Gold medal winner
Ryan Adams, a new musician on the indie rock scene, wowed audiences during his recent concert in Chicago.

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SCMC candidates begin campaigns
By NOREEN GILLESPIE
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Candidates vying for the top two positions in student government officially start their bids for office today, as the 2002 election officially gets underway.

Two tickets will campaign this week running on a variety of issues ranging from extending dining hall and library hours to increasing the capabilities of detex cards and making student government more accessible.

Candidates have from noon today until 5 p.m. Friday to get their platform promises across to students — leaving student politicians only three and one half days to hit the campaign trail.

"It's not hard to know the majority of your class or even 50 percent of the student body because the school is so small," Crawford said.

Campaigning on the theme "Getting the Job Done," Kim Jensen will run for president with vice-presidential candidate Elizabeth Jablonski-Dieth.

The pair has identified continuing Saint Mary's Pride, making Student Academic Council available to students, working to add a study day to the academic calendar.

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GEORGETOWN HANDS IRISH ANOTHER HOME LOSS

By JASON McFARLEY
News Writer

Saint Mary's defeated Georgetown University 79-73 in a Big East game on Monday night at Hesaney Gymnasium.

Brenn Phillips rector Sarah Davidson addresses the Campus Life Council Monday afternoon as (left to right) Senate representative Jesse Flores, Assistant University Vice President David Moss and O'Neill rector John Herman look on.

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INSIDE COLUMN

Like a hot knife through butter...

I'll tell you what is disturbing. I was recently sitting in my living room, which is a good 10 degrees colder than the hallway, freezing my expensively of Miller. I looked up and noticed that my roommate had turned the air conditioning on high. Was I irritated? Yes. But was I shocked?

Not particularly. I take Nicole's stupidity with a grain of salt and remind myself that she is the girl who walked out of the dining hall with a life-sized cardboard Tony the Tiger. Then she dressed up like him and spent a week telling everyone about her new boyfriend named Tony.

This is also the girl who smuggled a bottle of wine from Olive Garden, drank the whole thing on a Sunday night, and blamed her stomachache and vomiting the following day on the swordfish dish she had for dinner.

Her drinking problem, however, did not end with the encounter with a full bottle of wine. She continued to drink to excess. For next day she chugged three or four doses of Maalox straight from the bottle that she got from Health Services. This was supposed to stop the vomiting but only made it persist for the rest of the week.

During the week, I looked at her and saw an impressive (and misleading) 3.51 grade point average after her first semester course load of 18 hours. I know this simply because I witnessed her compose every paper that she turned in on zero sleep mere hours before the deadlines. I tremble at the thought and bow down before Nicole for her fine-tuned study habits.

My point? My roommate is not the type of person who can really afford to have another hole in their life. Nonetheless, my second escapade included a trip to the Half Pint Tattoo Parlor in Niles, Mich. so Nicole could pierce her nose. While Nicole got an uncountable hole in her face, I got a whole new perspective on the world of tattooing.

Nicole's actual piercing artist, Mikey, was like a surgeon with his task. He began professionally by using a needle to insert through her nose and had only

Corrections/Clarifications

An announcement in the Jan. 21 edition of the Observer incorrectly identified the location of Wednesday's lecture. "President Bush and the War Against Terrorism." The lecture is at 4:30 p.m. in the Hesburgh Center Auditorium. The Observer regrets the error.

The Observer regards itself as a professional publication and strives for the highest standards of journalism at all times. We do, however, recognize that we will make mistakes. If we have made a mistake, please contact us at 631-4541 so we can correct our error.

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QUOTES OF THE WEEK

Father Theodore Hesburgh Notre Dame president emeritus on carrying the Olympic torch

Screw it. I'm a Jesuit. It-sort-of means when you get hit by a bomb you keep on fighting. The Vatican was bombed. I'll do my best. It's almost a religious thing. I mean, you can't not do it. You can't not be a Catholic. It is a religious thing. It's an honor. It's a way to build the image of the Church to be seen doing things for the whole world, not just for the church. It's the way to be. It's what you do.

Kevin White athletic director on hiring Tyrene Willis:ing

I've been out of college for a long time and I want to see the best people doing the best jobs. Tyrene is the best person for this job and I'm sure he will do the best job. I've been looking to fill this position for some time and I'm glad to have found Tyrene.

Karen Swanson women's basketball player on the team calendar

I love playing basketball, but I also love being with my family. I'm glad to be able to play basketball and be with my family at the same time.

Father Theodore Hesburgh Notre Dame president emeritus on the late Father George Minamiki

Let me tell you I've studied Japanese and it's not so easy to learn. We never had a Japanese professor as good as Minamiki.

BEYOND CAMPUS

Track members reach settlement on Title IX lawsuit

NASHVILLE, Tenn.

Attorneys representing Vanderbilt University have reached a settlement agreement with seven current and former members of the university's track and field and cross-country teams. The agreement came from a lawsuit filed in May 2000 by Colleen Byrne, Shelley Dove, Tara Gregory, Kelly Howisey, Kylene Kowurkna, Cynda Merse and Lauren Prez — all current or former members of the Vanderbilt cross country and track and field teams — alleging Title IX discrimination.

Title IX, a component of the Education Amendments of 1972, prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in any educational program receiving federal funding. "Vanderbilt has violated and continues to violate Title IX and its implementing regulations by denying its female athletes equal educational opportunities through its failure to provide equal benefits for women in varsity intercollegiate athletics," alleges the complaint filed by Charles Ray and Chip Frensley, the attorneys representing the seven student-athletes.

Chip Frensley & Karen Swanson also represent former Vanderbilt track coach Paul Arceneaux, who sued Vanderbilt alleging Title IX discrimination in his hiring. That case is scheduled to go to trial March 5.

The complaint in the students' case alleges that the teams are segregated against the in the form of coaching salaries, number of coaches, and scholarships. The plaintiffs sought "increased opportunities and actual compensatory and punitive damages. "Men wouldn't get better facilities in biology class, and Vanderbilt shouldn't get better athletic facilities," Frensley said.

The sides reached a settlement in December of last year, but the formalities of the agreement were not finalized and released to the press until Wednesday.

CHRISTOPHER BULL

UNIVERSITY OF EVANSVILLE

Arab students return to campus

EVANSVILLE, Ind.

All but one of the 17 students attending the University of Evansville from the United Arab Emirates who left after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks have returned for spring semester. The students returned to their country soon after the attacks due to their families' concerns for their safety, as news reports linked Arabs to the terrorist attacks in New York and Washington. Sophomore Fared Al-Hammadi returned to the United Arab Emirates after phone calls from coworkers. "I just increased from once a week to three or four times a day following the attacks," "My family thinks of the U.S. as they see it in the movies," he said. "They thought because they heard of some Arab people being harassed. But it was happening to me here."

Although no threats or acts of violence were made against him personally, he did notice a marked difference in the way others looked at him and his family.

"I'm proud of being Arab, but I'm also proud of being American," Al-Hammadi said.

The Current

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Cuts likely in higher ed funding

ANN ARBOR, Mich.

With the state facing an estimated deficit of $900 million, funding for Michigan public universities for the next academic year is expected to remain low and could even be cut. The amount of funding the University of Michigan receives usually determines tuition for that year. When State Treasurer Doug Roberts met with the directors of the House and Senate fiscal agencies Tuesday to make revenue estimates for the coming fiscal year, they predicted fiscal year 2003 revenue would drop 0.4 percent from 2002. State Budget Director Don Gilmer will make the governor's budget presentation to the Legislature Feb. 7, and indications are that higher education funding will be cut. "The governor doesn't think there will be a department in state government that will not face cuts," said Engler spokesman Matt Resch. When asked if that included the state's universities and colleges, Resch added, "Every person needs to be prepared to tighten their belts."

Michigan Daily

LOCAL WEATHER

5 Day South Bend Forecast

The AccuWeather forecast for daytime conditions and high temperatures.

Wednesday & Thursday

Partly sunny with a high near 45. Warmer Thursday.

Friday & Saturday

A cold front moves through late Friday night. Low pressure system moves in Saturday night.

Sunday

Cloudy with a high near 43.

NATIONAL WEATHER

The AccuWeather forecast for parts of the U.S. with temperatures in the high 30s and low 40s.

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Chicago fire kills 1, injures 8

The United States. Japan

TOKYO

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In other CLC news:

− Jarotkiewicz, who chairs the off-campus living task force, reported that a housing survey last month generated more than 2,600 undergraduate responses. He expected results to be available soon.

"It was very successful. (Responses) kept coming in like you wouldn’t believe," he said. Moss told the group that senior staff in the Office of Student Affairs was looking forward to receiving survey data from the task force.

− Norton said Father Mark Poorman, vice president for student affairs, offered to speak and answer questions at an upcoming CLC meeting.

− To accommodate two members’ schedule conflicts, council meetings may be held an hour earlier in the future. The change would shift the meeting time to 3:30 p.m. every other Monday.

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WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Russia shuts down TV station: Russia's media minister took the country's largest independent television station off the air Monday, after its journalists reneged on an agreement to cut ties with its outspoken owner. The months-long legal battle over TV6 has revived concern about media freedom in Russia, and its disappearance from the airwaves is likely to put new international pressure on President Vladimir Putin.

South Africa to get AIDS drug: A key AIDS drug, which reduces the chances of HIV-positive patients transmitting the virus to their children at birth, will be made available in South Africa's most AIDS-stricken province. The drug, Nevirapine, is approved by the World Health Organization, and studies show it can reduce the rate of mother-to-child HIV infections by up to 50 percent.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Victims of helicopter crash named: The Pentagon released the names of the two Marines killed and the five injured in a helicopter crash Sunday in Afghanistan. Staff Sgt. Walter F. Cohee, 33, from Mendocino, Calif., and Sgt. Dwight J. Morgan, 24, from Mardela Springs, Md., were among those who perished. The two were assigned to Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 361, which is part of the 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing based in Marine Corps Air Station, Miramar, Calif.

Brown pelican making comeback: Federal wildlife officials say they are drafting a proposal to take the brown pelican off the endangered species list in Louisiana - the bird was nearly wiped out by DDT. An effort to remove the pelican from the list has been proposed after the bird was nearly wiped out by DDT. The pesticide DDT caused them to lay eggs with shells too thin to protect developing embryos.

INDIANA NEWS BRIEFS

Walking pneumonia on the rise: Health officials suspect a rise in cases of "walking pneumonia" in central Indiana this winter may be part of a cyclical pattern for the illness. Some doctors believe mycoplasma - the illness' formal name - may be more prevalent than ever before in central Indiana, although it is not clear why some doctors and hospitals are not required to report cases to the government. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates there may be as many as 2 million cases of walking pneumonia annually nationwide.

Colombian rebels promise ceasefire

Colombian government peace commissioner Camilo Gomez and Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia rebel leader Raul Reyes look over a document during talks in Los Pozos, Colombia.

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Associated Press

BOGOTA Colombian President Andres Pastrana, showing a new toughness, has wrested his first major concessions from leftist guerrillas in three years of peace talks. A series of eleventh-hour accords, culminating Sunday with a mutual pledge to seek a cease-fire by early April, has also opened a larger international role in the country's acrimonious peace process. The latest deal was struck after nearly two weeks of heightened guerrilla conflict that has killed some 3,500 people annually and has driven millions from their homes.

Daniel Garcia, a former government peace negotiator, called the agreement "a promising roadmap for peace talks." The agreement propels the government and the FARC into internationally monitored negotiations for the first time since the peace process began in January 1999. "War-weary Colombians are hoping it will bring a reprieve in a 36-year-old guerrilla conflict," Garcia said. "It's the best agreement reached to this point, but it's not a panacea," Serpa said.

Enron scandal worries Bush advisers

Associated Press

WASHINGTON President Bush's advisers, fearing the Enron Corp. bankruptcy漩涡 controversy could divert attention from his second-year agenda, are debating what to do about a political problem they helped create. From the first belated disclosure that the energy giant sought help from Bush's team, the White House has helped fuel the story by refusing to release some details and offering others in dribs and drabs. "Whatever the underlying facts are, they are creating the impression that there's something to hide," said Joe Lockhart, a veteran press secretary to President Clinton. Nearly two-thirds of Americans - 63 percent - believe the Bush administration isn't telling everything it knows about its relationship with Enron, according to a recent CBS News poll. With the Enron story gathering steam, Republicans are divided over how to respond, and Democrats are split on whether it will be a potent political issue. White House officials hope Bush's State of the Union address Jan. 29 will shift focus from Enron to his domestic policy agenda, the war on terrorism and efforts to prevent future attacks. But some Republicans outside the administration say that won't be enough. They're pushing for more disclosures and an internal investigation. Bush spokesman Ari Fleischer has said the White House will not try to determine which administration officials had contacts with Enron executives.
IRS may review income tax collection

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The Internal Revenue Service uses banks to collect tax payments because it's supposed to be an efficient way of getting money into federal coffers quickly, with less hassle for the government.

But ever since some 71,000 checks worth $1.2 billion went missing at Mellon Financial's operation in Pittsburgh last year, there has been plenty of hassle: new security measures, an investigation and now a Senate committee's request that the U.S. comptroller general review the security of the entire system.

There's been no indication anyone tried to steal anything at Mellon. In this case, the culprits might have simply felt overworked and decided to dump returns into a storage room.

Members of the Senate Finance Committee say that created an intolerable situation, spokesman Mike Siegel said. The committee has asked the General Accounting Office, investigations arm of Congress, to look at what's known as the IRS lockbox system.

"We're relying on the quick response of the IRS to make sure there's not a replay of what occurred last year in Pittsburgh," Siegel said.

While many taxpayers might not know it, the IRS maintains contracts with four financial firms — Mellon, Bank of America, FirStar and Bank One — to operate lockbox centers in 10 locations across the nation. When taxpayers owe the government money, their returns and check go to one of these bank centers.

That way, the check can be credited to the government's accounts quickly, said Ken Carfine, cash management director at Financial Management Service, the Treasury Department's collection and disbursement arm.

At the height of tax time in April, Mellon's Pittsburgh operation was processing, on some days, more than 80,000 returns from parts of New York and New England, with checks totaling millions of dollars.

To handle the load, some 600 workers processed returns, extracted checks and keypunched information into computers. Temporary workers were hired, with an eye toward hitting FMS' target completion date for the peak filing period, April 29.

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Twelve civilians — including eight children — were killed in a raid on a remote village in Indian-controlled Kashmir Monday, and police said they suspect a Pakistan-based Islamic militant group.

It was the deadliest attack since Pakistan started clamping down on the rebels.

Two women and a man were wounded when the attackers surrounded Salwa village in the Punch district, about 135 miles northwest of Jammu, the state's winter capital, said Ashok Suri, the state's police chief. The attackers forced their way into the house of villagers Zakir Hussain, a Muslim, and started shooting, Suri said. He said the villagers could have refused demands from the militants to provide food and shelter, or the militants might have thought the villagers were police or army informants.

In another incident, police said two militants were killed Monday in an encounter with the Indian army in Chamalwa in Doda district, 110 miles north of Jammu.

Both were identified as top activists of the Jaish-e-Mohammed militant group. Five army personnel were injured, two of them critically, they said.

Army spokesman Lt. Col. Mukhtar Singh said a top Hezb-ul-Mujahedeen commander, Ghalam Mohammad Gasi, was killed Sunday when U.S. troops raiding 10 miles north of Srinagar, in an operation that left three women and an 18-month-old girl dead.

Pakistani government officials and villagers in the area are definitely behind this massacre," Suri said. He gave no reason for his suspicions.

The motives of the killings are not known. We are investigating. It's a remote village," Suri said.

Canada also is increasingly worried about the war in Afghanistan — Canada's ally in the war on terrorism are beginning to play a more prominent role in Afghanistan — Canada, for example, is sending 750 combat troops. But here at the headquarters of the U.S. general who runs the war, the international partners keep a low profile.

Gen. Tommy Franks, commander in chief of Central Command, often mentions that more than 20 countries have military representatives at his headquarters to consult on the war's progress and coordinate actions.

They operate from brie- and-green mobile trailers ringed by a chain-link fence in a parking lot dubbed "Coalition Village." Armed U.S. soldiers stand guard.

Some, like NATO allies Britain, France and Turkey, as well as long-time U.S. partners Australia and South Korea, fly their national flags.

A Central Command spokesman, Marine Corps Maj. Bruce Lowell, said 25 countries are represented here, but Central Command will not publicly list them.

Lowell said it's up to the governors to "articulate the role of" the anti-terror campaign, including their presence at MacDill.

"They are all making a major contribution," Franks said in an Associated Press interview last week. Canada announced Jan. 7 that it will send 750 combat troops to Kandahar airport to join at least 2,000 members of the U.S. Army's 101st Airborne Division, and Germany last week dispatched 70 soldiers as peacekeepers.

Earlier this month, six German navy ships set off for patrols off the Horn of Africa to help the United States cut off potential escape routes for terrorists fleeing Afghanistan.

Last week, Franks said he began operating a military field hospital in the northern Afghan city of Mazar-e-Sharif.

The nature of the war in Afghanistan is different from previous U.S. conflicts, and so, too, is the role of allies. In the 1995 air war in Kosovo, for example, 14 NATO member countries contributed a total of 327 aircraft. It is telling that the operation was dubbed "Allied Force," and that the war commander, Gen. Wesley Clark, ran it from his NATO command headquarters in Belgium.

The 1991 Gulf War also featured heavy combat contributions from a wide spectrum of countries, including Egypt.

To dissuade people from thinking the war in Afghanistan is strictly an American undertaking, Franks and the Bush administration have been eager to highlight the coalition's contributions. Now that the intense combat appears to be over, more countries are becoming involved inside Afghanistan.

"It's an evolution of the operation that we’re seeing," said Commodore J.J.P. Thiffault, Canada's senior representative at MacDill. His government has contributed several warships, two maritime patrol aircraft and one cargo plane. The 750 combat troops are to go to Kandahar in mid-February, he said.

In most of America's overseas conflicts, Britain is the most prominent and publicly supportive ally.

British Air Vice Marshal G.E. "Stck" Sturrock arrived at Franks' headquarters on Sept. 17, six days after the terrorist attacks and weeks before President Bush launched the U.S. military campaign in Afghanistan.

Britain has about 4,000 troops in and around Afghanistan, including ground forces working with U.S. special operations troops. It flies surveillance, reconnaissance and refueling aircraft in the area and has warships in the Arabian Sea. Britain also is leading the International Security Assistance Force in Kabul that is meant to stabilize the capital area while the U.S. military operation continues.

British submarines launched cruise missiles into Afghanistan in the opening hours of the campaign.

A written interview just days before he returned to London, says that, to be replaced at MacDill by Lt. Gen. Cedric Delves, Sturrock said that as commander of British forces it was essential that he be present here rather than rely on telephone or other long-distance means of communicating with Franks and his staff.

"Command is a personal issue," Sturrock said.
WTC monument should honor courage, not race

Diversity is a wonderful thing. It enriches our society and lends depth to our culture as a nation. Like all good things though, it can be taken to extremes and lose its meaning.

Such is the case with the proposed memorial statue for the New York firefighters killed in the Sept. 11 attack.

The statue, which is loosely based on the now famous photograph of the firefighters hoisting the flag over the rubble of Ground Zero, features one white, one black and one Hispanic firefighter.

This is contrast to the photo where all three of the firefighters were white. It could be argued that the symbolic nature of the statue outweighs the historical significance, but the enumeration of only three races when people of many other races not represented died can be seen as somewhat insulting.

In order for it to be truly representative, all other races must be included. And there lies the problem.

It is also insulting to the three firefighters who raised the flag over the rubble. Such is the case with the photo where they happened to be white.

Tragedy knows no race or color and death visits everyone equally, especially on that day. While the intentions of the designer were good, the statue ceases to be a memorial and becomes a monument to political correctness.

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What becomes lost in all of this is the symbolism. It is black, white, Hispanic and Asian people didn't die simply as members of their race. They died as Americans who selflessly gave their lives for their fellow man and woman. This tragedy never needed to be about race.

What is needed is a monument that takes courage and dedication into account. Let us remember what those brave men and women did, not what color that they happened to be.

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Letter to the Editor

Golden Globe choices too formulaic

I refuse to watch the Golden Globes ever again. I can't believe that "The Lord of the Rings" didn't win anything on Sunday night. The critics still don't seem to care about beauty, truth or technical achievement.

Instead, they voted for the formulaic, tedious "A Beautiful Mind." I find it ironic that the producer of "A Beautiful Mind" claimed that he wanted to "educate" the world about the problems that Prof. Nash faced, when the movie is so factually incorrect about Nash's relationship with his (now ex) wife, his own problems and schizophrenia in general.

"The Lord of the Rings" remained mostly true to a silly sexy Hollywood star) (for example, "Shakespeare in Love" over "Saving Private Ryan"). What a bunch of pan- sies.

Andrew Malahowski

Bush graduate student

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January 21, 2002
Clearing up cloning misconceptions

I yearn for the day when I can have a laptop facing a hill and create lots of me. That won't happen though. I wanted to make a few points about the cloning issue, touch upon a few random ideas and hopefully clear up some misconceptions. Effects of genetics and those of the environment. Genetics accounts for only about 30 percent of who we are. People have been putting too much emphasis on genetics. It only predisposes us to certain attributes. The environment plays a much larger role in determining who we are, how intelligent or lazy we become, what we're afraid of, and whether we believe Bob Dole is an attractive man or not. Cloned humans are not zombies (except maybe Bob Dole). Humans will not be harvested for their organs. If you were to be cloned, the person who would develop from that cell would be its own person. It would be as if you had a twin brother or sister that just happened to be 21 years younger than you. Humans will not be raised and slaughtered so little Johnny can have a new lung.

When does human life begin? Cellular life and human life are distinct. Our variety of emotions, higher-level cognitive thinking and our concept of the self makes humans unique from any other animal. And in order for us as humans to have these abilities, the neurons of our brain must form a highly-ordered structure. But this does not begin to happen until, at the earliest, about the second trimester (at about three months). The embryo before this time can not be human life as we imagine it. But the embryo has a soul, you say. An organism in the four- or eight-cell stage of development does not have a soul. At this stage, one cell could break away from the mass and form its own, genetically identical individual (for more on the embryo not being human, I suggest reading Lee Silver's "Remaking Eden"). I have much more to say but I think that stirs up enough hostility for now.

Shane Hudnall
Student Hall
Jan. 21, 2002

Give John Walker Lindh credit

FORT COLLINS, Colo. — We should give John Walker Lindh just a bit of credit.

The American-turned-terrorist, currently facing a life sentence for his involvement with the al Qaeda terrorist organization, is certainly an American enigma. Why maintain citizenship in a nation that you despise? But let's not take this too far. The guy, after all, is a terrorist. While we note his desire to cause change, we also note that we abhor the decision to use death and destruction as a political tool.

Terrorism is never a useful answer, although, as one board member quoted a political science professor, "One man's freedom fighter is another man's terrorist." It is clear to us that Lindh is the latter, but the positive in this story is worth some attention, too. Lindh made a commitment to change. It is a travesty that he made the wrong decision.

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Guest Column

King ideals change nation

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. — Monday morning many students will sleep late, lounge around, catch episodes of soap operas or talk shows and spend the day taking a break from the return of school commitments.

However, for more than 34 million African-Americans in the United States, Monday will be a day to celebrate the life of Martin Luther King Jr. and his work in civil rights. Members of the African-American population are not the only citizens of this nation who should be concerned about freedom, though. With the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, and the resulting U.S. war on terrorism, citizens have felt the threat of losing their freedom. The terrorist attacks that day made all Americans feel alienated and lost in their own country. People were not sure what to do, how to react or where to turn for help.

One of the most powerful and respected nations in the world suddenly had its civil rights threatened by a group of terrorists. However, this attack has united the country in many ways. People of all races came together through their suffering and the ensuing period of recovery. They continue to unite in the battle against future attacks. The sense of patriotism in this country rose dramatically with merchants finding their stock of American flags insufficient to cover the fanatical demand that the attacks inspired. So on a day when Americans can once again unite under the idea of celebrating unity and triumph over oppression, why would anyone choose to overlook the occasion as just a chance for a three-day weekend?

Instead, it is time to take a walk in King's shoes and reach out to help fellow Americans. King once said, "Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that." So when Monday morning rolls around, take a moment to think about what you can do to help, and spend the rest of the day doing it, honoring King's memory in the process. But remember that to be effective, humanity and civility cannot be turned off at the end of the day. They must persist all year in every action, every word and every deed. Only then can the nation truly be united.

King knew it would take time to change attitudes, to truly bring this great nation together. And now, more than 30 years after his death, it seems the time has come.

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CONCERT REVIEW

Adams, Williams demonstrate worth in Gold

By SEAN T. McLAUGHLIN
Scene Music Critic

Ryan Adams and Lucinda Williams served up a nearly endless parade of hits at the Riviera Theater in Chicago on Dec. 8. Adams opened the show, sporting dark sunglasses and a militant all-black outfit that resembled Johnny Cash's Public Enemy extra circa "Apocalypse 91: The Enemy Strikes Back." Having Dartch Vade's theme song from "Star Wars" blare over the P.A. as the band strode onstage was also a nice touch.

After 45 minutes of intense rock, Jimmy Eat World opened the show. The band's concert was their discussion on current rock music that involved Adams copping Mick Jagger poses and allowing his roadie to play guitar during the Rolling Stones classic "Brown Sugar." The consummate showman, Adams' hour-long set left the near-capacity crowd begging for more. Williams closed the show, her subtle delivery hinted throughout that Adams probably should have stayed second. Nonetheless, the woman that Time Magazine recently crowned as America's Best Songwriter did not disappoint.

Sticking to the Grammy Award-winning Car Wheels On A Gravel Road, and her latest release, Essence, Williams delivered a grace and touch that a Shelby Lynne or Sheryl Crow could only dream of for rolling through tight versions of "Metallica Firecracker," "Right In Time," "2 Cool 2 Be 4-gotten," "Car Wheels On A Gravel Road" and "Joy," Williams simply did what she does best; she played great songs.

The slower, more introspective tracks off Essence also came across well. "Blue" and "Get Right With God" proved to be real highlights. As the night drew to a close, Williams capped the show with the Essence's best track, "Lonely Girls." Although she faded into the dense confetti that sparkles rhinestones, sparkly rhinestones shine on lonely girls," Williams need not worry. Both she and Ryan Adams confirmed that they're worth far more than their weight in gold.

Weezer headlines diverse rock show

By TOM O'CONNELL
Scene Music Critic

Early last month in Kalamafoo, Mich., three very different bands played to a sold-out crowd of almost 10,000. Jimmy Eat World, Tenacious D and Weezer — in the middle of their small cities tour — were all promoting their recent albums. This tour was important for increasing fan bases for the band that just became famous, the band that just debuted, the band that made the come-back.

Jimmy Eat World is a veteran group of fringer emo rookers whose recent album Bleed American and hit single "The Middle" impressed critics and shot them to mainstream stardom. They opened the show with a lot of intensity and quickly got the growing crowd energized. The all general admission show brought many people down to floor level, making for an extremely tight squeeze for those trying to get to the front. After 45 minutes of intense rock, Jimmy Eat World left the stage and Tenacious D came on.

For a band that started out playing to crowds that could be counted on two hands, a 10,000 seat arena warrants a different feel. Though they used a backup band for their album, Tenacious D have always played their concerts alone, just two men with acoustic guitars, often talking to and interacting with the audience. While this was definitely an intimate feeling in the smaller venues, it loses something in a bigger place.

As an underground oddity in the late 1990s, part of the joke of Tenacious D's HBO comedy show was that the self-proclaimed "Greatest Band On Earth" had no audience. With thousands of screaming fans to handle at every show, it seems that they are trying to take the joke in a new direction.

From a solo-interactive show, they now seem to lecture to their audience about the ups and downs of being a rockstar. And while good to see that they are staying fresh and adapting to their new situation, the old D is gone, and the die hard fans now have to share them with a growing crowd of people who only hold a mild interest.

Regardless of the size of the crowd, Tenacious D still knows how to rock an audience. Playing their old favorites like "The Cosmic Shame" and "Rock Your Socks" they explain to the audience why they were chosen to have such talent and why not everyone can kick the amount of ass they do. The highlight of the show was their discussion on current rock music that led into covered versions of System of a Down's "Chop Suey" and Bryan Adams' "Summer of '69." A solid hour of Tenacious D ended with "Double Team," the classic song of the seduction of a "Backstage Betty." Since the summer of 2001, Weezer has been staging their massive comeback from the brink of one of rock's greatest come-backs during their five year hiatus, largely due to Napster and the ability to gain access to their live and rare recordings from Pinkerton. Still, their live performances have not suffered. Ending both shows with one of their most loved songs, "Only In Dreams," Weezer gave their fans a great finale.

Back after five years, Weezer seems ready to continue building what they started seven years ago.

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The death of rap and other musical observations

So it's the beginning of a new year. And this is the first music spread of 2002. Ah, the possibilities.

It's tempting at this point to attempt to forecast the acts that will dominate the music scene this coming year, as if I was Max Groo or something, and I suppose I will, a little, but I think we can have even more fun just by taking a look at what's sitting around out there and evaluating just what is so god-awfully wrong with it.

On that note, we might as well start off with the most glaring of eminent disasters-to-be: Bubba Sparxxx. In his best effort to win friends in Dr. Dre's shadow, famed hip-hop producer Timbaland went out and found a white rapper of his own, Warran Anderson Mabhin, a.k.a. Bubba Sparxxx. But Bubba ain't no Eminem. In fact, if we're going to be honest, this fat white boy from the rural south could single-handedly be the death of rap music. Vanilla Ice may have brutally wounded rap once but not in these rhymes like, "Y'all don't know me at all I say the same things but slower than y'all," Bubba is going to send rap straight to its grave. If any readers out there like Bubba and enjoy his music, and I have offended them, I'm sorry but you're in the wrong. Rock on the other hand, is still recovering from the utter beating it's received at the hands of pop music the past few years. But as Fred Durst is finally removed kicking and screaming from the rock spotlight, we're going to see the scene open up and welcome bands with the actual talent. Individual artists like Alicia Keys and Angie Stone are also serving to bring a bit of respect back to a severely damaged genre.

Let's just hope Bubba Sparxxx gets shot in one of those horrific drive-byes—like Y'all hear are so common to the ghetto-ravaged streets of La Grange, Ga. before he can ruin everything.

If it's Travis and Coldplay you can't get enough of, then check out the latest Brit-pop import, Starsailor, a band desperately attempting to distinguish itself from, well, Travis and Coldplay. Other rockers on the rise include alt. country sensation Ryan Adams, former Backhead DJ and keyboardist Citizen Cope (Clarence Greenwood) and the young punkers Saves the Day. Each has their own unique style, unattainably — as of yet — by the alluring yet deadly storm of the TRL monster.

Pop is, well, pop is what it always has been. Rock might be fighting back, but for now, pop still rules.

A new season of "Making the Band" will keep the guys in O-Town famous for least another 10 minutes. And as long as Britney continues to shamelessly flaunt everything her momma gave her, she'll have the funds to support bo Justin Timberlake long after his buddy Joey finally snap after eating one too many of Chili's baby-back ribs (O'Syne are the new Chili's spokesboys), and goes on the brutal killing spree we all know he has in him, finally putting an end to awesome selling power of their "boy" band.

But if you're still waiting to find out who's really going to be hot this year, then you've missed the entire point of this column. When it comes down to it, it doesn't matter what you listen to, as long as you enjoy it. So what if Blink182 could be out played by an epileptic 12-year old with only one arm? If you have a good time listening to their latest single, that's what it's all about. Who you listen to isn't nearly as important as whether or not you simply enjoy the music. And never let music snobs (like myself) tell you otherwise.

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team dominated that battle. The Huskies scored 13 rebounds to the Huskies 5. "The defensive pressure was not a factor during the first half," Williams said. "We just really made them a great team tonight." That defense kept the Irish from taking more than one look per possession and made sure those looks didn't result in anything. For game, the points the Irish scored marked their second-lowest number of points scored this season. The 29 percent shooting points a game, was held to the first half fall well below the Notre Dame season average.

After allowing the Irish to stay within two in the first four minutes of the game (4-2), the Huskies allowed only three points, in the next eight minutes while they grabbed 18 themselves.

"Our defense definitely won the game for us tonight," Sue Bird said. "We did a good job to get them out of the game and gone to a more limited one, in the first half fell well below we think we did a good job of do a good job to get them out of the game and gone to a more limited one, in the first half fell well below we think we did a good job of.

Williams added, "We played very good defense. We have been scoring more than points a game, was held to the first half fall well below. We think we did a good job of do a good job to get them out of the game and gone to a more limited one, in the first half fell well below we think we did a good job of.

Williams said. "I think, felt a test. I think that was a much better next time. Kelsey Wicks freshman

"We're young. We're still growing. And if we continue to develop, we're going to be so much better next time," Kelsey Wicks said.

A first for the bench to score a high 16 points in 27 minutes. The Wyoming native didn't seem to notice the All-Americans in her face, the loud, nearly-capacity, or defensive struggles of her teammates. She just put 14 shots up, and she gave the Irish the edge in 27 minutes.

"Kelsey's attitude also exhibited by Batteast, who was forced into her first five minutes at point guard when severe picked up fourth foul before they told me to give the kids time to develop, to learn to play with one another. Well, I don't expect a repeat championship this year, but after watching this team mature over the last six weeks I'm sticking to my guns, and here's why.

Kelsey's big step up the point guard position, a player who can beat offenses inside and outside with moves that are physically impossible to defend, is a freshman named Jacqueline. Batteast.

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As for the sophomore, she only collected four steals and seven assists against Sue Bird, a Naismith Award candidate and would be undoubtedly the best point guard in the country.

So while the Huskies still need to do this season? For starters, they needed to win away from every game. On Monday, the Irish played their first game in front of a hostile environment on the scoreboard.

"You come into a game like this, it's preparation for the big ones, for the NCAA tournament," McGraw said. "It's a big game and it's a test for the crowd is tremendous." The Irish needed to take a cue from Wicks and remain unflustered, no matter what the circumstances. This team is undefeat- ed at home, but struggling away from the Joyce Center. I think "I think just maybe, when we're faced with the hostile environment of somebody else's home, we haven't had that killer instinct where we respond with the feverishness you need to be a competitor," McGraw added. That's kind of us a little bit, but we are developing and we're going to improve.

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Salvador’s OT goal propels Blues past Bruins

Associated Press

BOSTON - The St. Louis Blues are making other teams take notice as they climb the standings in the Western Conference.

Bryce Salvador scored off a pass from Keith Tkachuk with 2:12 left in overtime Monday as the Blues’ set a franchise record for its last 12 games against Boston.

"It’s quite an achievement for us," Blues goalie Brent Johnson said. "Tkachuk has been the key because he is such a force and controls the play."

St. Louis, which won for the first time this season when trailing after two periods, swept the home-and-home matchup against the Bruins, winning both games in overtime and improving to 10-2 in its last 12 games against Boston.

They have won nine in a row because they have that feeling," Bruins coach Robbie Ftorek said. "They are hungry around the net and have the mentality that they will score all the time."

Salvador took a drop pass from Tkachuk and sent a slap shot past Byron Dafoe. The Blues’ Mike Keane had tied the game with 3:40 left in regulation.

Tkachuk has figured in on six of St. Louis’ last seven goals, as well as the Blues’ last four game-winning goals.

"We have won nine in a row for the Bruins because they are our hometown team," Tkachuk said. "We feel we can take over a game and dictate what’s going to place."

Benoit Hogue scored on a backhand through the legs of Johnson at 7:03 of the third to give Boston a 2-1 lead. It was Hogue’s first goal since the Bruins acquired him from Dallas on Jan. 12.

Boston has converted one of its last 30 power-play opportunities but has 24 goals in its last five home games.

"We weren’t doing the things that made us successful in the first period," Bruins forward Bill Guerin said. "If we have a 2-0 lead, the game should be in the bag."

Sergei Samsonov gave the Bruins a 1-0 lead after he converted a pass from Glen Murray and knocked the puck past Johnson at 7:47 of the third period.

Tkachuk tied it 2-2 for St. Louis when he redirected Al Macinnis’s shot from the blue line and beat Dafoe inside the right post at 2:36 of the third period.

Pavel Demitra cut the lead in half for the Blues with 2:49 remaining in the second. Demitra and Tkachuk have combined for 17 goals in the last five games.

Joe Thornton, who entered as the second-leading scorer in the league, tied it with his 13th of the season as Vancouver snapped Carolina’s three-game unbeaten streak.

Erik Cole and Bates Battaglia scored within a span of 2:42 midway through the final period as the Hurricanes overcame 3-1 and 4-2 Vancouver leads to go up 5-4.

But Sopel beat Tom Barrasso just 22 seconds after coincident minor penalties to Jeff O’Neill and Matt Cooke to tie it 2-2 with 7:59 left, then added his fifth of the season 2:16 later on another shot just inside the blue line.

Meanwhile, Carolina’s Ron Francis has three assists to give him 1,168 for his career and move within two of passing Ray Bourque for second on the NHL’s all-time list.

Gole tied it with his 12th of the season at 14:40 left as he chased his shot from the right wing that was blocked by the Vancouver defense and stick it by Peter Skudra, who was out of position trying to poke the puck out of the slot.

Battaglia took a perfect centering pass from Francis less than three minutes later for his 1,169th of the season, has five goals in his last five games.

Carolina’s Trevor Linden sealed the win with 3:40 left on an assist from Sopel.

The Flyers, winners of 14 of their last 17 games, had won only twice in a 16-game stretch, have been a much different team with Lemieux in the lineup, winning their last three — including the final two games of a western Canada swing that ended with a 1-0 win Saturday at Edmonton.

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"Phil’s one of the best teams in the league, but we’re just a much better team with Mario," Penguins goalie John Hidberg said. "He’s giving us the confidence to be good."

Hedberg stopped 22 of 24 shots in his first career start against Philadelphia, which drafted him in 1994 but never promoted him to the NHL.

Lemieux got the Penguins started by setting up Michal Rozsival’s go-ahead goal at 12:38 of the first. Rozsival took Lemieux’s pass in the right circle and put a wrister on net that eluded Boucher, who has allowed at least three goals in each of his last six starts.

"We gave him Lemieux a lot more room than a guy like that should have against our team," Flyers forward Keith Primeau said. "We’ve had spells where it didn’t look like we had our feet moving, but tonight it was for the whole 60 minutes. It caught us up to him."

The Flyers never seemed to catch up. The Penguins opened a two-goal lead against backup goalie Brian Boucher, lost it briefly in the third period, then regained it on goals by Morozov and Robert Lang 48 seconds apart.

Morozov, a streak scorer most of his career, has five goals in three games since moving onto Lemieux’s line shortly after the Penguins’ owner-player returned Jan. 12 from a two-month layoff with a hip injury.

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The New York Mets pulled off a three-team, 11-player trade Monday night, acquiring Jeremy Burnitz from Milwaukee and sending Glendon Rusch to the Brewers and Todd Zeile to Colorado.

The Mets completed an off-season overhaul of their offense, getting the slugging outfielder they had been seeking. Burnitz will fit into a lineup with newcomers Roberto Alomar, Mo Vaughn and Roger Cedeno.

New York also received pitcher Jeff D’Amico, infielder Luis Collier, outfielder Mark Sweeney and cash from the Mets. The Mets got minor leaguers Ross Gload and Randy Reid from Colorado.

The Brewers, who saved money by dealing Burnitz back to his original team, added a left-handed starter in Rusch. They also obtained outfielder Alex Ochoa from Colorado and infielder Lenny Harris from New York.

The Rockies filled their third base hole with Zeile. They also got outfielder Benny Agbayani and cash from the Mets.

GMs Dan O’Dowd of Colorado and Dean Taylor of Milwaukee have a history of making big deals. They took part in a four-team, nine-player swap on Dec. 13, 1999.

In that deal, the Rockies got third baseman Jeff Cirillo and pitcher Rolando Arrojo from Oakland. Tampa Bay got third baseman Vinny Castilla. Milwaukee acquired catcher Henry Blanco and Oakland got a minor league player.

This is the biggest deal since December, 1994, when Houston and San Diego pulled off a 12-player trade — the most players dealt in the past 44 years. The Padres got outfielder Steve Finley and third baseman Ken Caminiti and Houston got outfielder Derek Bell.

After going to the World Series in 2000, the Mets went 82-80 last year, finishing with the fewest runs in the majors. They were second-to-last in average and home runs in the NL. Burnitz adds another big bat to a lineup that returns Mike Piazza, Todd Zeile and Edgardo Alfonzo.

The Brewers wanted to shed Zeile, who will make $6 million this season, fills the hole at third created when the Rockies dealt Jeff Cirillo to Seattle. Zeile played first base in his two seasons for the Mets, but Colorado has All-Star Todd Helton entrenched there.

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Bettis set to play in AFC Championship

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH

Jerome Bettis said Monday he is certain he'll return from a seven-week layoff to play in the AFC championship game. He's also sure about something else. No more needles.

Bettis, the Pittsburgh Steelers' Pro Bowl running back, said he realizes it was a mistake to get a painkilling shot just before Sunday's playoff game against Baltimore. The injection apparently struck a nerve and caused one of Bettis' legs to go numb, preventing him from playing.

"The Steelers went on to beat the defending Super Bowl champion Ravens 27-10 without him, and they would have beaten New England in the AFC championship game even if he doesn't play. However, Bettis insists he will play, saying, "I could have played about 5 or 6 o'clock (Sunday) after the shot wore off." Amos Zereoue ran for 63 yards and two short touchdowns as Bettis' replacement, but Bettis' presence would give the Steelers a difficult-to-defend asset that perfectly accompanies their dramatically improved passing attack.

Before he was hurt Dec. 2 against Minnesota, Bettis was averaging nearly 100 yards per game through 11 games.

"I'd certainly be the freshest man in the playoffs when he comes back," offensive tackle Wayne Gandy said. "For a man like him who is driven, who already is a hard runner, if he gets a chance to play Sunday, he'll be running 100 miles per hour."

The Steelers will take Bettis' customary 100 yards.

Bettis said he's taken painkilling shots before without a reaction, and he has no idea why Sunday's injection went wrong. He insisted he didn't need the shot because he reinjured himself.

"I knew there would be a lot of pain associated with the injury and I just wanted it to feel better," he said. "The scar tissue still has to tear, and it is nowhere near as strong as regular tissue, so there's going to be pain."

"It's nothing that will keep you from playing, it's just something you have to deal with."

Gandy estimated about half the players get painkilling injections before a game, but said most get nothing more than the equivalent of three or four over-the-counter painkilling tablets.

"I'm taking liquid Advil, but it doesn't tear up your stomach," he said. "You have to understand it's a game of pain. It's a hard, reckless game, and it (the shot) is really just to smooth those little irritating things that come up."

The Steelers got some welcomed medical news Monday when an MRI exam showed no ligament or cartilage tear in linebacker Earl Holms' sore left knee. Holmes also expects to play Sunday. The door said it will be sore for a couple of days but, other than that, everything came back great," said Holmes, the Steelers leading tackler.

Heavily favored Steelers not blowing off Patriots

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH

As the heavily favored Pittsburgh Steelers wrapped up a midweek practice before the AFC championship game seven years ago, an unfamiliar noise echoed through their Three Rivers Stadium offices.

BOOM-thwacka! BOOM-thwacka! BOOM! BOOM! BOOM!

The blaring boom box emanating from a meeting room — what kind of film session was that? — brought curious club officials scurrying out of their offices. Even coach Bill Cowher poked his head into a hallway and wondered what was going on.

Inside, a dance choreographer was reviewing dance steps, with a musical accompaniment, as 20 players rehearsed a Super Bowl video. Several other players also were finishing up Super Bowl-related rap songs.

That same week, many players talked about the difficulty in securing hotel rooms and airplane tickets in Miami for their families. And defensive end Ray Seals predicted that title game opponent San Diego wouldn't even score.

Amid the distractions and dance steps, the red tape and the video tape, the Steelers forgot one thing: win the football game.

The Champs, one of the biggest underdogs in AFC title game history, seized on the Steelers' brazen overconfidence and used it for motivation in beating them 17-14.

"Nobody gave us any respect or any chance," Chargers defensive end Reuben Davis said. "We had to put up with that stuff about them making a rap video. Well, now they have six months to practice their dancing. They should be pretty good dancers in six months."

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Just like that 1994 team, the Steelers are big favorites in the AFC title game against an opponent they know little about. Just substitute New England for San Diego.

The Steelers talked Monday about the Super Bowl, but only because they will leave for New Orleans within hours of Sunday's game if they win, and Cowher needed to review logistical matters.

"It doesn't take a lot to get you ready to play this game," running back Jerome Bettis said. "You're playing for the opportunity to go to the Super Bowl. That's what you wait your whole life for."

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"This team, all year, we show up to play," offensive tackle Wayne Gandy said. "I don't think there will ever be a lack of intensity or motivation. We lost a couple of games, but it wasn't about whether we showed up. It's never been about a lack of effort."
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Irish point guard Chris Thomas tries to pass the ball into Ryan Humphrey during Notre Dame's 83-73 loss against Georgetown Monday night. Thomas finished with 13 points.

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came via offensive rebounds as the Hoyas opened up a 16-8 lead five and a half minutes into the game. Georgetown extended their lead to 37-30 with a little more than six minutes to go in the first half before Carroll drained his first 3-pointer of the game. Notre Dame continued to fight their way back into the game and cut Georgetown's lead to 44-33 at halftime.

Both teams exchanged baskets throughout the first nine minutes of the second half until Sweetney hit a jump shot in the lane starting a 7-0 Hoyas run that extended the Georgetown lead to its biggest of the game, 70-52.

But Notre Dame refused to quit, cutting the lead to seven points with 1:06 left in the second half on a Carroll 3-pointer. Unfortunately for the Irish, that would be as close as they would get.

After Kevin Braswell missed a free throw on the ensuing possession, Sweetney apparently reached over Carroll for the rebound and got fouled while attempting a put back. Brey immediately left his coaching box, stormed to half court and after yelling at the official, received his first technical foul as Notre Dame's head coach. "I thought [calling the foul on Sweetney] would have been a nice statement by a good official," said Brey.

That incident was not the only controversial call that the officials made during the game. In the first half Jere Macura and Harvey Thomas engaged in a scuffle yet no foul was called. Later in that half Thomas instigated a pushing match with Cornette with both players receiving technical fouls for the incident.

The Irish have now lost three straight and dropped to below .500 in Big East play at 2-3. Brey feels the Irish must rebound quickly if they hope to make a run at the NCAA tournament.

"We are going to try and get this home thing down," said Brey. "Our crowd has been fabulous these last couple of games. We are going to keep on plugging so don't give up on this team yet."

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Hoyas simply out-rebounded, out-muscled, out-hustled, and out-scored the Irish.

His replacement in the starting line-up, Jordan Cornette, actually played pretty well. But he spent most of the game matched up against Hoyas buildезer Mike Sweetney.

Sweetney is 6-foot-8, 260 pounds. Cornette is about 40 pounds lighter. A trash can would have a better chance stopping a garbage truck.

Swanagan's absence hurt Humphrey, too. Every time he got by one of Georgetown's mammoth big guys, another would appear in his face. No wonder he shot 8-for-22. His gold-tooled teammate wasn't there to draw one of those bodies away.

Cornette didn't played badly. In fact, he played fairly well.

But he just isn't Haral Swanagan.

"It hurt a lot," Humphrey admitted. "They just kept bringing guys... Jordan's about 180. I'm not too far behind. It was physical."

Rebounds that Swanagan would usually grab ended up floating into the hands of a Georgetown player. The Hoyas tapped away loose balls without Notre Dame's gritty big man diving on the floor. As the game wore on and as the man who plays first and talks second sat on the bench, the Irish seemed to lose intensity and focus.

"When you're missing a guy like Swanagan," Georgetown head coach Craig Esherick said, "you're clearly not at full force."

Want to know how important Swanagan is? With 4:22 left in the game, Humphrey hit a turnaround jumper to bring the Irish to within nine points. Immediately, the Joyce Center came roaring to life - yes, even the stoic alumni in the court side seats managed to stand up — and the Irish mounted their only serious run of the second half. Georgetown point guard Keith Braswell drove through the lane and threw up a shot that Cornette slightly deflect-led. Humphrey tipped the ball away from the basket, and the Joyce Center exploded.

But they settled down pretty quickly when Georgetown's Gerald Riley flew in untouched from the weak side — weak because Swanagan wasn't in the game — leapt into the air, and tipped the ball off the backboard and through the basket.

Forgot about a simple blow to momentum — Riley dropped an atom bomb through the net that silenced the Joyce Center and Notre Dame's comeback hopes.

Had Swanagan been in the game, there's no way Riley would have been even close to the basket. Notre Dame's Mr. Hustle would have planted his body right in front of the Hoyas, and the Irish rally might have continued.

But he wasn't five feet from the basket leaping for the ball, he was standing on the sidelines in dress shoes as the ball was tipped around. And as Riley floated to the basket, Swanagan even hopped a little, as if he could stop Riley from 70 feet away.

Too bad he couldn't. He wasn't in the game.

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No lead is safe for Rams' head coach Martz

Associated Press

The St. Louis Rams were leading by 28, the clock was winding down, and Kurt Warner had a sore back and ribs. And yet, there were Warner and Marshall Faulk, still out on the field right to the finish leading by 28, the clock was ticking down, and Kurt Warner had what for him was a mediocre game — 18-for-30 for 216 yards with two touchdowns and one interception — the Rams' revamped defense was superb. It had its biggest day in several seasons, making six interceptions, including three returned for touchdowns. Martz said he wanted to leave Warner in so the Rams would have a better chance of holding on to the ball, allowing the defense to rest late.

Earlier in the season, Martz had other reasons for not emptying his bench.

• He left everybody in to preserve a 35-0 shutout over the Lions in October.
• When the Rams clinched the NFC West, he wanted starters on the field at the end even though they beat the Colts 42-17.

The Rams beat their opponents by an average of 31-17 in the regular season. They also whipped the Dolphins by 32, the Lions by 35, the Panthers by 34, and the Falcons by 29. That should have opened the door for backup quarterback Jamie Martin and backup running back Trung Canidate. Instead, Martin threw only three passes in the regular season, and Canidate got most of his 441 yards rushing when he started two games while Faulk was out with a bruised knee.

Canidate didn't get any carries in four of the last five regular-season games, and he used mostly on kickoff coverage against the Packers.

"Everybody got out of there safe," wide receiver Torry Holt said. "I never try to question our coaching. I'm a player. I get paid to play, he gets paid to coach and that's that."

Given the opportunity, Holt said he wouldn't want to be in there at the end of a blowout. "I would love to be done for the day, let's be honest," Holt said. "With this defense, we can chill out."
Associated Press

CHICAGO

Jonathan Bender got a chance to start and showed the talent that makes him a big part of the Indiana Pacers' future.

Bender played a career-high 46 minutes, scoring 18 points and grabbing a career-best 10 rebounds, as the Pacers snapped a five-game losing streak Monday by beating the Chicago Bulls 93-81.

"I thought I'd be further along right now, but I have to be patient with myself," said Bender, in his third season since going directly to the NBA from high school.

"I guess you could say it was my best game," Reggie Miller scored 20 points, Al Harrington — in his fourth season after going from the prep to the pros — added 18 and Jalen Rose had 12 of his 16 points in the second half.

"It takes sacrifice and it's a process," Rose said of blending the young players with the veterans.

"There is an adjustment period and you've got to humble yourself. You've got to swallow your pride and understand there are better days ahead," Miller, who didn't like what he saw.

"The only way this team will get better is for the younger guys to get on the floor and make plays and make mistakes," Miller said. "It's a fine line. You still want to be able to win games."

Ron Mercer led Chicago with 18 points and Ron Artest added 16. The Bulls had 25 turnovers, 15 in the second half.

"When someone is out in the league, it always seems someone steps up," Chicago's Brad Miller said. "Bender stepped up today. I'm not sure they missed anything without Jermaine O'Neal."

Bender, starting his second straight game with O'Neal sidelined by injury, scored 16 first-half points and gave Indiana a 50-44 lead when he hit a 3-pointer from the deep corner just before the buzzer.

Indiana took a 69-61 lead after three when Austin Croshere hit a 3-pointer with just under a minute left and Harrington converted a three-point play with nine seconds remaining in the quarter.

Rose's steal, driving layup and free throw for a three-point play and another jumper by Croshere made it 80-65, completing the 17-4 run.

The Hornets extended their winning streak. Seattle's previous longest losing streak in 15 years, several players on the bench had towels covering their heads.

Coach Don Chaney didn't like what he saw.

"I thought they threw in the towel. I thought they gave up," he said.

Latrell Sprewell was scoreless in 13 minutes and Curry had three in 11 minutes.

The Hornets took a 69-61 lead when he hit a 3-pointer with nine seconds left in the first quarter, then held New York to only 14 points in the second period and took a 43-point lead to 43 points in the third quarter and sent the Knicks to their most-lopsided loss since Indiana beat them 131-86 on Feb. 20, 1980.

Davis, who also had nine assists, did not play at all in the fourth quarter. Neither did Davis Wesley or Lee Nailon, who each scored 16 points.

Elden Campbell added 13 points, Jamaal Magloire had 12 and Bryce Drew 10 for the Hornets.

Kurt Thomas led the Knicks with 16 points and Othella Harrington added 14.

"We just couldn't get it done out there today," Thomas said. "It was the worst game I have ever been a part of."

**SuperSonics 109, 76ers 98**

The Seattle SuperSonics couldn't miss. At least it seemed that way.

The Sonics set a team record shooting by shooting over 66 percent and, behind Gary Payton's 28 points, beat the Philadelphia 76ers 109-98 Monday.

"We were in a rhythm with everybody shooting the ball well," Payton said.

Allen Iverson led the Sixers with 38 points, and became the eighth player in Philadelphia history to score 10,000 career points.

The Sonics shot 41-of-62 in ending the Sixers' four-game winning streak. Seattle's previous best was 64.5 percent against Houston on April 13, 1996.

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**A memorial Mass for Rev. George H. Minamiki, S.J.**

Associate professor emeritus of classical and Oriental languages and literatures will be celebrated Wednesday, January 23 at 5:15 p.m. in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart. Rev. Jerome Ncvey, S.J. will preside.

Father Minamiki, a priest of the Japan province of the Society of Jesus and a member of the Notre Dame faculty since 1968, died January 4 of a heart attack in Los Angeles, where he was visiting family. He was 82.

Father Minamiki taught Japanese at Notre Dame and for more than 20 years served as coordinator of the University's Year-in-Japan program. Before coming to Notre Dame, he spent 11 years as a teacher and administrator in Jesuit high schools in Japan, the last six as headmaster of Hiroshima Gakuin.

Father Minamiki, who received his doctorate from Notre Dame in 1977, was graduated from Loyola University of Los Angeles, his hometown, with a bachelor's degree in philosophy and held graduate degrees from Gonzaga University and Alma College.
Willingham will win the Notre Dame way

Just in case you were caught up in the nail-biting BCS season, with 13 points down being the closest any of the losing teams ever finished, Tyrone Willingham was named Notre Dame's head football coach on Jan. 1.

It turned out that throwing me out of coach George O'Leary hasn't done. Calling him a 'former Notre Dame coach' doesn't even sound quite right, does it? I mean, how long was he here? Five days? I may not have always been waving the banner of the Bob Davie Fan Club, but he at least earned the right to be endeared Gruden to most of the student body.

While Willingham's accomplishments at Stanford during seven years weren't drastically different from Davie's five years under the Dome, he now has the added resource of the Notre Dame name — the place synonymous with big time college football.

At least it should be, and it still can be. When asked if the Irish can still be a perennial top ten team, Willingham wasn't waylaid by tough academic standards or a tough schedule.

Instead, winning is not only his goal, but a requirement.

"That's why I am here: to reach that level of excellence that this university always had. I believe it can be accomplished, and that's why I am here," he said.

He echoed that sentiment at halftime of the men's basketball game on Saturday, in between receiving rau­cous support from the student section and a lone guy simply yelling out: "Beat Michigan!"

Describing the hiring of a head football coach as "better late than never" appears to be as appropriate here as anywhere. It took them a little while, with a blown play along the way, but, by all accounts, Notre Dame got an excellent man for its most high profile job.

While he was accepting that job on the first day of 2002, one thing Willingham said stuck with me.

"There is no question that this is the most high profile university in this country," he said, "and with that, it brings [a] bright light. But I have always said to my wife that if you are doing the right thing it does not matter how bright the lights are or how many lights, but if you are doing the wrong thing, it only takes a flash­light.

After the past few seasons, people have said that Notre Dame can't win again by having such high standards. Some have suggested these standards should be lowered, others, perhaps, that the great Irish tradition should be allowed to lapse.

Tyrone Willingham, a man who comes to South Bend with a better record than either Ara Parseghian or Don DeVine did, stands in direct oppo­sition to both of these schools of thought. Notre Dame will win, and win by its standards.

That's the only way it can be here. Contact Ted Fox at tfox@nd.edu. The views of this column are those of the author and are not necessarily those of The Observer.

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ND WOMEN’S SWIMMING

Nixon: I’m loving swimming again

● Sideline by injury last season, fifth-year senior powers past personal records

By NOREEN GILLESPIE
Sports Writer

Hitting the wall with one hand, Carrie Nixon finished the 100-yard freestyle, took off her goggles and turned around cautiously to look at the scoreboard. Illuminated by yellow glowing numbers, the board delivered good news: 51.11 seconds, good enough for first place.

It was her third win of the weekend, as she powered the Irish women’s swimming and diving team to wins Saturday against both Illinois and Iowa in the Dual Meet Invitational held at Rolfs Aquatic Center.

It’s the fastest Nixon has been this season since she began her swimming career at Notre Dame. A fifth-year swimmer, Nixon returned to the pool this year after sitting out last year because of a shoulder injury — but has realized her injury might have been more of a blessing than she’d ever thought.

“I’m loving swimming for the first time in awhile,” Nixon said Saturday, after logging wins in the 100-yard medley relay and 400-yard freestyle relay teams. “I love training, love going to meets. I’m loving the process of it more and more.”

Nixon underwent surgery last fall when her labrum — the soft tissue that connects the shoulder near the rotator cuff — tore. She sat on the sidelines while her teammates won their fifth Big East title and traveled to compete at NCAA’s.

Nixon has been an integral member of the women’s team since arriving at Notre Dame. As a junior, Nixon earned the Big East Swimmer of the Year award and placed fourth at NCAA Championships, the highest finish of any Notre Dame swimmer.

She and Irish head coach Bailey Weathers have approached this season cautiously — and the results have shown. Nixon has placed consistently at the top of both the sprint freestyle and sprint butterfly events all season, posting times that don’t evidence she ever left the pool.

“We’re trying to be a little more careful with her,” said Weathers, noting that Nixon came through the critical period of winter training without a problem. “She’s been prepared well, and she’s a little more focused.”

But that wasn’t the case during October break training in Florida, when she had to spend a lot of time on the kick board, resting the shoulder that wasn’t quite healed.

“In Florida it was a lot of stop and go,” Nixon said. “But doing so well down in Honolulu was a big part of building my confidence.”

Doctors have given her a clean bill of health, even though she cites “some flexibility issues” as lingering evidence of last year’s injury. But looking towards the future, Nixon focuses not on the past, but on the future.

“In general, I’m 100 percent healed at this point,” she said. “Any pain is minimal compared to that.”

Sophomore Laurie Musgrave won the 100-yard breaststroke, and freshman Kelly Barton won the 100-yard backstroke, and freshman Kelly Hecking won the 100-yard butterfly.

Sophomore Laurie Mograve won the 100-yard breaststroke, and sophomore Lisa D’Olier won the 200-yard butterfly.

Senior Heather Mattioli broke her own school record for 11 dives on the 3-meter board, finishing the event with a score of 331.80. She also won the 1-meter event with 291 points.

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Different team, different result

Huskies blow out Irish in rematch of NCAA Semi-final game

By KATIE McVOY
Associate Sports Editor

HARTFORD, Conn. — In front of more than 16,000 fans at the Hartford Civic Center, the Irish suffered the same fate everyone of the Connecticut Huskies' opponents has suffered this season.

In 40 minutes of play, the undisputed No. 1 team in the country hit hard on defense and even harder on offense and came home with another double digit victory as the Irish fell 80-53.

"They're just outstanding," said Irish head coach Muffet McGraw. "You watch them on tape and you know they're good, and then you see them in person and they're really convincing, really from the defensive pressure and their offensive capabilities." 

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Sweetney picks up double-double, plows through Irish defense

By JOE HETTLER
Sports Writer

With Harold Swanagan unable to play due to a re-aggravated left ankle sprain, the Georgetown Hoyas pushed and bulled their way to an 83-73 victory against an undersized Notre Dame team Monday night.

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"When you're missing a guy like Swanagan I think you're clearly not at full force," said Georgetown head coach John Thompson. "I think when we made them shoot tough 3s the whole game and I thought Courtrand (Freeman), Wesley (Wilson) and Mike (Sweetney) played as well as they've played all year." 

Sweetney, who was averaging 19.4 points and 9.4 rebounds per game coming into the contest, led both teams with 21 points and 16 rebounds. Wilson and Freeman each had 11 points and seven and six rebounds, respectively.

"Georgetown came in very ready to play today," said Irish head coach Mike Brey. "They're certainly the most physical team we have played all year. They just do a good job of just taking up space in the lane and making it look like there's not a lot of room in the half court."

Jordan Cornette started in place of Swanagan but gave up 40 pounds to the hefty Sweetney. Despite this weight difference, Cornette shot 5-of-8 from the field and ended up with a career high 11 points. Ryan Humphrey led the Irish with 19 points and 11 rebounds while Matt Carroll added 17 points, including three 3-pointers.

Yet the Irish were victimized from the start by lack of size and weight inside the key. Sweetney's first two buckets ing to block shots. Mike Brey has joked that if his star point guard is feeling tired, he can give the freshman a massage to get him ready to play. But what he really should be figuring out how to fix his game is his forward's bum ankle.

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