The Student Senate met Wednesday to vote on a resolution that would have raised the fee for student activities. In a close 14-13 vote the resolution was defeated.

**Featured Flicks**

Scene examines the year's most successful movies and predicts their chances for Oscar victory.

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**Associate. sports editor moves up in staff ranks**

By JEFF BALTRUZAK

London Correspondent

Andrew Soukup has been named The Observer's 2002-2003 Assistant Managing Editor and will direct editorial policy with The Observer's top two editors, incoming Editor in Chief Jason McFarley and Managing Editor Kate Nagengast announced Wednesday.

The appointment is effective March 18.

"It's an honor to be one of the paper's top editors and receive the chance to help shape The Observer's future success," Soukup said. "I look forward to working with Jason and Kate and this very talented, dedicated staff of student journalists."

As Assistant Managing Editor, Soukup is responsible for working in conjunction with the Managing Editor on staff recruitment and hiring and developing the mission of The Observer's seven editorial departments. He also will work closely with the Sports Department on training, writing, editing and design.

Soukup, a sophomore Knott Hall resident, is currently the paper's Associate Sports Editor. He began work for The Observer in fall 2000 as a sports writer and has worked as copy editor and production assistant in the department. He has been a beat writer for football, men's basketball, track and field and women's swimming.

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**RCLC celebrates first year**

By MEGHAN MARTIN

News Writer

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One vote prevents raised activity fee

**By ERIN LaRUFFA**

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INSIDE COLUMN

Here we go again

Dorothy’s romp through the poppies was nothing compared to walking past my hall’s front desk this morning. At the flower trucks arrived, workers brought bouquets in by the truckload. I stood there motionless as I witnessed the massive amounts of foliage that would be unloaded. Although his feast day is marked only nominally by the University of Arkansas and its various organizations, February 14 is, for the university, pretty much Valentine’s Day.

Texas A&M top 20 admission plan denounced

The University of Texas at Austin eliminated its controversial plan for preferential admissions for the top 10 percent of high school students last year, but the University of Texas Law School did not. The university’s proposal was approved by the Board of Regents in June.

Happy Valentine’s Day, Kurt.

Kelly Hager

Copy Editor

Collegiate Station, Texas

Brenda Wilkins

Assistant Director of Communications

Happy Valentine’s Day by letting them love you in return. It’s realizing the value of giving love, and things that cannot be measured in dozens or monetary value.

On Valentine’s Day, it seems like everyone can be divided into two categories: those who get something out of it, and those who get nothing out of it, even further than that, are those who care about not getting anything and who those who couldn’t care less. The fact is, just don’t see the need for all the hoopla. My view: save a shrub, buy a card, and let the holiday with. Ignore the calendar, and make everyday of the year Valentine’s Day by letting someone else celebrate loving you.

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

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This Week On Campus

Thursday
- Film: “Puritan Bias in Policy Consequences”
- Placement Choices in Latin American," Maria Victoria Murillo, C-103
- Heathcliff Center, 4:15 p.m.

Friday
- Workshop: "2000 Dance Spectrum," O’Laughlin Auditorium, 7 p.m.

Saturday
- Concert: ND Jazz Bands, Band Building, 2 p.m.
- Event: Recital, Claudia Cymerman, visiting pianist, Annenberg Auditorium, Snite Museum of Art, 8 p.m.

Sunday
- Lecture: "How to Listen to Bartok’s Sonata for Piano," Ethan Haimo, Carey Auditorium, 2 p.m.

Beyond Campus

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New office emerges from diversity issue

By JUSTIN KRIVICKAS
News Writer

In an attempt to improve the quality of professors Notre Dame has to offer, the University has created a new administrative branch called the Office of Institutional Equity. The organization will play an integral role in the hiring and firing of University teaching and staff positions. Also, it will be involved in sexual harassment issues, and deal with affirmative action responsibilities within the faculty.

Rhonda Brown has been appointed to head the office. For eight years, she has been an administrator at the College of Holy Cross in Massachusetts, and she dealt with affirmative action issues within the college. Two years ago, Brown was contacted by Notre Dame and asked to head a similar program at the University.

This October, she began her work in the Office of Institutional Equity and met with members of the University staff.

"I had to learn what makes this place unique," said Brown.

With these connections, she was able to focus on and gain the support of the faculty for her program.

She said diversity helps to create well-rounded students by allowing them to learn from professors who come from a broader cultural basis. Diversifying the student body is one way the administration has been working to improve Notre Dame through the years and now it will focus more attention to working with the faculty to enhance the teaching environment.

"My primary task is to diversify the faculty. We will make significant input into the full searches," said Brown. "I want to know that the person we help to hire values diversity."

To help appeal to a wider range of potential faculty members, the office will assist in writing advertisements for vacant positions within the University departments. Also, the office will aid in overseeing the applicant pool and narrowing down the search to prospective candidates.

"It's a long process and will not happen over night, and there's always room for improvement," said Brown. "The faculty members must be able to grow as scholars and feel part of a community."

The University wishes to keep the faculty they hire for their good teaching abilities and experience. This new office is intended to help faculty members build strong connections with Notre Dame so that they want to remain in this teaching environment.

The offices are located on the second floor of Grace Hall.

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SISTERHOOD WEEK: February 18-24

"Sisterhood Beyond Boundaries: Lesbian, Bisexual & Straight Women in Community"

- Keynote Address:
  Monday, February 18, 7:00 pm, Stapleton Lounge, LeMans:

- Film Series:
  Tuesday, February 19, 7:30 pm, Madeleva 351:
  "If These Walls Could Talk, 2." A film depicting the lives of three lesbian women from different eras. The first story, taking place in 1961, stars Vanessa Redgrave as a woman widowed when her partner of 50 years suddenly dies. The 1972 portion stars Michelle Williams, who finds dealing with the sexual politics of the gay community increasingly more complex when she falls in love with a bovish woman (played by Chloe Sevigny). The most modern piece, taking place in 2000, portrays a contemporary lesbian couple (Sharon Stone and Ellen DeGeneres) determined to have a baby.

  Wednesday, February 20, 7:30 pm, Moreau 232:
  A 1996 award-winning documentary, "The Celluloid Closet" chronicles various Hollywood screen depictions of gays, lesbians, and bisexuals in mainstream film and the attitudes behind their subtle representations. It's packed with celebrity interviews, film clips, and insightful genre regarding subplots often missed by the audience.

- Alumnae Panel
  Sunday, February 24, 4:00 pm, Moreau 232:
  "Boundaries Past and Present: Sharing Experiences with Alumnae." Followed by a reception in Moreau Art Gallery.

Sponsored by: People in Support (PinS), Office of the Vice President & Dean of Faculty, Center for Women's Intercultural Leadership, MAG (Moreau Art Gallery), Gay & Lesbian Alumni of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's College (GALA-ND/SMC), and the Departments of: Communication, Dance & Theatre, English, Intercultural Studies, Justice Education, Philosophy, Psychology, Sociology, Women's Studies
SISTAR accepts grant applicants

By SARAH NESTOR
News Writer

The Student Independent Study and Research (SISTAR) program is currently accepting applications for this summer's participants. The SISTAR Program offers a grant to four students who work as junior colleagues with members of faculty on research projects during the summer. The SISTAR Program is open to full-time faculty and students in all disciplines.

I think it is such a good opportunity to take charge of your own education. You work one-on-one with your professor. It is very satisfying and meaningful and there is no pressure of deadlines or competing homework," said Alissa Blair, a past participant.

The faculty member and student will be involved in separate projects that revolve around the same theme. The student is not just a helper but also a main contributor to the final result. "I think a lot of students are intimidated by choosing a topic. Approach a professor you connect with and have a conversation with them to come up with a topic. You don't have to know everything about the topic before you start," said Angola Cederquist, a past participant.

The student receives a stipend of $3,000 plus free lodging on campus. This also allows the student to attend a professional conference in the student's senior year. The faculty member will also receive a stipend of $3,000.

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MEXICO
Fox tells plan for U.S. border

Associated Press

MONTREAL
President Vicente Fox unveiled a plan Wednesday to develop Mexico's 2,000 mile border with the United States, calling the region known for its U.S.-owned factories, booming population and sprawling shantytowns, a "land of hope, a land of opportunities."

His plans call for a network of government sectors that will oversee more than 50 programs dealing with the effects of the North American Free Trade Agreement and other regional issues. While NAFTA has dramatically increased U.S.-Mexico trade and brought hundreds of thousands of jobs to both sides of the border, it also has clogged roads with trucks, depleted water supplies and increased air pollution.

Uncontrolled growth has left cities with crumbling schools, overrun hospitals and dilapidated sewage systems. "This year written applications must be received in the Center for Academic Innovation by March 1 at 5 p.m. After handling in the application, the SISTAR committee will interview the student and faculty member to assess the project."

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AIDS fund falls short of goal: Nine months after Secretary General Kofi Annan called on wealthy nations to contribute at least $7 billion a year to a global fund to fight AIDS, donations have fallen far short of that goal. Advocates and some lawmakers blame the White House, saying its pledge of $200 million this year sets a poor example for other countries.

U.S. plane crashes in Afghanistan: An Air Force plane crashed in a remote region of Afghanistan, American officials said Wednesday. All eight crew members survived. Some crew members were injured in the Tuesday evening crash but none of the injuries were considered life threatening, said Maj. Brad Lowell, a spokesman for U.S. Central Command at MacDill Air Force Base in Tampa, Fla.

Supreme Court shuts down Casino: Nine years in operation, the Speaking Rock operated by the Tigua Indian tribe in Texas was ordered closed on Monday night after the U.S. Supreme Court refused to grant a stay to let the 70,000-square-foot casino remain in operation while tribal leaders fight a protracted legal battle with state authorities who want the casino shut down.

Boston Globe loses law suit: A jury today ordered The Boston Globe and a former reporter to pay more than $2 million to a doctor who a judge had ruled was defamed by an article about the death of a Globe staff were ordered to pay another $2 million this year sets a poor example for other countries.

Slobodan Milosevic, the former Yugoslav president, addresses the United Nations tribunal in The Hague on Wednesday. The trial against Milosevic for alleged atrocities is Europe's most important war crime's case since Nuremberg.

Bush unveils Kyoto replacement

THE NETHERLANDS

Endangered landmark list published: Riverfront Evansville's once-bustling downtown riverfront district tops a preservation group's list of Indiana's 10 most endangered historic landmarks. The Indiana Landmarks Foundation of Indiana put the Ohio River city's Main Street corridor atop its annual list, which was released Wednesday. Downtown Evansville still boasts historic buildings that date from the 1850s to the early 20th century, but nearly half are empty, putting them at risk, the foundation said. The downtown area has been left barren as businesses and residents migrated to newer developments in the decades following World War II.

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON

The Bush administration has drawn up an alternative to the Kyoto global warming pact, which 178 other countries accepted last year but the White House rejected, warning it would damage the U.S. economy. The administration wants to link the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions to economic activity so that emission targets could expand or shrink with economic growth, according to a report by the president's economic advisers.

Such an approach would be "flexible in the face of economic growth, encouraging reductions without threatening the economy," the president's Council of Economic Advisers told him.

One official said the administration would lean on U.S. and foreign corporations to reduce their output of greenhouse gases. It wasn't immediately clear how the government would achieve that. The report to Bush said the government should encourage businesses "to think about their own emissions and opportunities for reductions."

The report expressed doubts about the phenomenon of global warming, the effects of natural climate change and human activity, and its pace. However, a report prepared by the National Academy of Sciences for the White House concluded in June that global warming was a real problem that is getting worse.

The report to Bush last week warned that the Kyoto requirements could erode the nation's gross domestic product by up to 4 percent in 2010 "a staggering sum when there is no scientific basis for believing this target is preferable to one less costly."
local children and adult computer classes. Nanni credits Caponigro and his staff for the center's success. Caponigro's staff consists of local and university community members, such as Marguerite Taylor, Renalda Robinson's daughter, American Indians volunteers, such as Khadijah Shabazz and Andrea Mechenbier; and local college students. Through a partnership with the South Bend School Corporation, the RCLC has been able to offer both GED and English as a Second Language classes to adults in the community. The St. Joseph County Library has established the location as a permanent drop-site for books. The St. Joseph Regional Medical Center has provided RCLC members with health screenings and preventative care. The University itself has taken enormous measures to enrich the opportunities offered to the Northeast Neighborhood. Providing support for local entrepreneurs, the Mendoza College of Business has launched the RCLC as an incubation center, which makes essential assistance available to those wishing to start their own businesses. The Office of Information Technologies has provided computers for the sought-after classes. The Department of Music has donated a number of keyboards to the center, and now offers piano lessons to roughly 20 children, taught by department staff members and graduate assistants. The Suite Museum of Art, as well, has demonstrated support for the center. According to Andrea Mechenbier, youth program and volunteer coordinator, the Suite has been really proactive in getting money to help the children involved with the center. Through the grants it has secured, the museum was able to commission a Chicago-area painter to collaborate with RCLC children on their vision of the neighborhood; creating the vibrant mural that can be found on the side of the building. A second grant has been acquired to do the same with the center's teenage members. In addition, Jackie Welch, educational curator of the Suite, leads an art program each week for the high-school crowd. University departments are looking to add new features as well. The Athletic Department anticipates adding sports activities to the current tutoring program's curriculum. Children would be paired with athletes to create what Caponigro calls, "experiential learning through sports." Caponigro has made it a priority to "create new opportunities for children to learn in different styles," addressing specific learning difficulties that the RCLC's students encounter on a daily basis. Promoting literacy, for instance, is a principal endeavor that Caponigro hopes to continue.

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- The senate unanimously passed a resolution calling for increased student representation on the Academic Council. The resolution will now go to the University's Student Affairs Committee for additional consideration.

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Don't forget prayer

by Fr. Bill Wack c.s.c.
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The season of Lent is already upon us. This is a time for us as individuals and as a church to discern where we stand with God. In Lent, we focus on how we have strayed from the Gospel call to love and service while praying for forgiveness and recommitting ourselves wholeheartedly. We hope to "find out why we" by focusing on the cross of Christ.

What will you do to re-commit yourself to Jesus this Lent? How will you remind yourself of the need to be reconciled with God and the church? How will you mark the next six weeks or so in order to prepare to celebrate the Pascal Mystery (i.e., the death and resurrection) of Christ?

The traditional Christian practices are especially appropriate for Lent: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

If you choose to do something like this, make sure it's realistic, not overbearing or physically harmful. The point is to remind you of your dependence on Christ alone, not to punish the body or yourself.

Almsgiving also assists us in our effort to be Christlike. Certainly, this involves donating money to charitable organizations and to the church, but it could also be practiced in service to those who are less fortunate. Make a commitment to volunteer or give your time and talent to a local or international group. Look for ways in which you can serve your classmate, roommate, or others you see every day. Almsgiving is spending yourself on others.

But what of prayer? There are many ways to pray during Lent. Spend time in quiet contemplation in a chapel or in the Basilica. Go to the Grotto daily or a couple of times a week. Join a Bible study or a faith sharing group like Emmaus. Commit to doing a retreat. Talk to people around you about your relationship with God.

There is another form of prayer which is being offered on campus right now: the Liturgy of the Hours. This prayer has roots that go back hundreds of years and was introduced by monks and nuns. This is a form of public prayer in which a group of people gather several times a day to pray the Psalms and Scriptures. There are several "hours" of prayer, and perhaps only contemplative religious can "afford" to pray all of them (at least seven times a day). The reforms of the Church in the 1960s, however, made it clear that all Christians are invited to pray the Hours together whenever possible.

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Leaders probe Food Services on campus dining

By ERIN LaRUFFA
Associate News Editor

Food Services director Dave Prentkowski addressed the Student Senate Wednesday to explain the University's opinions of the dining halls.

Prentkowski began by explaining to senators the important role that the University sees for dining halls.

"They play a significant role in the student life and the culture of the University," said Prentkowski, who explained that much of his job actually involves working with the Office of Student Affairs. "The dining halls are a part of the residential experience — the eating in a community."

Flex Points 'n' Grab and Go take away from that experience to some extent, Prentkowski added. The University therefore seeks a balance between the convenience of Flex Points and Grab 'n' Go and the community of the dining halls.

Although Prentkowski said he has discussed possible improvements to Grab 'n' Go with Father Mark Poorman, vice president for Student Affairs, Poorman is not supportive of the idea. "His feeling was to not make Grab 'n' Go more desirable because he wants students to go to the dining halls," Prentkowski said.

Dining halls also offer logistical benefits, according to Prentkowski. "There are a lot of you guys on campus. The dining halls are made for volume. The Huddle is not," he said. Therefore, he said, lines at retail places such as the Huddle would get too long if more people ate there instead of at the dining hall.

Financial factors also play a significant role in how meal plans are structured. "We base everything on how much money we know the average student eats," said Prentkowski. "For us to start to change the model and give more flexibility, we have to start to say, 'What are we going to cut?'"

He also explained that students on the 21-meal plan do not actually pay for 21 meals. "We're not charging you for 21 meals. We're charging you for 17," he said. "There's no money left over."

This year, students are eating more meals than Food Services expected, which means the budget for meals is running out of money, he added.

Food services may consider adding a sandwich shop or another Mexican restaurant to the dining halls in terms of food quality.

Although Prentkowski said he has already spoken with campus police about the difference between North and South dining halls in terms of food quality, he said, "His feeling was to not make Grab 'n' Go more desirable because he wants students to go to the dining halls," Prentkowski said.

Additionally, various changes are now in the works for LaFortune. Starbucks is scheduled to open by the end of spring break, and a Sbarros restaurant will replace Allegro by the fall, according to Prentkowski.

Therefore, Food Services is looking to replace Tomassito's in order to avoid having two pizza restaurants. Currently, Food Services is considering adding a sandwich shop or Mexican restaurant to the campus dining hall, although Prentkowski said he has already determined it is impossible to add a Taco Bell outlet there.

Pasquilla East senator Nikki McCard questioned Prentkowski as to whether a healthy alternative could be added to the renovation plans for the student center.

"The problem we have in LaFortune is that we're busting at the seams. We looked at concepts that were the most popular, and the most [in demand]," said Prentkowski. He added that Sbarros will offer healthy meals and that a Subway is one possible replacement being looked into for the Tomassito's location.

Elizabeth Lenz, the senator from Farley, also questioned Prentkowski about the differences between North and South dining halls in terms of food quality.

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Base holds 288 detainees

 Officials sort out details on captives of several nations

 Associated Press

 GUANTANAMO BAY NAVAL BASE

 Officials who are interrogating detainees at Guantanamo said Wednesday they are having trouble sorting fact from fiction.

 Thirty-four more detainees have arrived from Afghanistan at the U.S. Navy base in eastern Cuba, bringing the number of people held there to 288. The camp has a capacity of 320.

 Interrogations began last month but the process has been tedious, officials say. "We get many different stories, and quite often the way that you determine the truth is to match it against information that you already have that you know to be truthful," said Brig. Gen. Mike Lehnert, the Marine in charge of the detention mission.

 Lehnert said he believed the detainees were still withholding information but each day the picture was getting clearer. In some cases, officials have learned the detainees' names through letters.

 Many detainees "have been giving false names all along," Lehnert said, but "when we give them an opportunity to communicate with their loved ones they suddenly decide that it's very important that they tell their loved ones who they really are." Since the first prisoners arrived just over a month ago, the population has grown to represent at least 26 nationalities. Detainees speak a dozen or more languages and dialects and represent at least two religions - Islam and Christianity, officials say.

 In the most detailed breakdown, a senior Pentagon official said on condition of anonymity last week that the 158 detainees then at the camp included 50 Saudis, 30 Yemenis and 25 Pakistanis. There are also eight Algerians and three Britons as well as a handful of prisoners from Egypt, Australia, France, Russia, Belgium, Sweden and other countries.

 Denemark said Tuesday that one of its citizens was among 34 detainees who arrived here Monday, and requested U.S. permission to visit him immediately.

 On Sunday, a U.S. military official said the number of detainees at Camp X-Ray whose allegiance had not been established was larger than the number believed to be Taliban or al-Qaida. Officials say some may belong to groups other than Afghanistan's ousted Taliban regime or al-Qaida, the international terrorist network that the Taliban sheltered.

 Officials have emphasized the importance of the interrogations in the war on terrorism. "The information that we develop comes from a variety of sources all over the world," Lehnert said. "Suddenly, seemingly irrelevant or nonsensical pieces of information become much more important because people are able to see the big picture." Information from Guantanamo interrogations reportedly helped officials identify 17 suspected al-Qaida members believed to have planned to attack the United States or Americans in Yemen on or after Tuesday.

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 Family accuses Walker of treason

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Police find man, fake IDs near Pentagon

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Federal prosecutors mindful of new terrorism warnings sought the identity Wednesday of a man charged with carrying fake identification on a road near the Pentagon. A judge ordered the man held.

"There is a substantial risk of the defendant's flight," U.S. Magistrate Judge Theresa Buchanan said of the man, identified in court papers as "Imad Abdel-Fattah Hamed, aka Imad Nimer.

A criminal complaint filed by the FBI revealed that Hamed was interviewed previously by the agency, on Oct. 22. An FBI supervisor, Steve Berry, would not elaborate on the initial interview.

Just hours after the FBI issued a terrorist alert Monday night, Hamed and another man were detained by state and federal law enforcement officials as Hamed drove a tow truck on Route 110, which passes close by the Pentagon. The route was closed to commercial and other big vehicles after the Sept. 11 attack, one of which tore a hole in the side of the Pentagon and killed 126 people.

According to the FBI complaint, state police found a variety of driver's licenses and other false government-issued documents. The man offered several explanations for why they were there and where they were going, the complaint said. "Their motivations are still unclear," Virginia State Police spokeswoman Lucy Caldwell said.

The mystery rattled law enforcement and other government officials who have been on high alert since the Pentagon and the World Trade Center attacks. Monday night, the FBI issued its latest terror alert, warning of an unspecified attack possibly as early as Tuesday.

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Meanwhile, federal law enforcement authorities took custody of Hamed, who appeared Wednesday at the U.S. District Courthouse in Alexandria, Va.

He is charged with committing identification document fraud and making false statements, which carry on conviction a sentence as high as 15 years in jail, according to the complaint.

"We are busily engaged in determining what Mr. Hamed's true identification and true nationality is," Morton said.

Hamed, clad in a white-sleeved shirt and black jeans and wearing a mustache and beard, asked Buchanan what to do about his job and said he could afford a lawyer before being led away. Buchanan set a preliminary hearing for Friday.

Traveling south on Route 110 about 10:30 p.m. Monday, the tow truck drove past signs erected in November that prohibit commercial vehicles on the road, according to the complaint.

Officers in a police cruiser who watched the truck go by alerted a second team stationed farther along the road.

The second team questioned the driver and passenger, "both of whom appeared to be Middle Eastern males," according to the complaint, and found several false driver's licenses and other government documents inside. Several of the documents bore pictures matching those of the driver and passenger but had conflicting addresses, dates of birth and Social Security numbers.

The truck bore a Virginia inspection sticker and temporary Maryland tags, the complaint said.

FBI dogs searched the truck for weapons and explosives but turned up none, Caldwell said.
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Hate crime legislation is hateful

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Some may agree with that; some may not. I only point out that such an agenda lies hidden in hate crimes legislation. The Afflicted would be comforted by this. The language of the e-mail brimmed with hope, urging that such legislation would be one more step in the direction of equality and justice. The afflicted would be comforted by the knowledge that the perpetrator received a decade of punishment, for hate crimes apply additional penalties to criminal acts. In other words, the punishment for good, old-fashioned homicide is increased if the perpetrator is a racist or sexist.

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**OSCAR ANALYSIS**

**Academy announces nominations**

By MELISSA RAUCH

Some Movie Writer

As a result of its remarkable critical and commercial success toward the end of the year, "The Fellowship of the Ring" leads this year's Oscar race with 13 nominations, followed closely by "A Beautiful Mind" and "Moulin Rouge," each with eight.

All three films, which many consider the stand-out films of the year, were selected for Best Picture candidates, along with "Gosford Park" and "In the Bedroom.

Sissy Spacek, the emotionally dis­traught mother of "Bedroom" and Hank and his son is never presented as a disasters conse­quently.

Terror in Georgia. He is overseeing the film to have a disastrous conse­quence. The error and the real heart of the story is present­ed when Thornton, through a tragic shock­ed, Renee Zellweger makes an impressive turn as an American father dealing with loss in "In the Bedroom." Notable supporting contenders are Jennifer Connelly for "Mind," a shoe­ in to win among the actresses, and Jim Broadbent ("Iris").

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Best Picture

- "A Beautiful Mind"
- "Gosford Park"
- "In the Bedroom"
- "The Fellowship of the Ring"
- "Moulin Rouge"

Best Director

- Robert Altman, "Gosford Park"
- Ron Howard, "A Beautiful Mind"
- Peter Jackson, "The Fellowship of the Ring"

Best Actor

- Russell Crowe, "A Beautiful Mind"
- Sean Penn, "I Am Sam"
- Will Smith, "Ali"
- Denzel Washington, "Training Day"
- Tom Wilkinson, "In the Bedroom"

Best Actress

- Halle Berry, "Monster's Ball"
- Judi Dench, "Iris"
- Nicole Kidman, "Moulin Rouge"
- Sissy Spacek, "In the Bedroom"
- Renee Zellweger, "Bridge Jones's Diary"

Best Supporting Actor

- Ethan Hawke, "Training Day"
- Ben Kingsley, "Sexy Beast"
- Ian McKellen, "The Fellowship of the Ring"
- Jon Voight, "Ali"

Best Supporting Actress

- Jennifer Connelly, "A Beautiful Mind"
- Helen Mirren, "Gosford Park"
- Maggie Smith, "Gosford Park"
- Kate Winslet, "Iris"

Animated Feature Film

- "Jimmy Neutron: Boy Genius"
- "Monsters, Inc."
- "Shrek"

Writing (Adapted Screenplay)

- "A Beautiful Mind"
- "Ghost World"
- "In the Bedroom"
- "The Fellowship of the Ring"
- "Shrek"

Writing (Original Screenplay)

- "Amélie"
- "Gosford Park"
- "Memento"
- "Monster's Ball"
- "The Royal Tenenbaums"

The 74th Academy Awards, hosted by Whoopi Goldberg, will air live on ABC March 24 at 8 p.m.

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Oscar Analysis

Movie Scene’s Best of 2001

Critics Jude Seymour and Matt Nania weigh in with their picks

Thursday, February 14, 2002

Best Actor and Actress: Tom Wilkinson and Sissy Spacek, “In the Bedroom.”

Todd Field, the writer-director of “Bedroom,” deserves credit for the extraordinary performances of Wilkinson and Spacek. Field loaded the script with fragile emotions and unresolved issues. The two actors breathe life into their characters, holding on to Field’s words with painful facial expressions, disrobing with body shuffles and wavering, delicate voices that reflect their character’s emotional ache. Wilkinson and Spacek engage in an actor’s battle, challenging each other to turn in their best performances by making their own performances so brilliant. "Bedroom's" audience receives the spoils of that challenge: Two Oscar-worthy performances in one exceptional movie.

Best Supporting Actor: Tony Shalhoub, "The Man Who Wasn’t There.”

An extraordinary supporting actor makes the primary actors look better while simultaneously stealing a tiny piece of the spotlight themselves. Shalhoub plays the fast-talking attorney for the laconic Ed Crane (Billy Bob Thornton) in "The Man Who Wasn’t There." His whirled appearance adds humor to darker moments of the film while his character builds on the audience’s fascination with Crane. Crane is a slow thinker, and I delighted in his vexation over Riddler’s weeping. Shalhoub manages to leave an indelible mark on the film without railroadng the unfolding narrative, making him the best candidate for the award this year.

Best Supporting Actress: Maggie Smith, "Gosford Park.”

Robert Altman’s “Park” gives equal time to more than 20 different characters, yet one actor stands out. Smith plays Lady Trentham, a pill whose popularity exists alongside her testiness. Trentham’s closed British society has no problem accommodating Smith’s weirdness as well as his casual cockiness. In "Gosford Park," she can’t possibly go wrong with mystery, a quirky sense of humor and dark satire, haunting music and gorgeous scenery. Why can’t you, "Drive" is a bizarre but engrossing trip that stands as the high point of not only Lynch’s work, but of all films released this year.

Best Director: Baz Luhrmann, "Moulin Rouge.”

Luhrmann is surprisingly absent from this year’s list of Director nominees, despite the fact that "Rouge" is up for a total of eight awards, including Picture. The supplementary features on the film’s packed DVD show a man in creative control of his vision, empowering his actors, dancers and designers to execute elaborate musical numbers at a level simply not seen in modern cinema. Luhrmann’s snub in this category is unforgivable, but I’ll turn the other cheek. At least they nominated Lynch.

Best Actor: Russell Crowe, "A Beautiful Mind.”

For a star of his magnitude, Crowe sure knows how to disappear into character. His portrayal of mathematician John Nash is in the historically accurate (not that it matters) "Mind" is a lesson to all leading men. You can’t earn audience sympathy without first convincing us you’re going to stay with the character all the way to the end. The fact that Crowe was overlooked for the Academy’s showcase his brawn should not stop the Academy from recognizing his intelligence. None of Picture nominees. None of those performers can match the intelligence and emotional depth of Crowe’s performance.

Best Actress: Emma Thompson, "What’s Wrong With You.”

Academy rules and regulations be damned: The Best female performance of the year came from Thompson in HBO’s "What’s Wrong With You." Originally meant for theatrical distribution, the film had difficulty finding a studio that was willing to risk releasing a product about a dying cancer victim. Much of the script is presented in monologues as Thompson’s character talks directly to the camera. This sounds like it would be boring, but the actress is given such delicious and witty dialogue that the rather plain visual scheme benefits her performance. Thompson’s character is going through. That aspect, as well as her heart-wrenching depiction of a woman dehumanized by medical treatments, together makes for a performance you can’t take your eyes off.

Best Supporting Actor: Steve Buscemi, "Ghost World.”

You’ve seen him in everything from "Fargo" to "Armageddon," always that odd little actor whose lug eyes and crooked teeth. In "Ghost World" he’s a fully fleshed-out supporting role that capitalizes on his weirdness as well as his casual humanity. Instead of nominating Buscemi in this category, the Academy chose "Training Day’s" Ethan Hawke (Denzel Washington blew him off the screen) and "All About You” (How many lines did he have? Eight!). But Buscemi doesn’t seem to be an actor who cares much about award recognition. As his character says in "World,” I can’t relate to 99 percent of humanity.”

Best Supporting Actress: Jennifer Connelly, "A Beautiful Mind.”

Connelly’s stunning inclusion in the Lead Actress category of this year’s Oscar’s is a reflection of her good work and the respect she commands her agents and publicists, but maybe it points to an important aspect of her performance in "Mind." She holds her own — and then some — against Russell Crowe, the lead actor. Exhibiting both warmth and intelligence, Connelly finally earns the acclaim that has building since her strong turn in last year’s "Requiem For a Dream." Both she and Crowe are the facade-runners in their respective categories, so it seems that in this case the Academy is right on track.

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Miller ends 8-year U.S. drought in alpine skiing

Associated Press

SNOWBASIN, Utah (6-18-2002) - The poor slalom gate, at least, did one but one of Bode Miller's opponents. Miller's all-or-nothing second slalom run - he blew away the rest of the field by an amazing 1.18 seconds - catapulted him to a silver medal in the combined event Wednesday, giving an eight-year U.S. medal drought a wrap.

Miller fell in the downhill and slipped on the first slalom run. In his breakneck second slalom run, he shattered the gate as he twisted and turned toward the first medal for a U.S. male alpine skier since 1994.

It was a second run in the tradition of great slalomers such as Alberto Tomba and Ingemar Stenmark, known for their amazing comebacks. It brought back memories of Tomba's gold-medal slalom at the 1994 Olympics, in which he rallied from the first run.

"It was a great run, that's what I was going for in a second run," Miller said. "I really didn't feel I had anything else I could do. I'd been trying to ski how I needed to ski all day and it wasn't working. So I skied how I wanted to ski.

He was 15th after the downhill portion, but overall gold medalist Kjell Andre Aamodt of Norway by a whopping 2:44 seconds. After the first slalom run, then passed three skiers on the final slalom run.

Miller's chance for a medal looked slim after the downhill portion and he was downward after his first slalom run. He sent snow flying on that run when his ski failed to grip and he slipped at two turns.

An extremely difficult first-run slalom course narrowed the field considerably. Only 27 of the 47 starters who started the combined event Wednesday morning made it to the second slalom run.

Among those who fell on the first slalom was Casey Puckett of Aspen, Colo., who became just the second U.S. male alpine skier to compete for four Olympics. Miller remains a favorite in the slalom and a medal hopeful in the giant slalom next week.

Short Track Speed Skating

Apolo Anton Ohno stepped out from behind the wall and thousands of fans who've never seen a short-track race burst into wild applause.

Forget the hype. Enough of the controversy. It was time for one of America's best Olympic hopes to hit the ice.

Ohno broke his leg for four medals finishing second in his 4,000-meter heat. Wednesday, he could resist a chance to give him to Saturday's quarterfinals.

The year-old former miner from Tacoma, Wash., also was second overall prior to the U.S. flag in the opening ceremony, made it through his first heat.

But all eyes at the Salt Lake Ice Center were on Ohno, whose first appearance at these games brought the sellout crowd to its feet in thunderous applause. While fans chanted "U-S-A! U-S-

American skier Bode Miller flies around a gate during a slalom run Wednesday. Miller won the silver medal, ending an 8-year U.S. drought in alpine skiing, in the inside of the straightaway and nearly pulled even with Kim, stealing a glance at his rival.

Just as quickly, Ohno pulled out and tucked in behind the Korean, looking back with a half-look to just to make sure no one was challenging.

Women's luge

Sydnee Otto of Germany won the medal in women's luge on Wednesday, pulling away from the other two skaters.

Still, the former teen-age bobsledder with flowing brown hair and a soul patch below his lips couldn't resist a chance to give him a thrill. With just over a lap to go, Ohno daringly dipped

won 26 of the 33 medals awarded since the sport was introduced to the Olympics in 1964. Otto, the two-time defending world champion, had a four-hour aggregate time of 2 minutes, 52.785. That earned her a measure of revenge against Kraushaar, who edged Niedermeyer for the gold in Nagano four years ago by .002 - the closest finish in Olympic history. Kraushaar won this time in 2:52.865.
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OLYMPICS

Probe continues into figure skating controversy

Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY

An Olympic referee raised questions about the scores that narrowly gave the gold medal to the Russians in pairs figure skating, the head of the skating union said Wednesday.

It was the latest development in what has quickly become the biggest story of the Winter Games.

Ottavio Cinquanta, International Skating Union president, said he had received "certain allegations" from American referee Ronald Pfenning, who oversaw the nine judges who scored the competition.

Pfenning could have been relaying a complaint from himself or any of the judges.

ISU rules prevent Pfenning or anyone else on the judging panel from talking publicly about decisions.

Cinquanta did not provide details of the allegations. Others also had questioned the competition was over, meaning the Russians would keep their gold medal.

The Canadian Olympic Association sent a letter Wednesday to Cinquanta seeking an independent inquiry. "We respectfully suggest to you that in order for such a review to have credibility with the public, it must be conducted by different people to live together and work collaboratively on special projects."

Marilyn Chidlow, president of Skate Canada, said all the allegations have come to them secondhand. "We will look for that first-hand information," she said.

Rejection differed on opposite sides of the world. U.S. coach Frank Carroll suggested that a French judge, Marie Reine Le Gougue, voted for the Russians in a deal to avenge a loss by the French dance team to the Canadians at the Grand Prix in Canada in December.

"Does that mean now the Russian judge possibly is going to give the French dance team first in these Olympics? Carroll asked.

The ice dancing competition begins Friday.

Russian President Vladimir Putin sent a congratulatory telegram to Berezhnaya and Sikharulidze, expressing "his sincere congratulations on the superb victory," the Kremlin press office reported Wednesday.

Canadian figure skaters Jamie Sale and David Pelletier answer questions from the media a day after they finished second in the pairs' figure skating competition.

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Tyson license faces opposition

Associated Press

ATLANTA

Already shunned by Nevada and other states, Mike Tyson faces opposition in Georgia as he searches for a site to fight heavyweight champion Lennox Lewis.

"I know there might not have been much discretion about the issuance of the license and the way the law was written, but there are other hurdles that have to be overcome and I personally don't think we should have the fight," Georgia Gov. Roy Barnes said Wednesday.

Since being denied a boxing license Jan. 29 by the Nevada Athletic Commission, Tyson's promoters have been shopping his contracted title bout with Lennox Lewis around the country. Atlanta has emerged as a candidate, along with Los Angeles, Colorado, Texas and several other states.

Tyson was granted a boxing license last week by the Georgia Boxing Commission, but the commission said the state also requires a promoter's license and a show permit, neither of which Tyson's camp has applied for.

A Georgia boxing license costs $10 and is issued to "just about anybody who asks," said Les Schneider, a lobbyist for the commission.

Tom Mishek, head of the Georgia Boxing Commission, said "the personality of a boxer that's going to be on the card" doesn't necessarily carry much weight in an application for a promoter's license or show permit.

A spokeswoman for Atlanta Mayor Shirley Franklin said Franklin is still gathering information about a possible Tyson fight, and should have a response later this week.

The governors of Texas and Colorado also spoke out against their respective states holding the fight.

Texas Gov. Rick Perry cited Tyson's "bad behavior and un resolved criminal charges" as strikes against the boxer in a Wednesday letter to the chairman of the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation.

"Since Mr. Tyson has criminal charges pending against him for violence against women, recent ly spattered a brawl at a pre-fight news conference, has refused to submit to required drug tests in other states and has had boxing licenses revoked and refused in the past, I ask that his request to fight in Texas be denied," Perry wrote in a letter to Chairman William Fowler. Colorado Gov. Bill Owens called on the state to "act swiftly and decisively and reject any application for Tyson to fight here."

"I believe the accomplishments of great boxers in the past such as Muhammad Ali are being tarnished by the inappropriate conduct of Mike Tyson," he said.

Tyson adviser Shelly Finkel said Atlanta ranks "very high" on his list.

"They are a great sports city, it has the right facilities, they have direct flights to London, so Lennox's fans can be there," Finkel said Wednesday.

The company that wants to produce the fight says it considers the Georgia Dome to be the "front-runner" among the locations it has proposed, which include sites in Florida and Texas. ARK Associates is holding the dome for June 8 for a possible fight.

"The promoters from both sides are both excited about the possibility of coming to Atlanta," ARK president Noah Lazarus said. "They obviously want to explore all options to make sure the fight is placed in the very best venue."

Henderson signs contract with Boston

Associated Press

Rickey Henderson and the Boston Red Sox reached agreement on a minor league contract Wednesday, giving baseball's career leader in runs, stolen bases and walks a chance to play his 24th season in the majors.

The deal, confirmed by his agent, Jeff Borris, came a week before Boston's full squad reports to spring training in Fort Myers, Fla.

If Henderson makes the Red Sox — it would be his eighth big league team — the 43-year-old outfielder is expected to back up Manny Ramirez in left and be a part-time DH.

The Red Sox dramatically revamped their roster in the offseason following a late slide in 2001. They juggled their outfield by signing free agent Johnny Damon, trading away Carl Everett and letting leadoff home runs.

And in his 23-year career. He's a 10-time All-Star, last making the team in 1991, and also holds the career record of 79 leadoff home runs.

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Henderson, 43, last played in the majors in 1991 for the New York Mets and Seattle. Henderson is a 10-time All-Star, last making the team in 1991, and also holds the career record of 79 leadoff home runs.

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**Olympics**

**History does favor skaters**

**Canadian figure skating pair unlikely to get gold medal**

All, though, have this in common - all are overturned. "Judges are judges, people are human and results are results," said Francois Carrard, director general of the International Olympic Committee's figure skating division.

Jones knows that well. He spent nearly a decade trying unsuccess­fully to get international figure skating officials to give him the gold he deserved.

Along the way, he was recognized as the best pound-for-pound fighter in the world and received the Olympic Order, the highest honor of the International Olympic Committee.

But the gold? No, that went to Roy Jones Jr. had just finished his boxing career. The American boxer was so upset by his elimination that he almost knocked the judge with his glove.

Jones had his hopes shattered, but he's not alone. A South Korean boxer was so upset by his elimination that he almost knocked the judge with his glove.

The Americans protested to a judge and were given second, but that was mild compared to the 1956 Games in Cortina, Italy. There, a crowd that had grumbled all along about the judging became unruly when the popular German couple of 12-year-old Marika Kilius and 19-year-old Franz Niggl finished fourth.

They pelted the judges and refer­ees with oranges, and the ice had to be cleared three times before competition resumed.

The crowd, of course, is often at odds with judges, even from the comfort of their living rooms.

The 1972 U.S. basketball team refused its silver medals in a protest after a referee allowed the Soviet Union three extra chances to make the winning basket with three seconds left in the gold-medal game.

The Americans protested to a five-man committee, backed up by the timekeeper and another referee.

Of course, they were denied. It's an Olympic tradition almost as old as the torch.

**Olympics**

**'Cats move past Vanderbilt 67-59**

LEXINGTON, Ky. - Tausha Sam Prince scored 20 points and Keith Bogans had 12 as Kentucky beat Vanderbilt 67-59 Wednesday night.

Jerry Tarkanian's team had an embarrassed grin.

The Commodores out­rebounded the Wildcats 35-33 but turned the ball over 17 times, leading to 22 Kentucky points.

Bogans hit consecutive jumpers, including his first of three 3-pointers, to spark a 13-0 run that gave Kentucky a 19-8 lead at the seven-minute mark.

David Przybyszewski's 3 pulled the Commodores to 28-21 with 2:15 remaining.

The Commodores' last big play was in the closing moments of the half when the Wildcats led the Commodores 32-24.

For the half, Kentucky held Vanderbilt to 32 percent shooting and had a 20-6 advantage on the boards.

FDW AFTER FIVE

**Thursday, Feb. 14**

5:15 p.m. Daily Mass, Basilica of the Sacred Heart

7:00 p.m. Film: Yi Yi, Hesburgh Library

Carey Auditorium

8:00 p.m. Performance: Golden Dragon (Chinese Acrobats), Washington Hall*

8:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. Drop-In Lacrosse, Rolfs Sports Recreation Center

9:00 p.m. - Midnight ND Express Pool Room open, LaFortune Student Center Basement

9:00 p.m. Acousticafe, LaFortune Student Center Huddle

10:00 p.m. - 2:00 a.m. Emily Hart Valentine Cafe, LaFortune Student Center Sorin Room*

10:00 p.m. Movies: Serendipity and The Princess Bride, DeBartolo 101 and 155*

**Friday, Feb. 15**

5:15 p.m. Daily Mass, Basilica of the Sacred Heart

7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Drop-In Badminton, Rolfs Sports Recreation Center

7:00 p.m. Blak Koffee House, LaFortune Student Center Ballroom*

7:15 p.m. Stations of the Cross, Basilica of the Sacred Heart

7:30 p.m. Movies: Serendipity and The Princess Bride, DeBartolo 101 and 155*

8:00 p.m. 807 Mass, Coleman-Morse Center Student Lounge

8:30 p.m. - Midnight ND Express Pool Room open, free billiards, LaFortune Student Center Basement

9:00 p.m. Crafting Corner: Calligraphy, LaFortune Student Center Dooley Room

9:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m. Card/Game Night, Center for Social Concerns

9:00 p.m. Candy Corn, Erin Foley, Washington Hall

10:00 p.m. Movies: Serendipity and The Princess Bride, DeBartolo 101/155*

**Saturday, Feb. 16**

5:30 p.m. Junior Parents' Weekend Mass, Joyce Center Arena

7:30 p.m. Movies: Serendipity and The Princess Bride, DeBartolo 101 and 155*

8:00 p.m. Concert: Claude Cymerman, piano, Annenberg Auditorium in the Snite Museum

8:30 p.m. - Midnight ND Express Pool Room open, free billiards, LaFortune Student Center Basement

10:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m. Open Karaoke and Food, LaFortune Student Center Huddle

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Fiedler signs new deal with Dolphins

**Contract worth $24.5 million over five seasons**

Associated Press

MIAMI Quarterback Jay Fiedler, who has played for four teams in six seasons, decided against testing the free-agent market and instead signed a five-year, $24.5 million contract to remain with the Miami Dolphins.

The deal, which runs through 2006, was announced Wednesday. It contains a $4 million signing bonus.

Had Fiedler pursued free agency, the Dolphins could have kept him by matching any offer.

"This was the one place that I wanted to be," said Fiedler, who has 34 touchdowns and 33 interceptions in two seasons with Miami. "The excitement level I have coming back is definitely high, knowing the coaching staff is backing me, and knowing I have the respect that I can be a winning quarterback.

Fiedler, 30, is 21-10 as a starter for the Dolphins and has led them to the playoffs in two seasons with Miami. "The excitement level I have coming back is definitely high, knowing the coaching staff is backing me, and knowing I have the respect that I can be a winning quarterback."
Hornets pound injury-stricken Bulls 113-91

**NBA**

**Mercer, Oakley and Anthony miss game with injuries**

Associated Press

Even though two more starters went down with injuries, Chicago Bulls coach Bill Cartwright wasn’t making excuses.

Lee Nailon scored 24 points and the Charlotte Hornets led the Bulls by as many as 40 in a 113-91 victory Wednesday night.

"We weren't ready to play and we didn't establish ourselves defensively," Cartwright said. "We didn't do the ball. I won't call it being selfish, I'll call it trying to do too much.

The Bulls played the second half without starters Eddie Robinson and Brad Miller. Robinson scored 14 points in the first half before suffering a strained groin. Miller bruised his left calf.

"Brad is day-to-day. With Eddie it may be a while before we get him back," Cartwright said.

Chicago was already without injured players Ron Mercer, Charles Oakley and Greg Anthony.

Baron Davis added 18 points and 12 assists and Jamaal Magloire had 17 points and 10 rebounds as the Hornets snapped a three-game home losing streak.

A.J. Guyton scored 19 points and Ron Artest added 10 on 4-of-12 shooting for the Bulls, who had beaten the Los Angeles Lakers and Milwaukee in their last two games, but fell to 2-5 on the road. The Hornets shot 55 percent for the game and outrebounded the Bulls 48-40.

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The Hornets led 113-91 at half. Eddie House scored 14 of his 29 points in the second half, the Hornets poured it on.

Robert Taylor's alley-oop dunk from Davis at the buzzer gave Charlotte an 8-3 lead after three quarters. The lead ballooned to 40 in the final period as the Hornets improved to 3-0 against the Bulls this season and 10-2 in the past 12 meetings since 1998.

"It was cool, we were sharing the ball tonight," said Davis, who recorded his 21st double-double of the season. "Everyone got involved and it all worked out."

Charlotte led 32-28 after the first quarter, most remembered for a technical foul on Mourning.

"When we continue to give that type of effort, we're going to be a team to be reckoned with," Mourning said.

Tracy McGrady scored 26 points and Pat Garrity 25 to lead the Magic.

"It's like a sprint now," said Heat guard Eddie House. "It was a good win, a needed one coming out of the break. I helped that we had everybody contributing and playing."

Brian Grant added 15 points and Rod Strickland had 14 as the Heat shot 55 percent. The Heat outrebounded the Bulls 48-40.

"We were out of sync on defense, and the Heat never really faltered. They had that long break and we played last night. That was really the big difference in the game."

The Heat led 54-43 at halftime, putting together a 14-5 run during the final five minutes. Weening scored 14 points in the half, with Jones adding 10.

The Bulls made it 80-72 after three periods, with McGrady scoring 13 points, including a pair of 3-pointers. The Magic pushed within 73-69 on McGrady's fast-break dunk, but the Heat outscored Orlando 8-4 over the final 1:48.

Jones and Jimmy Jackson hit back-to-back 3-pointers to push Miami's lead to 86-76 with 9:06 left in the fourth quarter, and the Magic never drew closer than eight points the rest of the way.

"The back-to-back 3-pointers was the turning point," Rivers said. "We couldn't come back after that."

The Magic outscored the Magic 45-26. Mourning had his way against Horace Grant, pulling down 16 rebounds and grabbing 10 on the offensive end. Mourning scored 14.

"We got to continue to give that type of effort," McGrady said. "We need to do what we were doing."

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Colorado stop Blues 3-1

Roy saves 33, Keane picks up assist in victory

DENVER

Recently acquired forward Mike Keanie helped set up Dan Hinote's go-ahead goal, and the Colorado Avalanche headed into the Olympic break with a 3-1 win over the St. Louis Blues on Wednesday night.

Rookie Radim Vrbata also scored for Colorado, and Greg de Vries had an empty-net goal in the final minute.

Patrick Roy had 33 saves, and St. Louis' Brent Johnson stopped 16.

Hinote's shorthanded goal put Colorado ahead 2-1 at 17:45 of the second period.

Keane, playing in his first game for Colorado after Monday's trade with St. Louis, brought the puck down the left side. After being spun around by a defender, he passed to Adam Foote, whose shot from the right point was redirected in by Hinote.

The Blues pulled Johnson in the first period with 1:10 left, and St. Louis had the empty-netter 19:15 later.

McFarlin scored three straight baskets and had eight points in the overtime, helping Oklahoma State (19-6, 6-5 Big 12) survive without leading scorer Maurice Baker, who missed his second straight game with a sprained ankle.

"We needed to win it bad," said Sanders, who had 12 points and 11 rebounds. "We had our backs against the ropes. It's tough - 18-2, we didn't have our star player. Probably nobody thought we could win, but this is going to help us out a lot."

Oklahoma coach Kelvin Sampson said he never doubted the Cowboys' ability to win.

"I think the key to this basketball game, no matter how you slice and dice it, was the first five minutes of the second half," Sampson said. "We have a seven-point lead, and they come out and really take it to us."

The teams traded the lead seven times after that before the Cowboys scored eight points, including fastbreak baskets by Williams and Sanders, to take a 56-51 lead with 3:31 remaining.

Hollis Price, who finished with 10 points, then made four free throws in a 6-2 Oklahoma run that got the Sooners within 58-57 with 2:32 to play. A free throw by Williams and a shot in close by McFarlin pushed the lead back to four with 1:27 left, but McGhee and Detrick each made two free throws in the final minute to tie it at 61.

An Oklahoma State turnover gave Oklahoma a chance to win in the regulation, but Quanica White's jumper from the left wing missed.

Oklahoma State, which committed 25 turnovers against Fresno State, had just eight Wednesday.

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Sophomore Katie Miller throws a pass toward the basket during Wednesday's loss to Adrian.

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only 10 shots.

"There was a nice stretch in the second half where we got the ball to Anne Blair probably four or five times in a row and she scored at will," said Smith. "Then we couldn't go down and get any defensive stops."

A slow start also didn't help the Belles chances for victory.

"I think we just came out with a little bit lack of intensity," said Smith. "Obviously Adrian made some good adjustments and they were pretty fired up to play and we just didn't quite match their intensity."

Sophomore guard Katie Miller agreed with Smith. "We didn't play well at all," said Miller. "No one really stepped it up for our team. Anne had a really good game at the end but it just wasn't enough to get us going."

The Belles will not have much time to feel sorry for themselves because they play Kalamazoo who is in second place in the conference on Saturday in the regular season finale.

"One of the biggest things [for the next game] is to have pride," said Smith. "You know when you're playing at home it's a chance for us to send our seniors out with a great game to finish their career out at home. It's a chance for us to come out and prove ourselves and show the crowd how much we've improved this year."

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MEN'S TENNIS

Tennis coach inducted into Richmond HOF

Special to The Observer

Notre Dame head men's tennis coach Bob Bayliss was one of six individuals inducted into the University of Richmond Athletics Hall of Fame Sunday afternoon in the Jepson Alumni Center. Bayliss, who earned a bachelor's degree in 1966 and a master's degree in 1971 from the university, played No. 2 singles and No. 1 doubles as a senior on the Spider tennis team.

"It was a tremendous thrill for me to go back to my alma mater and be honored in such a manner with a number of other great athletes, particularly Tim Finchem, the commissioner of the PGA, who was a freshman when I was a senior," said Bayliss. "I am humbled and thrilled to be in the Richmond Hall of Fame. I look forward to going back to reunions and staying active with my alma mater."

Bayliss is in his 33rd year as a collegiate coach and has guided Notre Dame to a 268-124 (.684) record since he began coaching the Irish in the fall of 1987. His teams have made appearances in each of the last 11 NCAA championships, the longest current streak of any Notre Dame team. In his career, Bayliss owns a 550-218 mark. His .716 winning percentage ranks as the fourth-highest among active collegiate coaches and seventh on the all-time NCAA list. Prior to coaching the Irish, Bayliss spent three years at MIT (1983-87) and 15 at Navy (1970-84).

Just three years after arriving at Notre Dame, Bayliss led Notre Dame to its first national ranking in school history in 1990. One year later, he led his team to a berth in the NCAA championships for the first time in the program's history. The following season, Bayliss' Irish finished 23-4 and advanced to the 1992 national title match before falling to Stanford. Notre Dame's march to the championship match as the No. 10 seed still makes the Irish the lowest seed and only non-Sun Belt school to reach the NCAA final since the team format was adopted in 1977. The Irish reached the national quarterfinals again in 1993. In 14 years at Notre Dame, Bayliss has coached his players to 14 All-America honors.

Bayliss was named Intercollegiate Tennis Association national coach of the year in 1992 and has won regional coach-of-the-year honors 14 times, including last season. He has been named coach of the year six times in his career and has helped Notre Dame capture two BIG EAST titles.

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John's, who remains winless in the Big East and falls to 3-21 on the year.

"I think (the Irish players) knew what the record was," McGraw said. "They knew they hadn't won a game in the Big East. We knew we were going to win. I think a more experienced team would not have let that happen, but this team has a lot of young players, and we just really didn't come out and play hard."

McGraw was also disappointed in the effectiveness of her bench. Other than Plecky, no Irish reserve scored more than one field goal. Freshman Kelsey Wicks, who usually provides a spark off the bench, was scoreless, including a 0-6 mark from behind the 3-point line.

The Irish did succeed, though, on defense. St. John's shot just 22 percent from the floor for the game, and their 31 points were the fewest by an Irish opponent since Valparaiso scored just 27 on Jan. 21, 1982. The Irish came away with 14 steals and forced 21 turnovers.

"Tonight we were working on a little more pressure and trying to create some turnovers," McGraw said. "I thought we did a pretty good job there. That's something that we really haven't been doing too well lately."

Another area in which McGraw thought the team could have improved was in terms of physical play. The referees allowed the athletes to play a physical game, and McGraw thought St. John's took advantage of that while her team did not.

"I think we need to play at that level," McGraw said. "We need to play a more physical game and be more comfortable in that type of game, because it was very consistent at both ends and we did not take advantage of that."

McGraw was pleased with her team's ability to distribute the basketball.

Notre Dame shot 39.3 percent from the field and rarely had to force shots at the buzzer. In transition, though, the Irish came away with only eight fast-break points.

"I thought we had the right people shooting the ball even though the shots didn't drop, and we did a pretty good job on the boards," McGraw said.

"Overall we're still doing a lot of good things, we just need to score more points in transition."

All areas will need to be improved by Saturday. Rutgers is only 9-10 this season and just 5-7 in the Big East, but traditionally plays well at home.

The Scarlet Knights also boast an aggressive defense, which poses a threat to a Notre Dame team that may come in without its leading scorer.

"We're going to have a lot of work to do in the next couple of days to find out who's going to replace her in the starting lineup," McGraw said. "We're going to have a lot of work to do in the next couple of days to find out who's going to replace her in the starting lineup if she comes to that and how we're going to make our changes. This is a very tough match-up for us."

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Notre Dame point guard La'Tania Severe brings the ball upcourt despite heavy pressure from St. John's Kenyawna Hudgens. Severe scored seven points and added eight assists in the win.
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recognition than what we’re getting."

Come tonight, Notre Dame’s griping about the lack of national respect will be shoved aside, as the Irish look to beat Rutgers for the second time in eight days.

Thomas was instrumental in Notre Dame’s 89-72 win against the Scarlet Knights last week. He scored 12 points and shot 7-for-9 from behind the 3-point line.

"The thing that’s lost is that we put it on them pretty good eight days ago, and that’s kind of been lost in mix of Saturday’s game," Brey said. "And I think I’m going to have to remind our guys they’ll really be after us (tonight) and they play very well at home."

Brey compares the Louis Brown Athletic Center, one of the toughest places to play in the Big East, to Indiana’s Assembly Hall, where the Irish lost to the Hoosiers by a point.

Rutgers is nearly unstoppable at home. In 12 home games this season, they’ve won 11, including four out of five in Big East play.

"Rutgers, I think, is kind of shell shocked that we beat them," Brey said.

"It’s real frustrating for us. We feel like we’ve done enough so far, even though we’re not satisfied. But we’re definitely up to receive more recognition than what we’re getting."

Chris Thomas
Irish point guard

Irish forward Tim Hansbrough scored 15 and 12 points, respectively, against the Scarlet Knights earlier this season.

Rutgers can also throw the ball into Rashod Kent, who picked up 12 points and five rebounds last week.

"Last time, we were able to do what we wanted on offense," Thomas said. "The hard thing was stopping them on defense. I think they’re a great offensive team. They’re one of the better ones we’ve played so far. For us to stop them we have to limit their offensive production."

Note:
Tonight’s game begins at 9 p.m. and is nationally televised on ESPN.

The Irish have struggled in nationally televised games this season. Notre Dame has lost its last seven games it has played before a national audience — including three losses from the 2000-01 season. Ironically, Notre Dame won its last national television game at Rutgers last season.

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"Rutgers, I think, is kind of shell shocked that we beat them," Brey said.

"They’re expecting..."
Horoscope

Celebrities born on this day: Gregory Hines, Mormon Handlin, Mag Tilly, Dwe Biden.

Happy birthday! You will know how to work within a group this year, and your networking skills will be needed. You will want to surround yourself with the right people and be sure to network in order to show that you desire and you won't be bashful to put time and effort into your home. Your numbers are 3, 6, 12, 26, 29, 41.

Aries (March 21–April 20): Don't be afraid to start something new. You'll do surprisingly well if you try. Opportunities to make money will surface. Don't hesitate to invest in a safe, conservative long-term investment.

Taurus (April 21–May 20): You will meet some pretty neat people if you take part in the activities and events going on in your community. Take the initiative and you can end up being in a leadership position.

Gemini (May 21–June 21): You have to be careful when you make a decision, and don't be swayed by emotions. You may get blamed for something you didn't do.

Cancer (June 21–July 22): You will be emotional about money today, if you are involved with. Don't become emotional about the situation going on around you. Don't ignore matters that need to be tended to. If you make changes you will feel better about yourself.

Leo (July 23–Aug. 22): Get involved in groups that can give you stimulation and a new way of looking at things. Your philosophies are changing and opportunities to expand your circle of friends look promising.

Virgo (Aug. 23–Sept. 22): You'll be emotional about money matters. Stop being so generous with your friends and family. If you are smart with your cash you will set it up in a solid investment.

Libra (Sept. 23–Oct. 22): You are very in tune with the thoughts and feelings of others and are always looking for adventure. You may be a little unusual, but you are very in tune with the thoughts and feelings of others and will always have a friend.
WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Hurting Irish

Irish head coach Muffet McGraw and two members of the Notre Dame training staff huddle around Jacqueline Batteast early in the second half of Notre Dame's 69-31 win against St. John's Wednesday night.

+ Batteast, Bustamante injured as Notre Dame blows out St. John's

By NOAH AMSTADTER
Sports Editor

Amidst Notre Dame's biggest win of the season, the team may have sustained its greatest loss.

Early in the second half of Wednesday night's 66-31 drubbing of St. John's in the Joyce Center, Irish freshman forward Jacqueline Batteast fell to the floor and had to be helped off the court. Batteast later returned to the bench with an ice pack on her right knee. The status of Notre Dame's leading scorer for Saturday night's game at Rutgers, and the rest of the season, is uncertain, pending a MRI this afternoon.

Batteast's classmate, guard Alixson Bustamante, also had to be helped off the floor after spraining her ankle under the basket with 13:19 left in the game. Bustamante, who missed four games earlier this season with the same injury, is also questionable for Saturday.

In the injuries were two more strong performers against Rutgers and Georgetown.

+ Five-game win streak on the line against Rutgers

By ANDREW SOUKUP
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After winning five consecutive Big East games, capped by a quadruple-overtime win Saturday against Georgetown, the Irish felt they finally deserved some respect.

Too bad national pollsters thought otherwise.

In the latest ESPN/USA Today Coaches' poll, Notre Dame received just seven points. They fared slightly better in the AP poll, picking up 87 points, still nearly 46 points behind No. 25 USC.

That, Notre Dame believes, just isn't right.

Just ask Chris Thomas, who was named Sports illustrated's Player of the Week following his performances against Rutgers and Georgetown.

"The thing I'm just most upset about with all these accolades this week is that we only have seven votes in the ESPN poll," Thomas said. "That's the main thing here."

But while Notre Dame coach Mike Brey said the Irish should be ranked after last Saturday's win against Georgetown, he's not too worried about where the Irish end up in the polls. Respect, he said, will only be expected on one day.

"I only want it on March 10 on Selection Sunday," Brey said. "For our guys, maybe they'd like to see us in those polls and, hey, I would, but I'm not losing any sleep over it."

Seeing teams with similar records ranked ahead of Notre Dame, however, has Irish players a little miffed.

"It's real frustrating for us," Thomas said. "We feel like we've done enough so far, even though we're not satisfied. We're far from being satisfied. But we're definitely up to receive more respect.

Irish point guard Chris Thomas looks to pass the ball during Notre Dame's win against Rutgers last week.