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**STUDENT BODY ELECTION 2003**

**Debate shows loss of faith in govt.**

* Candidates promise to revamp student life
* Candidates balance programming, policy issues on platforms

By HELENA PAYNE

Apathy and cynicism set the tone Wednesday as more than half of the seven tickets in the 2003 student body presidential elections pointed out the flaws of student government and vowed to fix them.

Students filled the LaFortune Ballroom and watched as the candidates, ranging from humorous to harshest, vowed to reinvigorate student government and responded to questions from students and The Observer.

The candidates’ platforms promised change, results for “real students” and a better campus life for undergraduates. But in both the midst of the promises, some candidates added performances.

Juniors Ryan Gagnet, running for student body president, and John McCarthy, a vice presidential candidate, called the “Triumvirate,” brought three body guards to the debates. The two candidates, dressed in yellow and blue Hawaiian shirts, proceeded to explain their plans to improve campus with a “chunnel” and “Israel-style checkpoints.”

Sophomore presidential candidate Matt Padberg and his running mate freshman David Rall decided to focus on the sole goal of increasing Fixes Points but later endorsed presidential candidate Joe Muto and his running mate junior Mimi Matkowski.

However, Muto eventually walked out after Padberg failed to issues seriously and mocked his campaign goal to end parietals within six years.

“For those of you who expect a serious debate, I apologize,” Muto said before leaving. Matkowski remained.

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**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**Bishop to deliver report**

* Report is slated to express student opinions on hall dances

By MEGHANNE DOWNES

Libby Bishop, student body president, delivers her Board of Trustees report at the board’s winter meeting today in Naples, Fla.

Bishop said the report, an update on hall dances and an overview of social life at Notre Dame, would review the status of hall dances and the trend of the direction in which these dances are headed.

“I made it clear that students don’t have to work in the area in which they obtained their degree.”

The Peacemaking in Education (Peace Corps) program sends volunteers to various countries, has a culture of service that is compatible with the Peace Corps, according to Scot Roskelley, public affairs specialist for the Chicago Regional Office of the Peace Corps.

“Notre Dame just has a very strong service ethic that the Peace Corps appreciates,” Roskelley said. “It permeates many of the different programs both academic and student organizations.”

Strong international programs also draw students to the Peace Corps. Roskelley said, pointing out the success of the University of Michigan — Ann Arbor, which ranked second on the list of large colleges and universities.

“They promote Peace Corps a lot and that really makes such a big difference on large campuses,” Roskelley said. “The list considers schools with more than 15,000 undergraduates, like Michigan, to be large. Notre Dame is medium-size, falling between 5,001 and 15,000 undergraduates. Small schools have less than 5,000 undergraduates. The University of Wisconsin — Madison, tops the large school list and Tufts University leads the small colleges and universities.”

Considering Notre Dame’s size, with roughly 8,000 undergraduate students, Notre Dame spokesman Matt Storin said the ranking is impressive.

“We’re proud to have such a good association with the Peace Corps,” he said.

Storin said Notre Dame became the site where the first Peace Corps were trained in 1961, after President John F. Kennedy signed an executive order for its establishment. Since then, the University has sent 645 volunteers to nations hosting the Peace Corps. Each year, roughly 10 percent of students work in paid or unpaid community service following graduation. About 75 percent of undergraduates participate in service projects while at Notre Dame. Storin attributes this to the University’s Catholic tradition.

The Peace Corps is still a governmental organization that currently has 6,678 volunteers in 70 countries. Volunteers work in the areas of education, agriculture, environmental science, community development, business and health.

According to Roskelley, the Corps is seeking students who have degrees in the above areas and those who have had at least one semester of French. However, all volunteers do not have to work in the area in which they obtained their degree.

Although a degree is not required for the Peace Corps, 86 percent of its volunteers have an undergraduate degree.

More information is available at www.peacecorps.gov.

Contact Helena Payne at payne.300@nd.edu
Staring at the clock. But, there is a restaurant has its own specialty from the world. Those of The Observer. Contact us please. The Student Council meeting Wednesday denied a presidential candidate appeal to avoid a recount for the campus president. The U.S. Secretary of State Col. Powell provided evidence of Iraq's possession of weapons of mass destruction to the U.N. The SIC will fully investigate corporate lawbreakers without regard to politics. Richard Friedman writes on about a need for student support in the creation of a Catholic identity that accepts homosexuality. The Irish sign three major recruits to complete the class of 2007 signing day.

**What's Cooking**

**North Dining Hall**

Today's Lunch: Cajun pasta sauce, baked marinato, pepperoni pizza, cheese pizza, chicken in the pot soup, baked breadsticks, tomato soup, New England clam chowder, whipped potatoes, baked potato, sausage patties, Texas French toast, hamburger, grilled hotdog, natures burger, Italian beef sandwich, plain rice and chicken taco.

Today Dinner: Boiled fettucine, baked marinato, pepperoni pizza, cheese pizza, chicken in the pot soup, baked breadsticks, chicken in the pot soup, tomato soup, New England clam chowder, black beans and rice, crispy tofu, chicken tacos, rice, chicken patty and grilled salmon.

**Saint Mary's Dining Hall**

Today's Lunch: Miami ham and cheese, grilled hamburger, grilled portobello sub, red potato salad, chicken nuggets, macaroni and cheese, steamed broccoli, Chicago stuffed pizza, pepperoni pizza, bread sticks, Sicilian panino, ferno loafer, olive hummus, sliced turkey, sliced ham, chicken salad and cowboy cookies.

Today's Dinner: Broccoli tofu stir fry, brown rice, spring rolls, pasta, light tomato sauce, pancake and waffle bar, bagel french toast, Belgium waffles, pancakes, sausage, hash brown, soup and sandwich bar, barbequed chicken, scalloped potatoes and yellow cake with fudge.

**South Dining Hall**

Today's Lunch: Tortellini with basil cheese sauce, fettuccine, blanco pizza, Greek pork loin, white beans with ham, cornbread vegetable rice pilaf, sauteed fettuccine, bianco pizza, cornbread vegetable rice pilaf, sauteed grain and wild rice, hot chunky grain and wild rice, hot chunky tomato and cilantro, buffalo chicken wings, grilled cod and lentil and barley stew.

**What's Going Down**

Student requires treatment after fall NSD transported a student to the University Health Center for treatment of injuries sustained during a fall in a U.S. House of Representatives vote Saturday.

**Vandalism reported at Village**

A visitor discovered vandalism to her vehicle on Jan. 31 in University Village. There are no suspects.

**Car collision reported on Dorr**

There was a report of a vehicle hitting a parked vehicle on U.S. Route 9 in Torrington. There were no injuries reported.

**Sick employee given care**

A University employee was transported by ambulance to St. Joseph Medical Center for treatment of an illness in the Joyce Center Fieldhouse on Tuesday.

**What's Happening @ ND**

- Lecture: "War, Illegal Economics and the Chimera of Security," 4 p.m. in the Hesburgh Center.

**What's Happening @ SMC**

- Religious Studies Dinner, 5 p.m. in the President's Dining room.
- A Vocal Recital Recital, 6 p.m. in the Little Theatre.
- Residence Hall Association Meeting, 6:30 p.m. in room 304 of the Haggie College Center.

**What's Inside**

**CAMPUS NEWS**

Senator upholds candidate of reprimand. Powell urges U.N. to take notice of Iraq evidence. Senate meeting Wednesday denied a presidential candidate appeal to avoid a recount for the campus president. The U.S. Secretary of State Col. Powell provided evidence of Iraq's possession of weapons of mass destruction to the U.N. The SIC will fully investigate corporate lawbreakers without regard to politics. Richard Friedman writes on about a need for student support in the creation of a Catholic identity that accepts homosexuality.

**VIEWPOINT**

END WITH A BANG

Scene reviews upcoming releases
- Scene reviews the newly released movies "Rabbit Proof Fence" and "The Recruit."
**SENATE**

**Senate denies candidates’ appeal**

By MICHAEL CHAMBLISS

**Student Senate meeting**

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President Trip Foley

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works closely with the content of each day's

news on the second and third

floors of LaFortune. Kirsch

claims that he was unaware that campaigning

in the ballroom is also a

violation of the by-laws,

and hung the sign thinking he had permission to do so. "He gave us permission to do something, and then reprimanded us for it," said Kirsch.

Kirsch came to the

Senate to appeal for the content of the sports section each day.

and Kirsch failed to net the

necessary 2/3 vote.

Had the motion passed it probably would have done little to mitigate the pair's punishment.

"For the most, the sanc­

tion was based on the viola­

tion of article 12," said Corgan.

In other Senate news:

• Amy O'Connor, chairman of the Club Coordination Council, and Andrew O'Donohue, Student Union treasurer, presented their plan to institute a mecha­

nism that would automat­i­

cally adjust the student activities fee.

"We fee increase each year in order to cut

activities fee in order to cut

into the practice of some professors of submit­

ting the work of an entire class to TurnItIn.com. "They are doing a guilty

until proven innocent thing. I believe it’s unac­

ceptable," said Staley.

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Former Agriculture

Secretary alumn dies

Special to The Observer

Former U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Richard Lyng, a 1940 graduate of the University, died Saturday in Modesto, Calif., at age 84.

Credited with influencing global farm policies and helping to develop the nation's food stamp program, Lyng also served as chief deputy director of the California State Department of Agriculture, deputy secretary of agriculture and assistant secretary for marketing and consumer services for the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), and president of the American Meat Institute.

"Dick will always be remembered as a man with vision," said current U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Ann Veneman, for whom Lyng was a mentor. "He was always looking ahead to see where we were going and was one of the most loved secretaries this department has ever had."

A World War II veteran, Lyng earned his bachelor of commerce degree from Notre Dame. He then served as president of the Ed J. Lyng Co., a family-owned seed and bean business in Modesto.

Lyng is survived by two daughters and five grandchildren. His wife of 56 years, Bethyl Bell, died in 2000.

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**THE OBSERVER**

Any full time undergraduate or graduate student at Notre Dame, Saint Mary's or Holy Cross is encouraged to apply.

Applicants should submit a resume and an application at least 3 pages long explaining how they would run their department.

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**ADVERTISING MANAGER**

Applicants should be business majors with management and sales skills. The Advertising Manager oversees a staff of account executives and is responsible for generating advertising revenue.

**AD DESIGN MANAGER**

Applicants should have solid Macintosh experience and knowledge of Quark Xpress, Alos Freehand and Adobe Photoshop. The Ad Design Manager oversees a staff of designers, works closely with advertising and marketing departments and is responsible for the design and layout of advertisements.

**SYSTEMS MANAGER**

Applicants should have solid Macintosh computer experience and knowledge of computer networking. The Systems Manager maintains and updates the Macintosh network and printers and is responsible for training the entire Observer staff on the use of the system.

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Applicants must be sophomores or juniors majoring in accounting or finance. The Controller is responsible for preparing The Observer's operating budget and taxes, accounts payable, cost-tracking and other transaction duties.

**WEB ADMINISTRATOR**

Applicants must be familiar with building and maintaining a website. The Web Administrator is responsible for working with the editorial department of The Observer in order to update and archive the content of the site each day. The Web Administrator also must be able to expand the capabilities of the site.

**GRAPHICS EDITOR**

Applicants should have solid Macintosh experience and working knowledge of Free Hand or Adobe Illustrator. The Graphics Editor oversees a staff of designers and works closely with News, Sports and Scene to match top-quality graphics with the content of each day's newspaper.

All applications must be submitted to Andrew Soukup in The Observer's office, located in the basement of South Dining Hall, by Friday, February 7, 2003. Questions about the application process can be directed to Andrew at 1-4541.
Campaign

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Bott and Mike Kirsh, Charlie Ebersol and Lauren Meagher, Gagnet and McCarthy, Hallahan and Lao, Joe Muto and Mimi Matkowski, Matt Padberg and David Rail or Drew Updike and Eric Tarnowski.

For the presidential candidates in particular, their campaign goals provide insight into the precarious question of what student government is for — policy or programming?

Over the past several years, the Office of the Student Body President has fallen on different sides of the debate. In 2001-02, Brooke Norton was a programming president. Her office planned campus fairs and other social and cultural events, but Norton, the school’s first female student body president, effected little official change and rarely took a public stand on issues that riled her constituents.

By design, Norton’s successor, Libby Bishop, has been a policy president. Bishop last year ran on a platform that promised little programming and lots of tough talk with administrators. Two years ago, 2000-01 President Brian O’Donoghue fell somewhere in between, striking a balance between shaping policy and sponsoring campus activities.

The president’s office, by its very nature, lends itself to influencing policy over creating programming. The student body president chairs the prominent Campus Life Council, serves as the only student member on powerful University committees and gets regular face-time with school officials.

But at the same time, few presidents can stay away from event planning. Even Bishop organized a week-long series of campus activities last fall to celebrate the 30th anniversary of coeducation at Notre Dame.

This year’s candidates, for the most part, are linked by one policy initiative: reinstating in-dorm dances. Six campaigns say they will lobby administrators and the Board of Trustees to return dances to the school’s 27 residence halls. Only the Matt Padberg-David Rail ticket, whose singular focus is “more Flex Points,” lacks a stance on the issue.

Five of the campaigns promise more convenient meal plans, although they differ on how to achieve the goal. And most of the candidates support public disclosure of results from Teacher Course Evaluations that students complete each semester. The Hallahan-Lao ticket is running on clearly the most policy-oriented platform. Among other goals, Hallahan, who is Bishop’s chief of staff, and Lao, the sophomore class president, propose giving student government financial records to the public, increasing funding to service and spirituality projects and creating discussion-based courses on diversity.

At the other end of the spectrum, the Muto-Matkowski ticket recommends various programming to improve campus life — an academic decathlon between Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s, women’s, a Halloween costume contest and a “summer send-off” party on the last day of classes.

Along the same programming lines, Ebersol and running mate Meagher call for improved pep rallies, dinner theater in South Dining Hall and even say they can bring Top 40 bands and big-name speakers and comedians to campus.

The admitted “basically lacking all hope” ticket of Gagnet and McCarthy proposes a different sort of activity for students: escaping stringent security checkpoints across campus and, as part of BestLife punishment, helping build an Egyptian-style pyramid to replace Siegan Center. Gagnet and McCarthy join Padberg and Rail as the so-called joke tickets in this year’s election.

The apparent front-runners — the tickets of Ebersol-Meagher and Hallahan-Lao — come closest to balancing the policy and programming demands inherent in the Office of the Student Body President. Dark horses Bott-Kirsh, Muto-Matkowski and Updike-Tarnowski offer platforms that lean primarily toward programming interests.

If the policy versus programming debate proves significant in this year’s race, then that leaves voters with an important question: Will elected leaders best improve student life at the bargaining table with administrators or through planning attractive new activities? Or both?

Students can vote Monday in the online election from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

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Welcome to our world.
Powell calls for United Nations to watch Iraq

Associated Press

Secretary of State Colin Powell, relying on a stream of U.S. intelligence, urged the U.N. Security Council on Wednesday to move against Saddam Hussein before the anti-Iraq case before the opinion and to commit the aggression specifically authorizing force against Iraq. Powell has said the freeze on foreign currency trading would already toughened up in November under a Security Council resolution crafted by Washington and adopted by an unanimous council.

Three months after Iraq pledged that it would disarm, Powell presented his evidence to a high-level audience of foreign ministers and ambassadors in an appearance that was televised live to an anxious world. While he spoke, Iraqi TV carried a day-old interview with Saddam Hussein.

Iraqi officials dismissed Powell's case as a collection of "stunts" and "special effects" that relied on "unknown sources" and were aimed at undermining the work of the inspectors. "What we heard today was for the general public and mainly the uninformed, in order to influence their opinion and to commit aggression on Iraq, " Gen. Amir al-Saadi, an adviser to Saddam, said in Baghdad.

The overwhelming majority of the Security Council believe Iraq must do more to cooperate with inspections and disarm. But of the 15 council members, only the United States and Britain have voiced support for forcibly disarming Saddam — though Spain and Bulgaria are also expected to take part in any coalition against Iraq.

The Bush administration's next step is to decide whether council members are willing to support a new U.N. resolution specifically authorizing force against Iraq. President Bush has said that the United States — with or without its allies — will forcibly disarm Iraq if it does not immediately comply with U.N. resolutions. But winning U.N. approval would mean the United States could share the costs of war and rebuilding in Iraq and would be operating with the support of the international community. A senior White House official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the next 24 to 36 hours will be critical as Powell gauges reaction.

U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell tried to provide evidence of Iraq's possession of weapons of mass destruction Monday to the United Nations Security Council members.

IRAQ

Officials dispute Powell's speech to Security Council

Associated Press

BAGHDAD

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NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

FBI: Al-Qaida remains terrorist threat:

Al-Qaida is weakened and scattered but remains the terrorist threat. The New York Times has filed a report saying, which a government official tried to provide evidence of Iraq's possession of weapons of mass destruction Monday to the United Nations Security Council members.

Media requests information on sniper:

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World News Briefs

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Author promotes ‘The Golden Ratio’

Physicist describes the role the proportion plays in the world

By MATT BRAMANTI
News Writer

It may not seem like an exciting number, but 1.61803 is moving into the world, according to astrophysicist Mario Livio, who spoke in the Fitzhugh Library Wednesday. The number, known as the “Golden Ratio,” measures a certain geometrical proportion with applications in physics, mathematics, music, even art.

Livio, an Israeli veteran of three wars, heads the science division at the Space Telescope Science Institute in Baltimore, Md. Livio was at Notre Dame to promote his new book, “The Golden Ratio,” which is aimed at a popular audience.

The book discusses the development of the ratio, first described by the Pythagoreans in the fifth century B.C. Livio credited the ancient Greek mathematician Euclid with unveiling the true significance of the number. “It suddenly played a crucial role in the elements that made the universe,” Livio said.

The number is said to represent the ideal aesthetic proportion. Livio displayed a reproduction of the Mona Lisa, with the famous lady’s face inscribed within a rectangle. The length and width of the figure were exactly related by the golden ratio. Spanish sculptor Salvador Dali likewise used the proportion in his works. The number can also be found in the musical works of Hungarian composer Bela Bartok and French composer Claude Debussy.

Livio stressed the relationship between mathematical rules and the world as people perceive it.

“Mathematics is a human invention… but nature dictated to human beings what mathematics to invent,” Livio said. This theme was discussed in his last book, “The Accelerating Universe,” which dealt with the aesthetic value of scientific theories.

Livio also said it follows in the words of English dramatist Christopher Marlowe: “Still climbing after a knowledge infinite and always moving as the restless spheres.”

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Speaker addresses ecological issues

By MELANIE BECKER
News Writer

The Saint Mary’s biology department, with a grant from the Center for Intercultural Women’s Leadership, sponsored Professor Donald Huisingh of the University of Minnesota to speak Wednesday. During the fall of 2001, Susan Duff, visting professor to the Biology Department, along with several Saint Mary’s seniors attended a conference of Huisingh’s in Mexico. Duff and the students felt that bringing Huisingh to campus would be relevant to specific campus issues, particularly to create a better recycling program on campus and in response to Karen Ristau, dean of faculty, saying the Earth Charter on behalf of the College last year.

“I hope that his visit starts a dialogue on sustainable development across the curriculum among the faculty and students, and that also the administration at Saint Mary’s will begin to think about building sustainable buildings as it moves forward in its building plans,” Duff said.

Huisingh holds a bachelor of science, with specialization in genetics, biology and chemistry from the University in Minnesota. Also, he received a doctorate in biochemistry and plant pathology from the University of Wisconsin. Over the last 44 years of his study Huisingh has been commissioned by 96 countries to act as a scientific advisor. Huisingh’s latest work, “The Environmental Performance Indices: Factors to Consider in Designing and Utilizing them so that EU societies Make Progress Toward Sustainability” (2001), was commissioned by the Environmental Department of the European Union.

Huisingh’s presentation, “Sustainable Development, Poverty and the World Environment,” focused on the connections between poverty, terrorism, overpopulation, globalization, the greenhouse effect, water scarcity and ozone thinning.

His main concern is to try to save the environment through a global mission, which entails finding social equality and taking responsibility.

“The president of Monterey University has set a goal to be carbon dioxide neutral by 2020. What has your president done?” Huisingh asked.

According to Huisingh, the number of people, the unit per consumption of a person, the unit of degradation for production and the environmental impact of production contribute to an actual nation’s effect on the environment.

The amount of resources and the level of exploitation of other nations have created a large inequality between nations, which Huisingh attributes to the hostility to the United States.

Huisingh said, “If all six billion people on the earth used the consumption of an average U.S. citizen we would need the resources of three earths.”

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“We didn’t come here with prepared speeches. We didn’t come here with 39 platform ideas. We’re just real students like everybody,” vice presidential candidate sophomore Erik Tarnowski said, criticizing two tickets with more lengthy platform ideas. “We’re just real students like everybody.”

“We defended their insider status,” student government President Mike Kirsh said. “You’ll be able to tell your friends that you went to two top-40 concerts like U2,” he said.

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WASHINGTON President Bush's nominee to head the Securities and Exchange Commission promised Wednesday if confirmed to aggressively enforce corporate anti-fraud rules and said his highest priority is selecting a new chairman of the board overseeing the accounting industry.

At his Senate confirmation hearing, Wall Street investment banker William H. Donaldson also defended his record as a former chairman of the New York Stock Exchange but softened his opposition to a rule prohibiting companies from revealing information to financial insiders ahead of the public.

Donaldson, a Bush family friend, pledged to work with Wall Street to rebuild investor confidence shaken by last year's business scandals and to allow the SEC to fully investigate and prosecute corporate lawbreakers without regard to politics. Amid the cascade of accounting fail­ures, Bush's own insu­rations as a one-time director of Harken Energy Corp. drew renewed scrutiny and the SEC has been investig­ating Vice President Dick Cheney's tenure as chief executive of oil-service firm Halliburton Co.

Donaldson, who also was a chairman of insurers Aetna Inc., expressed only qualified approval of a recent $1.4 billion settle­ment with eight Wall Street invest­ment firms led by New York Attorney General Eliot Spitzer. He termed it "constructive up to a point" as a supplement to SEC enforcement efforts but said state law-enforcement officials should take care not to intrude on the feder­al agency's turf.

Nearly a dozen big investment firms recently agreed to pay a total $1.4 billion to settle Spitzer's allegations that they misled customers with stock research biased in favor of companies that gave the firms investment banking business.

His highest priority is selecting a new chairman of the board overseeing the accounting industry, Donaldson told the Senate Banking Committee. The current SEC chairman, Harvey Pitt, resigned under fire in early November in a flap over his selection of former FBI Director William Webster to head the accounting board. Webster also resigned.

Donaldson and four fellow commissioners nominate the accounting board boss, and Donaldson said naming that person "is the No. 1 priority that I have. ... We're behind the eight ball.

The 71-year-old Wall Street veteran received a friendly reception from senators of both parties on the panel and is expected to be confirmed soon by the full Senate. He answered their questions with animation and an easy smile and relished the analogy they drew between his challenge as SEC chair­man and his service in the Marine Corps in the early 1950s.

In brief

Wall Street slumps after bad news

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United plans to launch new carrier

United Airlines said Wednesday it plans to return to profitability through a combination of reducing costs, launching a low-cost carrier and using more regional jets. In the most exten­sive comments yet on its new strategy in bank­ruptcy, United told its employees it needs its own discount carrier to become more competi­tive in the leisure travel market. It defended the plan to create a separate, low-cost airline — which has been assailed by unions and ques­tioned by industry experts since it was first dis­closed in December — saying it will entail a new business model that "has learned from the industry's past mistakes."

Gasoline prices jump 8 percent

The retail price of gasoline is up 8 percent since the start of the year, fueled by high oil costs and traders' self-fueling fears of an upward trend as the U.S. considers military action in Iraq. "Traders are afraid that the next barrel they buy will be more expensive than the one they bought today," said Tom Kloza, for­mer of the In­formation Service, a Wall Street slumps after bad news

WASHINGTON Worried about a possible war, Wall Street has been in a funk this year and the news on Main Street hasn't been any better. Business executives are freezing new spending and hiring, fearful of big commitments in the face of so much uncertainty.

Some analysts think the national anxiety, heightened by the loss of the space shuttle Columbia, could be enough to derail the feeble recovery and throw the country back into recession.

"The probability of a double-dip recession has certainly risen," said Sung Won Sohn, chief economist at Wells Fargo in Minneapolis. "The economy is still mired in a pretty soft patch and we have not made it to firmer ground."

"Soft patch" was the phrase Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan began using last fall to describe a sig­nificant slowdown in economic growth. The economy, which had been growing at a solid 4 percent rate in the summer, screeched to a near halt during the final three months of the year, managing to eke out a tiny 0.7 percent growth rate.

To buy some insurance against a possible double-dip recession, the Federal Reserve in November cut interest rates by a bigger-than-expect­ed half point, pushing the overnight borrowing cost for banks down to a 41-year low of 1.25 percent.

But so far, the extra boost from lower interest rates has not been enough to jump-start the economy. Unemployment has been stuck at an eight-year high of 6 percent as busi­nesses have laid off nearly 200,000 workers over the past two months.

Many analysts believe when the gov­ernment report the January em­ployment figure on Friday it will show that businesses did add a small num­ber of workers last month but not enough to show an improvement in the 6 percent jobless rate.


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BOTH had a negative view on the loss of hall dances because it led to a loss of traditions," said Bishop. "I said how the costs were high and what the objections were for dancing conditions were." A portion of the report is devoted to Notre Dame’s social climate, said Bishop. Bishop said she listened to the views of the freshman class council regarding social life and these views confirmed her belief that throughout her time at Notre Dame an increasing number of freshmen leave campus for social activities. Bishop said freshmen were disillusioned about hall dances because upperclassmen harbored negative sentiments towards the new policy. "When students have a negative attitude about social life on campus, the attitude becomes reflected in their actions, their comments to peers, and results in increasing the trend of students going off campus," said Libby Bishop, in her Board of Trustee’s report. Bishop, in her report, states her purpose for the report is to offer ideas to improve hall dances, “improve the social atmosphere in residence halls and to address moving away from the alcohol-centered activity often being at the core of Notre Dame social life.” In her conclusion Bishop said, “The majority of students—those who would be able to be held in their residence halls.” Bishop said students want in-hall dances in order to renew the importance and traditions in residence halls and not to see the return of hard alcohol or wild parties. Bishop said in her report the other alcohol rules in the changed alcohol policy would still be effective if dances were returned and provided alternative suggestions. “If the Office of Student Affairs does not view returning the dances back to the residence halls as a viable solution at this point, then students must be willing to work with the administration on making the hall dances as socially acceptable as possible within the framework of the new policy,” said Bishop’s report. Bishop said that a student’s commitment to be flexible must be met by the administrations promise to provide additional funding and resources. Senate passed a resolution at Monday’s emergency meeting directing Bishop to ask for dances to be brought back for a one-year probationary period. Bishop must sign the resolution within one week for it to be adopted and if next Senate may adopt the resolution by voting it again. Bishop did not include Senate’s proposal in the report. Contact Meghann Downes at downnes.4@nd.edu

**SOUTH KOREA**

Rogue nation reactivates nuclear facilities

Associated Press

SEOUL — North Korea said Wednesday it has reactivated its nuclear facilities, a surprise announcement that raised questions whether it was trying to take advantage of Washington’s preoccupation with Iraq to ratchet up pressure in its own standoff with the United States.

In Washington, the State Department said that if the announcement was true, “this would be a very serious development.” It demanded the North “reverse this action... North Korea must visibly, verifiably and irreversibly dismantle its nuclear weapons program.”

A North Korean spokesman announced the reactivation, deepening the crisis over Pyongyang’s nuclear ambitions, just before Secretary of State Colin Powell spoke at the U.N. Security Council, presenting the U.S. case against Iraq.

The North said the reactivated facilities would “for the present stage” be used only to produce electricity — but the United States says the facilities can produce nuclear weapons within months. Even as it presses toward war with Iraq over alleged hidden weapons of mass destruction, the United States has insisted it wants a peaceful solution in its standoff with North Korea.

President Bush “keeps all of his options open” but still believes the standoff can be resolved diplomatically, National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice said in an appearance on ABC’s “Nightline.”

White House spokesman Ari Fleischer discounted that Pyongyang was timing the standoff at a time when Washington is trying to concentrate on Iraq because it would prompt the United States to make concessions.

Bishop did not include her purpose for the report is just before Secretary of State Colin Powell spoke at the U.N. Security Council, presenting the U.S. case against Iraq. The North’s announcement came hours after South Korea opened a road across the heavily fortified border for the first time in more than half a century, trying to ease tensions with the isolated communist regime.

Pyongyang wants direct talks with Washington. Analysts say North Korea, which often accuses the United States of plotting to invade it, fears Washington will turn up pressure on it if a war against Iraq is successful.

The North may hope that heightening the standoff at a time when Washington is trying to concentrate on Iraq could prompt the United States to make concessions.

The Pentagon is considering bolstering U.S. forces in the region to deter the North from any provocations during an Iraq war. Washington says it has no plans to invade North Korea.

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld called North Korea “a terrorist regime” and said restarting the nuclear program would give the North a triggering option — making nuclear weapons for itself or selling them to other countries.

The United States is pressing for the U.N. nuclear watchdog agency to refer the issue to the Security Council — which would likely impose punitive sanctions on the North. Pyongyang vehemently opposes such a move.

At the International Atomic Energy Agency, spokeswoman Melissa Fleming had no immediate comment on the report from the North.

**Rogue nation reactivates nuclear facilities**
NASA backs away from foam damage theory

Ron Dittemore
Shuttle program manager

"There's no way we can say that a piece of debris would be the root cause for the loss of Columbia and its crew," he said. "There's got to be another reason." Dittemore said investigators now are focusing more closely on the desperate effort of Columbia's automatic control system to hold the speed of the spacecraft stable despite an increasing level of wind resistance, or drag, on the left wing.

Dittemore said that after a careful study of the damage possible from the fall of a chunk of foam insulation that was believed to be 20 inches and 2 1/2 pounds, investigators are "looking somewhere else." "Right now, it just does not make sense to us that a piece of debris would be the root cause for the loss of Columbia and its crew," he said. "There's got to be another reason."

Dittemore said investigators are now asking if there was "another event that escaped our attention" that might have caused Columbia to break up just minutes before the end of its 16-day mission, killing all seven astronauts.

Practically from the start, investigators have been looking at the possibility that the piece of foam that fell off the shuttle's big external fuel tank 81 seconds after liftoff Jan. 16 caused damage to the thermal tiles under the left wing that doomed the flight.

The thermal tiles keep the ship from burning up during re-entry into Earth's atmosphere. While Columbia was still aloft, NASA engineers analyzed the potential damage to the thermal tiles and concluded that based on such factors as the estimated size, weight and trajectory of the chunk of foam, any damage to the tiles was minor and the crew was in no danger.

Dittemore said the engineers in their study doubled the relative velocity of the foam and shuttle, from the actual 613 mph to 1,026 mph, and were conservative in estimating the weight of the debris.

"We're looking somewhere else," he said. "Was there another event that escaped our attention?" In recent days, some space experts have speculated that the chunk of foam was coated or infused with ice, which could have increased the weight and destructive potential — of the piece that hit the shuttle. "I don't think it's ice. I don't think there's an embedded ice question here," Dittemore said, adding that the foam is water-resistant and that an inspection team found no ice conditions that day. "So it is something else." Dittemore said that during Columbia's final minutes, the autopilot was causing the craft to rapidly move the control surfaces and to eventually fire small rockets in a losing effort to gain control of the shuttle. "We were beginning to lose the battle," he said.

For this reason, Dittemore said his team is intensifying efforts to recover a final 32 seconds of data from the spacecraft. This data, the very last signals from the dying Columbia, was not processed at Mission Control because the quality of the electronic signals was too poor to be considered reliable. But Dittemore said the signals are being extracted from computers and will be examined to find clues to why Columbia's left wing was encountering so much drag.

"Perhaps the 32 seconds will help us understand," he said. So far, no significant pieces of shuttle wreckage — "red tag items" — have been found, Dittemore said.

Searchers have discovered, however, a large portion of the nose cone as well as at least two possible wing sections. Any pieces of Columbia found in California would be "very, very significant," Dittemore said, because it would indicate that the shuttle was falling apart long before its final breakup over Texas.


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Look beyond the numbers.
Superior order prohibiting keyboardist out Densmore. Manzarek and guitarist Krieger that Densmore, 58, be paid a

Densmore is suing fellow band­-

Krieger for going on tour as The

Doors' drullllller sues bandlllates

that have taken place without

their representatives could not be found for comment.

The lawsuit states that after

lead singer Jim Morrison died

album," said Buerge said, "There

"There has not been any dag­

ger throwing," Buerge said, adding that neither had been unfaithful.

An estimated 29 million view­

ers who last week caused the White House to postpone a sym­

posium sponsored by first lady Laura Bush.

"If political protest is urgent, I

do n't think it needs to wait for

an appropriate scene and setting

and should be as disruptive as it

wants to be," Collins said in a

recent e-mail to The Associated

Press. "I have tried to keep the West

Who has championed the blues

as other artists of the past [have]," said Bruce Iglauer, owner of the Chicago-based

insist on keeping the West Wing and the East Wing of the White House as separate as pos­

sible because I support what Mr. Bush has done for the causes of literacy and reading.

But as this country is being pushed into a violent confronta­

tion, I find it increasingly diffi­

cult to maintain that separa­

tion. I find it increasingly diffi­

cult to keep politics out of his

speeches.

Concern about a possible war

has also changed what had been

a relatively positive relationship

between the Bush and the liter­

ary community.

A former librarian who has

been quoted saying "elections, money, empire, oil," as the motivation for war.

By virtue of their offices, laureates are not political

appointees; the selection is

made by the Librarian of

Congress, a post currently held

by Dr. James Billington Collins,

who receives an annual stipend

of $35,000, is serving his second

one-year term.

A spokesperson for the

Library of Congress said Tuesday that "Mr. Collins is free to express his own opinions on

any subject."

Collins, whose books include

"Questions About Angels" and

"Nine Horses," is a mostly intro­

spective poet who doesn't have a

history of political protest.

But he defended anti-war poets who last week caused the White House to postpone a sym­

posium sponsored by first lady

Day's.

The official kickoff of the yearlong celebration occurs

Thursday, February 6,

the blues is what's happening."

Lovers of the genre are trying

to air this fall, and the concert at Radio

Blues' roots lie in the work

of slavery, as well as in

other influences including

folk music. Blues accounted for

less than 3.4 percent of music sales in the United States in

2001, it's sales are so small it is

lumped into the jazz category by the Recording Industry

Association of America. "I think that blues has been through a quiet period, because there is not a pop artist who has championed the blues as other artists of the past [have]," said Bruce Iglauer, owner of the Chicago-based blues label Alligator Records. He cited earlier musicians such as Stevie Ray Vaughan as having promoted the genre. Yet King said interest is there. "It's hardly any night that we play that the band and I don't sell out," he said. "Somebody must like what we do." Blues supporters say one problem is that the music isn't played on mainstream radio. "People have to have things in front of them for them to pay attention, to go out and buy the album," said Densmore. Negotiations are underway to broadcast the concert, directed by filmmaker Antoine Fuqua and executive-produced by

Densmore group called Tribal Jazz plans to

perform Friday at the Universal

Amphitheater. Scorsese, on television or even make it into a theatrical movie release.

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Celebrating Catholic faith in Uganda

Andrew DeBerry

"Thirty-two Catholics and Protestants were led 37 miles away to a place called Namugongo to be rescued to death in a literal holocaust. Three were killed on the way.

"One of these, a district judge named Matthias Kalomba, declared, 'God will rescue me. But you will not see how he does it, because he will take my soul and leave you only my body.' He was cut into pieces and left to die slowly by the roadside.

"How stories such as these inspired a passionate faith in Uganda?

Every year on June 3, thousands in Uganda gather for "Ugandan Martyrs Day," which celebrates the martyrdom of 32 Christians in 1886. The East Africans pack white vans, fill the beds of trucks and take day-long walks for an annual pilgrimage to Namugongo. The pilgrimage itself is special as a time of suffering that gives value to the journey.

My trip was quick, and it took the priests I was living with only two hours to reach the shrine. A dynamic group of leaders from Notre Dame, Kings College and the University of Portland traveling through East Africa to engage its social issues also jour­neyed to Namugongo. Along the way we passed several large groups of standing men packed in the backs of trucks bumping along the red dirt roads.

The events leading to the 1886 mas­acre began in the 19th century when Catholic and Protestant missionaries introduced the Christian faith in Uganda. Threatened by this new faith, chiefs and witch doctors incited the nation's young ruler against the Christians. Charles Lwanga was leader of the royal pages, many of whom he baptized into Christianity. In heroic fashion, Lwanga and his friends were adament in their faith. Their deaths were a precursor to a rapid spread of the Christian faith in the years shortly thereafter.

The site at Namugongo was remark­able as over 25,000 people filled the valley around the lake there for the Mass celebration. The scene could remind one of the Gospel event when so many flocked to Jesus that he got in a boat and preached from the sea. Over 30 saints come from Uganda, which is smaller than Oregon. Thirty-three percent of the country is Roman Catholic, 33 percent is Protestant, 16 percent is Muslim and 18 percent have indigenous beliefs. The Christians in Uganda rejoice in their country's testament to faith.

The Mass reflected the spirit of Ugandan people. For the presentation of the gifts, the congregation brought a live goat, pineapples and large bunches of bananas to the altar before leading them back across the bridge because there was no place for them in the sanctuary surrounded by the lake. The musicians beat out a reverberating rhythm on the drums as they sang songs of Uganda.

While Ugandans speak different native languages, the official language is English. The bishop's homily in English was direct as he spoke out against violent rebels in the country. He also reached to people at their level by asking about their sins before concluding on God's infinite love for them. Many in the congregation listened wholeheartedly with their heads bowed, their hands covering their faces.

During the reenactment of the Last Supper, the crowd clapped when the bishop held up Christ's body and blood. For the sign of peace, men in button-up shirts and slacks and women dressed in colorful dresses shook our hands. Priests were sent throughout the crowd during Communion, and the masses crowded around them, stretching their hands out before them to touch and receive Christ's body.

When the three-hour celebration was over, our group meandered through the congregation. We stood out against the rich, dark color of the Ugandans who watched these unusual wade through the crowd.

Despite being on the equator, Uganda is called the Pearl of Africa for being a lush country. While many are dissatisfied with the stagnancy of their position in society, others are happy in their simple joys. Children are very well­ mannered, and I seldom heard any children crying during the stay itself.

The masses completely filled the streets after the ceremony. Street vendors cut fresh pineapples, sold stalks of sugar cane and cooked meat on grills. The food is plentiful and cheap. It was ironic to hear a radio strapped to the back of an "ice cream bicycle" playing, "It's a Small World After All."

I knew I would stand out and be a source of entertainment before going to Uganda. But at Namugongo I wished I could know what it was like to be holding a baby or the man with a wooden leg who both asked me for money through our van window on the slow ride home. I wished I could just fade in to be one among the crowd.

Despite my differences, I was able to find a link among them through shared convictions in faith. During the next two months I would connect with heart with them to gain the same inspiration they do from the Ugandan martyrs and their leader, whose last words were, "I am happy to die for the true faith. My friends, goodbye. We will meet again in heaven."

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Boston College has provided an example to follow

Having been a Domen for the past 3 1/2 years and having grown up only an hour away from Notre Dame, I've been taught to be anti-Boston College on many levels. All of our sports teams are better than theirs, our campus is nicer, the people here are better; I mean we are the nation's best Catholic University, are we not?

Richard Friedman
A Skewed Perspective

Over the two weeks, our university has sponsored the Iraq debate, choosing "Peace and War 2003: Debating the Issues," for the purpose of an academic discussion of a seemingly imminent U.S.-led war against Iraq, or more specifically, against Saddam Hussein. These faculty members presented the pros and cons about the war and tried to convince the audience of their viewpoints and stances.

However, their eloquent argument and persuasive evidence, one important question is absent in this discussion: why is it that we, the U.S. chooses such timing to disarm the Saddam regime rather than in the wake of Iraq's initial defiance of the relevant U.N. resolutions. Put another way, what has spurred the U.S. to pursue such a hard-line course of action on Iraq instead of the previously endorsed U.N.-led inspection, containment or deterrence? Ratnesar referred to the making of a quagmire. The larger threat to the States' perspective, the legitimate of the entangled great power interests in the Middle East. By contrast, the United States' prior motive behind the war was to shake the building block of the Blackwater network, to state actor with the power and shake the building block of terrorism networks to state actor with the power and shake the building block of terrorism networks.

The coinage of "evil axis" reflects the U.S. power and shake the building block of America's enemies, it is true for the U.S. power and shake the building block of America's enemies. As a result, the U.S. will do what it can to tame and even eradicate the sources of trouble. In Iraq's case, the resort to war will serve as the most efficient and decisive method. In Iraq's case, the resort to war will serve as the most efficient and decisive method of safeguarding the United States' global superpower interests. Fundamentally, the legitimacy of the U.S. power and shake the building block of America's enemies is the U.S. power and shake the building block of America's enemies. The sooner the U.S. power and shake the building block of America's enemies, the sooner the U.S. can shape the world under its leadership.

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MOVIE REVIEW

'The Recruit': Tension, action and talent

By RAMA GOTTUMUKKALA
Scene Movie Critic

Spy thrillers have always been a hot ticket in Hollywood and every year a new handful of these films are released. This year has been no exception, with recent thrillers such as "Die Another Day" and "Confessions of a Dangerous Mind," and most recently "The Recruit" hitting the silver screen. While "The Recruit" features solid acting from one of Hollywood's all-time greats and one of its brightest new stars, the film offers nothing new in terms of pushing the envelope for spy thrillers. Consequently, it emerges as an above-average thriller that is enjoyable but will probably get lost in the shuffle of other films this summer.

In "The Recruit," James Clayton (played by Colin Farrell) is one of the top prospects in the new crop of CIA recruits. His intelligence and unconventional attitude attract the attention of CIA recruiter, Walter Burke (played by Al Pacino), who runs him through the Agency's difficult training courses and helps him to quickly rise through the ranks. Clayton is then given a special assignment to root out a suspected mole that has infiltrated the Agency.

"The Recruit" contains all the average aspects of a spy thriller, from the spiral plot twists to a purported sense of mystery until the very end of the film, but it lacks something missing for the audience to chew on. For much of the film the audience is kept guessing while Clayton tries to uncover the mole but the ending seems a little too contrived to swallow.

"The Recruit" has a script with enough action to satisfy the audience while avoiding the worst of modern action stigmas: over-the-top special effects. Instead of gigantic explosions and flashy computer graphics, there are enough twists, turns, and double-crosses in the script to make your head spin. While no one expects an Academy Award from this film, the performances are strong for an action thriller. The perennially great Pacino, fresh off of his gravity role in "Insomnia," steals the show with a powerful performance as a CIA recruiter who is more than he seems. Farrell does his job well, being convincing without overdoing it, while injecting his character with a sense of innocence needed to sell the role. These actors have excellent chemistry together and believably translate the tension between them as the movie progresses.

Don't approach "The Recruit" with too many expectations. Watch for a reasonably compelling and entertaining spy flick that is better than the average. Employing the right balance of action, plot twists, and character development, it's a movie that will grab the audience's attention and hold on. Fans of the extravagant James Bond series as well as "Spy Game" should both enjoy this movie.

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MOVIE REVIEW

'Evelyn' shows a new face of Brosnan

By ERIN ENGLISH
Scene Movie Critic

Pierce Brosnan is associated almost entirely with James Bond to the average American. However, those who go to see "Evelyn" might be pleasantly surprised that Brosnan, can, in fact, play something other than a secret agent.

Based on the true story of Desmond Doyle (Pierce Brosnan), "Evelyn" tells the story of a working class Irishman fights to get his three children out of the Catholic orphanages they were placed in by the government after his wife abandons their family. Told that his children, including daughter Evelyn (Sophie Vavasseur), cannot be released without permission of both parents, Desmond challenges the state in court in order to free them.

This leads into a courtroom drama involving the first time that Irish law was challenged under the Constitution. "Evelyn" bears a resemblance in format to such classic movies as "Inherit the Wind," which dealt with ground-breaking cases in the United States: start with a heartfelt tale, have real people fighting the state, set up a few setbacks and tack on a historically accurate, but still happy ending. Though not the most original format of all time, the trial scenes are neither heavy-handed nor overly sentimental.

Bruce Beresford ("Driving Miss Daisy") is a skilled director and never goes too far overboard during the course of the movie. In fact, he seems to be channeling the best of Frank Capra. "Evelyn" doesn't try to be something that it isn't, and retains the character of a small, charming picture throughout. The ending of the movie is never much in doubt, and you are never deceived into thinking that it should be. Viewers are not supposed to feel the feeling that there is no hope for this family.

The plot twists and turns to keep the movie from becoming predictable, despite the real legal significance of the actual case on which "Evelyn" is based. Desmond is forced to battle both the Church and the state to retrieve his children. Critics of this movie calling it anti-Catholic are mis-interpreting it greatly. Instead, the movie itself is imbued with traditional Catholic values while demonstrating that the law was incorrect and not in harmony with the Church's actual position on the importance of family. Is it the state that is criticized for not seeing this, not the Church.

As Desmond, Pierce Brosnan is decidedly unlike Bond. Desmond is a flawed man, and Brosnan does his best to bring those flaws to light in a convincing manner, though not without hamming it up. Vavasseur's performance is well done in a role that could easily irritate. Solid supporting performances from Adam Quinn as a Yankee bar­ rister, Stephen Rea as a stoic solicitor and Stephen Bates as a former rugby player turned lawyer round out the movie. The movie does have its flaws. It rather foolishly tries to tackle on a love story between barkeeper Bernadette (Juliana Margulies) and Desmond, which rings hollow. Beraford stretches the schmaltz too far in ways that are cliché and derivative, particularly during Evelyn's turn on the witness stand.

While not an excellent picture, it strives and achieves simplicity over empty sophistica­tion in a manner that is classic.

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It's no surprise that one of the biggest complaints students have with Notre Dame is its stagnant campus life. Last year's alcohol policy changes, coupled with the elimination of in-hall dances, sent students scurrying off campus to find a social life many feel has disappeared from campus. That's why, when students vote for student body president Monday, they must choose the candidate who can inject vibrancy into the dormant Notre Dame on-campus life.

Two tickets distinguished themselves to The Observer's editorial board. Pat Hallahan and Jeremy Loo - the only ticket with significant student government experience - presented a platform that covers a broad range of academic, social and spiritual interests. Charlie Ebersol and Lauren Meagher - who extensively researched their proposals - introduced a plan that isn't afraid to think...
**Mike Bott**

**President**

**Who They Are**

Bott is a junior marketing major; Kirsh is a sophomore finance and history major. Both live in Alumni Hall, where Bott is currently hall president.

**In Their Words**

- **Top Priority:** Bott and Kirsh plan to represent student interests in the University’s plans for the renovation of Legends. Their platform calls for more dining options and entertainment venues such as a dance club and bowling alley, which they say will help keep students on campus on weekends.

- **First Priority:** Students need to focus on meal plan improvements and the creation of a mentoring program that links underclassmen with older students to provide advice on everything from Darting to career planning.

- **In Our Words**

  - **Best Idea:** Providing students with equal representation on the Campus Life Council would fundamentally change student government – for the better. Equal representation would give students a stronger voice with which to affect change on policies and issues that affect them.
  
  - **Worst Idea:** While a campus-wide dance with three thousand people like a rock concert idea, this idea has failed in the past due to the lack of student enthusiasm.

- **Most Feasible Idea:** Their Career Mentoring/Networking Program pairs underclassmen with upperclassmen who share similar majors and career goals; these relationships would help with advising, internships and job opportunities.

- **Least Feasible Idea:** The chances of opening a dance club or bar in LaFortune are low, especially given the University’s partial investment in Legends, the revamped entertainment venue.

**Ryan Gagnet**

**President**

**Who They Are**

Gagnet and McCarthy are both juniors. Gagnet is a mathematics major and classical civilizations minor from Stanford Hall, and McCarthy is an accounting major from Keough Hall.

**In Their Words**

- **Top Priority:** Building a channel beneath Saint Mary's lake connecting the two campuses. Gagnet and McCarthy feel since England and France have one, Notre Dame should have one as well.

- **First Priority:** Getting the channel started so each student will have a handcar and the storage area needs to be “gigantic.” Money will be raised by winning prizes on home video contests by filming the unavoidable crashes caused by the blind turns and a singular rail.

**In Our Words**

- **Best Idea:** Every student would enjoy a helper monkey to be his or her personal assistant. The $400 to $500 fee for your new nontaker is quite modest considering no one would have to attend class or pay for his or her monkey's spring and everyone keeps their monkeys upon graduation.

- **Worst Idea:** Having "Israel-style checkpoints"

**Pat Hallahan**

**President**

**Who They Are**

Hallahan is a junior, political science and history major from Sorin Hall. Lao is a sophomore, finance and Chinese major from Stanford Hall.

**In Their Words**

- **Top Priority:** Hallahan and Lao want a better relationship with the administration. The University’s stopover Student Government giveaways implement their platform.

- **First Priority:** This ticket system should be more art and encourages more study related to their administration of the student body.

**Joe Muto**

**President**

**Who They Are**

Juniors Muto of O’Neill Hall and Matkowski of Lyons Hall are both members of the Hall Presidents Council. Muto is an film, television and theatre major and English major and Matkowski is a marketing major.

**In Their Words**

- **Top Priority:** They want to offer new traditions through a series of events. Their intention is to “change mentality” on the Notre Dame campus.

- **First Priority:** To kick off their administration with a bang, Muto and Matkowski propose a Summer Send-Off complete with carnival bands, lawn chairs and hot grills on the day before classes end.

**Bottom Line**

This ticket is slick. Their platform is a well-researched version of the laid back fun promised by other candidates. If Ebersol and Meagher can learn to work the ropes of student government the way they have run two businesses and the Student International Business Council, respectively, then this pair might have the will and the means to make even their least feasible promises into reality.

**Charlie Ebersol**

**President**

**Vice President**

**Lauren Meagher**

**Who They Are**

Ebersol is a sophomore, film television and theater major living in Keough Hall. Meagher is a junior, finance and business economics major from a reactive to a proactive issue, but to change the attitude of student goals. That is precisely what to affect change on policies and issues which to affect change on policies and issues that affect them.

**In Their Words**

- **Top Priority:** Ebersol and Meagher said they are talking to MTV about televising Bookstore Basketball and attracting celebrities to participate in opening and closing ceremonies at the tournament. The tournament has drawn national attention from Sports Illustrated in the past, but getting MTV interest might be farfetched.

- **Fun Fact:** Ebersol’s father, Dick Ebersol, is the president of NBC sports.

- **Notable Quote:** “I’ve been blessed with amazing opportunities throughout my life and had chances to meet amazing people,” Ebersol said. “The things I’ve been given are things this University can benefit from.”

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**John McCarthy**

vice president

 Likely create chaos for classes quickly. Between Kartola, three to four and everyone else is obstacle course. Hoping to revitalize the and McCarthy want to forms. However, their week and saying that dorm was "the stupidest put them in favor with while most people agree visual masterpiece of an Egyptian pyramid as labor laws. Gagnet to his pyramid project as and as a possible bestLife McCarthy refer to them and there slogan is no problems with [the in violating parialties]." needed to make a point with their campaign. With Gagnet on the junior class council and McCarthy being the vice president of the judicial council last year, they have experience with student government and think students take their positions too seriously. They feel nothing gets accomplished and campaign promises go unfulfilled. Although it would be really cool to have a personal helper monkey.

**Jeremy Lao**

vice president

In Our Words
- **Top Priority:** More Flex points.
- **First Priority:** More Flex points.

Bottom Line
Padberg and Rail are focused. A little too focused.

**Mimi Matkowski**

vice president

Bottom Line
Hallahan and Lao each have significant experience in student government; and Hallahan is willing to admit the mistakes of the current administration. Their platform is well-researched, achievable, and most importantly, relevant to students' social and academic lives.

**Matt Padberg**

president

vice president

**Drew Updike**

president

**Eric Tarnowski**

vice president

**Who They Are**

Matt Padberg is a junior, environmental geosciences major. David Rail is freshman in First Year Studies who intends to major in physics. They both live in Zahm Hall.

In Their Words
- **Top Priority:** More Flex points.
- **First Priority:** More Flex points.

In Our Words
- **Best Idea:** More Flex points. Sure, it'd be nice.
- **Worst Idea:** Running for student body president and vice president on an uninformned, single-ticket ticket. We'd rather talk about a channel and monkeys.
- **Most Feasible Idea:** More Flex points. But they're called Domer Dollars, and you have to pay for them.
- **Least Feasible Idea:** Getting more Flex points without requiring students to pay more for their meal plans.
- **Fun Fact:** We get the impression that they enjoy eating at on-campus restaurants more than the dining halls.
- **Notable Quote:** "Most tickets make lots of promises. Maybe they'll get done, maybe not. But if you don't get your promises done, you're lying," said Padberg. "It's more realistic to get one thing accomplished."

**Who They Are**

Drew Updike and Eric Tarnowski are both sophomores living in Zahm Hall. Tarnowski is a marketing major and Updike is an ALPV and anthropology major.

In Their Words
- **Top Priority:** Updike and Tarnowski's top priority is to institute a program in which students can cash in unused meals for a portion of the meal's cost in Flex points. They estimate the amount of Flex points reimbursed would be around $2 to $3.
- **First Priority:** If elected, Updike and Tarnowski's first goal will be to get everybody within both their office and student government on the same page. They want to remain true to their slogan, "real people, real ideas."

In Our Words
- **Best Idea:** Their meal plan would give students a chance to receive compensation for all the meals they pay for and do not use.
- **Worst Idea:** An Tostal died when knees were banned, and Updike and Tarnowski are unlikely to revitalize it. Even if they do, one week out of the year with mud volleyball and downtown events will not make a big difference to students.
- **Most Feasible Idea:** Updike and Tarnowski have a good chance of getting student government records released.
- **Least Feasible Idea:** The chances of convincing the administration to let students cash meals in are minimal. But the Muto-Matkowski ticket is lacking evidence of thorough research and planning. They also fail to address many other areas of student life, academic, spiritual and the like, which are an integral parts of student government work.

**Bottom Line**
Updike and Tarnowski want to take a light-hearted approach to student government. While light-heartedness may be appealing to students, it does not work with administrators who have high expectations of the students' representatives. Limiting their platform in order to avoid making false promises is a great idea, but using the sway of the student body president's title to accomplish a goal of the Leprechaun Legion presents a conflict of interest and is a dubious goal at best. They have no previous experience in student government and do not seem to grasp the importance of operating multiple offices and working with administrators.

**Bottom Line**
Padberg and Rail are focused. A little too focused.

**Fun Fact:** A "lot of times people are too serious about students government, and they won't joke around. We shouldn't forget student government isn't why we came to college," said Updike.

**Notable Quote:** "I don't think we were as successful as we could have been in fighting the alco policy," Hallahan admitted. "We had the opportunity back in April and we dropped the ball. Going the safer way with the administration hasn't produced the results we thought it would."

So ways do we definitely ring vending machine. We also say "nay" to while. The Summer Send-Off float attract many study to de-stress after a vacuum of the wealth to study for their Muto and Matkowski next six years. Good for his past antago- lation, claims to have "ric" after he and year with vice presi-. Other Mark Fournier, funny and "charm- some to be a dustbuster red up," said Muto of their campaign goals.

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**Bottom Line**
Hallahan and Lao hold leadership positions in the Leprechaun Legion.
Ebersol
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big. But Hallahan-Lao fell short by failing to propose high-profile, feasible programs that would immediately attract students. Ebersol and Meagher made more than their share of lofty promises, but they have done the research to make their promises seem tautible. The candidates' firm belief in their ability to revolutionize the role of student government nar-
rowly earned Ebersol and Meagher the support of The Observer in the 2003-04 student body presidential election.

One of the Ebersol-Meagher ticket's most attractive ideas is the creation of Total Dance Resources, which would help advise dorms and fund students to support out-of-hall dances while their administration negotiates for the dances' return to the residential halls. Ebersol also candidly said he could use personal connections connections he developed as the son of "NBC Sports Chairman Dick Ebersol - to draw high-profile entertainers to cam-

The platform also stands out because it has substance beneath the flash. Ebersol-Meagher wants to establish a five-year plan in order to build consistency in what student government accomplish-

They've made
efforts to talk to some authorities about their limited experience with administra-

They've back down too
easy when it cut in. Also, to bringing back the SYB and settle merely for
temporary long-term projects. The off-campus parties are in a plan.

Ebersol's slick and
classical persona will make the pair's lack of experience in front of administrators, and the control over the Club Coordination Council, thus empowering SPU to raise funds for student entertainment to campus. Such a dramatic restructuring, however, means significant changes to the Student Union Constitution and current student government officials say the changes might not be implemented in time to give Ebersol the money he had hoped to spend during his term. But the probability of a successful restruc-
turing is high because the changes to the constitution do not need to be verified by any admin-

They're promising to use "personal connections" to attract big name performers.

They've acknowledged the fault of the previous administration and are willing to bypass cadmus and press the Board of Trustees despite the limited timeframe they have in office.

Some ideas sound
dry as the two attempt to "sell" Truant's "flexible meal plan where meals and Flex points could be easily inter-

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closely with top campus officials and the twoknow the ins and outs of campus administration.

They support a one-
year probationary period for "Student Sedate, is already working on a major plan to establish a five-year plan in order to build consistency in what student government accomplished.

They want them back,
but reaching seats in the MAC is a higher priority. If you attend Notre Dame School of TV, games and asserting eige, your campus life is thoroughly covered under this platform.

That's why Ebersol and Meagher's pledge to hold their administration accountable to stu-
dents - by publishing a checklist at the beginning of the year listing his administration's goals - is impressive. If the administration does not achieve every goal, Ebersol himself said his adminis-
tration should be considered a failure. Ebersol's promise could come back to haunt the sopho-
mores if he tries again to run for student body president in 2004. But Give Ebersol and Meagher credit. They believe their platform can awaken student support by making both an immediate impact on current students' lives and establishing a framework to ensure a long-term vision for the role of student government. By not being afraid to think big, they could give students the ability to effectively implement their lofty proposals. Ebersol and Meagher earned The Observer's support.

The Observer endorses Charlie Ebersol and Lauren Meagher for student body president and vice president.

The Observer's take on the issues: Cheeks, Jeers, and Politic Allusion

WORKING WITH ADMINISTRATORS

IN-HALL DANCES

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‘Rabbit-Proof Fence’ neglects vital issues

Mayumi Nomura

"Rabbit-Proof Fence" has received glowing reviews from a wide variety of critics and was recently named one of the 10 best films of the year by the National Board of Review. It has also been hailed as the "feel-good film of the year." While the distinction is apt as the film chronicles the inspiring struggle of three Aboriginal girls to return to their homes across Australia, it is precisely the fact that the film allows the audience to leave the theater feeling so good that makes it hard to see the film as anything more than a rehashing of the same "inspiring true story" format that has been a standby of movie studios for years.

The film follows the trials of Molly (Evelyn Sampi) to lead her younger sister and cousin home after they have run away from a government camp set up as part of the Australian government's official program from 1910 until 1970 that took mixed-race Aboriginal children away from their homes to train and integrate them into "civilized" society as factory workers and domestic servants. The program amounted to 60 years of government-sponsored kidnapping and enslavement, and the 100,000 victims are referred to in Australia as the "Stolen Generations." The current Australian government still refuses to apologize to the Aboriginal people for its actions.

Molly and her companions' story occurs in 1931, after the three girls are snatched and taken 1,500 miles away from their home. Molly defiantly decides to leave the camp and walk the distance back home using the rabbit-proof fence as their guide. The titular fence was built to divide the Australian continent and keep rabbits out of the farmlands of Western Australia.

The girls' story is heart-wrenching as they endure the brutal conditions of the outback and the ever-present danger of their pursuers. Sammi and the other child actors who play her partners are all first-time actors, and all put on performances that seem to defy the traditional logic that putting the weight of a film on child actors is a kiss of death. These girls capture the imagination of audience better than most professional adult actors.

The journey across the outback is captured in notable cinematography. The shots capture the stark beauty of the outback and allow the landscape to become almost an extra character in the film's struggle. The camerawork also makes some interesting stabs at expressionistic altering of images to reflect the distorted reality that the girls encounter at their camp.

These praises for the film have been part of what have made it such a critical darling. Looking beyond these aspects, however, most critics go on to praise director Philip Noyce for a sublime handling of the story and his hands-off approach that supposedly lets the story tell itself. It seems that sublime and hands-off are terms critics use to praise Noyce for having little critical vision about the reality of the situation that he is handling.

The fact is that the story is not simply one of a singular triumph. There is a larger reality of a country's institutionalized racism. It is not a system that can be treated so lightly in a simple "it was bad, this person triumphed, eventually it ended, and now we all know it is bad" format. The film's portrayal of the whole system of racism is very far off.

Only in a few end title cards does the film deal with the much more damaging realities that Molly was abducted again and lost her daughter to the system and that the mistratment of Aboriginal people, which officially ended 39 years after the film takes place yet still continues until this day. Noyce makes little effort at probing further into reasons why the system existed or why racist tendencies persist to this day in regards to the Aboriginal people.

What is really needed is a more human character to bring home the racism that creates such systems. The work fails to shake the audience into any self-reflexive probing for answers about the sources of racism. It replaces elevated social consciousness with our soaying hearts as we leave the theater. Somewhere, it is solidifying some college student into his self-assured feel of "he isn't a racist, he just likes to hang out with only people who are like him." As long as we make racism into something that is just about the 1960's South or dull bureaucrats in 1931 Australia, we only perpetuate sublimated forms of racism today.

Noyce took on a two-part story that is one part inspiration, but also needs to reveal real problems of racism and not simply one of a singular triumph. If we do not probe the real arguments or lack thereof in every film, even heartwarming ones, we might as well just tell every story at the level of a cheap MTV documentary.

One critic, in his praise of "Rabbit-Proof Fence," suggested that only the leftists pretending to be critics could fault the film for its portrayal of racism. Call me whatever you want. I think this film can do better. If we do not probe the real arguments or lack thereof in every film, even heartwarming ones, we might as well just tell every story at the level of a cheap MTV documentary.

The reviews represented in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of the Observer.

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Associated Press

Ricky Davis scored 21 points and Zydrunas Ilgauskas added 10 in a matchup with Houston center Yao Ming, leading the Cleveland Cavaliers past the Rockets 105-102.

Davis scored a season-high 30 points to lead Houston, which narrowly overcome a 14-point deficit in the fourth quarter, but lost for the seventh time in eight games.

Taylor scored a 2-point basket with 12.2 seconds left and Darius Miles added another foul shot for a 103-99 advantage with 1.01 remaining.

Taylor responded with a 3-pointer, and James Posey hit a second of two free throws for Houston to make it 103-102 with 37.6 seconds left.

Davis scored 14 points, but did not match Ilgauskas’ outside shooting. Cleveland’s 7-foot-3 center scored 17 on Sunday in the All-Star game, shot 8-for-17 on a variety of shots.

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Ilgauskas struggled his taller foe in the first minute of the game, but had a dunk attempt swatted away.

Cleveland took early command with a 12-4 run for a 24-18 lead. The Cavs held a 10-point rebounding edge on the game.

Taylor scored 15 points in the second quarter to help Houston stay close. The Rockets shot 11-for-17 in the quarter and trailed by only four at halftime.

Celtics 114, SuperSonics 74

Paul Pierce scored 26 points and Boston beat the Seattle SuperSonics, just five days after the most lopsided loss in SuperSonics’ history.

The Celtics’ biggest of the season, the victory Friday night, they lost to Dallas 116-86.

Celtics coach Jim O’Brien got the 100th victory of his NBA career as they ended a four-game losing streak and got plenty of backcourt help. Tony Delk scored 22 points and Shandon Williams added 15.

The Sonics were led by Rashard Lewis with 15 and Gary Payton, who had 14.

The Celtics go into the All-Star break with a 27-22 record, fourth best in the Eastern Conference. Their next game is at Atlanta on Saturday, completing the teams’ two-game series.

Seattle’s last game before the break is Thursday night at Milwaukee.

Yao Ming, who nearly overcame Houston, which nearly overcame the other way. Francis threw a 20-point margin was the
culture, though, not a win.

The Sonics made all of their free throws; the only problem was they had only seven opportunities. The Trail Blazers, meanwhile, were 27- for 33 at the line.

The Celtics’ seventh basket of the fourth, four of them 3-pointers.

It was the first meeting between the teams since an off-season trade sent Williams to Miami and Vin Baker to Boston for Kcny Anderson, Vitaly Potapenko and Joseph Forte. Baker missed the game with lightheadedness, while Anderson, Potapenko and Forte combined for nine points. Boston took control in the second period when it outscored Seattle 34-15 in the last 11 minutes for a 61-44 halftime lead.

The Sonics scored the first four points of the fourth quarter for a 29-27 lead, then faltered as the Celtics’ consistently passed under the basket for easy baskets.

Antette Walter started the run with a 3-pointer and a driving layup and Pierce ended it with a dunk on which he left the floor after crossing the foul line.

Ryder Jones scored 20 points for the Heat, and reserve Eddie House added a season-high 15.

Richard Jefferson had a driving dunk, while Los Angeles has lost four in a row and seven of eight.

Dallas 98, Detroit 90

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Brand led the Pistons with 15 and Gary Payton, who had 14.

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Nets 111, 76ers 85

Kerry Kittles scored a season-high 35 points, leading the New Jersey Nets to a victory over the Philadelphia 76ers.

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The Trail Blazers, though, went 14-for-19 from the free throw line. The Pistons, though, went on a 19-4 run to go up by 18.

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NCAA BASKETBALL

Knight becomes fourth to achieve landmark 800th win

Associated Press

LUBBOCK, Texas
With fans chanting his name and the magic number, Bob Knight entered the 800 club.
Knight became only the fourth Division I men's coach to
When he was finished speaking, his team circled around win 800 games, reaching the mark by guiding Texas Tech him, hugging him and jumping up and down.
and spoke to his supporters.
Knight entered the 800 club.
"I've had some milestones, but I've never had a milestone in front of a crowd that I announ-
cated so much," he said.

When he was finished speaking, his team circled around him, hugging him and jumping up and down.

Fans got into the excitement throughout the game.
The crowd chanted "Bobby!" and "800" during the final couple of minutes of the game. A group of 11 Tech students stood frequently throughout the game, holding up white placards with red lettering that spelled out 1-800-Bob-Nite with the word 'WON' written vertically on the number one.

Texas A&M spoiled his first shot Saturday, beating Texas Tech 64-59 in College Station. Only Dean Smith of North Carolina (879), Adolph Rupp of Kentucky (876) and Mount St. Mary's Jim Phelan (827) have won more than 800 games in Division I. With Phelan set to retire after this season, Knight (800-303) would become the active leader.

In his first game as a head coach 38 years ago, Knight's team at Army lost to Princeton 70-49. The next game he turned it around with a 71-62 win over Worcester Tech, and he's not stopped winning since.
Knight has been a head coach for 37 years at three Division I schools. He got his first victory and his 100th at Army, then moved to Indiana, where his Hoosiers went 662-239 and won three national championships from 1971-2000.
After a year away from coaching, Knight made a startling comeback in West Texas.

In his first season, he took over a Tech team that hadn't had a winning season in four years and went 23-9 and reached the NCAA tournament. Overall, Knight is 36-14 with Texas Tech.

Andre Emmett scored 24 points and Kasib Powell added 16 to lead the Red Raiders.

The Cornhuskers were held scoreless for more than eight minutes in the first half and without a field goal in the first six minutes of the second half.
The Red Raiders fell behind 5-0 early, but scored on 10 of their next 13 possessions to lead 26-5 while holding the Cornhuskers scoreless for more than an eight-minute stretch.

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**Jayson Williams settles with family of deceased driver**

Associated Press

TRENTON, N.J.

Former NBA star Jayson Williams settled a civil lawsuit filed by the family of a limousine driver who was shot to death at his mansion.

Williams' attorneys did not release terms of the settlement, which was filed in state Superior Court in Hackensack.

Williams is accused of recklessly handling the shotgun that killed Costas "Gus" Christofi. He faces charges, including aggravated manslaughter, in the Feb. 14, 2002, shooting death and faces up to 45 years in prison if convicted on all counts.

The civil settlement does not affect Williams' criminal trial, which has been delayed so an appeals court can hear defense arguments for dismissing the indictment.

Williams' attorneys did release letters exchanged by Williams and the family of Christofi.

"While I know the pain I feel cannot compare to yours, I will live my whole life with the thought that Mr. Gus Christofi is no longer with you," Williams said in his letter to the family.

Christofi's brother, Anthony, and sister, Andrea Adams, filed the lawsuit against Williams on Oct. 30.

"We are sure that he did not intend to hurt Gus and that he sincerely regrets what occurred," they said in their letter. "He has offered us his deepest sympathies and he has taken responsibility for this tragic accident, which we genuinely appreciate."

Their lawyer, Ken Berkowitz, did not immediately return a telephone call seeking comment.

In his letter, Williams said he never goes to bed or wakes up without thinking about Christofi's death and the family's loss.

"I am truly sorry," he said.

"While I know that sorrow can never bring your brother back, I wanted you to know how I feel. It is my hope and prayer that over time you will find it in your heart to forgive me. My wife, Tanya, and I pray for your forgiveness every day of our lives."

Williams' attorneys said the settlement would allow them to turn their attention to the criminal case.

"Now that Jayson Williams and the family have resolved this matter, we can move forward, focusing solely on the court of appeals hearing on March 12," Williams spokesman Judy Smith said.

**League wants new owners to keep Bucks in Milwaukee**

Associated Press

MILWAUKEE

Local and national investors are interested in buying a majority stake in the Milwaukee Bucks but the league wants to keep the team in the city, NBA commissioner David Stern said.

Stern said in the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel he is confident this can be done. He did not identify any of the interested parties.

"We're telling prospective purchasers that there is good opportunity in Milwaukee," he said.

Sen. Herb Kohl is willing to sell the team he has owned since 1985, but he wants the Bucks to remain in Milwaukee and would like the new ownership to have Wisconsin roots.

"It takes some time, but in light of the senator's desire to keep the team in Milwaukee and to find a way to assure continuity, I think we'll have some success here for the team and for Milwaukee," Stern told the Journal Sentinel.

"I have been in communications directly and indirectly with different people both within the Milwaukee market, nearby markets and nation-wide who are curious to see whether Milwaukee is a good investment," he added.

The league's preference is to keep franchises where they are, Stern said. The Vancouver Grizzlies recently moved to Memphis and the Charlotte Hornets moved to New Orleans.

Stern conceded that Kohl's desire to keep the team in Milwaukee makes the franchise less valuable because investors elsewhere might be willing to pay more.

Kohl has not discussed the ownership matter since telling the Journal Sentinel last month of his desire to seek new investors. He was unavailable for comment Tuesday, the team said.

Forbes magazine recently valued the Bucks at $168 million, the lowest-valued team in the league's smallest market.

Kohl has said the team is losing money, attendance has declined this year and the team's deal with the Bradley Center is not as lucrative as those enjoyed by most other NBA teams.
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**what’s happening**

**friday, 2/7**

- Learning to Talk About Race Retreat #5
  - Friday and Saturday
  - Fatima Retreat Center

- Marriage Preparation Retreat
  - Friday and Saturday
  - Fatima Retreat Center

- Women’s Liturgical Choir Concert Tour
  - Friday-Sunday
  - Chicago, Illinois and St. Louis, Missouri

**saturday, 2/8**

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

- 807 Mass
  - 8:00 p.m.
  - Co-Mo Student Lounge

**sunday, 2/9**

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

- Campus Bible Study
  - 7:00-8:00 p.m.
  - 114 Coleman-Morse Center

- Weekly Spanish Mass
  - 10:30 p.m.
  - St. Edward’s Hall

- Graduate Student Christian Fellowship
  - 8:00 p.m.
  - Wilson Commons

- Interfaith Christian Night Prayer
  - 10:00
  - Morisse Hall Chapel

**words to live by**

So, instead of loving what you think is peace, love others and love God above all.

And instead of hating the people you think are warmongers, hate the appetite and the disorder in your own soul, which are the causes of war.

If you love peace, then hate injustice, hate tyranny, hate greed-But hate these things in yourself, not in another.

- Thomas Merton

**mass schedule**

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**Sunday’s Scripture Readings**

- 1st: Job 7: 1 – 4, 6 – 7
- 2nd: 1 Cor 9: 16 – 19, 22 – 23
- Gospel: Mark 1: 29 – 39
Hokies handle Huskies in upset

Associated Press

BLACKSBURG, Va. — Connecticut coach Jim Calhoun took a leave to have surgery for prostate cancer.

Calhoun told his team about his plans at practice Monday and was in practice Tuesday, but did not make the trip to Blacksburg.

He is to have surgery Thursday and expects to miss about three weeks, with George Blaney filling in.

The Huskies (15-3, 4-3 Big East) shot just 34 percent, had 19 turnovers and were outscored by the Hokies, who beat a ranked opponent for the first time since they topped Virginia on Dec. 28, 1995.

The victory was key for the Hokies (9-11, 2-5), who are in their third year in the Big East and trying to earn their first trip to the conference tournament, held at Madison Square Garden.

To do it, they have to avoid being last in their division.

Louisville 77, Cincinnati 71

Cincinnati’s reign as the dominant team in Conference USA (18-2, 7-1 Big East), Conference USA, and turned a school record with three jumpers, including a 3-pointer, early in the second half to give the Razorbacks a 46-26 lead.

Arkansas 81, Alabama 70

Jonathon Modica scored 26 points as Arkansas handed No. 22 Alabama its fifth straight road loss.

Arkansas shot 48 percent (25-52) from the field, including 9-of-16 from 3-point range.

Carl Baker came into the game 1-of-4 on 3-pointers, but he hit three jumpers, including a 3-pointer, early in the second half to give the Razorbacks a 46-26 with about 16 minutes left.

Baker finished with 12 points.

Erwin Dudley, who led Alabama with 29 points, scored six straight points to pull the Crimson Tide with 16 points with about eight minutes to go in the game.

Arkansas quickly came back with consecutive three pointers by Michael Jones and Modica to make the score 61-39.

Arkansas made 14-of-18 free throws the rest of the way to seal the victory. Dionisio Gomez added 12 points and nine rebounds for the Razorbacks.

The Razorbacks were 5-of-8 on 3-pointers during the half. The Crimson Tide made just 3-of-26 from the field in the first half and 19-of-57 for the game.

Mississippi St. 82, Vanderbilt 60

No. 23 Mississippi State’s entire starting five scored in double figures and its quick-handed defense forced 21 turnovers as the Bulldogs defeated Vanderbilt.

Be the backcourt of Timmy Bowers and Derrick Zimmerman led the way at both ends for the Bulldogs (14-5, 4-4 Southeastern).

Bowers had 14 points and five assists while Zimmerman had 13 points, three steals, seven assists and a blocked shot.

Vanderbilt (10-9, 3-5) had won two straight, but both came at home. The Commodores fell to 0-7 on the road, unable to keep up with the quicker and bigger Bulldogs, who beat them by more than 20 for the third time in four outings.

Mississippi State had 15 steals and turned those Commodores giveaways into 25 points, many coming in the open court.

PRO GOLF

Mickelson sorry for jab at Tiger’s clubs

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Phil Mickelson says he was only trying to compliment Tiger Woods in a magazine interview when he said the world’s No. 1 player has inferior equipment.

“I hope that line wasn’t taken out of context by some people,” Mickelson said in a statement. “It was meant nothing more than a positive comment on Tiger’s incredible talent.

“In an interview with GOLF Magazine for its March issue, Mickelson said he and Woods have a better relationship than most people realize.

“He hates that I can fly it past him now. He has a faster swing speed than I do, but he has inferior equipment. Tiger is the only player who is good enough to overcome the equipment he’s stuck with,” Mickelson plays Titleist equipment. Woods formerly played Titleist, but switched to the Nike Golf ball in 2000, to the driver a year ago at Pebble Beach and to the irons last fall.

The comments didn’t sit well with Nike.

“question Phil Mickelson’s judgment for his statement regarding Tiger Woods and his equipment.”

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After 50 years, JoePa says '06 may be last

Associated Press

NEW YORK

Joe Paterno, who has spent more than 50 years as a Penn State football coach, says the 2006 season might be his last.

In an interview with WtKR-TV in Norfolk, Va., Paterno, who turned 76 in December, said he had not decided on a firm retirement date, but that he might make that decision following the 2006 season.

"Right now, I'm planning to go to 2006, through the 2006 season," Paterno said. "But if I feel as good as I do now three years from now, then I'm going to look at it again."

Paterno, who came to Penn State as an assistant in 1966 and became head coach in 1966, has long denied rumors of his impending retirement. His current contract runs through the 2009 season, and he's due $4.5 million in salary that season.

"Physically, I feel great," Paterno said on Jan. 2, after the Capital One Bowl. "I have some arthritis in the neck once in a while, my arms ache a little bit once in a while, but other than that ... Once in a while you say, 'Hey, I'm 76.' And no matter how you twist it, I'm 76 and I'm not naive about it. But, honest to God, I don't feel 76."

In the WtKR interview, which aired while Paterno was in Virginia for a recruiting visit, the coach said that within a couple years he probably would start telling recruits that he might retire during their playing careers. If he does that, he said, he probably would also name a successor.

In his 37 seasons as Penn State's head coach, Paterno has a 336-100-3 record, more wins than any major college coach in history. The Nittany Lions finished the 2005 season with a 9-3 record.

High School Basketball

James free to play, judge rules

Associated Press

AKRON, Ohio

LeBron James was cleared to play by a judge who temporarily blocked a state ruling that stripped the high school basketball star of his eligibility.

James, expected to be the No. 1 pick in the NBA draft, can rejoin his team but must sit out one more game this season. Summit County Judge Williams ruled James' eligibility.

St. Vincent-St. Mary was allowed to decide what game James will miss, and it picked the one on Feb. 23. The Fighting Irish, No. 1 in the USA Today rankings for the fourth straight week, have four games left before the playoffs.

James already sat out a game after the Ohio High School Athletic Association declared him ineligible for the rest of the season because he accepted two free sports jerseys worth a total of $845.

The judge scheduled another hearing for Feb. 19, when he will decide whether to grant a permanent injunction.

"Neither side is going to be happy," Williams said. "There are a number of issues the court wants to hear."

Williams said that James would suffer "immediate and irreparable injury" without a temporary restraining order. If Williams grants a permanent order, James would regain his eligibility and the school would regain a victory it had to forfeit as part of the athletic association ruling.

The team's next game is Saturday in Trenton, N.J., and three of its remaining regular-season games are before the next hearing.

Lawyers for the athletic association and James presented their arguments to the judge during a one-hour hearing.

"He wants to finish what he started," James' attorney, Fred Nance, told the judge. "He didn't want to let himself down. He didn't want to let his team down. He didn't want to let his school down."

"He's made mistakes," Nance said. "He's an 18-year-old kid but he didn't deserve the ultimate sanction of losing his eligibility."

Nance argued in court documents filed Tuesday that the 6-foot-8 senior did nothing wrong when he accepted two jerseys from the owner of a Cleveland clothing store. James has since returned the jerseys.

James did not attend.

"All LeBron did was receive a gift from a friend as congratulations for his academic achievements," said Nance, referring to James' 3.5 grade-point average. "LeBron wished to capitalize on his fame, the recompense could be in the millions of dollars.

"The state athletic association found that the store gave James the Gale Sayers and Wes Unseld jerseys in exchange for posing for pictures to be displayed on its walls.

Musco ruled that James broke an amateur bylaw "by capitalizing on athletic fame by receiving money or gifts of monetary value."

The decision came four days after the athletic association cleared James of any wrongdoing for accepting a $50,000 sport utility vehicle as an 18th birthday gift from his mother.

Gloria James provided proof she obtained a bank loan to buy the vehicle. She said Wednesday that she is pleased her son can keep playing.

"I look forward to getting the final hearing behind us so that LeBron can focus entirely on his schoolwork, basketball and his friends, just like any other teenager, as much as possible," she said.

James attended practice on Tuesday in the school's gym, wearing a gray T-shirt and blue shorts.

He warmed up with his Fighting Irish teammates and was stretching in the middle of the floor when coach Dru Joyce closed the practice.

The private Roman Catholic school defended James and said the punishment was too severe.

In a statement, the school said it was gratified by the decision which will immediately return LeBron James to competition with his teammates.

"Although we had hoped there would be no additional sanction, we understand and accept the court's imposition of a one-game playing suspension," it said.

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**Women's College Basketball Big East Conference**

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**NBA**

**IN BRIEF**

Olympic coverage will be round-the-clock.

NBC and its affiliated networks will telecast a whopping 806 hours of the 2004 Olympics in Athens, giving bleary-eyed sports fans the chance to watch the games 24 hours a day.

The coverage nearly doubles the 441 hours shown from Sydney in 2000. In Atlanta, NBC aired 173 hours.

There will be 134 Olympic hours on the Spanish-language network Telemundo, representing the first Spanish telecast of the Olympics in the United States, said Dick Ebersol, NBC sports chairman, on Wednesday.

"We will deliver the Olympics to the widest possible audience and give American TV viewers an unprecedented array of choices," Ebersol said.

The early announcement is intended to signal to advertisers their own array of spending choices. NBC is coming off a successful 2002 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City, which earned the network about $75 million in profits with ratings 36 percent higher than the Sydney games.

There will be heavy coverage on MSNBC (2 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day) and CNBC (5 to 8 p.m.). Two NBC-owned networks that have been struggling in the ratings. Both showed big increases in viewership with previous Olympics telecasts.

NBC will air the Olympics for three and a half hours in the afternoon, from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. with a 35-minute break at midnight, then a rerun of its prime-time coverage in the wee hours.

The Bravo entertainment network will show the Olympics for 13 hours a day.

**NASCAR might lose top sponsor**

R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co., the top sponsor for NASCAR's Winston Cup Series since 1971, hinted Wednesday it is considering ending its long-time partnership.

RJR signed a five-year contract extension with NASCAR in July, exactly one year after the company picked the stock car series as the one program it can bankroll under the 1998 tobacco settlement.

But a weak economy has forced RJR to reevaluate its commitment since signing the contract extension.

"Since that time, our business dynamics have changed dramatically," said Ned Leary, president of RJR's Sports Marketing Enterprises division. "In our ongoing conversations with NASCAR, we have discussed the potential of their exploring a new series sponsor at some time in the future."

NASCAR vice president George Pyne said the sanctioning body enjoys its 32-year relationship with the tobacco company, but is now looking at future opportunities with other companies.

**around the dial**

**COLLEGE BASKETBALL**

NC State at Wake Forest 7 p.m., ESPN2

**NBA**

Lakers at Knicks 7:30 p.m., TNT

**NHL**

Avalanche at Red Wings 8 p.m., ESPN

**Barkley, Carter clash over All-Star spot**

Associated Press

MILWAUKEE

Charles Barkley thinks Vince Carter's inclusion in the NBA All-Star Game is a sure sign that fan voting doesn't work, and the NBA television analyst thinks Carter should have forfeited his starting position.

"I thought that Vince should have given up his starting spot," the former NBA player said during a conference call to promote TNT's coverage of Sunday's All-Star Game. "No, I doesn't deserve to be in the game, he hasn't played enough to warrant an All-Star selection. That's one of the reasons I'm against the fans voting, because it shouldn't be a popularity contest."

Barkley, who played in only 10 games before the ballots were counted because of knee problems, was third in balloting for the game in Atlanta, averaging 18.4 points and 3.4 rebounds.

Carter has been criticized for not following the lead of Philadelphia's Allen Iverson and Orlando's McGrady in offering his starting spot to Michael Jordan, who has said he'll retire after this season.

"When you're selected on an All-Star team, you're supposed to show your appreciation to the fans," Barkley said. "I can't make all the players happy, I'm definitely not going to make all the coaches happy, so I'm going to do what I have to do to do play hard and be thankful for what I've got."

Jordan, chosen as a reserve for the Eastern Conference team by NBA coaches, said he's happy to be a reserve and turned down the offers from Iverson and McGrady.

"It's a Catch-22," Jordan said last week. "If he gives up his spot, some fans will be disappointed. Even me accepting Tracy's or Allen's spot would make fans look bad. That's not the way it's meant to be. Keep it the way it is. There's no bad person in this whole scenario."
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points and they were within 66-65 on a layup by Matt Carroll with 3:40 to play.

Seton Hall missed on its next possession and Notre Dame had a chance to take the lead but Chris Thomas missed a reverse layup and Miller missed on a 3 after the Fighting Irish corralled the rebound.

Barrett hit his third, last and decisive, an open shot. It was a normal shot, an open shot. "When the ball went down, I thought we got it," said Barrett.

Dan Miller had 21 points for Notre Dame (18-4, 6-2), which was ahead 50-39 after three quarters. The Fighting Irish went 7 for 27 from the field and 7-for-7 from the free throw line. Miller was coming right at Barrett, who had 17 points, almost triple his average, for the Pirates (10-9, 5-4 Big East). "Once he went to the line, he's going to make those, so we got him the ball and he took them out," Barrett said.

"They were very good defensively," Brey said. "I think we could have done a better job defensively.

Seton Hall, which entered the game last in the 14-team Big East in 3-point shooting at 30.3 percent, was 5-for-7 from beyond the arc with Barrett going 3-for-4.

It was huge, the biggest play of the game and gave us the break that we needed," said Andre Sweet, who had seven points and they were within 66-65 on a double-overtime win over Georgetown.

Sweet, a transfer from Duke who was averaging 6.2 points per game, sparked the Pirates in the first half. He scored eight points in a 1-7 run that gave Seton Hall a 23-16 lead with 8:05 left in the first half.

"Sweet's a gamer. He's not afraid to make plays," Seton Hall coach Louis Orr said. "You put him on the court and he makes things happen. I have a lot of trust in him. He made shots against the zone and got them out of their zone. He did give us a lift and made some crucial baskets for us.

Barrett was 7-for-11 from the field and 7-for-7 from the free throw line and had six assists. Thomas had 14 points, six assists and six turnovers for Notre Dame, while freshman Torin Francis had nine points and 10 rebounds as the Fighting Irish finished with a 38-27 advantage on the boards.

"Overall, they played better than us," Thomas said. "We didn't do a good job on offense and when you combine that with the way they played defense you're never going to win.

Recruits continued from page 28

"We've brought some young players into the system. Now, the real work begins," the coach said. "The next two or three years will determine how good this class is.

One of the biggest signees for Notre Dame was quarter-

back Brady Quinn, who threw for 2,349 yards, 25 touchdowns and only four inter-

ceptions as a senior at Dublin Coffman High School in Ohio.

One of Quinn's future tar-

gets likely will be tight end Greg Olsen. Olsen is one of the best all-around players in the country, according to numerous recruiting publica-

tions. He is also the younger brother of Notre Dame quar-

terback Chris Olsen.

The Irish beefed up their offensive line with two players rated in the top 100 of the country, Ryan Harris and John Sullivan both were picked as USA Today All-

American.

Willingham and his staff were also able to land several players that can play several positions. Players such as Chase Anastasio, Isaiah Gardner, Geoffrey Price, Tom Zbikowski and Wooden all played more than one posi-

tion in high school.

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Chris was afraid I was going to go past him. I just wanted to make a three-point play by coming right at him.

Barrett said of the last shot clock and 2:25 on the game clock to give Seton Hall a 69-65 lead. He hit the shot with 6-foot-11 Tim Tammmers coming right at him.

Notre Dame got within 71-68 on a three-point play by Carroll with 1:29 left, but Barrett then made six free throws in the final 51 seconds to keep the Pirates in front.

"It's a shot I normally take," Barrett said of the last 3-pointer. "I think he (Timmmers) was afraid I was going to go past him. I just wanted to make sure I made the smart decision at that time. It was a normal shot, an open shot. It was one that impressed his teammates.

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Victor Abiamiri
defensive line
6-5, 245
R Randallstown, Md.
"He's the premier pass rusher in the country."
Tom Lemming
ESPN analyst

Notes: First team USA Today All-American ... rated eighth on ESPN list of top 100 players nationally.

Chase Anastasio
wide receiver
6-2, 190
Burke, Va.
"He's a versatile player, could go on both sides of the ball."
Tom Lemming
ESPN analyst

Notes: had 433 receiving yards and six TDs in '02.

Nick Borseti
linebacker
6-1, 205
Saugus, Mass.
"He's a diamond in the rough, and he has a great frame."
Tom Lemming
ESPN analyst

Notes: Had 100 tackles, 13 sacks, three forced fumbles, three fumble recoveries during senior season ... won all-conference honors.

Joe Brockington
linebacker
6-1, 215
Palmyra, Pa.
"A little bit behind but a good, solid linebacker."
Tom Lemming
ESPN analyst

Notes: Injury ended senior season ... had solo 65 tackles as a junior ... 3,500 career rush yards.

Ryan Harris
offensive line
6-5, 255
St. Paul, Minn.
"One of the best and most athletic linemen Notre Dame has ever signed."
Tom Lemming
ESPN analyst

Notes: USA Today first-team All-American ... rated 51st on ESPN list of top 100 players nationally.

LaBrose Hedgmon
defensive back
5-10, 180
Hoover, Ala.
"He's a good cover corner and a good athlete."
Tom Lemming
ESPN analyst

Notes: caught 41 passes for 471 yards and seven touchdowns ... ranked 19th on Detroit Free Press 20-player "Best of Midwest" team.

Isaiah Gardner
defensive back/running back
5-10, 190
Virginia Beach, Va.
"Small, but very quick and athletic."
Tom Lemming
ESPN analyst

Notes: 1,010 yards rushing and 14 touchdowns as a senior ... Virginia all-state pick as a junior.

Ashley McConnell
fullback
6-0, 240
Adairsville, Ga.
"He has the potential to be a great blocker."
Tom Lemming
ESPN analyst

Notes: earned all-league and all-area mention as a senior ... 485 rushing yards and six TDs in '02.

Chinedum Ndukwe
wide receiver
6-3, 190
Dublin, Ohio
"He has very good size, great hands, and great speed."
Brady Quinn
teammate

Notes: had 740 receiving yards and 12 TDs in '02.

Greg Olsen
tight end
6-6, 245
Wayne, N.J.
"If Olsen doesn't come in and play, then Notre Dame has some future No. 1 draft choices at tight end."
Tom Lemming
ESPN analyst

Notes: USA Today All-American ... rated third overall on ESPN's list of top 100 players nationally.

Who's leaving
Ten seniors have used their entire four years of eligibility and will not return to the Irish.

Offense Defense
WR Armas Battle LB Carlos Pierre-Antoine
OT Jordan Black DE Ryan Roberts
C Jeff Faine CG Jeff Lindgren
FB Tom Loopeski FB Shane Walton
OG Sean Mahan FB Mike McIner
Recruiting the

CLASS OF 2007

Thursday, February 6, 2003

Freddie Parish Jr.
defensive back
6-1, 205
Saugus, Mass.
"Good all-around ballplayer and a good athlete."
Tom Lemming
ESPN analyst
Notes: rated 72nd nationally on The Sporting News list of top 100 ... made 71 solo tackles in '02.

Geoffrey Price
punter
6-3, 180
Hurst, Texas
"One of the top two punters in Texas."
Tom Lemming
ESPN analyst
Notes: averaged 45.6 yards per punt as a junior and 39.5 as a senior ... career high of 69 yards.

Brady Quinn
quarterback
6-4, 210
Dublin, Ohio
"Could be a Heisman candidate in four years."
Tom Lemming
ESPN analyst
Notes: completed 143 of 258 passes as a senior for 2,149 yards and 25 TDs.

Jeff Samardzija
wide receiver
6-4, 190
Valparaiso, Ind.
"He's tall with great hands and deceptive speed."
Tom Lemming
ESPN analyst
Notes: named top receiver in state ... caught 50 passes for 1,044 yards and nine TDs.

Dwight Stephenson Jr.
linebacker
6-3, 237
Delray Beach, Fla.
"He's somebody who you definitely would want to have on your team."
Allen Wallace
SuperPrep
Notes: had 80 tackles and 27 sacks as a senior.

John Sullivan
offensive lineman
6-4, 280
Greenwich, Conn.
"He's very aggressive and he stays on his blocks very well."
Allen Wallace
SuperPrep
Notes: Gatorade Player of the Year in Conn. ... named offensive MVP by Connecticut Post.

Mitchell Thomas
linebacker
6-3, 210
Opelika, Ala.
"Good all-around ballplayer and a good athlete."
Tom Lemming
ESPN analyst
Notes: made 70 tackles as a senior ... ran for 500 yards and five TDs.

Travis Thomas
running back
6-1, 200
Washington, Pa.
"Good running back but could be a great linebacker."
Tom Lemming
ESPN analyst
Notes: ran for 1,176 yards and 18 TDs as a senior.

Ambrose Wooden
wide receiver/defensive back
6-1, 190
Baltimore, Md.
"Could contribute as a true freshman."
Tom Lemming
ESPN analyst
Notes: 7,261 career passing and rushing yards.

Tom Zbikowski
defensive back
6-0, 185
Arlington Heights, Ill.
"One of the premier cornerbacks prospects in the country."
Tom Lemming
ESPN analyst
Notes: USA Today first-team prep All-American.

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Who might return
Eight seniors could apply for a fifth year of eligibility because they were injured or did not play for at least one full season.
OL Jim Molinaro
TE Gary Godsey
OG Sean Milligan
K Nick Setta
LB Pat Ryan
LB Justin Thomas
DT Darrell Campbell
FS Glenn Earl
NG Cedric Hilliard
LB Courtney Watson
DB Jason Beckstrom

The last two years
Coaches often recruit players based on who signed the year before. Below is a list of players who have committed to Notre Dame in the last two years.

Class of 2006
Defensive line
Chris Frome
Derek Landri
Travis Leikko
Brian Matteo
Dan Santucci
Linebacker none
Defensive back
Jake Carney
Mike Richardson
Offensive line
James Bonelli
Bob Morton
Scott Ralton
Jamie Ryan

Class of 2007
Defensive line
Trevor Laws
Linebacker
Nick Borsetti
Joe Brockington
Mitchell Thomas
Defensive back
Isaiah Gardner
LaBrosse Hedgemon
Freddie Parish Jr.
Tom Zbikowski
Offensive line
Ryan Harris
John Sullivan
Irish

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to need for us to be successful."
Successful as the team performance was, it was still high-
lighted by some career-setting individual performances.
Katy Flecky, who has been battling a back injury all sea-
son, finally found her groove and showed clear signs that she was really back for the season. The sophomore post player
worked out before the game for 12 points and a career-high 12
rebounds, marking the second double-double in her career.
"The beginning couple of games were good for me and I
think I haven't felt this way until this game," Flecky said.
"I'm mentally back in it, I feel confident."
On the defensive end, Le'Tania Tress, who McGraw
refers to as the glue of her team, was doing her best to
have the home court advantage as well.
Borton added some depth to that defensive effort, blocking
a career-high five shots. The end result of Notre Dame's efforts
to shut down the Hoyas was a 23.5 percent shooting percent-
age in the second half, result-
ing in only 24 points as com-
pared to Notre Dame's 52.
Led by Jacqueline Batteast's
game-high 20 points, those 52 second half points were the
most the Irish scored in a single half since they recorded 61
points in the first half against Cleveland State on Nov. 26.
"Everyone started to crash the boards and was dedicated
to defense and we got the ball back so quickly and were
able to score," Borton said. "...I'm glad everyone came out in the sec-
ond half with that determination.
If the Irish took off in the sec-
ond half, the Hoyas gave up. Georgetown, who had been
controlling Notre Dame with its defense, could not stop the
Irish from taking shots or com-
plete any themselves. Their dis-
mal 23.5 percent from the field
allowed the Hoyas to finish the game and win by more than
the Irish, but with only six second-chance points to show
for it.
"We missed enough shots, somebody's got to get them,"
Hoya coach Patrick Knapp said.
The Hoyas took an early 6-2
lead on three shots by
Bruce, who led the Hoyas with
14 points. They traded leads
for just 11 minutes of the game.
Prior to Wednesday night's
counter, freshman Courtney
LaVere tested negative for
mononucleosis. LaVere still
played six minutes.
All 10 Notre Dame players
played time Wednesday night.
"We had the first half and the
junior transfer Anne Weese
saw playing time for the Irish.

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Happy Town

You see the headline yesterday? "Library renovations on schedule." Did the editors have a bet on who could find the biggest non-story?

Runners up: "Dome still gold" and "Beer = popular".

Yay, I guess it's "relevant to the Notre Dame community." But you would also be relevant! Maybe a story about the fact that our esteemed President is about to drop as many bombs as he can on a country that really hasn't recovered from the last time we did it, and I HAVE NO IDEA WHY.

Sure you do. We got psychic about terrorism two years ago, without really dealing with the roots of it, and we've been itching to nail someone ever since. Several hamfisted "patriotic" speeches later, combined with a worldview that makes G.I. Joe return seem smart, and now we're going back the hard part of this again.

Bombs over Baghdad? Outlandish rules.

WILL SHORTZ

Horoscope

EUGENIA GARCIA

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Ronald Reagan, Tim Burton, Zia Zia Gabor, Anne Rice

Happy Birthday. Things may not go according to your plans this year, but if you can sometimes call wishing on new things, doors will open and progress can be made. This is your year to take action; you can make a difference in your own life as well as in the world around you. (April 26-May 21)

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Your intuition will get the better of you. Try to be reasonable before you make an irrational mistake. You can shape the future. (April 22-May 20)

TAURUS (April 20-May 21): You will not be pleased with someone you feel is taking your place. Don't say something that might lead to a problem situation. Get some advice about your situation. (May 21-June 20)

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Keep your money in a safe place and do not spend it or make a donation. Your hard-earned cash would be better spent on something more important. (June 21-July 22)

CANCER (June 22-July 23): Take a cautious approach when dealing with others. Remember that your choices will affect others and their impressions will ultimately affect you. (July 23-Aug. 22)

LEO (Aug. 23-Aug. 22): Think about getting away for that long-overdue vacation. The preparation will ease your aches and be a pleasant surprise. (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Don't turn your back on an investment today. Money can be made if you're quick on the draw. Get the ball rolling. (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Make sure that you have the OK before you make changes that will affect someone else. Your relationship with someone you work with will be hard to deal with. Consider a vacation or make a major change. (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

SCORPIO (Oct. 22-Nov. 21): Doing something behind the scenes that you don't want others to find out about will backfire. Openness will lead to success; hiding will lead to failure. (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Take the initiative to start something new. Competition or a challenge will spark an interest. You need to take things up and make some changes. (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Don't participate in gossip or you will find yourself blamed. Let someone around you who is disgruntled or complaining have some time and space to sort through their problems. Keep secrets to yourself. (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Don't trust others with your ideas. You will affect your future if you aren't serious about your intentions. You can match your goals if you come to a meeting and come prepared. (Feb. 19-March 20)

PISCES (March 21-April 19): Finances will be on your mind especially if you can make extra cash. Set up a strict budget and put money away for the much-needed vacation. (April 20-May 20)

Birthday Baby. You will be quick to respond and take action. You want to be a leader and will find it difficult to take orders from others. You will be bold, assertive and decisive.

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Ending with a bang

Irish sign 3 major recruits 2007 Signing Day class with 22

By JOE HETTLER
Sports Editor

Over the last few years, Signing Day has ended with a thud for Notre Dame. Wednesday, the Irish not only signed the three names they wanted, but also left scholarship room for a former player to return. Defensive lineman Victor Abiamiri, wide receiver/defensive back Ambrose Wooden and linebacker Thomas Mitchell all verbally committed to the Irish on Signing Day and helped vault coach Tyrone Willingham's first sole recruiting class into the top five in the nation.

"Notre Dame has the fourth best class in the country," ESPN's Tom Lemming said. "They got the guys they had to get and then they lucked out with the Maryland players."

Notre Dame became a late front-runner for Abiamiri, who has been called the best defensive lineman in the country, after the University of Maryland committed a secondary violation when recruiting him. Once it looked like Abiamiri would sign with the Irish, his high school teammates, Wooden, was expected to follow.

Willingham was pleased with both signings and the overall class, but said he doesn't listen to what recruiting analysts say about the class, even if they are positive comments.

"I always try to temper my enthusiasm, but I think that it's a very solid class," Willingham said. "I love the way it came together. Our coaches did a great job working to recruit this class." Willingham also said the Irish have a "couple" scholarships left that and that those may go to transfers or preferred walk-ons. He also added that one of those transfers could be former Irish running back Julius Jones. Jones did not enroll at Notre Dame this year because of academic problems, but could return for the Irish in 2003 if he is accepted.

"[Those scholarships] could potentially include Julius Jones next year," Willingham said. "I left that open-ended as possible."

The Irish also had kicker Carl Giola commit as a "preferred" walk-on. Giola nailed 13 of 16 field goals and attended Valparaiso High School.

Two Parade All-Americans, five USA Today first-team All-Americans and eight players rated in the top 100 nationally by ESPN and the Chicago Sun Times, high light Notre Dame's class of 2007.

While Willingham likes the class, he warned against judging the group so soon after signing.

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ND WOMENS B-BALL
Irish dominate Hoyas

Total team effort leads to second-half surge

By KATIE McVOY
Associate Sports Editor

Wednesday night, the Irish made it 5,207.

With a second half of play that rivaled Notre Dame's top-notch performance against Arizona State during the opening weeks of the season, the Irish guaranteed they would add one more day to the total number since Georgetown beat them in 1989, as the Irish defeated the Hoyas, 74-49.

At the half, the Irish were down three, were being out-rebounded by the Hoyas and were only shooting 25.6 percent from the field. But, after Georgetown went on a small 7-3 run in the opening minutes of the second half, Notre Dame turned on the heat and burned out any Hoyas hopes of victory.

"That might have been the best half of basketball we've played all year," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. "I feel really good about the team's performance in the second half. We were down three, we were missing a lot of easy shots in the first half and we didn't put our heads down."

Sparked by a three-point play by Teresa Burton with 17:49 remaining, the Irish went on a 23-0 run in the next seven minutes that landed them with a 16-point lead and the confidence to win the game. That 23-point run showcased four of the five Irish players to hit double digits in scoring during the game, finally giving McGraw what she has been looking for all season — a team effort.

"We got a lot of contributions from a lot of people," McGraw said. "That's what we're going to see Irish/page 26

MENS B-BALL
Pirates fight off Irish

Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. Notre Dame finally had a chance to take the lead against Seton Hall and it seemed most of the people in Continental Airlines Arena were sure it would happen.

No one told Andre Barrett. The Pirates junior point guard scored nine of his 24 points over the final 2 1/2 minutes to keep the 10th-ranked Fighting Irish at bay in a 78-72 victory.

The win snapped Seton Hall's three-game losing streak to Notre Dame and its 12-game losing streak to ranked teams.

"That kid is just a winner. He has been since high school," Notre Dame coach Mike Brey said of the 5-foot-10 Barrett. "Barrett was fabulous. I think you are seeing the maturation of a guy who is certainly setting the tone with this team right now."

Barrett's second 3-pointer of the game gave Seton Hall the lead for good at 41-38 with 18:30 to play. The Fighting Irish never fell behind by more than six...