Sole ticket wins unanimously

By SARAH NESTOR
Saint Mary’s Editor

Junior Elizabeth Jablonski-Diehl and sophomore Sarah Brown were elected Saint Mary’s student body president and vice president in Tuesday’s uncontested election.

“I’m really excited,” Brown said. “Participation in the election was up and I think it went well.”

Because Jablonski-Diehl and Brown were the only candidates running, their only competition was the student body’s right either to vote no or to abstain. This was a change from past years when one-ticket ballots only held the choice between voting yes and voting no, to abstain.

In order to be elected Jablonski-Diehl and Brown needed to earn over 50 percent of the total student vote. Only 380 students voted — about 25 percent of the student body — and Jablonski-Diehl and Brown received 71.32 percent of the total student vote, with 17.11 percent abstaining.

According to election commissioner Alison Joseph, low voter turnout can be attributed to the fact that there was only one ticket running for office.

Student government representatives were hoping that with this year’s integration of electronic voting the number of student participating would be higher. The election was the first time students on campus and abroad were able to vote online through PRISM, the same program used for student registration.

Students were able to access the online polls at 12 a.m. on Tuesday until 12 a.m. Wednesday. Each student was allowed to vote once by logging on to PRISM using their PRISM login and password. Once logged in each student was able to vote by clicking on "Answer A Survey" and then by proceeding to vote in the appropriate election. "Our numbers are about even with last years," Joseph said. "Hopefully the numbers will increase through the years."

Despite the overall student body disinterest in the elections, reflected by the low voter turnout Jablonski-Diehl and Brown look forward to taking office. One of their first tasks in the coming weeks is to pick who is going to be on Board of Governors next year.

Jablonski-Diehl and Brown also plan to work with the Student Academic Council, saying they will focus on the Reading Day proposal and what the next step will be for getting the proposal approved.

Jablonski-Diehl and Brown’s term begins April 1.

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Reward for Sharon’s whereabouts doubles

By TERESA FRALISH
Assistant News Editor

Ten local companies have offered an additional reward of $25,000, doubling the total to $50,000, for information leading to the safe return of, or verified communication with, missing freshman Chad Sharon. University officials said Wednesday.

The University offered an initial reward of $25,000 on Jan. 3. Sharon has been missing since the early evening hours of Dec. 12, when he was last seen by friends at a Coral Street party. Sharon, a straight-A student who was attending Notre Dame on a full scholarship, missed all of his finals and has not made contact with friends or family since his Dec. 12 disappearance.

The companies involved include Fifth Third Bank, the Gurley Leep Automotive Group, Lake City Bank, Notre Dame Federal Credit Union, Slobinski Bank, St. Joseph Capital Bank, Teachers Credit Union and Wells Fargo Bank, along with two companies requesting anonymity.

While Notre Dame officials were involved in coordinating this initiative and posting the announcement, the companies themselves were the main force behind the decision to offer a new reward, said university spokesman Matt Storin.

"We just helped facilitate getting people together and announcing this," said Storin. "I think this was very much an act of compassion and community effort."

John Rosenthal, president of St. Joseph Capital Bank and son of former Notre Dame athletic director Dick Rosenthal, was one of the major coordinators of the effort to double the reward, according to Storin. "Even though he did not want credit, the fact that he started with him," said Storin.

Rex Rakow, director of Notre Dame Security Police, said he believes the new reward will generate more leads in the case. "Sharon’s disappearance" back in the news cycle and keep the story fresh," said Rakow. "We got some leads off the last news cycle. We will see if we get more leads from this. We’re open to accepting any information," he said.

This has provided a variety of ways for individuals to provide information, said Rakow, see SHARON-page 4

Student Senate

Bishop asks for leadership, disagrees with committee’s letter

By ME�ANNE DOWNES
Assistant News Editor

A letter from the Residence Life committee of the Student Senate asking the Board of Trustees to restore in-hall dances for a probationary period failed to pass in a 12-12 vote after significant debate Wednesday.

The committee intended for the letter, presented in the form of a resolution, to be included as an appendix to student body president Libby Bishop’s Feb. 6 Board of Trustee report, where she plans to talk about student opinion regarding in hall dances. According to du Lac, the letter would have to be approved by the Office of Student Affairs before the Board of Trustees could consider it.

The Residence Life Committee originally passed the letter unanimously; however, three of the senators on the committee voted against it in the roll call vote.

Kevin Boyle, senator from Cavanaugh Hall, said after the meeting she voted

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Bishop calls for leadership, completion of goals in her State of the Student Union address

By ME�ANNE DOWNES
Assistant News Editor

Libby Bishop, student body president, said the student union is stronger than it was in the fall due to its experience and the increased knowledge of the student leaders. After her address, she said that Saint student Senate was an example of this because they have taken additional initiatives and increased communication with University officials.

She said this is the busiest time for the student union as it works to complete its goals even with last two months we, as student leaders, must use our knowledge and experience to its utmost potential. We will do this
I shall be heard, and they struck again, tinging off the tenfold (provided I can was at this alarm and causing a mass exodus into who meanwhile his thermometer assured me is 16-degree weather.

To add insult to injury, I was of course asleep at the time of the drill (Lest you think I am lazy, know that I am recover ing from mono over break. Know also that the next person who makes a lerd joke about how I contracted it for five hours right not be to slapped). Slowly rising and peering out my clothes in a half-conscious state, only one thought clearly made its way through my besieg ed brain: revenge.

Had this been an isolated incident I could perhaps check my urge for veng ence, but, no longer! I am hereby delivering an edict: namely the system to be installed: namely the administration to be assured the soundness of our beloved University to be allowed those privileges which we have often thought during the previous term were part of those travesties that I should simply ignore them. I, however, am no longer allowed that luxury, hav ing grown sufficiently enough as the person to exit the building during those evacuations doomed ‘drills.’ I do not think, my friends, that even our beloved reciter could forgive me were it to happen again.

But I divert my purpose. Let me make known that this remark of malice toward the student body shall be tolerated no longer! I am hereby delivering an ultimatum, effective immediately to those who have dictated this malfunc tioning monstrosity of a fire prevention system to be installed: namely the University administration. For every further injustice wrought upon the unsus pecting inhabitants of Dillon Hall, I declare that it shall be returned to you tenfold.

Those who seek to prevent us from enjoying the joys of congregating in the January snow.

When those at the epitome of power at this university can be made to grovel in the cold like the rest of us, our voices shall be heard, and those with no power are forced to over the ability to speak. On that glorious day, my brothers, we shall all realize the power that is truly ours. Until then, I pray for the sake of those involved that sweeping changes are made to assure the soundness of the residents of Dillon Hall, for our voices shall not go unheard!

The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Tom Haight at thaight@nd.edu.

**Correction**

Due to an editing error, Wednesday’s article about Notre Dame Architecture-Student Drawings: Designs for a New Smite Museum of Art.

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• Kaplan Test Preparation, 6 p.m., Room 315 Madeva Hall.

• Keenan Revue ‘93 Performance, 7:30 p.m. in the O’Laughlin Auditorium.

**WHAT’S COOKING**

North Dining Hall

Today’s Dinner: Amatriciana, mushroom marinara, sausage pineapple pizza, meatloaf, scalloped corn casserole, brown sauce, chicken gravy, whipped potatoes, potato casserole in honey-orange sauce, chicken cobbler, grilled tilapia, potatoes with spinach, baked potato, broccoli sprouts, mashed potatoes, egg, and cheddar muffin, grilled beef and pineapple salad and Sliced ham.

South Dining Hall

Today’s Lunch: Spaghetti amatriciana, Southwestern pasta sauce, roast chicken, stuffed peppers, broccoli and cheese, mushroom lasagna, marinated bean salad, broiled salmon steaks, rice pilaf, roasted vegetables, beans, cheese, pizza, bread sticks and chicken and dumpling casserole.

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**WHAT’S GOING DOWN**

Student pays fine to keep car

A student’s vehicle was being towed in the Stepan lot when the owner arrived and paid the towing fee on Tuesday. The vehicle was released to the owner.

Larceny in Dillon reported

A student reported the theft of her cellular phone from her coat pocket while in Dillon Hall between 10 p.m. on Nov. 16 and 2 a.m. on Nov. 17. There are no suspects.

Theft leaves student without tunes

A student reported the theft of his locked bike from the Student Student Stadium lot between 5:30 p.m. on Monday and 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday. There are no suspects.

Bike heist forces student to walk

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**Compiled from the NDP crime blotters**

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TCEs may be changed

By AMANDA ROTHETY
News Writer

Student Senate Representatives Jeremy Staley and Trip Foley met with Faculty Senate members recently to discuss continuing plans for changes in the administration of Teacher Course Evaluations (TCEs). At the end of each semester, students have the opportunity to provide feedback about the positive and negative aspects of their professors and courses. Administrators use these evaluations to grant tenure for professors and assess the quality of a course. However, students have no access to the results of TCEs at this time, and therefore have little motivation to take the evaluations seriously. Recently, Student Senate members developed a proposal to provide students with limited access to TCE results. Staley and Foley presented their proposal to the Faculty Senate this week. According to Foley,

Faculty Senate members were "very positive" and offered "good feedback," but suggested that Student Senate must take a closer look at logistical issues. At this point, the Student Senate proposal recommends that a new section of questions be added to the Scantron section of the TCE. These questions would ask the student to rate the quality of the course and professor, very similar to the existing format. Students could then access the results of this section of questions online.

"The questions wouldn't be very different from those in other sections and students would be able to view the results of the new section online."

Trip Foley
Student body vice president

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Sex signals more than just comedy

By MELANIE BECKER
News Writer

"Sex Signals," a straightforward show about communication between the sexes, was shown at Saint Mary's in Carroll Auditorium Wednesday. Sex Signals, sponsored by the Division of Student Affairs and co-sponsored by the Student Diversity Board, was first shown at Saint Mary's last year by recommendation from the Board of Trustees.

"We've tried over the years to bring different presentations on this issue to campus," said Georgeanna Rosebush, director of Student Affairs. The two performers, Gail Stern, a former worker at a rape crisis center, and Christian Murphy, a 1992 Notre Dame graduate, met in 1998. They wrote the show in 1999 based on dialogue and research on the topic of gender and dating and began performing in May 2000.

"I had seen presentations on rape from police officers, it was a stoic, stranger model. We thought that if we could combine our efforts, we could create a show to establish gender perspectives and show how often [rape] happens."

Gail Stern
Actor

"Sex Signals" began as a humorous, yet realistic look at stereotypes and double standards of both genders. Audience interaction and some improvisation were used to create social situations and common scenarios between men and women. Each member of the audience was given a "Stop Sign" and asked to hold it up when he or she felt that the situation was going badly. Flirting, sexual innuendo, mixed signals and miscommunication between college-aged men and women were demonstrated as Murphy and Stern brought humor to the situations.

Exaggerated humor was used to establish stereotypes and the perspectives of situations from both sexes.

"Every school has its own environment that creates its own advantages and disadvantages to relationships. There is a different sexual dynamic [at Saint Mary's and Notre Dame] and because I experienced that, I'm excited to explore it," Murphy said.

Awkward moments and tension began to arise as the show zeroed in on rape, particularly date rape. Murphy and Stern created scenarios that showed ways in which miscommunication turned into date rape. Murphy and Stern stressed the importance of discussion between men and women about sexual activity, because of the gray area in date rape. The show culminated in an open discussion of what constitutes date rape, communicating limits and drawing the line. Plans are being made to bring "Sex Signals" back to campus for First Year Orientation weekend next fall.

"We want to do this to educate people about their behavior; how you interact with the opposite sex can easily put you in a bad situation," Rosebush said.

Students who missed last night's performance can see "Sex Signals," sponsored by Student Government, the Department of Film Television and Theater and the College of Arts & Letters, tonight at 7 p.m. in the LaFortune Ballroom.

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Sex signals an in-your-face, no-holds barred look at the college dating scene, gender relations, and sexual assault

7 p.m ... tonight
LaFortune ballroom

sponsored by student government, department of film, television and theater, college of arts and letters, gender studies, CARE, SUB, and the women's resource center
Flyers to fight rape

By JESSICA DALSING
News Writer
A student-led initiative has made blue flyers with sexual assault awareness tips a common sight in campus bathrooms.

Sharon's parents, said they companies for their efforts. "We just means so much to us," said Courtney Badgley, student senator and member of the gender issues committee.

An informational meeting by campus security and discussion of the sexual awareness line at 631-5555, and an anonymous tip line at 631-6315.

Chad

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Sharon said this new announcement and related media coverage would help keep their son's disappearance in the mind of students who may be able to recall information about the Corby Street party Chad Sharon attended. "We still don't have any kids that saw him leaving the party," he said. Sharon's father urged students to come forward with information relating to their son, even if their knowledge did not seem very significant.

ND first at trial competition

By CHRISTINA CEPERO
News Writer
Notre Dame's first year mock trial team won the Northwestern University Mock Trial Association invitational tournament. It was held at the Lake County Courthouse in Waukegan, Ill. the weekend of Jan. 18-19.

The victorious team of first years consisted of seven students: Michael Anderson (Best Witness Award), Drew Iaiano, Anne Marren, Trina Semelroth (Best Attorney Award), Chris Sheehan, Kelly Snyder and Natasha Uffner. They received the highest number of points in each of the four rounds and were undefeated, beating 31 other teams, including last year's national champion and teams from the University of Chicago and Saint Francis University. Two other teams from Notre Dame also competed. Sheehan said, "It really gives you a feel for the court and an understanding of court rules."

Notre Dame's Mock Trial Association, ranked third in the nation, is made up of 23 students divided into three teams. Attorney Bill Dwyer of the Chicago law firm of O'Rourke, Hogan, Fowler & Dwyer coaches students at Notre Dame for two hours every Thursday. In addition, each of the teams meets several times a week to prepare for tournaments.

All the college students in mock trial associations across the country work on the same case throughout the year. Last fall, the American Mock Trial Association released this year's case: a civil law suit involving a 7-year-old boy allegedly killed by a car. Every team prepares for both the plaintiff and defense sides of the case. In a competition, a coin draw just before the start of each round determines which side of the case a team will play in that trial. Each team presents opening statements, conducts direct and cross-examination of witnesses and makes closing statements for its side.

Dave Belczyk, president of Notre Dame's Mock Trial Association, said, "The competition is designed for students to work on trial advocacy — the way you would present a case in court."

Students develop logical thought and argument skills and hone their presentation skills. "The winning team did an excellent job," said Belczyk. "Every team requires a broad range of talents to perform well."

The regional Mock Trial tournament will be held at Notre Dame from February 21 to 23. The national championship will be held from April 4 to 6 in Des Moines, Iowa.

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IRAQ

Saddam says Iraq prepared for war with U.S.

Associated Press

Baghdad

Saddam Hussein, in remarks televised Wednesday, said Iraq has "huge capabilities" and is ready to face a U.S. attack, "destroy it and defeat it." A senior Baghdad official who de­ nounced President Bush's State of the Union speech, said it was filled with "cheap lies." "When faced with an attack, we always put in our calculation the worst case scenario and we build our tactics on that," Saddam told military command­ ers. "We know that they act with large forces of infantry and armored units to storm our defensive positions. But we will absorb the momentum of the attack, destroy it and defeat it." Saddam said the Americans have no right to attack Iraq "and every one of them, from the top down to the smallest soldier, is coming as an aggres­ sor with ambitions." "We will have long successful defensive lines with continuous support of equipment," Saddam said. "Iraq is not Afghanistan. Iraq has huge capabilities and throughout history, Iraqis never allowed foreigners to stay on their homeland."

As the crisis with the United States escalates, Iraqi television has been frequently broadcast­ ing scenes of Saddam suf­ fering with military commanders and senior lieutenants. It was unclear when the meeting aired Wednesday took place.

The broadcasts appeared aimed at rallying the Iraqi population at a time of crisis and sending the message that Saddam remains in firm control of the military and civilian leadership. On Wednesday, a top Iraqi official took issue with Bush's address to Congress.

"Banned weapons are not small objects that Iraq can hide," Maj. Gen. Hossam Mohammed Amir, head liaison to U.N. arms inspectors, said on Iraqi television. "Iraq has got­ ten rid of all these weapons."

Iraqi leaders also rejected Bush's allegation of past or potential links between Baghdad and the Sept. 11 ter­ rorists. "There's no connection between al-Qaida and Iraq," said lawmaker Hazem Bajilan, a foreign affairs specialist in the National Assembly.

Ordinary Iraqis, meanwhile, voiced growing fears of a new U.S. war, a conflict one doctor saw as a "catostrophe" in the making.

International arms inspection teams pressed on with their unannounced rounds Wednesday, dropping in on an Iraqi missile-fuel plant, an

Congressional Budget Office: $199 billion deficit expected

Associated Press

Washington

This year's federal deficit will soar to $199 billion even without President Bush's new tax cut plan or war against Iraq, the Congressional Budget Office said Wednesday in a report that cast doubt on Congress' plans for balancing the budget any­ soon.

The nonpartisan budget office project­ ed direct action on any tax cut or spending initiatives -- which no one con­ siders likely -- small annual surpluses would not return until 2007, a year later than the office predicted in August.

In perhaps the starkest depiction of how rapidly the government's long­ term outlook has eroded, the budget office said Wednesday that it envisioned a cumulative $20 billion surplus over the decade that began last year. In May 2001, the office projected an unprec­ edented $5.6 trillion surplus for that same period.

The bleak forecast further inflamed this year's budget fight between Bush and congressional Democrats, who accuse each other of speeding the deficit. The chaos in the Senate and House, said House Budget Committee Chairman Jim Nussle, R-Iowa. "The budget office's projected $199 bil­ lion deficit for this year compared with a $145 billion shortfall it projected last August. Its forecast five months ago for a $111 billion deficit in 2004 also got worse, rising to $145 billion in the new report."

Since CBO's projections include none of the tax and spending initiatives that lawmakers are likely to talk, they are meant as a benchmark for measuring future action.

World News Briefs

Sharon rejects Arafat's peace talk offer

A day after his election victory, Ariel Sharon on Wednesday rebuffed an offer by Yasser Arafat to resume peace talks -- an indication the Israeli prime minister will stick to his tough policies in his second term. In Tuesday's vote, Sharon won a ringing endorsement for his policy of cracking down on the Palestinians, and his right-wing supporters want to see him take an even tougher line. However, an Israeli defense official said a "no loose connection" to terrorist activity.

Explosion, fire, kills 8 iniston, N.C.: An explosion followed by a raging fire demolished a plastics factory Wednesday, killing at least eight people and injuring at least 16. Others were feared trapped in the burning ruins, which sent black, acrid smoke billowing over the countryside. City Manager Ralph Clark said a number of unknown workers were believed to be still inside the West Pharmaceutical plant.

Officials break credit-card fraud ring

More than 30 Pakistanis face federal charges in an alleged credit-card fraud ring that investigators believe netted $5 million. Investigators have con­ cerns, but no hard evidence, that the money may have helped fund terrorist activity. The alleged ring­ leader, Shah Nawaz, has fled to Pakistan as have other members of the group. U.S. Attorney Paul McNulty said Wednesday McNulty said there may be "a loose connection" to terrorist activity.

Saddam says Iraq prepared for war with U.S.
Senate
meeting it was not Senate’s
duty to send a letter to the
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"I don’t think it will comple-
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her report, though it is not finished, will
be more informative and include the voice of the stu-
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could have helped the report
and that the report’s message
would only have been
strenthened by the additional
voice of 28 student leaders.
"If it could be toned down a little
while keeping the main point and it
could help a lot if it was sent
in right fashion," Hallahan
said after the meeting.
"Libby’s recommendations do
ask for dances back which
was component of the
opposition to the letter. I think we
could have worked on it a lit-
tle bit more just to make sure
the letter is in line with one
another report. Several senators questioned
why there was opposition from Bishop and Foley to the
inclusion of the letter seeing as how the letter represents
student opinion.
"If this letter doesn’t coin-
cide with the report, this con-
cerns me and I wonder if the
report is addressing the cor-
rect concerns," Brennan-Phillips
Senator Joanna Cornwall told
the Senate.
Other senators who voted
against the letter said it was not
due to message of the letter
but because they did not want
the letter to potentially
detract from Bishop’s report.

In other Senate news:
• The Senate unanimously
passed a resolution calling for an increase in the
student activities fee, the
second proposed increase in as
many years. The fee was
increased for the 2002-2003
year from $65 to $80.
• The Senate unanimously
passed a resolution asking the
Office of International Study
Programs to inform students
studying abroad about alcohol
awareness and the country’s
penalties.

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Seventh ticket
enters election

By MEGHANNE DOWNES
Associate News Editor

Judicial Board President
Danielle LaDesma
announced Wednesday a
seventh additional ticket
for the upcoming student
body president elections.
The ticket of Zahm resi-
dents Matt Padberg and
David Ball submitted its
petitions just before the
Jan. 22 midnight deadline,
but their candidacy was
not announced at the Jan.
22 Student Senate meeting
because the ticket’s peti-
tions had not yet been
turned in, Ledesma said.
Padberg and Ball join
the following six other
presidential candidates in
the Feb. 10 general elec-
tion: Mike Bott and Mike
Kirsh, Charlie Ebersol
and Lauren Meagher,
Ryan Gagnet and John
McCarthy, Pat Hallahan
and Jeremy Lao, Joe Muto
and Mimi Markowski, and
Drew Updike and Eric
Tarnowski.

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**In Brief**

**United pilots irked at airline's plan**

United Airlines' pilots union lashed out Wednesday at the company's emerging strategy in bankruptcy, saying its plans for a new discount carrier would amount to a breakup of United and voting to fight it "by every lawful means available to us."

The angry statement from United's most powerful union came on the eve of a Thursday meeting of the company's board of directors at which CEO Glen Tilton is to present the new business plan.

While United has not disclosed details of the plan, a published report Wednesday said it aims to reduce the number of its pilots and flight attendants by up to 25 percent and implement a two-tier pay structure.

The Chicago Tribune, citing unidentified sources, reported that pilots and flight attendants working for a planned new discount carrier would be paid significantly less than those on regular United flights. United declined to comment on the report.

The world's second-largest airline, which has posted heavy losses since mid-2000, filed for Chapter 11 federal bankruptcy protection on Dec. 9.

**Fed keeps interest rates constant**

**WASHINGTON**

The Federal Reserve decided on Wednesday to leave interest rates unchanged at a 41-year low, optimistically predicting that the fragile U.S. economy will revive once geopolitical risks - a reference to a possible war with Iraq - recede.

The Fed's widely expected decision continued a downward trend for borrowers of rates that have spurred a surge in mortgage refinancings.

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U.S. fails to gain support for coalition against Iraq

Associated Press

Key members on the U.N. Security Council said Wednesday that the United States had so far failed to convince them that time had run out for a peaceful resolution to the crisis with Iraq.

At a crucial council meeting a day after President Bush's State of the Union speech, 11 of the 15 members supported giving more time to weapons inspectors to pursue Iraq's peaceful disarmament — France, Russia and China who all have veto power as well as Germany, Mexico, Chile, Guinea, Cameroon, Syria, Angola and Pakistan, council diplomats told The Associated Press.

Only Bulgaria and Spain backed the United States and Britain in focusing on Iraq's failures rather than continued inspections.

In Washington, White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said diplomacy was in its "final phase," and Secretary of State Colin Powell said the United States would try to help Saddam Hussein, his family and close aides if he would agree to go into exile. "That would be one way to try to avoid war," Powell, who will address the Security Council next Wednesday, said at a news conference.

However, State Department officials said an exile scenario was not under serious consideration.

At the daylong Security Council meeting, which was held behind closed doors, Britain remained squarely in Washington's camp.

"There are members of the council who are asking for time, but it's not a matter of time. It's a matter of whether Iraq realizes that the game is up, or whether it is trying to keep the inspectors at bay," British Ambassador Jeremy Greenstock said during a break in the meeting.

U.S. diplomats had hoped Wednesday's council meeting would signal increased international support for military action in Iraq. But neither the highly negative reports from weapons inspectors this week nor Bush's address altered the positions of some of America's key allies, including France.

"The majority of the council thinks we should continue inspections," said French Ambassador Jean-Marc de la Sabliere. "This is what they think today, and I think it is important to say so.

Still, U.S. Ambassador John Negroponte warned that the "diplomatic window is closing, for the council and the time for decision-making is fast approaching." He said the United States would conduct intense negotiations, both at the United Nations and between capitals, ahead of the special Feb. 5 council meeting where Powell is expected to present evidence of Iraq's secret weapons programs and links to terrorist groups.

Council diplomats who spoke on condition of anonymity said the possibility of a second resolution was being widely discussed. The most likely scenario would be a resolution declaring that Iraq has failed to cooperate actively with inspectors and setting a relatively short deadline for Baghdad to meet certain steps, the diplomats said.

Bush said Tuesday night he would use the "full force and might of the U.S. military" if needed to disarm Iraq. In the meantime, Negroponte pressed the chief weapons inspectors behind closed doors Wednesday and between additional answers on intelligence the United States believes indicates Iraq is rearming.

But Mohamed ElBaradei, the top nuclear inspector in Iraq, said the evidence hasn't panned out and he disputed Bush's claims that Iraqi intelligence agents are posing as scientists.

In a wide-ranging interview with AP, ElBaradei stood by his inspectors' findings that aluminum tubes the Iraqis had tried to import were for rockets and not for a nuclear program, as the president reasserted in his speech Tuesday night.

"We believe the tubes were destined for the conventional rocket program," ElBaradei said. He said the tubes could be modified for uranium enrichment but that the process would be expensive, time-consuming and detectable.

In his annual speech, Bush said: "Iraqi intelligence officers are posing as the scientists inspectors are supposed to interview. Real scientists have been coached by Iraqi officials on what to say, and intelligence sources indicate that Saddam Hussein has set up training programs that entice who cooperate with U.N. inspectors in disarming Iraq will be killed and imprisoned with their families," ElBaradei said.

Sergey Lavrov Russian Ambassador

Ambassador Sergey Lavrov said that President Vladimir Putin was shifting to a more pro-American stance were misinterpretations.

"We believe that inspections must continue and that if Iraq stops cooperating with inspectors and starts blocking inspections, we must look into it."

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SMC women attend pro-choice conference

By LAUREN CONDON
News Writer

Four Saint Mary’s women attended a pro-choice conference in Washington, D.C. during the same time when many of their classmates were at the March for Life.

The four students received a grant from Saint Mary’s Center for Women’s Intercultural Leadership to attend the one-day conference that focused on lobbying for pro-choice causes. The students who attended the conference believe that it was a leadership opportunity, enabling them to experience a day in the nation’s capital learning how to lobby for causes and about the judicial system.

"I feel that because we are Catholic we need to address the situation. It is the woman’s body and she should decide what to do with it," Saint Mary’s conference group organizer Heather Engstrom said. "Catholics for Free Choice uphold that it is a woman’s right to make her own decision."

The conference, held Jan. 22, also marked the 30th anniversary of the Roe v. Wade Supreme Court decision, which legalized abortion.

Engstrom believes that the conference was more about leadership and having young people involved and interested in the legal system.

"The conference, which addressed the issues of what the judicial system is doing with the recent five to four vote upholding Roe vs. Wade and the feminist movement, was organized not only to talk about pro-choice, but also to teach young people how to make their voices heard," Engstrom said.

Although many within the Saint Mary’s community did not agree with pro-choice students respected each other’s opinions. "That is their decision," Saint Mary’s senior and March for Life attendee Elizabeth Rosswurm said. "We are supporting what we believe in and they are supporting what they believe in."

"I think that everyone has the right to their own opinion. It’s great that we can respect each other’s stance on the issue," Saint Mary’s March for Life organizer Danielle Kraft added.

Those who chose to attend the March for Life to protest abortion accepted an unexcused absence and paid their way for the bus trip.

"I went because I feel pretty strongly about the pro-life cause and that life begins at conception. Abortion needs to be ended," Saint Mary’s freshman Jenny Robbins said. The four girls sponsored by CWIL had all expenses paid and were flown to Washington D.C. to attend the pro-choice conference.

"It’s disappointing," said Indiana Archbishop John D’Arcy after learning of CWIL’s sponsorship. "The program itself was student leadership. The purpose was to show students how to become involved in lobbying and leadership," CWIL director Meredith Sarkees said.

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Iraq may be capable of nukes

Associated Press

The top nuclear inspector conceded Wednesday that aluminum tubes the Iraqis had sought for rockets could be modified for a nuclear program, as President Bush reassured in his State of the Union address.

"We believe the tubes were destined for the conventional rocket program," Mohamed ElBaradei told The Associated Press in an interview. "They could be used for enrichment but they need substantial modification before they could be used."

He said such a process would be expensive, time-consuming and detectable but that the Iraqis have the capabilities to alter the tubes.

ElBaradei told the Security Council in a report Monday that he had found no evidence Iraq had revived its nuclear program. The comments, coupled with his determination that the tubes were for rockets, put him at odds with the Bush administration which has insisted the tubes were meant for enriching uranium.

The back-and-forth between the Bush administration and ElBaradei’s International Atomic Energy Agency began shortly after the president first raised the Iraqi attempts to buy the materials when he addressed the United Nations last September.

As a result, ElBaradei made it a top priority for his team to investigate the matter when inspections resumed two months later.

Iraq admitted they sought the tubes but said they were for a rocket program and very quickly, the nuclear team began to agree.

But the United States has been relentless in its insistence that the tubes were for a nuclear program and President Bush included it again in his annual address Tuesday.

"We believe...that these tubes are of the fineness and kind of tooling and workmanship that is definitely consistent with the use of enriching uranium," U.S. Ambassador John Negroponte said Wednesday.

"The way in which Iraq has gone about trying to procure those tubes suggests quite clearly that they were trying to do something illicit," he told reporters.

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through finishing important pro-jects, giving available student input into campus wide issues and representing student voice accurately," he said.

Though Bishop did not outline any future plans in her address, she said students should look toward the future in order to empower future leaders and call for the Student Union to fulfill their duty of passing on their knowledge to future leaders.

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LETTER FROM THE EDITORS

SMC endorsement confusion clarified

We wish to apologize for the confusion surrounding Monday's Observer editorial calling for abstention in the Saint Mary's student body presidential and vice presidential elections, before reiterated our original sentiment calling for increased participation at the college. Because of incorrect information received from the Saint Mary's representative on our editorial board, we believed there would be only two options on the ballot this year, as there have been in past elections: the names associated with the only ticket running, "Elizabeth Jablonski-Diehl/Sarah Brown," and the option to "abstain." Unbeknownst to us, however, Saint Mary's constitutional revisions to its election process involved altering the ballot, too. In the past, students were confused about how to vote for satisfaction with the candidates in increasingly common single-ticket races at the college. As a result, Election Commissioner Alison Joseph said, for the first time Tuesday, the ballot offered three options for voters: "yes," meaning the voter supports Jablonski-Diehl/Brown; "no," signaling a vote of no confidence in the ticket; or "abstain," meaning a vote of no opinion.

As we know from my last column, I've been applying to graduate school. So as we also know from my last column, if we like to read the biographical sketch in the ticket, I graduated at the beginning of this month. This is already doing other than to apply to graduate school?
The answer, follow, Davis, is watching television. Televisions these days is of very low quality, by the week, particularly during the day. I really felt like I was missing out on something when I lived in the dorms and didn't watch TV for months on end, but it turns out it wasn't. For one thing, I watch things like "Dr. Phil" (who I say I don't like because he makes psychologists look bad, but I secretly wish I'd know how to do it and like him) and "dathing" shows, like "Blind Date," "Fifth Wheel," and "Eliminate" (farther guilty TV pleasures, except I really do dislike them. I just watch something, which aren't terribly high quality.

For another thing, I avoid quality television like the plague. I always thought that if I ever lived outside of the Notre Dame bubble that I'd be a better informed person when it came to current events, but it's really not turning out to be true. I probably much watch the news.

I don't like world news much because I can almost never make it through an entire broadcast without becoming despondent and convinced that Western civilization is in an inevitable decline. I actually do think that Western civilization is in its decline, but I usually try to ignore that conviction and it's harder to do that when you watch 30 minutes of actual proof every night.

Tom Brokaw: "In the United States today, there is no money for any important programs for helping neighborhoods in several states, masked gunmen murdered dozens of innocent bystanders. When apprehended and asked for reasons for their actions, the gunmen responded, 'Hey man, had things happen to good people. They looked like good people. Where are we to change the rules?"

In international news, several wars rage on today with heavy losses of life, and one in China has any human rights at all. This just in: the world is going to Hell in a handbasket. Here with more on its downward progress is news correspondent Frank.

I don't much like national or world news, because it's always depressing. Sometimes they throw in that human interest story near the end about the blind guy, the puppy who cures him, and their amazing search together for the cure to cancer, but somehow that usually fails to erase the emotional impact of all the human suffering so rapidly discussed before.

I don't watch much local news either, largely because every single night for the last two weeks the lead story has been the fact that it either is currently snowing or was snowing earlier that day. Anchor: "I'm Bill, and our top story on the 10 o'clock news in Michiana is that it is snowing for the fifth day in a row. Let's go to Jane, our reporter out in the field.

Reporter: "I'm Jane, out here in Elkhart, where it also appears to be snowing. Let's talk to some people passing by. Hello there! Do you feel that it is snowing here in Elkhart?"

Passerby: "Yes, there does seem to be snow falling from the sky.

Reporter: "There you have it, Bill. It is snowing in Elkhart. Now I'm reporting from Niles, next to South Bend. Anchor: "We'll return with further team coverage of this alleged snow from downtown South Bend, Notre Dame and Granger after these commercials. A little later, we'll have an in-depth interview with a good woman who has lived in Michiana for a number of years and remembers other times when it has snowed."

Tuesday night the State of the Union Address was on, which I did actually watch for a while. One of my roommates wanted to see it, but then she ended up talking on the phone. About halfway through, my other roommate and I swayed over to "Smalville" on the WB because we like it better. I'm 21 years old with a Bachelor's degree from the University of Notre Dame, and I like Smallville better than I like watching the president address the nation in the biggest speech he gives all year. And I am supposed to be a future leader of America.

This is probably why Western civilization is declining — people like me are watching "Dr. Phil" and "Eliminate" instead of keeping up on important events or actually doing anything.

Morayana graduated from Notre Dame in January, but is continuing to live in the South Bend area until May graduation. She can be reached at m024@nd.edu.

The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Tax cuts represent American values

Michael Derocher

While the Democrats cry foul about tax cuts for the “rich,” 12 current Democratic Senators including Robert Byrd, Frank Lautenberg and Dianne Feinstein (and even Joe Biden) voted to drop the top marginal tax rate to 28 percent in 1986, yet have vowed to vote against the Bush plan which would drop the rate to 35 percent. The Bush plan would provide 92 million taxpayers an average $1,083 in tax relief this year. The plan would reduce the top rate of four with two earners making a combined $39,000 in income would receive $1,100 in tax relief. In fact, the largest rate reductions are tilted toward middle and lower income wage-earners: 40 percent for those making between $30,000 and $40,000 compared to 11.4 percent for those earning more than $100,000. Also, in those “deficit-hawks” complaining about runaway deficits, I would remind them that just spending on the budget deficit today is the lowest in years as a part of the GDP (1.5 to 3 percent compared to upwards of 6 percent during the early 1990s according to the Congressional Budget Office.) Here are just a few final fun facts about taxes. Half of all taxpayers in America pay less than 4 percent of all tax revenue. While the top 0.1 percent pays the bulk ($128,000+ ) pays almost half of all taxes. So why should people who pay virtually no taxes get a larger tax break than those who actually pay the bulk of taxes? When did America turn into a welfare state? I have grown up in an America where “the pursuit of happiness” is attained through the virtues of hard work, perseverance and determination. I am deeply troubled by this notion that says that America became in recent years of “You have it. I want it. You owe me.” Glass warfare and class envy are tragic and insult all Americans who believe that hard work really does mean something.

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MOVIE REVIEW

Kidman, Moore and Streep shine in ‘The Hours’

By BJ STREW
Scene Movie Critic

“The Hours” was the working title for Virginia Woolf’s “Mrs. Dalloway,” but Michael Cunningham and Steven Soderbergh’s over-winning homage to Virginia Woolf is more than a nod to the tale. It merges

MOVIE REVIEW

Cloney’s ‘Confessions’ falls apart on screen

By ERIN ENGLISH
Scene Movie Critic

Schizophrenic in the extreme, “Confessions of a Dangerous Mind” begs the question “What was the point of the last two hours?” Choosing style over substance and story line, the movie walks a fine line between real film and music video before descending precipitously into a complete mess.

“Confessions” is based on the autobiography of game show producer and host of the “Gong Show,” Chuck Barris, who claimed to have a double life as a CIA assassin who killed 33 people. “Confessions” treats Barris’ tale as if it were fact, interweaving these two lives as Barris writes his memoirs during his 1981 nervous breakdown.

The screenplay by Charlie Kaufman is spotty at best. Kaufman tries to make the characters more clever than they ought to be, and occasionally borders on the inane preachy, such as when a Playboy bunny chastises Barris for his negative judgment of humanity, or in Barris’ comments on killing for his country while watching the Reagan inauguration on television.

However, the screenplay was the least of the problems. Far worse was the acting, especially among the female leads, Penny (Drew Barrymore) and Patricia (Julia Roberts). Barrymore acts like a teenager throughout, displaying nearly no character growth even when she should. Roberts is cold, inappropriately timed and unconvincing as a sexpot spy. Clooney himself is simply adequate as Barris’ spy boss.

Clooney is attempting to be ambitious in his directorial debut, which is admirable. However, the audience cannot help but wonder whether Clooney was the actual author. Rather, it appears Steven Soderbergh, the producer, was allowed to pull too many strings. Clooney uses many of the same techniques and stylistic tricks, which are commonly associat-

ly strong. Many scenes border on absurd, but also entertaining humor, including the CIA training sequence (where Barris is given a picture of Mao for target practice) and the first seduction scene between Barris and Patricia (played as a ditz by Diane Lane). Soderbergh’s adaptation, “The King of Comedy” to good effect. “Confessions” can be entertaining despite its lack of depth.

The movie’s main fault remains that it’s buoyed by the brilliance of Clooney himself. Without his wisecracking charm, the film is a laughless thriller or an insightful tale about identity. Instead, it prefers to hover unsuccessfully in the middle ground, overusing its bag of tricks when it is trying to be its most sincere and taking itself too seriously during its most lighthearted parts. It tries to be clever, wise, gimmicky and funny at the same time, and only in a few select moments does it succeed at all of them.

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"About Schmidt" is a tough movie to put into a capsule. The Internet Movie Database describes it as the story of a man who, "while trying to run his daughter's life, realizes he has wasted his," Entertainment Weekly calls it "part comedy, part tragedy, part satire, mostly master piece." And Movien.com may well have it best, asking, "What's "About Schmidt" about? It's about to win Jack Nicholson another Oscar.

"About Schmidt" is a road movie, and like most road movies, it has a fairly simple plot. Jack Nicholson plays Warren Schmidt, a retired businessman who, shortly after the sudden death of his wife (June Squibb), travels to Denver to see and hopefully prevent the marriage of his daughter (Hope Davis) to a waterbed salesman (Dermot Mulroney). Along the way, naturally, he meets interesting people and questions whether or not he has had a life in life. There are funny parts, and gut-wrenching parts, and moments of real insight, but ultimately what makes "About Schmidt" different and worth seeing is Jack Nicholson.

Nicholson is generally acknowledged as one of the best actors Hollywood has ever produced, but he has recently been the target of considerable criticism. There is an understandably common belief that Nicholson has degenerated to self-parody, that his repertoire is limited and given this performance he's probably capable of winning as many as he wants.

Because Nicholson is so often on the screen alone, the film uses a voice-over. Normally, voice-overs are obnoxious and indicative of structural weakness, and, what's worse, they often carry a distracting frame story to give the narrative excuse to tell his or her story. "About Schmidt" gets around this by having the voice-over be Nicholson's letters to Ndugu, a 6-year old Tanzanian boy he sponsors through a foster program. As the program asks him to send "personal information," Schmidt uses the letters as the one outlet he has for his true emotions. Naturally, he also is supplying Ndugu with a slightly altered version of events. This allows Nicholson even more opportunities to show what he can do.

Of course, Nicholson can't take all the credit. Director Alexander Payne, who also adapted the screenplay from Louis Begley's novel, required much of the crew from his last film, the critically acclaimed "Election," which undoubtedly accounts for the polished feeling of the film. Payne's adaptation carefully includes thematic markers, giving the film itself as much depth as Nicholson's character: Politics, religion and the different cultures within America seem to hover just below the surface, and it is interesting to note that the film sometimes seems like homage to conservative, midwestern values. Payne himself, like Warren Schmidt, is from Omaha, and "Election," too, was set in Nebraska.

"About Schmidt" only has one notable flaw. The plot makes it necessary for Schmidt to disapprove of his daughter's engagement and subsequent marriage, and even for the audience to sympathize with his disapproval. But the film achieves this by making Dermot Mulroney's family an over the top collection of fowl-mouthed, dimwitted pseudo-hippies, the type of people it apparently expects us to believe congregate in Denver. Kathy Bates, playing Mulroney's mother, curses out her divorced husband, erects a shrine to her sons composed of his "Honorable Mention" and "Participation" ribbons, talks too much about her sex life, and horrifies Schmidt (and the audience) with a nude scene in a hot tub. Such overdone characters would be more at home in a Jim Carrey or Adam Sandler film, and become obnoxious in such a serious context. Payne seems to be reaching to force the audience to share Schmidt's distaste for his new in-laws, an unnecessary move given Nicholson's phenomenal talent.

While Mulroney and Bates are reduced to caricature, Hope Davis, who plays the daughter, Jeannie Schmidt, shines. Her emotions and facial expressions mirror Nicholson's own, and the pain that her character feels is fully convincing.

With June Squibb's character dying so early in the film, Ms. Davis is the audience's only source of insight into Schmidt's family life outside of Schmidt himself, and his often biased view is completed by Ms. Davis's fine performance. There are entire levels of subtly to the relationships within this film that would have been lost in the hands of less competent actors. It is a credit to the casting team that they found Ms. Davis, who is primarily a Broadway actress and whose work would not have been equalled in the hands of most Hollywood stars.

"About Schmidt" admittedly owes a lot to certain other road films, most notably David Lynch's "The Straight Story," which also featured an older man on a solo trip through the Midwest to see an estranged family member. Payne even seems to acknowledge the influence by practically quoting the beginning of Lynch's "Blue Velvet" during the scene in which Schmidt's wife dies.

Despite this, "Schmidt" is its own film, bravely different from its many sources, and packing an emotional impact that is unmatched in theatres now. This is not a film to be missed, and those who don't get a chance to see it during its run here in South Bend would do well to rent it this summer, if for no other reason than to see Jack Nicholson put on an acting clinic for the ages.

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NBA

Jordan held to 8 points as Nets defeat Wizards 86-78

Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. - Kenyon Martin has 15 minutes of his career-high 21 rebounds and an assist, and the Nets scored the first five points of the fourth quarter, and a dunk by Aaron Williams off a Michael O'Neal pass that Jerry Stackhouse turned into a dunk with 6:24 remaining in the third.

Johnson replaced Kidd with 3:25 left in the fourteenth minute and will be a game-time decision Friday against New Orleans. Johnson committed six fouls in the fourth but gave the team a taste of what leadership it desperately needed.

"It's a big help when you have in the house and dream what's it's like to run this ball club, and that opportunity may not come along for a week," Johnson said.

Kidd said he was upset when he jumped in an unsuccessful effort to intercept or deflect an outside pass by Dallas' Jason Kidd during the Nets' 106-90 victory over New Orleans.

"We get out of there, that's the way it's going to be," Kidd said. "I'm going to try to get back in that groove and get it right."

Richard Jefferson added 24 points and 14 rebounds for the Wizards, who had their season-high 21 rebounds and an assist as New Jersey closed the quarter with a 31-20 lead.

"It's a little statement," Johnson said. "I felt like we needed to go out and play a different style of play to get back into the Pace and that's what we did."

Jefferson added 25 points and 11 rebounds and six assists and the Wizards are a no-mercy team.

"It's a no-mercy team," Johnson said. "We're not going to play that way every night."

The Suns traded by the Nets with 25 points in the fourth quarter with a 31-20 lead.

"We're a no-mercy, league and right now teams are just attacking us right away," Johnson said.

As the Lakers held off a franchise high of 2.6 million.

"We're just in a real nasty funk right now," Marbury said. "This is a no-mercy league, and right now teams are just attacking us right away."

In what has become a pattern, the Suns, just back from a 1-4 trip to the East. The Suns traded by the Nets with 25 points in the fourth quarter with a 31-20 lead.

"We're struggling," Phoenix coach Frank Johnson said. "We're a no-mercy league and right now teams are just attacking us right away."

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New Jersey Nets guard Lucious Harris holds onto the ball for a steal after forward Richard Jefferson tapped it away from Washington Wizards guard Michael Jordan during the fourth quarter of the Nets 86-78 win Wednesday.
Artest disappointed with four-game suspension

Associated Press

NEW YORK

Indiana Pacers forward Ron Artest was suspended for four games Wednesday for his run-in with Heat coach Pat Riley and flashing an obscene gesture toward the crowd.

The suspension, announced by Stu Jackson, NBA senior vice president of basketball operations, will cost Artest about $84,000 in pay. It started with Wednesday night's home game against the San Antonio Spurs.

"I'm very disappointed with the league's ruling," Artest said in a statement. "I don't think the suspension comes close to going with my actions. I thought I might get a fine, but not a game. I don't think four games is fair at all," he said.

Dan Wasserman, spokesman for the NBA Players' Association, said he would speak to Artest or his agents before deciding whether to file a grievance.

Riley hopes the latest suspension sends Artest a message.

In the fourth quarter of the Pacers' 102-95 win against the Heat, Artest scored, was fouled and flexed his right arm muscles as he walked toward the Miami bench.

He and Heat assistant coach Keith Attkins exchanged words, then Artest brushed against Riley. They began shouting at each other, and the Miami coach shoved Artest away.

Artest was called for a technical. After Miami's Eddie Jones missed the free throw, Artest hit his free throw and backpedaled, holding aloft the index finger of his right hand and the middle finger of his left hand.

"It was in the heat of the moment," Artest said Wednesday. "I definitely apologize to the fans, and mainly to the kids who saw the gesture on TV."

Dan Wasserman, spokesman for the NBA Players' Association, said he would speak to Artest or his agents before deciding whether to file a grievance.

Riley hopes the latest suspension sends Artest a message.

"The only thing that I was upset with two nights ago was the hit on Caron [Butler]. The other stuff is just foolish behavior," Riley said Wednesday. "But I'd like to have two or three Ron Artestes myself, know what I'm saying? He's a hell of a player, a very competitive player."

Indiana Pacers forward Ron Artest picks a fight against Miami Heat coach Pat Riley Jan. 27 at American Airlines Arena in Miami. Artest was suspended for four games Wednesday both for his altercation with Riley and for making an obscene gesture toward the crowd.
Lions said to show interest in Mariucci

Associated Press

DETROIT

The Detroit Lions plan to interview former San Francisco 49ers head coach Steve Mariucci by the end of the week, a source within the league said Wednesday.

The source, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said Lions chief executive Matt Millen made contact with Mariucci to set up a meeting after Millen fired head coach Marty Mornhinweg on Monday.

Millen was not available for comment Wednesday.

"The process continues," Lions spokesman Bill Keenist said.

Mornhinweg, who served as offensive coordinator under Mariucci with the 49ers, was fired after a month after the Lions finished 3-13. Mornhinweg had a record of 5-27 during his two seasons, the worst two-year stretch in team history.

On Monday, Millen said he hoped Mariucci would be a candidate for the job.

"I spoke to Steve after he was let go, and I would like to speak to him again," Millen said then.

Mariucci, who was born and raised in Iron Mountain, Mich., had a 60-43 record in six seasons with the 49ers, and he guided the team to the playoffs four times.

Mariucci clashed with 49ers owner John York, however, and the team fired Mariucci three days after a 31-6 loss at Tampa Bay in the divisional playoffs. Mariucci had one year left on his contract.

While Mariucci had just a 3-4 postseason record, he had won three times as many playoff games as the Lions have since winning the 1957 NFL title. Detroit beat Dallas 38-6 in the divisional playoffs on Jan. 5, 1992, and lost to Washington in the NFC Championship Game.

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Steve Mariucci celebrates after Jeff Garcia's touchdown in the fourth quarter during the 49ers' 39-38 victory over the New York Giants on Jan. 5. A Detroit Lions source said the team planned to interview Mariucci for their vacant head coach position sometime this week.
Tiger Woods reacts to a poor shot on the 9th hole during the final round of the Target World Challenge Dec. 8, 2002. Woods announced Wednesday he was plagued by a knee injury.

Associated Press

Tiger Woods only made it look low-key.

His dominance became even more impressive Wednesday when he revealed that pain in his left knee was so intense last year it made him sick to his stomach, and he had to take injections just to keep playing.

"It was a tough, tough year, one I don't want to have to go through again," Woods said Wednesday during a conference call, his first interview since Dec. 12 knee surgery.

The bottom line looks healthy. Despite benign cysts that made his knee ligaments inflame like a balloon, Woods became the first player in 30 years to win a season's first two majors. He ruled golf for the fourth straight season, winning a total of six times.

Imagine how he might play if healthy.

Woods could get an answer soon. He received clearance from his doctors Saturday to hit a driver and as many practice balls as he wants. He'll decide next week whether he is fit enough to return Feb. 13 for the Buick Invitational in San Diego.

If not, Woods said he would try to play either of the following weeks, in the Nissan Open in Riviera or the Match Play Championship.

"I don't know whether my knee situation will allow me to do full practice but next week I'll make a decision as to whether to play in the Buick, in L.A. for the Nissan Open or at the Accenture Match Play Championship." Woods first revealed his left knee was hurting at the season-ending Tour Championship. He showed feeling intermittent pain about two years ago, but it was never sore long enough for him to pay attention.

"Last year, toward the end, it was brutal," he said. "A lot of times, I didn't want to go out there and play. I felt nausea in my stomach because the pain was so great. I had it injected numerous times to play last year.

"I know what other athletes go through with those needs," he said. "It's not fun." Woods said the pain affected him in some of the majors. It was hard to tell.

He won the Masters and U.S. Open by three strokes each, finished second by one stroke in the PGA Championship and was in contention at the British Open until an 81 on a cold, blustery Saturday at Muirfield.

"You've got to put it aside and play," he said.

The worst he felt was at Sherwood Country Club in December, when he made seven big moves under Padraig Harrington in the final round before losing by two. He told his agent the night before he might have to withdraw.

"In the morning, it was border-line I would play," Woods said. "I took painkillers, and it still hurt. As it started getting warmer, I was feeling better and said, 'Let's give it a try.'

"The one-hour surgery removed fluid from inside and around the anterior cruciate ligament, and removed benign cysts. Woods' doctor said the long-term recovery prospects are good.

"But once you've had the procedure done, you're susceptible to having the same procedure," Woods said. "Hopefully, that won't be the case."

Woods never got too far away from golf. He putted on his carpet, chipped into his putting lanes and onto his bed, and started hitting wedges by the end of the year.

The real test comes this week.

Woods said hasn't felt any pain since he started hitting a few practice balls at his home outside Orlando, Fla.

"I need to know if this knee will hold up in a full practice session," he said. "Once I know that, I'll be fine competing. I may be rusty when it comes to hitting one shot. Playing my way into shape is going to take a little time. There could be some interesting ramifications.

Woods is closing in on Byron Nelson's record of making 113 successive cuts on the PGA Tour. He is at 96, and narrowly avoided the weekend off at Torrey Pines last week.

He also is going for a record fifth straight money title.

During his rehabilitation, Ernie Els won the first two tournaments of the year in Hawaii, and Vijay Singh won in Phoenix.

"I'm anxious to get back out, I really am," Woods said. "I'm anxious to compete. As far as them, that's great. It's going to be a challenge, because they're both doing well."

When he does return, The Masters looms. Woods will be going for an unprecedented third straight title at Augusta National.

"It's going to be one heck of a challenge — hopefully, one I'll be prepared for," he said.

There might not be any way to prepare for what awaits at Augusta National and protests over its all-male membership. Martha Burk of the National Council of Women's Organizations and Jesse Jackson have vowed to protest outside the gates this weekend if the club invites a woman to join.

Chairman Hootie Johnson has said that won't happen any time soon.

"We heard him say he won't be distracted," Woods said. "I'll be fine," he said. "Once it's time to play, it's time to play. Whether it's all the things outside the gates, or the fact I'm trying to win three in a row — all that goes away once it's time to tee it up."
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AROUND THE NATION

U.S. District Judge S. Arthur Spiegel said Wednesday he feels Pete Rose belongs in the Hall of Fame. Spiegel sent Rose to jail on felony charges of failing to report income in 1990.

Judge says Rose should be in HOF

Associated Press

NEW YORK The federal judge who sent Pete Rose to prison thinks the banned former star belongs in the Hall of Fame. 

Rose was sentenced in 1990 to five months in jail for failing to report income in 1987, including $354,968 in income from 1990. Rose's current activities, including gambling, could hurt his chances for election to the Canadian Baseball Hall of Fame, which has put him on its 46-person ballot.

"I wouldn't think our selection committee would like to see the muddy waters cleared," Canadian Hall of Fame president Tom Valcke said.

"We wouldn't say for sure that these things hurt his accomplishments, but they certainly didn't make them any better," he said.

During Rose's sentencing in 1990, Spiegel said "today we are not dealing with the legend. History and the outset of time will decide his place among the all-time greats of baseball."

"With regard to Pete Rose, the individual, he has broken the law, admitted his guilt, and stands ready to pay the penalty." Rose admitted he hid $354,968 in income from memorabilia sales, autograph appearances and gambling earnings from 1984-87, offenses punishable by up to six years in prison.

"My work with him was completed when he finished his probation," Spiegel said. "He fulfilled his sentence as required by the law, both in prison and the halfway house, and in community service. The reports I got back on him when he served all were favorable. As far as I'm concerned, he paid his debt to society." Rose spent most of his career with the Cincinnati Reds and was their manager when he agreed to the ban in 1989 following an investigation of his gambling.

Baseball investigator John Dowd detailed 412 baseball wagers by Rose between April 8-July 5, 1987, including 52 on Cincinnati to win.

In Brief

Walton under investigation for theft

Arizona is investigating an accusation that star forward Luke Walton was a lookout while other players stole money and candy from a hotel vending machine.

A guest saw men wearing jackets of the top-ranked Wildcats grab up to 80 candy bars and change from the machine in Lawrence, Kan., over the weekend, police Lt. Dave Cobb said Wednesday.

The man, Stuart Schwartz of Chicago, identified Walton but said he wasn't sure about the identities of the other players, he told police.

The Marriott Spring Hill Suites decided not to press charges, but the school's athletic department is investigating and could punish the players.

Coach Lute Olson called the accusations "a bunch of hogwash," and Walton denied involvement.

After Arizona (15-1) overcame a 20-point deficit to defeat Kansas 91-74 Saturday, police surprised the coaching staff by entering the locker room to talk to players.

Hotel manager Stephanie Bowler said the team gave her $80 for the candy before returning home and that she considered the matter closed.

Callahan says Robbins was incoherent

Barret Robbins was incoherent and didn't know where he was the night before the Super Bowl, Oakland Raiders coach Bill Callahan said Wednesday in his first public comments about the troubled All-Pro center.

Robbins, who has a history of depression, spent Super Bowl Sunday in a San Diego hospital after disappearing from the team's hotel the night before. Callahan would not reveal Robbins' current whereabouts.

The 6-foot-3, 320-pound lineman reportedly had stopped taking his medicine for depression. He missed a team meeting, a position meeting and a walkthrough practice Saturday, Callahan said.

"I was fearful something wrong was occurring," said Callahan, who decided to bench Robbins Saturday night, then later chose to send him home.
Belles stand tall after suffering 68-54 loss to Scots

By TREY WILLIAMS
Sports Writer

Any fan of Saint Mary's basketball would have left the Angela Athletic Center with a smile on the face after last night's 68-54 loss to Alma College. The Belles (5-13) were defeated by the Scots (11-5) by 14 points, increased their losing streak to six games and held onto their last-place MIAA ranking for the third game in a row with a 1-6 conference record.

Why would anyone be proud of this? Well, the underlying success of the Belles' battle is that they played the second-ranked MIAA team and made them work for it. "By no means did we let Alma win this game," guard Shaun Russell said. "We had them on the run for most of the game. They just had a quick scoring run late in the second half." The Belles had a slow start, trailing the Scots by five points at the end of the first half. However, with sizzling shooting accuracy from scoring leaders Emily Creachbaum and Anne Hogan and stifling defense from sisters Katie and Bridget Boyce, the Belles nipped the heels of the Scots and took a short-lived lead in the second half.

"The numbers definitely do not reflect upon what the team put into this game," said Russell. "We played with a lot more intensity this time around and made the other team work. No player on this team has any reason to be ashamed of how the game went."

The Belle's intensity was publicized both on and off the court. From the locker room and the bench came the hoots and hollers of a very fired-up Belle squad throughout the course of the game. Despite the loss, each player for the Belles came away with something to be proud of as coach Suzanne Bellina once again utilized her strong bench, dispersing the points among her numerous strong shooters. The Belles now look to the future as they enter the second half of their season, replaying their conference foes.

"We took a big step today," said Russell. "We're at a turning point in the season and I think we're going to surprise a lot of teams this time around. We have nothing to lose."

The Belles leap into their new beginning as they square off against Olivet College at home this Saturday afternoon.

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**friday 1:31**

- Notre Dame Encounter Retreat #74
  - Friday and Sunday
  - Fatima Retreat Center

- Senior Retreat #8
  - Friday and Saturday
  - Sacred Heart Parish Center

- Mass for Peace and Justice
  - 5:15 p.m.
  - Basilica of the Sacred Heart

- 807 Mass
  - 8:00 p.m.
  - CoMo Student Lounge

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  - Friday and Saturday
  - Coleman-Morse Center
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**sunday 2:02**

- RCIA Session
  - 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
  - CoMo Student Lounge

- Sankofa Academy Open Discussion Group
  - 2:00-3:30 p.m.
  - 316 Coleman-Morse Center

**sunday (cont.)**

- Learning to Talk About Race Retreat #25
  - Pre-Retreat Plunge
  - 5:00-7:00 p.m.
  - CoMo Student Lounge

- Rejoice! Mass
  - 10:00 a.m.
  - Coleman-Morse Center Chapel

- Tuesday 2:04
  - Confirmation Session #9
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- Wednesday 2:05
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    - 11:45 a.m.
    - Rev. Kevin Russeau, C.S.C.

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by Fr. Kevin Russeau, C.S.C.

Director of Freshman Retreat & Associate Director of Vocations

I made my first pilgrimage to the birthplace of Holy Cross when I was a junior studying abroad in Angers. I stayed for a week at our foundation in Sainte-Croix (Holy Cross), the neighborhood in nearby LeMans, from which the Congregation got its name. When I returned to France last November for a couple of days, I gazed again at the stained glass window in the original church which depicts the Golden Dome of Notre Dame. As I prayed below at the tomb of our founder, Fr. Moreau, I was overwhelmed with a sense of gratitude for my life in Holy Cross which has allowed me the privilege of serving in a religious community that touches the lives of people all over the globe.

As a history major here at Notre Dame, it is simply amazing to me the accomplishments that Holy Cross has achieved in its relatively brief history. Fr. Moreau and a small group of men banded together shortly after the French revolution to re-evangelize France. Although the same forbearance worship at the time, these Holy Cross religious were determined to pass on the faith inspired by the apostles. As if the task of re-evangelization was not great enough, the community quickly developed a zeal for the missions and sent religious to Africa, Bengal, and America.

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McGraw said.

Besides Batteast, no other
Irish player could get in an
offensive rhythm. Alicia Ratay
had eight points, but took only
six shots. The usually
dependent Courtney LaVere had a
rare off night, scoring only
seven points on 2-for-9 shoot-
ning and fouling out near the
end of the game.

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On Notre Dame's first posses-
sion of the half, Thomas found
Francis in the paint for the 6-
foot-10 freshman's first points
of the night. The play kicked off a 12-5
run for Notre Dame to bring
the Irish lead to 48-35, with
Francis and Carroll accounting
for all 12 points during the
push.

The Irish once again proved
deadly from the foul line, hit-
ing 20 of 23 free throws in the
second half and sinking all four
attempts in the first.

"If we can get to the bonus
quick, it's a great weapon for
us, whether we're going inside
or driving the ball and getting
to the foul line," Carroll
said.

But the biggest area of
dominance for Notre Dame
Wednesday came off the glass
as the Irish out-rebounded
West Virginia 51-27. At the
ball, Notre Dame had 14 offen-
sive rebounds alone compared
to West Virginia's 13 total
rebounds.

The game marked only the
sixth time in 20 contests this
season that Notre Dame
grabbed more boards than its
opponent, as six Irish players
had six or more rebounds
against the Mountaineers, led
by forward Dan Miller's nine.

"That's kind of unusual for
us. We're not usually the ones
winning the rebounds under
the boards," Carroll said. "I think
our guys were very aggressive
on the offensive boards.

With the victory, Notre Dame
moves on to 17-3 on the season
and 5-1 in the Big East.

Placement
Matt Carroll sets up to shoot over Johannes Herber during the 88-69 Irish victory over the
Mountaineers Wednesday. Carroll had 18 points for the Irish, who improved to 17-3 overall and
5-1 in the Big East.

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http://www.nd.edu/~glsn
By JOE LINDSLEY
Sports Writer

No. 22 Notre Dame travels to Evanston, Ill. today for what the Irish expect to be a battle with No. 12 Northwestern.

The Irish, 2-0 in dual-match play this season, are hoping to remain unbeaten as they face one of the nation’s most talented rosters. The Wildcats boast four singles players ranked in the top 10 nationally.

"It's going to be a battle, as always," senior captain Katie Cunha said.

The Irish are fresh off a 5-2 road victory over essentially the same Wisconsin squad that knocked Notre Dame out of the NCAA tournament last season. Four days earlier, Notre Dame earned its first victory of the spring with a 5-2 triumph over Western Michigan at home.

The win over the No. 30 Badgers should prove as an important morale-booster as the young Irish squad prepares to face a tough schedule.

"The Wisconsin match has given us a lot of confidence heading into the Northwestern match," Cunha said. "We lost to Wisconsin in the NCAA last year, so there was a lot of bitterness."

All of the Irish veterans achieved victories against the Badgers. The two freshmen on the squad were the only ones to suffer defeats.

"We played really well and I think that’s going to go into the match tomorrow," she said.

Junior Caylan Leslie, in her comeback after a 15-month injury hiatus, won her match over the Badger’s Linda Moe. "Leslie is doing great," Cunha said. "She took 15 months off, and that’s a lot of time. She worked extremely hard over break. It’s just going to take her a little bit of time to get back to where she was."

Perhaps because the team is young and because they want to prove themselves to the college tennis world, the Irish work ethic has been consider ably strong this season.

"Everyone’s playing really well," Cunha said. "Everyone works so hard. People go in on their days off. Everyone wants to play."

The two freshmen in the line-up, Lauren Connelly and Kristina Stastny, have been particularly pleasing for the Irish.

"Their work ethic is incredible," Brent D’Amico said. "They’re up the top of the lineup where they deserve."

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By JOE LINDSLEY
Sports Writer

For the first time since 1988, the Irish men’s tennis team has begun a season with a 0-3 start. The Irish lost their third straight match Wednesday as the Illini prevailed, 6-1.

We definitely knew it would be tough," sophomore Brent D’Amico said. "We had a lot of chances to make the match fairly close."

Initially, No. 34 Notre Dame looked promising against No. 2 Illinois. Playing at No. 1 doubles, D’Amico and junior tri-captain Matt Scott worked up to a 6-1 lead, but then Illinois’ Rajez Ram and Brian Wilson rallied to win 8-6.

At No. 2, juniors Luis Haddock and Ben Hatten fought hard against the second-ranked doubles duo in the nation, but the Irish lost the battle in a tiebreaker, 9-8 (7-4).

"We probably didn’t finish the way we needed to," D’Amico said of his doubles match. "I think everyone’s just learning every day we play."

After Illinois claimed the doubles point, the Illini went on to win five of six singles matches. D’Amico, for the second match in a row, had the only Irish point of the day as he upset No. 84 Ryler DeHeart in straight sets, 7-5, 7-5.

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Eight men is enough

Irish rely on depth and win 13th straight home game

By CHRIS FEDERICO
Sports Writer

It was a tag-team effort for Notre Dame Wednesday night as both the Irish starters and bench players made significant contributions in Notre Dame's 86-69 victory over West Virginia at the Joyce Center.

As the Irish starters struggled through much of the first half, reserves Tom Timmermans, Torrian Jones and Chris Quinn were there to pick up the slack, scoring 16 of Notre Dame's 36 first-half points.

"Not a lot of teams have that ability to allow for [the bench play]," said Irish point guard Chris Thomas, who had only four of his team-high 18 points in the first half. "Our bench did a tremendous job tonight. Tom Timmermans came in there in the first half and did a terrific job. If we continue to get that kind of output from them, we'll be a heck of a team."

The 6-foot-11 Timmermans, who was in the game to increase Notre Dame's size advantage over the smaller Mountaineer lineup, led the surge from the bench with nine points and seven rebounds in just seven minutes of play in the half.

"It wasn't so much a matter of us breaking down as they were hitting the shots in the second half," McGraw said. "They weren't making the shots in the first half that they were making in the second."

The other difference in the two halves was the rebounding. Notre Dame held a 27-19 advantage in the first half, but Boston College took over the boards in the second half, holding a 19-7 edge.

Despite struggling in the second half, the Irish were still within 51-43 with nine minutes to play. But then Boston College reeled off a 25-5 run to finish the game.

Eagle Amber Jacobs helped push that run, scoring 17 points in the game and hitting 8-of-9 field goals. Center Becky Gottstein added 12 points and nine rebounds for Boston College.

"Once they got going, they really put us back on our heels," McGraw said.

ND WOMENS BASKETBALL

Irish lose Severe, lose lead, lose game 76-48

By JOE HETTLER
Sports Editor

Notre Dame led Boston College 21-12 midway through the first half at the Conte Forum Wednesday night when guard La'Tania Severe fell to the court with an injured shoulder.

She was knocked out of the game, and soon after, so were the Irish.

Boston College's leading scorer Jessalyn Denney, who was scoreless at halftime, exploded for 18-second half points to lead the Eagles to a blowout 76-48 victory over the Irish.

Only Jacqueline Batteast reached double figures scoring for Notre Dame. She had 17 points and a season-high 13 rebounds.

"La'Tania is our spark, so when she went out we lost a lot in the lineup," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. "Megan Duffy played outstanding, she just didn't get any help."

The Eagles shook off a slow start to totally dominate the Irish in the second half, outscoring them 53-23 and picking up their 14th win of the season in the process. Notre Dame dropped to 19-7.

In the second half, however, the Irish starters grabbed the reins from their teammates to put the game out of reach.

Thomas, center Tunir Francis and senior guard Matt Carroll, who combined for only six points in the first half, dominated play in much of the second half in scoring 38 collectively.

Irish guard Torrian Jones skis over Johannes Herber during Notre Dame's 86-69 victory over West Virginia at the Joyce Center Wednesday. Jones, along with fellow reserves Tom Timmermans and Chris Quinn, scored 16 of Notre Dame's 36 first-half points.