, c.s.c.
11:45 a.m. Rev. Peter D. Rocca, c.s.c.

Scripture Readings for this Coming Sunday
1st Reading Is 43: 16-21
2nd Reading Phil 3: 8-14
Gospel Jn 8: 1-11

Community or Merely a Collection of People?

by Fr. Bill Wack, C.S.C.

Last week I was speaking at a high school run by the Holy Cross Brothers in Cleveland. A student there asked me to help convince him to accept ND’s offer and come here as a freshman in the Fall. Basically, he wanted to know what this school has over all other schools. (He has a perfect SAT score, so he can pretty much go wherever he wants).

I told him about the excellent academics and enriching extra-curricular life here. I talked about the great sports programs and the beautiful campus environs. I shared with him the vibrant faith life and dedication to service which is very evident and prevalent. But the most compelling reason for coming here, I told him, is the emphasis we place on community.

Community is not an easy thing to teach, of course, especially when much of society is pressuring us to move in the other direction. Individualism seems to hold a high value today. Even the Army has gotten into the act with their new slogan: “An Army of One”. I am told that the trend on college campuses is to get away from triples or even doubles for freshmen. More and more students are demanding singles, even in their first year on campus.

Community is not a concept that readily springs to most peoples’ minds. Many have never had a roommate until coming here. "Community" is not a concept of living in community, on the other hand, requires sacrifice, risk, effort. Building the Kingdom of God on earth necessitates drawing people closer together and loving our neighbors until coming here. Sharing a bathroom or study space is foreign to a lot of people. Bumping up against other opinions can be quite a jolt. Having to wait to use a washing machine or computer or TV is aggravating and deemed “unnecessary.” One answer to these concerns would be to isolate ourselves from it all.

We learn to do this in small ways, such as: picking up trash in the halls or on the quad, opening doors for others as you enter/exit a building, inviting people to step ahead of you in line if it appears that they are a hurry, spending time in the common areas of the dorms and inviting others into your own room.

More risky – and more rewarding – is meeting people here you wouldn’t normally hang out with, like those who are of a different ethnicity or race or creed or philosophical mindset. Join a faith-sharing group or go on a retreat. Volunteer to serve others who are in need on and off campus. Get to know some of the dining hall workers, office administrators, or hall maintenance staff. Attend some of the lectures offered continually here, even those whose topics may turn you off.

Living in community requires a great deal of patience and tolerance, forgiveness and understanding. It means anticipating others’ needs while respecting their opinions. It means focusing on the good of your neighbors – even over your own wants and desires. We learn to do this in small ways, such as: picking up trash in the halls or on the quad, opening doors for others as you enter/exit a building, inviting people to step ahead of you in line if it appears that they are in a hurry, spending time in the common areas of the dorms and inviting others into your own room.

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It takes work to live in a community. It’s a whole lot easier to do what we want, when we want. Community living, on the other hand, requires sacrifice, risk, effort. Building the Kingdom of God on earth necessitates drawing people closer together and loving our neighbors. And for us Christians, it is our hope and our goal, on earth as well as in Heaven.

I don’t know if that high school senior will be here or not next Fall, but I do know that he has the opportunity – as do we all – of living in and building up a community of diverse people with a tremendous variety of gifts and ideas. It is my prayer that, as we so often sing in our chapels and on retreats, that together we will “Build the City of God”.

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The current limits are $1,000 and $25,000. The compromise called for smaller increases than Thompson originally wanted, but more than Sen. Diane Feinstein, D-Calif., proposed in an alternative that caused a legislator standoff and prompted closed-door negotiations in a meeting room a few paces off the Senate floor.

Supporters of the bill expressed elation at their hard work at a time when Senate leaders are pressing for a final vote by Thursday night or Friday.

"Money is not evil in and of itself," said Feinstein, referring to the first major overhaul of the campaign finance laws since 1974. "I think McCain-Feingold is on its way to passage," said Feinstein, adding Thompson, referring to the first major overhaul of the campaign finance laws since 1974. "I think we're making to the political parties."

Donors would be permitted to give $2,000 per election to candidates of their choice and $37,500 overall to candidates and political parties for use in direct campaign expenses. These limits would rise with inflation in the future.

"It's a hard in the big states to raise money," said Feinstein. "This makes it a little easier to raise regulated, disclosed money." Even with the compromise, other obstacles remain, including a thorny question of whether the Supreme Court should be directed to consider the measure one provision at a time or render a verdict on its constitutionality as a whole.

Lawmakers on all sides of the bill have raised questions about the constitutionality of a variety of its provisions, and the importance of the issue was reinforced during the day when the conservative Southerners Legal Foundation, based in Atlanta, announced plans to file suit challenging the bill if it becomes law.

In addition, Sen. Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., the bill's most outspoken opponent, has not yet agreed to vote for a final passage, raising the threat, at least, that he or others might attempt to mount a late filibuster against a measure he has long opposed. He quietly served notice last week that he might propose a rules change to extend the Senate's ethics guidelines to senators-elect.

A spokesman said Wednesday night that McConnell has no plans "at the present time" to seek a vote on his proposal. The overall legislation would ban so-called soft money, the unlimited donations that individuals, unions and corporations make to the political parties.

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Like any other newspaper, The Observer’s advertising department accepts and rejects advertisements on a regular basis according to an outlined advertising policy. The usual procedure for refusing controversial advertisements, however, is not in conflict with the advertising of The Observer’s editorial board for internal reviews. This did not happen in the case of Mr. Horowitz’s advertisement. Based on past precedent, it appeared to the advertising department that the decision to reject the advertisement was obvious. The Observer’s editorial board never saw the advertisement before it was rejected and did not have the opportunity to review it.

However, had the proper channels been used, the advertisement still would have been rejected by the editorial board.

Mr. Horowitz and others have turned the debate surrounding the advertisement into a First Amendment and free speech issue. In truth, the decision regarding whether to print the advertisement is not a free speech issue, but an issue of a newspaper’s right to control its own content. While we respect Mr. Horowitz’s right to have and spread his opinions, the First Amendment does not mandate his opinions must appear in The Observer. As Clarence Page, a member of Chicago Tribune’s editorial board wrote in the March 25 Tribune, “The First Amendment only protects you from government censorship. That is not a censorship issue; it is an advertisement issue.” That being said, The Observer has a history of fighting to ensure its pages, and should be subject to the same editorial policy as an advertisement or an op/ed piece.

Advertising controversy is not a new issue for The Observer. In past years the paper has dealt with the issue of advertising policy questions worth noting. In 1999-2000, The Observer bought for its right as an independent publication to retain control of its own advertising policy, having argued that because the college newspapers’ space is available for advertising, we argued that advertisements should be considered editorial content and should be subject to the same editorial freedom and review as the articles published.

Secondly, The Observer ran in 1993, as Mr. Horowitz has pointed out, an advertisement from CODOH, a group that claims to be the Holocaust never happened. At the time The Observer ran the advertisement, it did not realize CODOH’s mission; the group represented itself in the advertisement. While the advertisement appeared to be an academic discussion of the Holocaust, in reality the group is blurring the line between academic discussion and hate speech.

The Observer is not in the business of promoting the publication of hate speech. The Observer does not believe that hate speech is protected under the First Amendment and will not promote the publication of hate speech.

As Mr. Horowitz argues, hate speech is a significant problem on college campuses. While we respect Mr. Horowitz’s attempts to communicate his views, hate speech is not protected under the First Amendment and should not be promoted. The Observer’s editorial board has reservations regarding the volatile language in the advertisement, the relevancy of the advertisement in regard to the current discussion on campus and has doubts about the reliability of the information presented as facts to strengthen the opinions in the advertisement and therefore rejected it without the approval of the editorial board. The Observer’s editorial board is reviewing the current college’s advertising policy to ensure this situation might not occur again.

As editors of The Observer, we do not think Horowitz’s tactics are effective. We do not believe in academic discussion as much as he is in gaining notoriety. Mr. Horowitz is nothing more than a bully using the institution of college media to further his own agenda.

He launched his advertising campaign in an attempt to ensure that he emerged the victor regardless of college newspapers’ responses to the advertisement. If editors rejected the advertisement, Mr. Horowitz played the role of the victim because they were suppressing his self-proclaimed right to put forth his views on their pages. If they accepted the advertisement, Mr. Horowitz portrayed himself as the victor regardless of college newspapers’ responses to the advertisement.

Regardless of Mr. Horowitz’s goal was to open a debate on reparations, he should have followed Hernandez’s response and recognize that it served as the perfect springboard to launch an academic discussion of the material in the advertisement. Mr. Horowitz’s response proves he is not interested in an academic debate as much as he is in gaining notoriety. Mr. Horowitz is nothing more than a bully using the institution of college media to further his own agenda.

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If Mr. Horowitz is clearly not interested in academic discussion, it is not in our interest to promote his views. The Observer reserves the right to refuse advertisements based on content.

The news is reported as accurately and objectively as possible. Unbiased, unbiased editors represent the opinion of the majority of the Editor in Chief, Managing Editor, Assistant Managing Editor and department editors. Committee, letters and commentaries present the voices of the authors and not necessarily those of The Observer.

Viewpoint space is available to all readers. The free expression of all opinions through letters is encouraged. Letters to the Editor must be signed and must include contact information.

Questions regarding Observer policies should be directed to Editor in Chief, Mike Connolly.
I am writing in order to discuss a recent event that I experienced and that I never imagined could happen at the greatest Catholic university in the United States. On a recent night, a close friend of mine and I decided to go out for a drink. After spending some time at one local establishment we headed to Club 23. When we entered my friend saw an acquaintance, and we sat down at a table and started talking. I had met the acquaintance before but had never met his two friends.

After a short time, my roommate joined us at the table. During the course of the night the only people I talked to at the table were my friend and my roommate. Later, my friend and I decided to head home. After climbing into bed, the phone rang and the roommate spoke up on my behalf but this insecure person continued his barrage.

Throughout my life I’ve had similar experiences, but I never expected it from a Notre Dame student. Please don’t misunderstand me, I am not generalizing all Notre Dame students in this ignorant person’s category. In fact I am positive that this person is in an infinitely small minority in his views. But I just wanted to tell this person, since I’ve never spoken to him before, to not judge individuals by appearances and also not to talk about people after they have left.

The first characteristic depicts a shallow personality while the second is very cowardly and neither does it reflect well on you as a person. I also wanted to take this opportunity to thank my roommate for his actions. I am glad that I’ve chosen to surround myself with friends like you.

Finally, I must be critical of myself otherwise I would consider myself a hypocrite. I, like you, am a victim of the same lack of adult supervision provided for this University-sponsored trip. Good Old Notre Dame gave us the brand spankin’ new, fully loaded minivans and some vague directions telling us to go “somewhere you don’t write a paper too, suckers.”

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When I first walked in and saw this person I judged him as a normal Notre Dame student that would exude positive qualities. I was wrong.

I went to Kentucky as a part of the Appalachia Seminar (a.k.a. working for a week is not enough; you have to write a paper too, suckers). The greatest thing about going to Appalachia is the complete lack of adult supervision provided for this University-sponsored trip. Good Old Notre Dame gave us the brand spankin’ new, fully loaded minivans and some vague directions telling us to go “somewhere you don’t write a paper too, suckers.”

The moral of the story is ...
Demme’s ‘Blow’ cracks under pressure

By JUDE SEYMOUR and MATT NANDA
Scene Movie Critics

For director Ted Demme, “Blow” represents much more than a movie about “a bunch of people smuggling drugs.” He acquired the rights to the book by Bruce Porter six years ago. Demme was “completely hooked by the byline of the book. [That byline] was how a small time boy, a high school football All-American, went on to be Pablo Escobar’s right hand guy. Had about a 100 million dollars in cash in two years and then lost it all. It was classic Shakespeare.”

Demme decided to follow up his reading by meeting its main non-fictional protagonist: George Jung. Jung, currently serving a prison sentence until 2015, was responsible for 85 percent of the cocaine distributed in the United States in the 1970s and 80s.

Demme was surprised in his prison encounter with Jung. “I [found him interesting as a human being, really funny, really smart, really sad. I was really judgmental about himself and should therefore be punished for not having been more empathetic.]

By JUDE SEYMOUR

“Blow”

Director: Ted Demme
Starring: Johnny Depp, Penelope Cruz, Ray Liotta, Franka Potente, Rachel Griffiths, Jordi Molla and Paul Reubens

MOVIE REVIEW

Top notch cast can’t turn ‘Heartbreakers’

By JUDE SEYMOUR
Scene Movie Critics

The main stereotype that propagates in books, movies and periods is that a man is not monogamous, thinks only of himself and should therefore be punished by empowering women.

“Heartbreakers” plays as a con movie where the targets are men who think only with what is in their pants. So the woman seduce, deny, destroy and then empty their victim’s bank accounts.

The plot centers on Max (Sigourney Weaver), who as a teen was impregnated and then left by a heartless man. In order to get revenge, Max decided to raise her daughter, Page (Jennifer Love Hewitt), to believe in the ideal that all men are destined to break hearts. She is so imperious that it is not surprising.

Their motive becomes the annihilation of the male, the heart and the subsequent draining of their bank accounts.

The movie’s fatal flaw, though, is that it seems to want to really want to be heartless at all. Instead, it wants to display Page’s evolution as she forms her own perspective on life. Perhaps not all men are looks to break women’s hearts, and genuine love may exist. “Heartbreakers” addresses this dramatic problem with a comedic approach.

Unfortunately, that approach does not fit well with the supposed heartless intent. In addition, several scenes oddly repeat themselves and dull the laughs. The two hours spent watching “Heartbreakers” feels about twenty minutes too long. The great comedic hit, especially those involving Ray Liotta and Jason Lee, become the sacrificial lamb to the movie’s other sad moments.

Max’s character becomes especially troubling. After executing her con woman-scheme 13 times, Max seems unable to come to grips with the true nature of men even after Page finds true love, the movie never explains how Max could continue to con knowing that her prior assumptions are false.

It would have been a different and more interesting movie to try to view the effects on Max’s psyche after Page’s attainment of true companionship. If every subsequent victim—once a chance at true love, low can Max continue her heartless cause against men?”

“Heartbreakers” portrays its male characters as one-dimensional and underdeveloped, which leads to numerous questions about their actions. Jack’s (Lee) motives for forgiving Page, for example, are never explored (which complements his unexplained reasoning for loving her in the first place).

Ultimately, the women’s conquest of these stereotypical males does not leave the audience impressed, rather, the viewer is bored by the defeat of a male cliché love believes in the first place.

“Blow” Johnny Depps portrays real-life drug entrepreneur George Jung.

“Blow” is an engaging, well-made film in many respects. Unfortunately, the less important themes strangle the film’s message.

After six years working on the project, Demme had enough George Jung material for two feature films. In retrospect, scenes from the beginning that do not deal with “blow” or the daughter should have been eliminated so that the film’s message would be clearer. “Blow,” in trying to make two films in one time period, ends up being half of a great film.

“Blow” opens nationally on Friday, April 6.
MOVIE REVIEW

Melodramatic plot elements invade ‘Gates’

By MARIO BIRD
Scene Movie Critic

With a strong cast featuring multiple Academy Award nominees, wartime special effects rivaling the monumental "Saving Private Ryan," and a propaganda campaign approaching the Soviet version within its story, "Enemy at the Gates" was positioned to be the first blockbuster hit of 2001. Unfortunately, the above qualities do not make for a good movie. As writer-director Jean-Jacques Annaud ("Seven Years in Tibet") implies through his latest cinematic vision, Joseph Fiennes ("Shakespeare in Love"), one of the actors who helped uspew "Saving Private Ryan's" rightful place as Best Picture of 1998, stars as Russian propaganda officer Danilov in an enigmatic performance. His fate becomes inextricably entwined with the sharpshooting GI Vassily, played by Jude Law (Supporting Actor nominee "The Full Monty") and then face down two criminals who are on a murder spree around New York City.

However, this blunt concept is made somewhat interesting because one of the criminals, a cinema aficionado, is filming the crime spree with a home video camera. This provides the chance for the movie to create an intriguing, self-referential work. In fact, some of the early shots of the film that use footage from the home video camera are visually interesting and provide the groundwork for what might be an excellent film.

Instead, "15 Minutes" resolves its initial questions with perfunctory answers and turns its attention to being a run-of-the-mill action movie. Thus exhibiting any redeeming qualities it might have had.

Despite the presence of Burns and De Niro, who seem to be a powerful leading duo, all of the acting in the film is less than remarkable. Burns does an average job with his character in the film, and since his aristo's character is not much to begin with, the performance leaves much to be desired. Yet, it is understandable that Burns' character is underdeveloped. The film seems to want to provide a showcase for De Niro's talent and give the actor a character with depth and range; however, an evident lack of writing skill leaves the supposed many layers to the character simply disappearing into a collection of choppily, extraneous details that are never explored in any depth.

Therefore, the parade of banal characters does not stop with the leads. The television personality (Kelsey Grammer, TV's "Fraiser") who purchases the video footage from the killers is gratingly annoying. Grammer has played Fraiser Crane for so many years that he seems unable to produce anything significant outside that persona. His character in the film is just a vulgar version of his sitcom personality, and the character is wholly ineffective.

Perhaps the most ineffective characters, though, are the film's villains. Like every action movie, they are of course foreigners from Russia who walk around speaking with heavy accents. It is as if no one reminded the filmmakers that the Cold War is over. Of course, the film could have infused something new into these villains and redeemed generic characters; however, if the film does anything, it retreats and relies heavily on two obligatory "bad guy" performances.

As if the characters did not do enough injustice to whatever redeeming parts the film had, the ending is so trite that it is almost painful to watch. Refer to any "Die Hard," "Lethal Weapon" or Arnold Schwarzenegger movie to guess how it all ends.

Finally, while "15 Minutes" outdoes itself in its race towards mediocrity, it shifts tone for a horrendous final humor sequence. The scene is so out of place that it provides a crowning, solidifying touch on the idea that a film can have everything wrong with it and still waste away decently.

"15 Minutes" is average at best, but it is made worse by the fact that it leaves the viewer feeling cheated.

MOVIE REVIEW

‘15 Minutes’ isn’t worth the time

By CHRIS BANNISTER
Some Movie Critic

It would be frustrating to describe "15 Minutes" in one word, because it is not simply mediocre. Many mediocre films can produce some amount of satisfaction. However, "15 Minutes" leaves the audience with shots of something better's average film and then plagues dramatically into failure.

The film's plot is simplistic from the beginning. The story follows an arson investigator (Edward Burns) and a veteran police officer (Robert De Niro) as they attempt to track down two criminals who are on a murder spree across New York City.

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McGrady turns in Magical performance in 96-95 win

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA—Tracy McGrady thought he would have a lot more company in his winning drive to the hoop.

McGrady, who matched a career-high with 44 points, took an inbounds pass at half-court, drove and banked a shot high off the glass with 2.7 seconds left as the Orlando Magic held on for a 96-95 Wednesday night.

"I had a good running start and definitely had my man beaten, I had him 18-for-35 from the field. "It was a shot I had to make. After I got my man, I thought somebody would be there to mix it up, I got it up high on 17 backboard because I thought someone would be coming.

Philadelphia coach Larry Brown wasn't shocked by McGrady's play, even though the Sixers didn't look for it.

"Tracy made a great play but I could kick myself because I kind of figured he would penetrate," Brown said.

A desperation heave by Allen Iverson fell short for the Philadelphia, which lost for the sixth time in seven games. Iverson, battling bronchitis, finished with 37 points and 10 turnovers. His 3-point play with 7.6 seconds remaining gave the Sixers a 95-94 lead.

Darrell Armstrong had 14 points and Mike Miller added 13 points for the Magic, who forced the Sixers into a season-high 27 turnovers and won their second straight.

Eric Snow scored 10 of his 14 points down the stretch and added 10 assists. Jumaine Jones had 13 points and Tyrone Hill finished with 17 rebounds for Philadelphia, which outrebounded Orlando 56-40. Matt Geiger had 11 points and eight rebounds.

The Magic led by as many as 12 points in the fourth quarter and was ahead 90-79 with 4:37 left. The Sixers went on a 13-4 run, closing within two points at 92-90 when Snow, who scored 10, hit a 3-pointer. Orlando led eight points in the outburst, but left a pair of free throws with 1:07 remaining.

"We tried to give it away at the end but couldn't do it," Magic coach Doc Rivers said.

The Magic scored 24 of the last 35 points in the third period and outscored the Sixers 30-10, opening up a 73-63 lead by the end of the quarter. McGrady had 11 points in the outburst, which came in the final eight minutes of the quarter.

"The third quarter was a disaster," Brown said.

Mavericks 94, Trail Blazers 84

Juwan Howard scored 24 points and Michael Finley added 23 as the Dallas Mavericks set a franchise record with their 21st straight win by defeating the Portland Trail Blazers.

Dirk Nowitzki added 19 points and 14 rebounds, and hit consecutive 3-pointers during a 10-0 run early in the fourth quarter that put the game away.

Arvydas Sabonis scored 19 points and Scotchie Pippen had 10 assists for the Blazers, who had won three in a row but fell to a tie for fifth place in the Western Conference playoff race with the Mavericks at 46-25.

The only low moment for the Magic came when Howard landed awkwardly on his left hand while going for a loose ball with 52.7 seconds left, apparently dislocating his left ring finger.

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The victory snapped Minnesota's four-game winning streak and kept Seattle's slim playoff hopes alive.

Garnett finished with 19 points and Patrick Ewing scored a season-high 19 to go with 10 rebounds.

The Sonics (40-34) have now won nine of their last 10 games. With eight games left, they are four games behind the Timbersiders (42-29) for the eighth and final Western Conference playoff spot.
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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Ingelsby hopes to shoot lights out in 3-point contest

Special to The Observer

Notre Dame senior point guard Martin Ingelsby is one of eight participants in the 13th Annual Three-Point Shooting Contest presented by National Car Rental at Concordia University-St. Paul's Gangelhoff in Minneapolis, Minn. The event is part of the NCAA Men's Division I Basketball Final Four and will be held today. The contest will air on a two-hour ESPN telecast on Saturday from 1:30-3:30 p.m. Also scheduled to take place that evening is the women's 3-point shooting and men's slam dunk contests. Along with Ingelsby, the seven other competitors in the men's 3-point shooting event include: Joe Crispin (Penn State), Shaun Fein (Georgia Tech), Keith Friel (Virginia), Tony Harris (Tennessee), Ryan Mendez (Stanford), Dean Oliver (Iowa) and Quincy Wadley (Temple).

Ingelsby started all 30 games for the Irish who finished with a 20-10 overall record and won the Big East West Division title after finishing its conference slate with an 11-5 mark, the most conference wins since joining the league in 1995-96. They also advanced to the second round of the NCAA Tournament. The senior point guard averaged 8.2 points, 2.9 rebounds and 6.4 assists during the 2000-01 campaign. Ingelsby shot 45.6 percent from the field and 46.4 percent from 3-point range. He finished third among all Irish players in 3-point field goals made.

Senior point guard Martin Ingelsby (above) is one of eight competitors in this year's Final Four 3-point contest.

TO ALL IN MINISTRY

Attention lectors, ushers, coordinators, eucharistic ministers, servers and choir members:

You are all invited to participate in a morning of reflection on Saturday, March 31st from 9:15 a.m. to about 12:30 p.m. registration in the Earth Science bldg.

The topic will be "The Gift of Silence."
Our principal speaker will be Rev. Michael Heintz, Saint Matthew's Cathedral.

If you plan on attending, please contact Steve Camilleri at 631.6282 or Camilleri.4@nd.edu.
HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL
Irish recruit Thomas on losing end of East-West game

Associated Press

DURHAM, N.C. — Eddie Curry had 28 points and David Lee had 21 as the West rallied from a 15-point deficit to beat the East 131-125 in the McDonald’s All-America high school game Wednesday night.

The East led 75-60 at halftime after making 31-of-63 shots, but the West went on a 20-6 run late in the third quarter. The West took its first lead at 96-94 on a dunk by Curry with a minute left in the third.

Curry, who has committed to DePaul but is still considering a jump to the NBA, was 12-for-21 from the field. He also had eight rebounds and four blocks.

McMurry recruit Dejuan Wagner, who became the first son of a former McDonald’s All-American to play in the game, led the East with 25 points. His father, former NBA player Milt Wagner, played in the 1981 game with Michael Jordan.

The first quarter featured sounds rarely heard at all-star games — groans.

The highlight reel dunks and no-look passes typical of the McDonald’s game were replaced by both teams setting up in half-court offenses.

The East’s Isaiah Carruth actually called out a play on the first possession of the game and one fan asked if the players were allowed to call plays late in the first quarter.

The teams combined to miss eight straight shots to open the game and the first point didn’t come until 1:30 in, when Curry hit a free throw.

The first dunk didn’t come until the West’s Josh Childress broke free underneath with 15 seconds left in the first quarter, but teammate Kelvin Torbert followed with a rebound slam at the buzzer and the pace picked up from there.

Torbert, who’s headed to Michigan State, had 21 points.

The game featured 24 of the top high school seniors in the country chosen by a seven-member selection committee and an advisory panel of scouts and media members.

Three players — Ousmane Camara, DeSagana Diop and Wayne Simien — were hurt and didn’t play.

Tyrone Chandler, who is considering a jump to the NBA, did not make the trip.

North Carolina recruit Jawad Williams had a tough first game at Cameron Indoor Stadium. He was booed loudly by the Duke fans during introductions, took an inadvertent elbow and broke his nose midway through the third period.

Williams, who finished with 11 points, had one of the best dunks of the night, taking a rebound with one hand and windmilling it down just before he was hurt.

Future Florida teammates Lee, James White and Kwame Brown combined for 57 points. While White had 19 and Brown 17 for the East, Lee was 9-for-13 and had 13 rebounds.

Julius Hodge, who will attend North Carolina State, had 17 points for the East.

Chris Thomas, who will play for Notre Dame this fall, played most of the first half for the East. The point guard hit several long jump shots and distributed the ball well.

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**ND AFTER FIVE**

**Thursday, March 29**

4:00 p.m. Men's Tennis vs. Illinois, Eck Tennis Pavilion, Matches begin at 4:00 p.m.

5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. Romance Language Department's Italian Coffee Hour, Decio 123

5:00 p.m. Senior Recital with Catherine Danner and Sherree Wesenberg, Hesburgh Library

7:30 p.m. Belinda Womack, lead singer with Jazz/Gospel Band "Kool Reflections" - Coleman-Morse Lounge

7:30 p.m. Freshmen Class Rosary, Grotto

8:30 p.m.-10:30 p.m. Open Rec Lacrosse, Court 1, RSRC

8:30 p.m.-Midnight ND Express Billiards games open, LaFortune Student Center

9:00 p.m. Acoustic Cafe, LaFortune Student Center Huddle

10:00 p.m. - Midnight Stepan Center: Open Play Basketball and Volleyball

10:30 p.m. Movie, "Vertical Limit", DeBartolo 101* and "Remember the Titans", DeBartolo105*

*Denotes admission charge for ND/SMC students

Programs are subject to change without notice.

**Friday, March 30**

4:00 p.m. Women's Tennis vs. Iowa, Eck Tennis Pavilion, Matches begin at 4:00 p.m.

6:30 p.m. Keynote Address for the Missing Students, O'Laughlin Auditorium

7:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m. Open Rec Badminton, Court 2, RSRC

7:30 p.m. C. Love with Special Sauce, Stepan Center*

7:30 p.m. Latin Expressions - Performances by students, O'Laughlin Auditorium

8:00 p.m. Movie, "Vertical Limit", DeBartolo 101* and "Remember the Titans", DeBartolo105*

8:00 p.m. McGlinn Casino Night, McGlinn Hall*

8:07 p.m. 807 Friday Night Mass, Chapel of Notre Dame Our Mother, Coleman-Morse Center

8:30 p.m.-Midnight ND Express Billiards games open, LaFortune Student Center

9:00 p.m. Women's Basketball game watch, LaFortune Student Center

9:30 p.m. Cinema at the Smile, "Remember For a Dream", Snite Museum*

10:30 p.m. Movie, "Vertical Limit", DeBartolo 101* and "Remember the Titans", DeBartolo105*

10:30 p.m. John Rush in Concert, Student Center Balroom

11:30 p.m. Flipside Virgin Island dance, Student Center Balroom

**Saturday, March 31**

5:30 p.m. Lecture, "Do You Want to Kill the Hymn? Do You Hate Your Roommate? Adventures in Everyday Peacemaking from the Campus Frontlines", Hesburgh Center

6:30 p.m. Sophomore Class Ball, Century Center*

6:30 p.m. Hawaii Club Luau - Hawaiian Food & Entertainment, LaFortune Student Center Balroom*

7:30 p.m. Notre Dame Opera: Handel's "Requiem For a Dream", Snite Museum*

7:45 p.m. "Picture Perfect", Spring Fashion Show, Bendix Theatre, Century Center

8:00 p.m. ND Express Co-ed Billiards Tournament

8:00 p.m. Movie, "Vertical Limit", DeBartolo101* and "Remember the Titans", DeBartolo105*

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NCAA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL FINAL FOUR

Stiles, Ivey highlight hometown heroes in St. Louis

Associated Press

NEW YORK

Four rounds filled with surprise, suspense and joy, even a bit of the unexpected, has come down to this: a women's Final Four with the champions from the last two years and a dash of local flavor.

Connecticut has survived injuries to its top two players to stay in the hunt for a second consecutive championship. Purdue, the 1999 champion, has overcome change and heartbreak to earn its trip to St. Louis.

Southwest Missouri State, just 3 1/2 hours down Interstate 44 in Springfield, is ready to unleash Jackie Stiles and its horde of well-traveled fans on the city by the Arch. Notre Dame brings the nation's most dominating center, along with St. Louis native Niele Ivey.

"I know my phone is ringing off the hook with people wanting tickets," Ivey said.

They'll all be on the court at the Savvis Center for the national semifinals Friday night - Southwest Missouri State against Purdue, and Connecticut meeting Big East rival Notre Dame for the third time this season.

The winners meet Sunday night to determine the 20th NCAA champion in women's hoops.

"The Final Four is every girl's dream," Purdue's Kelly Komara said. "When you're out there working your butt off every day, this is what you live for.

With almost everyone back from last year's team, Connecticut (32-2) seemed a lock for a second straight title and third overall. Coach Geno Auriemma even guaranteed it. But a 92-76 loss at Notre Dame on Jan. 15 made the Huskies appear human and things looked even shakier when All-Americans Svetlana Abrosimova and Shea Ralph were lost with season-ending injuries.

Shaky? Forget it. Connecticut hasn't had a game closer than 14 points in the tournament and thumped Louisiana Tech 67-48 in the East Regional final.

Freshman Diana Taurasi has emerged as flashy and fearless go-to player, while point guard Sue Bird remains as steady and effective as ever.

"Svet and Shea are such strong personalities that it was hard for someone to come forward," Auriemma said. "But when something in the huddle needed said, it was Sue. When the right thing needed to be said, Sue said it.'"

With center Ruth Riley leading the way, Notre Dame (32-2) looked like a national championship contender when it won its first 23 games, including that victory over Connecticut. Nothing has changed.

The two losses were by a total of three points - 54-53 at Rutgers and 78-76 at Connecticut in the Big East championship game - and Riley has been sensational in the tournament.

Notre Dame made its first Final Four trip in 1997, then lost its most dominating center, along with St. Louis native Niele Ivey.

"I've been up to these last four years. The NCAA career and single-season scoring leader, Stiles has averaged 35 points in the last three games after being slowed by a mild concussion in the first round.

"St. Louis - you can't script it any better than this," Stiles said. "I can't even describe it." A strong freshman class at Purdue (30-6) has complemented veterans Katie Douglas, Camille Cooper and Komara, all members of the 1999 championship team. That trio has endured a lot since then, starting with a change in coaches, with Kristy Curry taking over for Carolyn Peck.

Four months after the title, team member Tiffany Young died in a traffic accident. Douglas, whose father had died in 1997, then lost her mother to breast cancer. Back-up center Mary Jo Noon blew out a knee at midseason and starting point guard Erika Valek did the same in the regional semifinals.

"I can't put into words what this team has been through," Curry said. "To lose Tiffany, to see what Katie's been through, we've been through so much. I think that makes it even more special."
College coaches climb on, off carousel of changes

Associated Press

IOWA CITY, Iowa — Iowa coach Steve Alford has reached a tentative agreement on a five-year, $4.5 million contract extension that would keep him with the school through 2009. The $900,000 annual salary doesn't include incentives, Iowa athletic director Bob Bowlsby said Wednesday. "I appreciate very much the commitment that Mr. Bowlsby and the University of Iowa have presented," Alford said. "I couldn't be more pleased with all phases of our program." This season, Alford's second at the school, Iowa went 24-12, won the Big Ten tournament, and reached the second round of the NCAA tournament. The team went 14-16 in his first year.

Before heading to Iowa in 1999, Alford went 78-48 in four seasons at Southeast Missouri State.

As a player, he helped Indiana win the 1987 NCAA championship.

Pecora becomes Hofstra coach

Tom Pecora is Hofstra's new basketball coach, promoted Wednesday after seven years as an assistant to Jay Wright. Pecora has never been a head coach in Division I, but went 62-24 from 1989-92 at SUNY-Farmingdale, a junior college program.

He's been an assistant at five schools, including UNLV under Rollie Massimino in 1992-93.

"This is my dream job," Pecora, a Queens Village native, said. "Even though I spent time out at UNLV and Loyola-Marymount, my body has always been on east coast teams."

Wright left to coach Villanova in the opening round of the NCAA tournament. Pecora is known as a top-notch recruiter, and he said that his pitch to potential recruits won't change.

"We've graduated every one of the kids we've recruited here — all 31," Pecora said. "When we talk to a potential recruit, we tell them that we expect them to hold up their academic standards. We've had some kids tell us frankly that Hofstra's not for them."

Friers extend Welsh's contract

Tim Welsh, who coached Providence to a 21-10 record this year and a spot in the NCAA tournament, reached a preliminary seven-year agreement Wednesday to stay with the Friars.

"The essence of the agreement is done," athletic director John Marinatto said. "Tim is happy, and he's committed."

Marinatto would not disclose Welsh's base salary but said he received a raise. He had four years left on a contract that paid him an annual base salary of $375,000.

Welsh will sign the agreement when he returns from this weekend's final four in Minneapolis.

"I agree with the mission of the college and I enjoy living in Rhode Island," he said.

Rutgers had asked Providence for permission to talk to the coach, and Tennessee and UNLV also inquired, Marinatto said.

The 40-year-old Welsh, who coached Wisconsin-Milwaukee, could be the coach of the future.

Kanaskie to stay at Drake

Drake's new coach, Mike MacDonald, is happy to be the coach of the Bulldogs.

"Mike is a very special person in the department and we are thrilled that he will continue to lead our basketball program in the upcoming years," Drake's athletic director Tim Dillon said.

MacDonald began his coaching career at Canisius as a graduate assistant coach in 1988.

"The commitment they have made to me makes me very honored to be the coach here," MacDonald said. "I'm excited about the possibilities of the future of the program."

Ryan may return to Badgers

Bo Ryan might get the job he wanted all along — nine years after he first applied.

Ryan, who was two years ago stepped up to Division I with Wisconsin-Milwaukee, could be hired as Brad Soderberg's replacement at Wisconsin as early as Thursday.

Ryan can officially be offered the job after the Wisconsin Athletic Board's personnel committee meets at 9 a.m. The school scheduled a news conference for 9:45 a.m. at the Kohl Center.

The 53-year-old Ryan is a former Badgers assistant who wanted the head coaching job in 1992 but was beaten out by Stu Jackson.

He met Tuesday night with athletic director Pat Richter, chancellor John Wiley and athletic board chairman David McDonald, spokesman Steve Malchow said.

"Bo's people were very impressed with Bo Ryan, but to my knowledge, the job has not been offered yet," Malchow said Wednesday.

Ryan, who didn't return a message left at his office Wednesday, probably will attend the committee meeting, Malchow said.

Ryan would replace Soderberg, who wasn't retained after going 16-10 in place of Dick Bennett, who retired in November because of burnout.
Youth Alabama coach Buzz Peterson wants to make a return trip to the NIT. But they both hope the opportunity is there if they need it.

The status of the nation's oldest college basketball tournament is in jeopardy as the NCAA is considering legislation next month that could lead to the elimination of the preseason tournament that finances the NIT.

"I love the NIT," said Peterson, whose team plays Alabama (25-10) in Thursday night's championship game. "I can't tell you how fulfilling this has been as a coach, a staff and players. We made our season. Take this away and it would be cheating the kids. It really would be.

The conference commissioners voted in September to eliminate the exemption that allows events like the Preseason NIT, Maui Invitational and Great Alaska Shootout to count as one game on a school's 28-game schedule regardless of how many a team actually plays.

That would effectively eliminate the tournaments as most teams would be unwilling to commit to three or four games. Without the exemptions from the preseason event, NIT officials said they would have a hard time putting together the post-season event, which has struggled to generate much interest.

Tuesday night's semifinals, featuring no teams from the Northwest, drew only 6,597 fans. But the coaches don't feel that moving the event to a site more accessible city would be good for the tournament.

"If the NIT moved around, it would certainly lose its luster," Gottfried said. "It has a lot of history and tradition. It's a chance to come to New York. It's a great experience for the teams and a positive for college basketball. By being here we've gotten the exposure of playing on national TV and the experience of being in New York City." The NIT has provided a boost for Howell, Alabama, and Greater Golden Hurricane (25-11), who fell short of their aspirations of making the NCAA tournament.

Tulsa, regional finalists last season, lost the NCAA championship game at home to Hawaii to miss out on the NCAAs.

Alabama, which was ranked in the Top 25 for 14 consecutive weeks, lost five of six games in the season and had to settle for the NIT.

"The NIT experience has been a real positive for our team," Gottfried said. "Our young guys have taken a situation that could have been tough and turned it into a very positive experience." That's especially so for young teams like Alabama and Tulsa.

Seven of the top nine players on the Golden Hurricane are freshmen or sophomores.

The Crimson Tide start five sophomores and their top reserve, Gerald Wallace, is a freshman.

"It would be a great step forward for us," said Erwin Dudley, who had 20 points and 16 rebounds in Alabama's 74-63 semifinal win over Detroit. "We didn't make it to the NCAA, but hey, if we are still playing, we can win this right here and this will be a great experience for our team." Tulsa broke out to a 20-point lead in its semifinal win against Memphis, but held on holding on 72-64. That's been the formula for the NIT for the Golden Hurricane, who nearly blew 19-point leads earlier in the tournament at Minnesota and Mississippi State.

"Last night's game was a typical game for Tulsa," Peterson said. "We build a big lead and let it get away from us in the game. If anybody has a solution, let me know, I'll pay for advice."

Alabama has two players nursing injuries. Travis Stinnett sprained his left ankle Tuesday night and expects to play in the final.

Terrance Meade bruised his hip bone and is questionable. Detroit (25-11) plays Memphis (20-15) in Thursday's consolation game.

Amaker leaves hall for Michigan

NEW YORK

Four months ago, Seton Hall was on top of the college basketball world. A stellar recruiting class imported by Coach Tom Amaker had elevated the program into a Top 10 ranking, and the future looked limitless for the small school in South Orange, N.J.

Now the Pirates are in shambles. Their season degenerated into infighting among players, their record crashed to 16-15, and yesterday the school announced that Amaker was leaving to become coach of Michigan. He is scheduled to be introduced at Ann Arbor in a news conference today.

Amaker's move leaves both Big East programs in New Jersey without a coach and highlights a week of chaos among college basketball teams in the New York City region.

Rutgers already was searching for a coach and learned yesterday that it would not get the chance to interview Tim Welsh, who agreed to a seven-year contract extension with Providence, another Big East school. And Rutgers was turned down by Phil Martelli of St. Joseph's.

St. John's coach Mike Jarvis has reportedly said he would not take another college job, but he was in danger of losing his best player. The freshman point guard Omar Cook is contemplating entering the National Basketball Association draft.

Things could not be worse at Seton Hall, where Amaker, 36, spent four seasons while compiling a 68-55 record. The star freshman forward Eddie Griffin was already considering a jump to the NBA, and had said Amaker's potential departure would be a factor in his decision. The sophomore center Samuel Dabembre could follow him out the door. Other players had said they might consider leaving if Amaker were no longer the coach.

Amaker, who had resisted concentrating on persistent reports that he would take the Michigan job, spoke by phone on Monday with Michigan Athletic Director Bill Martin. They agreed to meet Tuesday at Philadelphia International Airport. Amaker was in Philadelphia to attend the funeral of Marvin Powell, Griffin's brother.

"He was struggling what to do with it," a person close to Seton Hall said yesterday of Amaker and the Michigan job. "He didn't make up his mind until last night.

Yesterday morning, Amaker met with Pirates players to tell them of his plans. said Coach Bob Hurley Sr. of St. Anthony High School in Jersey City. But Amaker remained secluded in his office the rest of the day as a group of reporters waited outside, a spokesman said. Amaker did not make a statement or acknowledge his departure, and neither had Michigan, as of early last night.

Reached at his home, Martin confirmed Amaker's resignation, but would not say whether Amaker was made an offer.

"Nobody has signed a contract," Martin said.

But Seton Hall said in a statement that Amaker took the Michigan job, and that he had begun a search for a new coach.

We appreciate all that Tommy has done to position our basketball program among the best in the nation," Seton Hall Athletic Director Jeff Fogelson said in the statement. "I've met with the team and have emphasized the university's commitment to them and to our basketball program."

Fogelson will replace Brian Ellerbe, who was fired two weeks ago after four years at Michigan. Amaker will earn $700,000 annually in a five-year deal, according to ESPN.

Fred Hill, an assistant to Amaker, who this week was interviewed for the Rutgers job, will probably get consideration to succeed Amaker. Fogelson hired Coach Skip Prosser of Xavier when Fogelson served as the athletic director there, and could pursue him for Seton Hall. Prosser guided Xavier into the NCAA tournament this season, and is constantly considered for jobs at larger schools.

Meanwhile, after watching his top candidate, Jay Wright, the Hofstra coach, sign with Villanova on Tuesday, Rutgers learned that Welsh had agreed to stay at Providence.

Welsh said Providence presented a better opportunity to succeed Amaker. Fogelson guided Xavier into the NCAA tournament this season, and is constantly considered for jobs at larger schools.

Rutgers, which fired Coach Kevin Bannon last week, then called St. Joseph's and received permission to speak with Martelli, who quickly said he was too busy to discuss the job.

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**NBA**

**Nets’ Marbury will miss rest of season**

Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — All-Star guard Stephon Marbury will miss the remainder of the New Jersey Nets’ injury-plagued season with a ruptured tendon in his left pinkie.

Marbury is scheduled to undergo surgery in New York City on Thursday. He sustained the injury in mid-January, but kept playing.

“It was getting to the point where the pain was unsur­vivable because I have been getting hit on it so much,” Marbury said before the Nets’ game with the Denver Nuggets on Wednesday. “It’s tough to play with a pinkie that is curled up.”

Marbury said he would have continued to play if the Nets had been in the playoff hunt.

The decision to sit Marbury comes less than a week after Kenyon Martin, the first pick in last year’s NBA Draft, broke his right leg for the second time in a year.

Marbury averaged 23.9 points and 7.6 assists in 67 games. He scored a career-high 50 points against the Los Angeles Lakers on Feb. 13, and he had his first career triple-double on Jan. 20, when he had 33 points, 12 assists and 11 rebounds against Chicago.

Nets coach Byron Scott said Marbury had a great season, his best in five years in the NBA.

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**TENNIS**

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MIAMI Tennis stars Venus and Serena Williams — and Lindsay Davenport might be called to testify next week at the trial of a man charged with stalking Martina Hingis.

Hingis, the No. 1 female tennis player in the world, will be a prosecution wit­ness and is expected to tes­tify Monday.

Four men and two women were chosen for the jury; Wednesday, and opening fraternal events were set for Friday.

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recorded 14 hits, with every starter getting at least one. The team left many run­ners on base in the early innings and made uncharac­teristic judgement errors on the basepaths. Despite these errors, coach Paul Mainieri was pleased with the offensive outcome.

“Oh, when what the reason was, Marbury said, “I don’t know. I hope to make us stronger.”

The Nets signed forward Mark Strickland to a 10-day contract Wednesday. The six-year veteran played 46 games this season for Denver, the team New Jersey played Wednesday.

Everybody I have been seeing in the city, I went to the store to get some sneakers, told me that gym is jinxed,” Strickland said of joining the Nets. “I’m just here to play, have a little fun, and we get some Ws out of these last few games.”

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SOFTBALL

Irish sweep doubleheader; look ahead to Western Michigan

By ANTHONY BISHOP
Sports Writer

The blustery South Bend afternoon didn’t bother the Irish pitching staff, as it only gave up three hits in Notre Dame’s two-game sweep of Valparaiso.

The Irish easily defeated the Crusaders 6-0 and 4-0 to move to 20-3 on the season.

In the first game, senior Jen Sharron pitched a complete game, allowing only two hits and no runs in seven innings. Sharron felt she played “great, but there is always room for improvement. My pitches all seemed to work well and [catcher] Jarrah Myers and I were in sync.”

The game started out fast as Sharron struck out two of the first three batters. She finished the game to move to 11-2 overall with a 1.80 ERA. In the bottom of the first, a line-drive double by Myers into right-center field scored in two runners give the Irish a 2-0 lead.

Notre Dame’s bats became quieter as the game progressed as the Irish stranded base runners inning after inning. But Sharron kept the Irish ahead with dominating pitching. She struck out a total of 14 batters in the game, a new personal best.

The Irish came alive again in the fifth inning. A Danielle Klayman single, followed by a double by Jenny Kriech, put both runners in scoring position.

Melanie Alkire singled, bringing in Klayman. On the first pitch Myers faced, she bolted the ball 240 feet into leftfield, sailing well over the wall. It was Myers fourth home run of the season and her 22nd RBI.

In the second game, freshman Kristin Schmidt echoed Sharron’s strong pitching performance by striking out 11 and allowing only one hit. Schmidt moved to 9-1 on the season with a 0.88 ERA. Sharron closed out the game with two strikeouts and never gave up a hit.

Alkire knocked in Alexis Madrid in the first inning with a double and then a hit by Lizzy Lemire moved Alkire around the bases to again start the Irish with a 2-0 lead. Andria Bledsoe walked in the second inning and then stole second. She moved to third on a ground ball and scored on a wild pitch by the Crusaders.

Alkire later reached base and stole second to be knocked down on a Lemire single.

"The pitchers threw great," said head coach Liz Miller. "It was a strong performance. The offense is a little up and down and is relying on streaks right now. We need to become a bit more aggressive." With the win, the Irish jumped up to No. 11 in the latest national poll released.

The Irish next turn their focus to today’s rescheduled doubleheader against Western Michigan. The game was postponed due to unplayable weather conditions.

Western Michigan will enter Tuesday’s games with a 6-11 record, including a 1-3 mark in the MAC Conference. This will be the 12th and 14th meeting in the series, with the Irish holding a 7-4 advantage over the Broncos.

Last year, Notre Dame posted a 6-1 victory, as the Irish pounded out 13 hits.
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"When [Paul] was in high school, he played the infield and the outfield — he is a very talented athlete," said Mainieri. "Right now, he is one of the biggest base-stealing threats on our team because he runs so well."

But once O'Toole puts on the mask and crowds down behind the plate, he becomes everything the prototypical catcher is supposed to be. He is a smart, solid defender with the confidence and flair to be a leader on the field. "He's a fiery guy," says Mainieri. "And there's no one who has more spirit than Paul. He really goes after it on the field because he holds so much enthusiasm for the game. He plays it 'til he'll go all the time."

It only seems natural that the tough-minded junior would have to be this way. In just his first year at Notre Dame, O'Toole demonstrated exactly what he could do as an all-around player when he was thrust right into a full-time job at catcher. He caught 90 percent of the innings that year while still batting .318 and leading the team in runs scored. At the plate, he showed his power with a .552 slugging percentage. On the bases he showed speed with 12 steals in seventeen attempts. Behind the plate, he showed dependability, recording 410 outs while committing only thirteen errors — a .972 fielding percentage.

But most importantly, he demonstrated the leadership abilities that make a catcher the "quarterback" of the baseball diamond.

"When I first came in, I felt I had to gain the respect of the upperclassmen," said O'Toole. "But I think throughout the course of the year, just by working hard and by showing that I only cared about winning as a team, I really gained their respect."

"It's kind of intriguing for people to see a left-handed hitting catcher who can run fairly well because it hasn't been that common in baseball."

Paul O'Toole Irish catcher

Brian Stavisky. Through this league, O'Toole made a bit of a name for himself in professional circles by displaying great power and hitting ability, and by being named to the league all-star team along with Stavisky and Stanley. The modern O'Toole, however, does not like to look to the future too often.

"I try not to think about it too much because I wouldn't want it to affect what I'm doing now," he says. "If you start thinking about what you could be doing, you could begin to change what you have been doing, and you'll just mess yourself up. I just want to go out there right now every day and keep doing what I've been doing these past few years."

Women's Soccer

Erikson, Pruzinsky receive honors

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Two members of the 2000 Notre Dame women's soccer team, senior forward Meotis Erikson and sophomore defender Vanessa Pruzinsky, have been named to the 10-member Verizon/CoSIDA Women's Academic All-District Five All-Large Team for fall and winter sports, as selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America.

Both players now advance to the Academic All-America ballot for women's fall and winter at-large sports, with that team to be announced on April 19. Pruzinsky has posted a 4.0 grade-point average in each of her three semesters at Notre Dame while pursuing a degree in chemical engineering. She earned second team all-Big East conference and second team all-region honors after helping the 2000 Irish squad lead the nation with an .393 season goals-against average (10 total goals allowed, 16 shutouts). A starter in all 51 games of her Notre Dame career, Pruzinsky helped the Irish hold their 2000 opponents to an average of three shots on goal per game with the team trailing just twice all season for a total of 35 minutes.

Erikson, who owns a 3.57 cumulative grade-point average as a film, television and theatre major also earned second team all-Big East conference and second team all-region honors after ranking as Notre Dame's second-leading scorer in the 2000 season (13 goals-13 assists), behind national player of the year Anne Makinen. Erikson tied the Notre Dame record for the Academic All-America ballot for women's fall and winter at-large sports, with that team to be announced on April 19.

Tuition for the summer session of 2001 will be $243 per credit hour plus a $40 general fee.
Belles’ Hildebrandt resigns from positions

By KATIE McVOY
Associate Sports Editor

Assistant athletic director and head swim coach Gretchen Hildebrandt will vacate her position at the end of this semester to attend school full time. Hildebrandt announced last week that she will be attending the University of Westchester in Philadelphia Tuesday, where she hopes to earn her masters degree in exercise and sports psychology.

Hildebrandt was accepted to the University of Westchester in Philadelphia Tuesday, where she hopes to earn her masters degree in exercise and sports psychology. "As hard as it is for me to see her move on. I’m excited," athletic director Lynn Kachmarik said. "She is coming into her own as an athlete." After receiving her master’s degree, she plans to pursue career options such as returning to college athletics, coaching or following more administrative lines. "If she masters opens up a lot more doors," Hildebrandt said. "I’m thinking about going into a more corporate kind of athletics, possibly working for Sports Illustrated." However, education isn’t the only thing Hildebrandt will be furthering. She plans on training full time as a triathlete. Hildebrandt will compete for the United States in the triathlon, which has been included in the Olympics, in Sydney, Australia, is looking to expand the scope of her competition.

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She said. "I went into the match thinking that I had nothing to lose.

Kris and Cook faced off against Kullarova and Sonkin again in No. 1 doubles and won a good game before dropping the match 8-1. Freshman Jeanie Nish also had a close call. She fought back from a 1-4 deficit to win her first set in 3. No. 3 doubles 7-5. However, she dropped her next two matches against Patricki Araki 2-6, 2-6.

But Kris teamed up with Kaiili Cudler, who won her No. 4 singles match easily 6-0, 6-0, to defeat Araki in No. 2 doubles. They won the match 8-3. Sophomore Elena Ryan claimed No. 6 singles 6-2, 6-4, and then junior Krista Johnson won No. 3 doubles 8-5.

"I would say our doubles pulled it out," Stevenson said. "We have good doubles teams.

The Belles will play a double header this weekend against Adrian College at 9 a.m. and Aquinas College at 4 p.m.

Women’s Tennis
Saint Mary’s upssets Division I foe

By KATIE McVOY

Saint Mary’s upsets Division I foe

"Valparaiso’s Sarah Engelbert started playing more consistently and pushing me to my limit. I had to regroup."

Kris Spriggle
No. 5 singles

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Khali Motha (Director, MIS Program, University of Notre Dame) "Overview of the Lecture Series"

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Happy Birthday: Don't let things bother you this year, or you won't reach your goals. Put your feelings aside and focus on what you can do to make your life better. The changes may not always be what you want, but it is the methodical way that will help you reach your goals, you must lead you in a far more positive direction. Your numbers: 9, 14, 18, 22, 37, 45

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Horoscope

THURSDAY, MARCH 22, 2001

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You won't reach your goals. Don't become involved in the romantic connections but even consider the offer. Someone you live with will be blamed for taking sides or doing what you want, but you won't reach your goals. You need to spend some time getting back into shape. Shopping will be tempting, but you have to stick to a stick budget.0000

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Put a little portion in your work. Your extra efforts will be appreciated. You need to spend some time getting back into shape. Shopping will be tempting, but you have to stick to a stick budget.0000

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): If you don't have time for. Lay down some ground rules before the situation escalates. Someone you live with will be blamed for taking sides or doing what you want, but you won't reach your goals. Your numbers: 9, 14, 18, 22, 37, 45

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You're already involved don't even consider the offer. Someone you live with will be blamed for taking sides or doing what you want, but you won't reach your goals. Your numbers: 9, 14, 18, 22, 37, 45

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You're too generous with your friends. Don't overspend yourself unless you're prepared to sell the con-

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Pleasure trips and involvement with organizations will promote romance. Your ability to find solutions to benefit all involved will aid you in getting the special attention you desire.0000

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Someone you have been involving your freedom. Don't let him talk you into doing things you don't have time for. Lay down some ground rules before the situation escalates.0000

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): A sudden interruption will be thrown into a passionate love affair. Get together with friends or strangers and you will find out valuable information. Someone you have been involving your freedom. Don't let him talk you into doing things you don't have time for. Lay down some ground rules before the situation escalates.0000

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Financial gains can be made through money that you haven't worked for. Winnings, insurance, dividends or investments may play a role. Be careful; easy come, easy go.0000

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): Romantic encounters will blossom through group activity. Don't become involved in the personal affairs of others. You'll be blamed for taking sides or interfering. You'll be interested in foreign cultures. Attend cultural events and experience the differences.0000

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THINGS COULD BE WORSE

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I stole this buzzer from Reckers. They just handed it to me, and I ran.

No food... a buzzer. So where is the food?

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Steve Sollman came home on Steve's sixth inning HBJ's by Heintz and cushion wasn't as large as it could have been. Notre Dame hitters have been. Notre Dame hitters Stanley's sacrifice fly.

Cold weather does not affect Irish in 6-1 win over Toledo

By KATIE HUGHES
Sports Writer

Top-10 adrenaline will be emanating from the Eck Tennis Pavilion today as the Irish take on regional rivals Illinois in a pivotal midseason match. “Motivation is at an all-time high,” said assistant coach Billy Pate. “Illinois is known to be really aggressive. They're in your face, they're yelling and screaming. We've got to meet that challenge and be able to have poise and composure, and just focus on the task at hand.”

A win for the Irish would mean redemption for two close losses to the Illini last season.

After claiming the Blue Grey sweep, the Irish are off to their best start in school history. In his first three years, he has often been stifled, but this year he seems to have found his groove.

They both have different styles, but you don't want to have two identical personalities in doubles,” said Pate. “Javier is like the passionate Latin, and Aaron is more of the laid back California guy. I think we have a pretty good balance there.”

Junior Casey Smith and Taborga, both ranked in the top 100 singles players in the nation, will lead the 62-18 singles lineup. Smith has biggest challenge of the meet — he has to play Illinois All-American Graydon Oliver.

Sophomore Brian Farrell, who leads the Irish with a 12-2 singles record, freshman Luis Haddock-Morales and Talorto will also be key in Irish singles competition.

Pate expected that either senior Matt Daly, who has been plagued by an injury for much of the season, or 10-1 freshman sensation Matthew Scott will play No. 6 singles.

Another win would stretch Notre Dame's winning streak to 11 games. If the Irish maintain a top 10 ranking, by the end of the season, they would be eligible to host a regional match.

“We've got the bus going,” said Pate. “Hopefully the skies will clear. ‘Now we just have to keep it moving down the hill.”

The match will be played inside at the Eck Tennis Pavilion at 3 p.m. To attract fans, the athletic department is sponsoring prize drawings for those who attend today’s match.

MEN’S TENNIS

No. 10 Irish host No. 17 Illini in regional rivalry

By COLIN BOYLAN
Sports Writer

The scattered groups of fans at the Eck Baseball Stadium Wednesday night were heavy winter coats and mittens as a testament to the chilly March weather. So what was the hot fielder Brian Stavisky doing wearing short sleeves? “I just came out to take batting practice this afternoon and I was so pumped up — I didn't really feel cold,” Stavisky said.

Weather notwithstanding, Stavisky was red-hot at the plate and his three hits sparked a solid offensive outburst that propelled the Irish to a 6-1 victory over Toledo last night. Earning the win was starter Pete Ogilvie, who improved his record to 2-0 on the year.

Notre Dame took control of the game early, loading the bases in the first inning. A walk by catcher Paul O’Toole brought designated hitter John Heintz home and gave the Irish a lead they would never relinquish.

In the fourth inning, Notre Dame extended the lead when2nd baseman Aaron Talarico scored on a wild pitch and Steve Sollman came home on Steve Sollman's sacrifice fly. The lead was pushed to 6-0 on sixth inning fly by Heintz and Stavisky, and another sacrifice fly by Stanley in seventh. However, the cushion wasn't as large as it could have been. Notre Dame hitters

Irish catcher Paul O’Toole heads toward first base during a game earlier this season. O’Toole has been a crucial part of Notre Dame’s offensive success.

Cold weather does not affect Irish in 6-1 win over Toledo

By CHRIS FEDERICO
Sports Writer

Paul O’Toole isn’t your average player. In a sport that often characterizes catchers as unproductive offensive contributors, O’Toole breaks the mold.

In fact, the junior backstop is one of the real driving forces of the Irish, especially on the offensive side of production. Having played in just about every game since the start of his freshman season, O’Toole has shown very impressive offensive skills, batting for a .301 career average.

In his first three years, he has often looked more like a speedy utility player than a catcher. His career 382 on-base percentage and 33 stolen bases are numbers that are expected of a leadoff hitter. With just four more stolen bases, O’Toole can move into the top 10 list at Notre Dame for stolen bases and he would be the only catcher on that list.

“I think it’s great that I don’t fit the regular mold of a catcher,” O’Toole proudly claims. “It’s kind of intriguing for people to see a left-handed hitting catcher who can run fairly well, because it hasn’t been that common in baseball.”

Notre Dame baseball coach Paul Mainieri likes the fact that O’Toole is not like just any other catcher.

SPORTS

Blowing away Valpo

The Irish softball team overcame windy conditions to beat Valparaiso Wednesday. At, 20-2, the No. 11 Irish are off to their best start in school history. page 24

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vs. Illinois Today, 5 p.m.

Softball vs. Western Michigan Today, 3:30 p.m.

Final Four vs. Connecticut Friday, 3 p.m.

Men's Lacrosse at Ohio State Saturday, 1 p.m.

Track and Field at Arizona State at Stanford at Purdue Saturday

Baseball vs. Hillsdale Today, 4 p.m.

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