Sharon's body found in river

Autopsy on Sharon's body to be conducted today

By TERESA FRALISH
Assistant News Editor

Missing freshman Chad Sharon's body has tenta-

tively identified as the one found partially submerged in the St. Joseph River, police

announced at a press conference Wednesday. Sharon's body was discovered floating under-

neath the Angela Bridge that runs over the river.

"There were some gentlemen from a concrete cutting company working near the bridge and they spotted the body in approximately two feet of water," said Commander Tim Corbett of the County Metro

Homicide Police. The workers notified police about the body and the search was

pulled from the river by officials at about 3:30 p.m. Wednesday.

Corbett would not comment on the possibility of foul play in the case. He said after Sharon's body was pulled from the river police transported it to Memorial Hospital.

"The autopsy is scheduled for tomorrow," said Corbett. After the autopsy is completed, police will consider whether or not foul play was involved.

"There's nothing further we can say until that autopsy," said Mike Ivorak, the St. Joseph County prosecutor.

Father Mark Poorman, vice president for student affairs, said Sharon's parents were notified early Wednesday afternoon that a body closely matching their son's description had been found in the river. "We called [them] back to let [them] know it was positively identi-

fied," Father Poorman said.

Right: Sharon was last seen at the Corby Street party, then may have traveled to the Madison Center to ask for directions, and his body was found underneath the Angela Bridge.

Sharon's parents express thanks to ND community

By TERESA FRALISH
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After hearing that their only son had been identified as the body found Wednesday in the St. Joseph River, Chad Sharon's parents, Steve and

Jani, Sharon said they wanted to express their thanks and gratitude to the Notre Dame community during the past two months for the sup-

port offered by students, faculty and administrators.

"They'll never know how much we appreciated you, Sharon. Everyone really cared," he said.

In particular, Steve Sharon said he wanted to thank Notre Dame students for their prayers and con-

cern since Chad's disappearance. "I want to thank all the students for everything," Steve

Sharon said.

Steve Sharon said he and his wife would use their visit to campus today to bring closure to their two-

months-long ordeal. "Now we can bring Chad home," said Steve Sharon. "We're coming down there [Thursdays] morning. I want to say goodbye to Chad," he said in an interview with The Observer Wednesday night.

Chad's father also discussed his son's feelings about being a student at the University. "That was his dream — to go to Notre Dame," said Steve Sharon.

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By MATT BRAMANTI
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Jan. 3, ND offers $25,000 reward
Dec. 14, Police begin a search involving river and helicopter searches
Jan. 17, Sharon's parents appear on "Good Morning America"
Jan. 16-17, Sharon's parents meet with students and investigators at ND
Feb. 12, Sharon's body found in St. Joseph River

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Below: An impromptu memorial to Chad Sharon was set up on the Angela Bridge, where Sharon's body was discovered.

Above: A cardboard image of Sharon's memorial was placed on the Angela Bridge.

PHOTO BY TIM KACMAR

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INSIDE COLUMN

How the south was lost

How fitting for Georgia Gov. Sonny Perdue to
announce his ref­er­e­e­dum to rein­state the confer­der­afeat­ flag
Wednesday — on Lincoln's birthday. I also recall Bush
unfolding his administra­tion's plan to begin the
process of tearing down affirmative action policies on
Martin Luther King Jr.'s birth­day.

How apropos for them both.

Politicians definitely have a way of lit­era­r­y­ally driv­ing the nail into the coffin. De­spite the his­tori­cal sign­if­i­cance that May or may not have in­flu­enced the mo­ment he chose to an­nounce his plans, it is trou­bling to hear that Perdue wants to re­print the old­ly of the
Stars and Bars two years after the new flag was first flown above the state cap­i­tal.

This issue is arguably one of the main rea­sons Perdue was voted into office after Democratic incumbent, Gov. Roy Barnes signed a bill to replace the Battle Flag of the Confederacy with a new flag that he hoped to neutralize the tensions between staunch advocates of the old version, and those in support of a change.

The new flag design is a sort of com­pro­mise, fea­tur­ing a prominent Georgia seal with the history of Georgia’s past flags located beneath, including a much smaller image of the old confeder­ate version.

Intended to satisfy those who want to honor the his­tory of the state as well as those who are not com­fortable with the con­feder­ate em­blem, the new flag at­­­​­­tempted to arrive at a middle ground. In­terest­ingly, Georgia adopted the con­feder­ate emblem during the civil rights move­ment in the 1950s that most de­f­i­nitely at­­tempted to deliver a mes­sage to those who pushed for change. It was certainly a call to remember the past — one that included a rem­i­niscent Old South proud of its role in subjugat­ing an entire race.

And now, when the long-time con­tra­versy over the confeder­ate flag is re­stored, Perdue wants to rile everyone up — the major­ity, rural constitu­ency of course. Perdue plans to ask vot­ers if they would like a return to the old version or keep the new one as a vote up or down ques­tion on the bal­lot.

Amid talks of dissolving affirmative action, Tre­nt Lott, and Illinois rem­ain­ing the only state to declare a moratori­um on the death penalty, it seems as though our coun­try is un­der­going a re­gres­sive trend regard­ing race rela­tions. But it’s a down­wards turn that began perhaps long before the current Bush administration and one that may con­tinue for some time to come.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Kiffin Turner at kturner@nd.edu.

CORRECTIONS

In an article Wednesday about a lecture on a union strike by Azteca employees, The Observer quoted an audience member saying Reekers is union and not a company.

The Observer regrets this error. If you have made a mistake, please contact us at (631)-4541 so we can correct our error.

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12:30 p.m. at Hesburgh Center, Room C-102

Lecture with Francis Wofford, Kellogg visiting fellow, "Brazilian Culture and Politics: an exercise on the history of ideas" 4:15 p.m. at Hesburgh Center, Room C-103

SUB Movies
"The Ring" and "Animal House"
10 p.m. at DeBartolo, Rooms 101 and 155

WHAT'S HAPPENING @ SMC

Residence Hall Association meeting
Contact Jillian Kamacki
6:30 p.m. Haggerty College Center, Room 304

Kuplan Test Preparation
Contact David Kuplan
6 p.m. at Madeleva, Room 315

WHAT'S COOKING

North Dining Hall

Today's Lunch: Boiled mozzarella, boiled shells, spinach fettuccini, spaghetti sauce, pesto sauce, pepperoni, pizza, cheese pizza, sausage pizza, breadsticks, texas chili, tomato soup, swiss steak, brown sauce, whipped potatoes, minced peas and carrots, cur­ried rice pilaf, baked potatoes, sugar snap peas, hamburgers, onion rings

Today's Dinner: Sherry chicken thighs, long grain and wild rice, brown sauce, chicken gravy, whipped potatoes, broccoli spears, grilled green beans, corn, sliced carrots, baked sweet potatoes, baked potatoes, cauliflower, hamburgers, chicken, chil­li, chicken kirkle cut fries

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 julin­ette vegetables, turkey pot pie, long grain and wild rice, hot chunky applesauce, chicken nuggets, seasoned fries, onion rings, soft pretzel, chicken macadamia

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Saint Mary's Dining Hall

Today's Lunch: Vegun burritos, mex­ican rice, herb­ed pasta, marinara sauce, broccoli spears, sandwich provencal sandwiches with soups, fried rice bar to include: veggie, chicken, shrimp and potstickers, chicken ten­ders, zesty oven fries, peas and mush­rooms, rolled brocolli pizza, cheese pizza, beach sticks, sliced ham

Today's Dinner: Sweet potato patty, sandwich, baked pasta tori, grilled vegetable lasagna, marinated bean salad, beef tuscani with pasta, no­acho bar, broccoli­l­ominated steaks, rice pilaf, roasted yukon potatoes, green beans, sausage pizza, cheese pizza

WHAT'S GOING DOWN

Student reports files stolen
A Walsh Hall resident reported that files had been re­moved from her computer on Tuesday.

Pilot found in parking lot
A student found a Pilot Palm in D02 South parking lot on Tuesday and turned it into NDSF for safekeeping.

NDSF transports student
On Tuesday NDSF transported a student from the Joyce Center to the University Health Center for treat­ment of a sports injury.

Employee's car towed
On Tuesday a University employ­ee’s vehicle was towed from DeBartolo Hall for a parking viola­tion.

Compiled from the NDSF crime blotter.
Remaining 2 tickets square off in debate

By HELENA PAYNE
News Writer

In the less than half-full Hesburgh Library Auditorium, the two leftover tickets from Monday's student body presidential election defended their platforms and interrogated their opponents before a student audience in Wednesday's debate.

Student body presidential candidates sophomore Charlie Ebersol and junior Pat Hallahan, along with their respective vice presidential candidates, junior Lauren Meagher and sophomore Jeremy Lao, posed four questions to each other. Focusing largely on dorm dances, student life and platform feasibility:

Vice president of elections for the judicial council Matt Corgan set a new tone for the debate after opening it with a moment of silence for the formerly missing freshman Chad Sharon whose body was found Wednesday in the St. Joseph River of South Bend.

Corgan also announced that Wednesday would be different from last week's debate with the seven original tickets, which showcased many anti-student government tickets and resulted in one candidate's departure after an opponent verbally attacked him.

"We will have more of a debate, hopefully, and less of a mockery like last time," he said.

Dorm dances became a contentious topic when Hallahan and Lao questioned Ebersol and Meagher's Total Dance Resource (TDR) plan. TDR would pump an additional $2,000 into dorm funds to revamp the residence hall dance until they are moved back into the dorms.

Criticizing the plan, Hallahan said dance commissioners already existed for that purpose and that by consolidating other "bad" resources into one fund, Ebersol and Meagher were exacerbating the problem instead of addressing the return of in-hall dances, or SYHs.

This prompted Ebersol to take a defensive stance. "There's no question that dances need to be back in the dorm," he said, adding that the TDR plan would establish a collaborative body to work on dance improvements in the near time.

Later, Ebersol and Meagher pushed Hallahan and Lao to elaborate on how they would return dances to the dorms if they were unable to do it as members of student government this year.

Hallahan replied that he and Lao, unlike current Student Body President Libby Bishop, would directly request that the Board of Trustees consider a change.

Making an attempt to differentiate himself from Bishop, former chief of staff for the Office of the Student Body president reminded the audience that he resigned because of his discontent with how things were being handled.

"Jeremy and I are running for one reason: We want to put students first," Hallahan said, adding, "I want to make one thing clear: I am not Libby Bishop and I will fight for students."

Putting students first was the mantra of the Hallahan-Lao ticket, which in addition to campaigning for the return of SYHs, also said they had a more well-rounded platform.

"We don't want to turn student government into a programming body," Lao said, referring to Ebersol and Meagher's platform.

Though the platforms cover various areas of student life, Ebersol primarily focused on the TDR plan and bringing popular entertainment, such as two top-40 concerts and Saturday Night Live comedians to campus.

Ebersol referred to his and Meagher's plan to improve student advising and accused Hallahan and Lao of replicating their ideas.

"It does appear in our media guide," Ebersol said.

Ebersol and Meagher said their plans to change the student government structure to work more with the Student Union Board in planning events, as well as the five-year plan for Student Senate, will make student government a body that makes campus life fun and keeps Notre Dame in contact with student entertainers.

"You can open the door for five years or 10 years," Ebersol said.

Hallahan asked why Ebersol did not work with the Student Union Board as a freshman and sophomore in order to implement his plans to provide more campus entertainment.

Ebersol told the audience that he preferred to go through different avenues to get involved, pointing out his ideas to distribute green papers at the football games to add to the Sea of Green. Seems unfair that students could not question the candidates who promised to "put students first."

Ledesma responded that the format of the debate had already been established. "At the last debate, there was an opportunity," she said, adding that many of the audience members were on the tickets' campaign staffs and would ask "loaded questions."

The final election for the 2003-04 student body president and vice president is online today from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. at https://apps.nd.edu/elections. Students will receive an e-mail from the judicial council with the link.

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At the press conference, Malloy expressed concern on behalf of the University for Sharon's parents, Steve and Jane Sharon. "I think the entire Notre Dame community is really saddened by the news today," said Malloy. "We want to express our sympathy to Chad's parents."

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In an attempt to draw further attention to Sharon's case, the University announced a $25,000 reward for information leading to Sharon's safe return. That reward was eventually doubled on Jan. 29 to $50,000 through the support of 10 local businesses.

Sharon's parents first visited Notre Dame on Feb. 16-17 to meet with investigators and students.

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U.S. dismisses calls for additional inspections

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Senior Bush administration officials spoke dismissively Wednesday of calls for more and better weapon inspections to disarm Iraq at the same time the Pentagon took new steps toward war.

"More inspectors aren't the issue ... The issue is the lack of Iraqi compliance," Secretary of State Colin Powell told Congress. He said he intends to press French and German diplomats on whether their proposals amounted to "delaying for the sake of delaying in order to get Saddam Hussein off the hook and no disarmament."

From Washington consulted with Spanish Prime Minister and close ally Jose Maria Aznar on the looming showdown with Saddam and provided a personal briefing for senior lawmakers. Later he declared, "Because of the resolve of the United States, the world will be more peaceful and the world will be more free."

Bush's spokesman, Ari Fleischer, confirmed that discussions had begun at the United Nations over the wording of a draft resolution and expressed hope the one approved last fall ordering Saddam's disarmament.

"I don't think it's going to be a complicated matter," Fleischer said. "It still remains somewhat early in U.N. time, but it won't be barreled in U.N. time for long."

At the Pentagon, officials said the military dumped another half million leaflets over southern Iraq during the day as part of a psychological warfare campaign. One leaflet showed allied troops marching and military tanks outside a mosque, warning civilians to "avoid areas that may be targeted by military personnel."

Additionally, officials said the Pentagon had activated 36,800 National Guardsmen and reservists in the past week, by far the largest such call-up since the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

With all the signs of war, about 300,000 feet turned reading anti-war verse in front of the White House during the day, part of what organizers said was a nationwide campaign to discourage hostilities.

In Iraq, United Nations chemical weapons experts set out to destroy their first batch of banned chemical weapons - 10 leftover artillery shells filled with mustard and diclofing mustard gas.

Officials said it would take four or five days to eliminate the 152 mm mustard gas-filled shells.

The U.N. specialists worked alongside a team of Iraqis - the sort of show of cooperation by Baghdad that administration officials have repeatedly dismissed as a charade.

There were fresh signs of diplomatic stress as the United Nations preparations to swing behind military action.

France, Germany and Belgium rejected a scaled-down U.S. proposal for NATO preparations in case of war in Iraq, prolonging the alliance's worst internal crisis since the end of the Cold War. Officials for the three countries say they don't want to approve any actions that could undercut efforts to settle the dispute peacefully.

A key portion of the dispute centers on a request from Turkey for assistance in the event of war against Iraq, protection that the United States has said Turkey will receive whether or not the alliance approves.

Russian President Vladimir Putin is welcomed by French Prime Minister Jean-Pierre Raffarin.

France, Russia and Germany called for strengthened U.N. weapons inspections in Iraq as part of a diplomatic initiative aimed at disarming Saddam Hussein and his weapons. They also backed a new resolution to set a January deadline for disarmament.

But the Bush administration, which is pushing for a new U.N. resolution that would authorize an attack on Iraq, said it would not accept the French proposal.

Associated Press

Engineer warned of 'catastrophic' risk to Columbia

WASHINGTON

Just two days before Columbia's mysterious breakup during its fiery descent, a safety engineer warned by e-mail about risks of "catastrophic" failures from extreme heat causing the shuttle's tires to burst inside the spacecraft, NASA disclosed Wednesday.

Separately, searches near Hemphill, Texas, about 140 miles northeast of Houston, uncovered what is believed to be one of Columbia's tires. It sustained a massive split across its tread, but it was impossible from photographs to know whether the tire was damaged aboard Columbia or when it struck the ground.

NASA officials in Washington said they could not confirm the tire was the shuttle's.

Engineer Robert H. Daugherty, responding to a query from Johnson Space Center, cautioned NASA colleagues in remarkably strident language that damage to delicate insulating tiles near the landing gear door did not fall off in flight.

"You're finished," he wrote. But attempting to fly the shuttle with only one side's landing gear lowered would be worse: "You're finished."

Flight Director Leroy Cain said Wednesday that investigators were confident the gear door did not fall off in flight because such a failure would have been indicated on sensor readings.

Other NASA officials have cited mysterious sensor readings in the wheel well moments before Columbia's breakup but have said they were confident the tire didn't burst inside the shuttle.

Daugherty acknowledged in his e-mail that these were "absolute worst-case scenarios" but defended citing them: "You should seriously consider the possibility of the gear not deploying at all if there is a substantial breach of the wheel well." He referred questions about his content to a NASA spokesman. Agency officials indicated they did not want reporters to speak with Daugherty because accident investigators had not yet questioned him. NASA disclosed the contents of his e-mail Wednesday.

Guatemala prison riot leaves 6 dead:

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Iran cracks down on Valentine's Day:

Cairo police sealed shops in aANTI-terrorist attack.

Nations braces for potential attack:

Anti-aircraft missiles guarded Washington's skies and Capitol police carried gas masks Wednesday as the nation mobilized to confront a potential terrorist attack. Federal, state and local governments tightened security, anxious Americans stockpiled food and water and police responded to scores of false alarms, including reports of suspicious vehicles that shut down commuter bridges in Washington and New York.

FBI links McVeigh to supremacists:

FBI investigators in the Oklahoma City bombing gathered evidence linking Timothy McVeigh to white supremacist groups who the government had been told before the bombing were threatening to attack government buildings, investigative memos showed.

Several of the documents were not provided to the accused bomber's defense before he was convicted.

And the FBI agent in charge of the investigation says he never received one teletype from his own headquarters that raised the possibility McVeigh was aided by other accomplices.

Storm drenches Southern California:

Rain pounded Southern California, unleashing mudslides and snarling traffic as streams flooded under an onslaught that put a violent end to weeks of drought-like conditions. All four southbound lanes of the Interstate 5 in Tujunga north of Los Angeles were covered by a mile-long mudslide up to 4 feet deep.

Agency: N. Korea missile can reach U.S.

North Korea has an untested ballistic missile capable of reaching the western United States, top U.S. intelligence officials told Congress Wednesday. In Vienna, the U.N. nuclear agency declared North Korea in violation for its nuclear program and reported the country to the Security Council. The U.N. move could lead to punishing sanctions, which North Korea has said it would consider an act of war.

Associated Press

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Middle East, Islam experts question preemptive strike

By CHRISTINA CEPERO
News Writer

Four panelists evaluated the consequences of an Iraq war in the Wednesday forum, "A Strike Against Iraq: Impact on Islam and the Middle East."

Panelist Vincent Cornell of the University of Arkansas, said a war couldn't yet be justified because the United States lacks proof of an immediate threat. "We must first of all consider the moral dilemma of a possible U.S. invasion of Iraq, and secondly, the possible reaction to such an invasion by the Muslim world," he said.

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James Sterba, philosophy professor at Notre Dame, said that President Bush and extreme Islam as represented by Al Qaeda and Osama Bin Laden have expressed support for the war against Iraq.

The panel was the fourth in the series "Peace and War in 2003: Debating the Issues" sponsored by the Kroc Institute.

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Living the Spirit Between Two Worlds

6:30pm Fri. February 21 to 8:00pm Sat. February 22

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Applications available at the Retreat Office
114 CoMo - across main hall from the popcorn room. Cost: $20

Signup Deadline
Wed. February 19

Got any plans for the night after Valentines? If not, come on over to the 24 hour space at the La Fortune Basement for some live music! Free of charge!

JOHN RUSH

He is a live guitar player and singer who plays a wide variety of music at request.

Date: Saturday, February 15
Time: starts at 10pm
Place: LaFortune 24 Hour Lounge in the Basement

Juniors, feel free to bring your parents along!

Check Flipside/Events on your IM for details on the weekend's events

Questions? Call Geremy at 4-1582

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Democrats praise Fed Chief

**Greenspan criticizes Bush’s tax cuts**

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Democrats praised Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan on Wednesday for criticizing President Bush’s new round of $1.3 trillion in tax cuts as too expensive in light of soaring budget deficits. The White House, meanwhile, was pushing ahead with efforts to build support in Congress.

“If the economy needs a little upturn, why wait?” Bush said,たくしin his plan with a group of small investors in Alexandria, Va.

Greenspan, delivering the Fed’s twice-a-year economic outlook to the House Financial Services Committee, was acclaimed by Democrats on the committee for his tough comments before a Senate panel on Tuesday. He told committee members that any future tax cuts should be paid for by raising other taxes or trimming spending so that the nation’s deficit situation would not be made worse.

Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass., praised Greenspan, a Republican, for staying constant in his opposition to budget deficits in the face of strong pressure from members of his own party to support Bush’s plan.

“The chairman has long believed, as have most economists, that while deficits are not instant death, they are over the long term a negative for the economy,” Frank said. “I very much appreciate the chairman’s concern in reminding us that in the face of very strong political pressures that he would do the other way.

As in his Senate testimony, Greenspan urged legislators in the House to quickly move to reintegrate budget rules that require any future tax cuts or spending increases to be paid for by tax hikes or spending cuts elsewhere.

He said allowing those budget rules to expire would be a “very bad mistake. Before any actions are taking with respect to appropriations for next year, I certainly trust that these rules will be re-established.”

Greenspan said all the demands for tax relief and new government programs were “very clearly straining the capacity of the system” just when the government needed to be preparing for the cost of the baby boomer generation’s retirement.

Bush met late Tuesday with a group of 10 Republican senators in an effort to build support for his tax cut package in the Senate, where the plan is expected to face the heaviest opposition.

As part of the sales effort, the administration released a letter signed by 150 economists who support the Bush plan, seeking to counter opponents who on Monday touted their own letter from economists — including 10 Nobel prize winners — opposed to the proposal. The Fed chairman two years ago gave critical support to Bush’s first round of $35 trillion in tax cuts. But in an appearance Tuesday before the Senate Banking Committee, he said another round of tax cuts to stimulate the economy was unnecessary, predicting that the economy would rebound with stronger growth once the uncertainties of a war with Iraq were resolved.

While saying he has long favored the centerpiece of the plan — eliminating taxes on stock dividend payments to investors — Greenspan said the government could not afford the $1.3 trillion price tag for all the tax cuts given the projections for large budget deficits during the same period.

Sung Won Sohn, chief economist at Wells Fargo in Minneapolis, said Greenspan’s reservations about the impact of further tax cuts on the deficit will force the administration to scale back its proposal.

“I don’t think the Bush plan is dead,” Sohn said. “But without the blessing of Chairman Greenspan and lingering doubts among some Republicans, the program will have to go through substantial modifications in Congress before it becomes law.”

**Unions push for corporate reforms**

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Labor unions, with $400 billion in pension fund assets, are stepping up their demands for investor-friendly changes at public companies, starting with annual shareholder meetings in March.

Unions have filed a record 380 shareholder resolutions focusing on board of directors reforms, executive compensation, reincorporation, auditor independence and workers’ rights. That is double the total in 2002.

“Union funds will be more active than ever, bringing more shareholder proposals, running more proxy fights and more ‘vote no’ campaigns on directors at annual meetings than ever before,” AFL-CIO President John Sweeney said Wednesday.

Overall, shareholder groups filed 862 proposals with companies through early February, compared with 802 during all of 2002, according to a report by the Investor Responsibility Research Center and the Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility. Last year’s corporate scandals involving such companies as Enron and WorldCom have fueled investors’ activism.

Unions say their campaign will get under way before March 6 at the annual meeting for Tyco International in Bermuda.

Unions are seeking support on several proposals, including reincorporating in the United States, separation of the positions of president and chief executive officer, shareholder approval of severance packages for departing executives and performance-based stock options. The AFL-CIO also has asked Tyco to move the annual meeting to the United States.

Tyco has recommended that its shareholders oppose the proposals, which also are being offered by the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers and United Brotherhood of Carpenters.
By SARAH NESTOR
Saint Mary’s Editor

Saint Mary’s elected the 2003-04 Residence Hall Association (RHA) and Student Diversity Board (SDB) president and vice president.

The candidates for RHA president and vice president were sophomore Shay Jolly and running mate junior Jackie Zins.

Two hundred sixty-two students participated in the RHA online election Tuesday. The Jolly/Zins ticket received 86 percent of the vote, with 7 percent abstaining and 7 percent voting no.

Jolly and Zins’ platform “Learn where you live, play where you live and love where you live” focused on increasing relationships with Notre Dame residence halls, strengthening relationships among Saint Mary’s residence halls and improving Little Sibs Weekend.

Jolly and Zins first priority is to build a strong association of committed commissioners from the hall councils to make it a “more cohesive group,” Zins said.

“The council is the main portion of RHA,” Jolly said. “The best way to recruit people is to get people involved so that they enjoy being a part of the hall council.”

Jolly and Zins also plan to build on traditional events, such as the all school formal and Little Sibs Weekend. They plan to improve upon Little Sibs Weekend by handing out a weekend by handing out a ticket sheet seeking the position of SDB president and vice president were junior Annmarie Marquez and sophomore Veronica Saavedra.

Two-hundred, twenty-nine students participated in the SDB online election. Marquez/Saavedra receiving 83 percent of the vote; 10 percent voted to abstain and 7 percent no.

Running on the platform theme “We are all unique. See the difference,” Marquez and Saavedra want to occasionally hold open SDB meetings where all students will be invited to participate in discussions, implement monthly education forums and want to work with admissions on increasing minority student enrollment at Saint Mary’s.

“There are a lot of topics that we have come across this year [at SDB] that we haven’t been able to address,” Marquez said.

Saavedra echoed this sentiment by saying that the monthly educational forums will deal with issues not generally spoken about, such as racism and prejudice.

Although Marquez and Saavedra’s first priority is to work with admission counselors and Volunteers in Support of Admission (VISA) to reach out to high schools, that admission counselors normally do not visit, and encourage minority students to attend Saint Mary’s.

“We want to increase admissions for minority students,” Marquez said. “My idea for the (SDB) admissions commission-er is because it is very hard for a minority to come to a prominently Anglo-American community and we need to show them that it is a supportive environment.”

Marquez and Saavedra also plan to continue the work of this past year’s SDB by working on the harassment clause and disabilities awareness.

“The harassment clause is a big thing and we do not want to drop the ball,” Marquez said.

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Ashcroft discusses war on terrorism

Associated Press

Seven terrorist suspects have been caught through new border security measures and 104 people have been convicted of terrorism-related charges, Attorney General John Ashcroft said Wednesday in an interview with The Associated Press.

Successful prosecutions have led to cooperation from defendants, providing information that has “dismayed groups of individuals who were working together to assist in terrorism or perhaps commit acts of terrorism,” Ashcroft said.

“Prevention is not our number one priority. It is more important than prosecution,” he said. “But very frequently those priorities do not compete, they complement. In many instances prosecution has been a real aid to our prevention effort by helping generate valuable intelligence.”

As Ashcroft spoke in his office at Justice Department headquarters, the United States remained on high alert for potential terrorism amid dire warnings from FBI Director Robert Mueller and CIA Director George J. Tenet about a possibly imminent large-scale attack.

Ashcroft did not say what information prompted the alert status to be increased last week, seeking instead to provide assurances that law enforcement is better prepared to head off an attack than it was before the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks. Vastly improved border security, better legal options and an FBI committed to preventing future attacks “should be a source of comfort to Americans.”

“We have made monumental progress,” he said.

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The older the Notre Dame undergraduate, the less likely he is to vote in a student body election. And the closer to graduation, the more likely he is to abstain, but with only five seniors, some 21 percent. The freshman class turned out most, with 1,310 first-year students — 32 percent of the votes Monday — participating.

From there, turnout decreased as class year increased. Election organizers counted 1,211 votes from sophomores, 579 from juniors, and only five fifth-year students voted. Underclassmen, though, were more prone to vote to abstain than their younger counterparts. Twenty percent of fifth-year students — one voter — abstained, but with only five voters for the entire class, four of the seven voters running for office also received one vote each.

For seniors, 5.4 percent, or 31, voted to abstain. Thirty-nine

juniors clicked abstain in the online poll, but because the class turned out in greater numbers than the seniors did, the figure represents just 4.1 percent of their voting.

Typically, residence halls where candidates are from have the highest turnout. President hopefuls Ebersol and Hallahan brought out 181 and 103 voters from Keough and Sorin halls, respectively. Ebersol’s running mate Meagher lives off campus, but her impact on off-campus constituencies is unclear because election organizers lumped the 472 abroad and off-campus student votes under one category.

Among those abroad and off-campus voters, however, Ebersol and Meagher captured 18.2 percent of ballots. Hallahan and Lao received 16.7 percent of the vote. The Joe Muto-Mimi Matkowski ticket, which narrowly missed making the run-off election, claimed nearly a third of abroad and off-campus votes.

In typical fashion, the remaining candidates were least popular in their own residence halls. Ebersol received 46 percent of the vote in both Keough and Sorin, where she and Lao got just 14 percent. In Sorin, only 23 people didn’t vote for Hallahan and Lao, and of those, just five voted for Ebersol and Meagher. Likewise, in Stanford, Hallahan-Lao took 93 votes to Ebersol-Meagher’s 15.

It’s unclear how the match up between the last tickets standing will play out in today’s runoff. Ebersol had said he would work to gain the support of Metro-Matkowski and Mike Bott-Mike Kirsh, who polled fourth in Monday’s election, because their platforms are similar to his and Meagher’s. Matkowski, though, has publicly endorsed Hallahan-Lao. And Bott and Kirsh have said they won’t send their voters the way of either remaining campaign.

The other former hopefuls — Ryan Gagnet-John McCarth, Drew Updike-Eric Tarnowski and David Hall-iatt-Matt Padberg — who polled behind the rest of their opponents Monday, aren’t likely to make endorsements.

Keeping with their snarling campaign that poked fun at student government, Gagnet-McCarthy said they would endorse themselves for office next year. In perhaps the most blatant sign that voters, too, are jaded with student leaders and their campaign promises, nearly 10 percent of those who chose — 312 students — voted for Gagnet and McCarthy.

But they weren’t jaded enough to vote for the former hopefuls, who ran a so-called joke campaign on the sole issue of boosting Flex Points for students.

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Confirming racial comments at Heartland

Admittance was not the issue

I would like to respond to the issues that Ms. Donnelly presented in her Feb. 12 response to my letter in The Observer about the discrimination I encountered at Heartland.

The purpose of my letter a week ago was to educate and inform the Notre Dame community about the issues I encountered at Heartland. I clearly stated at the end of my letter, "I accepted the fact that they had to be more stringent on admittance." What I want to point out is that most of my friends who were there could not verify my claims. I clearly stated in my letter that I did not carry my passport.

To refresh your memory, he said, "Well don't you need your passport to get into this country." These remarks were completely ignorant given my explanation of the common knowledge that Puerto Rico is a territory of the United States, in which we do not need any passport to enter the country. This exchange of information happened between the 35 to 45 seconds of conversation Donnelly allegedly saw on the tape. My friends to which I was referring can verify my claims.

Donnelly also stated that most of my friends and I could not have heard the comment since my claim were spoken over the typical laughter and the conversation around me. As I turned away from the bouncer, I, however, would like to invite her to ask my friends personally, friends who were present during my discussion with the bouncer and who clearly witnessed the situation. Several of them, including Kristine Rosario, who heard the comments, and Crystal Martinez, who was right next to me, declared to me that they were standing there that night and they did not hear the conversation or subsequent argument, given that complaints had preceded mine. That bouncer apparently was already confronted about the situation, given that he told the manager that I was apparently being rude to him, which is false. So the manager knew exactly why I was called away.

I completely understand that this is all hearsay, but this is not meant to be a court case. For your information, Donnelly, not only did I call management personally, but also many of my friends that were present that evening.

When I called management to complain about the incident that occurred that night I, described the bouncer to the best of my ability. The manager I spoke to knew absolutely nothing about what was going on, given that complaints had preceded mine. That bouncer apparently was already confronted about the situation, given that he told the manager that I was apparently being rude to him, which is false. So the manager knew exactly why I was called away.

If someone else could not adequately identify the bouncer, it does not mean they did not hear the comment. As it is not difficult to believe that the owner's blatant disregard of our concerns leads to any establishment that not only permits racial discrimination to occur, but also allows those who commit it to remain.

I heartily agree that accusations of racial discrimination not to be taken lightly, and considering the consequences of such accusations, are not to be falsely charged. However, I did not want to see one of my best friends humiliated and ridiculed in front of a crowded line of club goers. I did not want to see the look of shock, hurt, sadness and disappointment on my friend's face when the bouncer's comment was more than just a frustrating dismissal of her ID. I too wanted to have an enjoyable night at Heartland with my friends. Yet this was not the way things went down at all. The truth is that Kristine Rosario was the brunt of a discriminatory comment from a bouncer that night. Many people were witness to it, and no surveillance camera can show us who was in earshot of the comment.

I understand that the whole complaint is false, but considering she was not standing in line that night and did not hear the conversation or subsequent phone call, why should anyone believe her story?

Kristine Rosario has nothing to gain by "making up" this incident. Maybe Donnelly could explain why Rosario would fabricate such an accusation when she has been going to Heartland for over a year now, has obviously enjoyed going there enough to want to return and has never had any problems with employees in the past. Perhaps she could also defend her employer by explaining why he or she has not returned numerous letters from concerned students wanting to make the management aware of the incident and ask for an explanation.

The owner would have saved himself a lot of trouble by simply acknowledging the fact that his employees are fallible and may have said something derogatory. He could have agreed to discuss the matter with the bouncer and apologized for possibly offending some of his club's patrons. It is not difficult to believe that the bouncer who stated these derogatory comments would lie to his fellow employees and management in order to avoid termination. Yet the owner's blatant disregard of our concerns leads me to believe that he has no problem allowing racial discrimination to occur under his supervision.

Let the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's communities believe what they want to believe. Unless they were standing there that night, they can never really know what happened. But Ms. Donnelly, you were not standing there either, and as someone who was, I refuse to support an establishment that not only permits discrimination but does not take accusations or racial discrimination seriously.

Kristine M. Rosario
Senior
Lynn Hall
Feb. 12

Hillary Cantrup
writer
Drinking time

Peter Wicks
Englishman Abroad

I should start with a correction. In my last column I care­lessly referred to South Bend as "the Athens of Indiana." An ap­ology — if somewhat literal-minded — correspondent has drawn my attention to the fact that the city of Athens, NY, claims a stronger claim to that title. It would be hard to disagree.

Today’s cross-cultural sermon is on the subject of alcohol, which we discuss. The English feel well-qualified to com­ment upon, belonging as I do to a nation of heavy drinkers surrounded by other nations of heavy drinkers.

To the West, the Welsh drink beer in truly colossal quantities, and indeed any­thing except alcohol. They are crossing the threshold immediately before drinking whiskey ("sgriob," in case you were wondering). Furthermore, it seems to me that the traditional Scottish sport of tossing the caber (the activity that is like the shot put but with a tree trunk instead of the shot) could only have its origins in a drunken wager.

It is not true that the Irish government has changed its tactics to stop all drinking at the annual St. Patrick’s Day parade. The reason: a growing number of people wish to return to the homeland to spend the rest of their lives complaining about the language and the general quality of the Guinness on sale in the rest of the world. It is not true, but it might as well be.

I’m not even going to talk about the French. Despite this stiff competition, English drinking culture has an advantage — the tradition. The reputation of the English for heavy drinking was well established throughout Europe even in Shakespeare’s day. In Othello, Iago testifies to the drinking of the British and the way their fires were kept burning by the alcohol. Shakespeare is a real spy who consumed vodka martinis in such quantities that he was a constant source of national pride, at least amongst men.

England has a culture of binge drinking. It has been observed that English people drink as if someone is about to take their beer away from them. There is a perfectly straightforward explanation for this: It is in their best interest to finish off their drinks before they arrived at their family’s table for the morning.

Although it did not escape the government’s notice when the First World War ended in 1918, such is the English reverence for tradition that the law was never rescinded. It’s a sobering thought that more than eighty years after the Treaty of Versailles I can’t get a drink after 11 p.m. in England so that I can make bullets that are actually used in the trenches of the Somme. But there is hope in sight. The current government is at last proposing to abolish all restrictions on the time at which alcohol can be sold. I shudder to think what the celebrations will be like when they do.

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Letter to the Editor

Help to fight cystic fibrosis

I am writing to encourage everyone to attend the cam­paign of Emily Hart on Thursday, Feb. 13 from 6 p.m. until midnight in LaFortune.

Emily was a good friend of mine in high school. She lived with cystic fibrosis, a genetic disease which affects over 30,000 people in the United States. Despite the harrowing effects of the disease, she was a very accomplished young woman who contributed greatly to her community and school by way of leadership, service and scholarship.

Emily is a very vivacious and lively person who lived for the quality of life for those suffering from cystic fibrosis. Please stop by to honor Emily’s memory by enjoying a treat and contributing to the effort to find a cure for cystic fibrosis.

Shelece Easterday
junior
Walsh Hall

Notre Dame won’t get you a minimum wage job

So far this semester, we’ve learned that I am a) graduated, b) applying to graduate schools, and c) watching a lot of TV. Honestly, that pretty well covers the bulk of my day, but there’s one more activity that has taken up a lot of my time: I’ve been looking for a job.

A Notre Dame degree will get you many things. It will win you membership in any Notre Dame alumni group you choose. It will get you the right to wonder campus for years to come, pointing at buildings and telling your guests, "That wasn’t there when I was here" or inaccurately identifying Cassie Walsh hall. A Notre Dame degree will even get you a lifetime supply of letters offering you the opportunity to donate money to Notre Dame, in case the $120,000 you "donated" while you were here is insufficient.

Or perhaps that were concerted that all my years of hunching over a desk would leave me unable to stand for eight hour shifts. I don’t know why they haven’t responded in the month since I applied, but I do know that it’s a little sad when you’ve a college graduate of one of the top twenty schools in America and you can’t get a minimum wage job.

At least I’m not alone. I know about 1,000 other seniors who are looking for gainful employment after May 18, when Notre Dame will briskly kick them out of their dorm room homes and leave them to fend for them­selves.

Notre Dame likes to think of itself as a family. For the family, you’re told a dozen or more times the first few days on campus, "you’re family." Eventually you wonder if you’ve joined a college or joined a cult. Notre Dame says it is a family, but I’m not so sure.

With the second school gradua­tion, my parents gave me a com­puter and continued to let me live in their house. Notre Dame, on the other hand, will give us each a piece of dead sheep with our names written on it and an evic­tion notice effective immediately. What kind of loving family does such a thing?

Were Notre Dame really a family, it would allow us to continue living in the dorms as long as we knew ahead of time, so seniors can look for jobs. So here’s my tip for the seniors: Give up on minimum wage jobs. Despite our four years at Notre Dame at $30,000 a pop, despite our immense arts of fine and liberal, and several sci­ences, despite our capacity to out drink every college in the nation and still make Dean’s List, we aren’t going to be too successful in our job search for $5.15 an hour. It’s a hard world out there, kids. I’m just trying to warn you.

Marianya Soenmekker

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The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
"Real Women Have Curves" is a story about a significantly overweight Hispanic girl named Ana (America Ferrera). On the last day of senior year, as her classmates discuss their plans for their future education, Ana gets ready to join her mother (Lupe Ontiveros) and sister (Ingrid Oliver) in a sewing factory, or sweatshop as it seems to be. Ana sees herself as ugly and with no real future; she resigns herself to working alongside the bitchy and gossipy work­ers, is able to play their characters what she is: an overweight woman. It's much easier to reconcile the idea of intellectual beauty when you get to manifest yourself as Gwenyth Paltrow or have Michael Constantine desperately in love with you no matter what shenanigans you put him through. The fact of the matter is that it is not easy being overweight, especially an overweight woman, in American society. It is not considered beautiful. Period. Cardoso demonstrates a lot of heart by having her characters work for self-acceptance rather than strive to overcome their limitations. Furthermore, "Real Women Have Curves" doesn't seek to criticize popular aesthetics. It would have been easy to point a scolding finger at pop culture in this film, but that is really avoiding the issue of how to be positive about oneself. This film offers more than just an analysis of why Americans view overweight women as unattractive, it tells an encouraging story of self-acceptance in the face of it.

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"Real Women Have Curves" explores issues of weight and image through the lives of Ana (America Ferrera) and her mother (Lupe Ontiveros).

Movie Review

Worse things than windmills for Gilliam

By BJ STREW

Anyone who has seen either "Brazil" or any Monty Python knows full well that Terry Gilliam is a brilliant icon of frivolity. The Minnesotan has churned out an array of fanciful, grand films with box-office success running a pret-

ty paltry gamut between zilch and midding—and that's being charitable.

The few tanks that come to mind are "13 Monkeys," "The Adventures of Baron Munchausen," and "Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas." Gilliam's last project before this tumultuous three-ring fiассo, a long-planned attempt to commit the Don Quixote tale to celluloid, "Lost in La Mancha," directors Keith Fulton and Louis Pepe have managed to carve an appealing documentary out of the nonstop catastrophe Gilliam endured in the process. The scale of this calamity, as it steadily and almost farcically gains momentum, swells to madcap proportions as Gilliam confronts innumerable daunting obstacles with thundering NATO jets disrupting shoots, his main actor's herniated discs and a deluge. From the outset, the production seemed doomed to fail, sharing the fate of Orson Welles' own jinxed project. Gilliam himself carps about this so-called jinx, edging painfully close to pretentious along the way. The parable of Flatfootes applies here, though instead of a wound and a bow, Gilliam has creative genius and daring—stigma to studios fixated on bottom lines whose existence and there was little indication Gilliam's stab at it would surpass them. Despite its downfalls, "Lost in La Mancha" is a frank and often uproarious film about the nightmare from which directors and studio executives wake in a cold sweat wondering how, in the name of all that is good and sacred, things could get ever that bad.

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"Lost in La Mancha"

Director: Keith Fulton, Louis Pepe
Writer: Keith Fulton, Louis Pepe
Starring: Jeff Bridges, Bernard Boux, Johnny Depp, Terry Gilliam

Johnny Depp appears in Terry Gilliam's attempted film adaptation of "Don Quixote." "Lost in La Mancha" follows the course of Gilliam's disastrous undertaking.

After the fact are fairly illuminating, if tedious at times. Gilliam tosses the viewer a few gems with ironic smiles hiding his acute frustration and chortles of incredulity. Many will find that Fulton and Pepe force the issue in areas, overemphasizing parallels between Quixote and Gilliam until they invite the audience's dismissal for seeming either too contrived or too insulting to their intellig-
This one's for old Mr. Wang

By MARIA SMITH and KATE WILLIAMS

Kate: Well, personally I think that movie had everything: soul searching, international history, and even a bit of child development.

Maria: Sure, if you don't mind inaccuracies of dubious historical accuracy. The movie clearly places the invention of the machine gun, the adolescence of Charlie Chaplin, the knighting of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle and the Boxer Rebellion in 1887, which is blatantly untrue. Also Chon Lin wouldn't have been able to do much karate with her feet bound.

K: Alright, the history is dubious, I'll give you that. I'll even grant that the movie was a big joke. However, it was way more entertaining than "8 Mile." At least it had good stunts, a convenient bad guy and the promise of cultural fusion even if it was only part of a plot.

M: So you're saying the real reason to see this movie is to watch the mullet warriors defeat the evil and aptly named Lord Rathbone? All joking aside, what makes this film appealing?

K: You do have to admit that it topped "Shanghai Noon." Unlike its predecessor, "Shanghai Knights" abandoned any semblance of seriousness for pure slapstick joy. You've got to respect any movie where Wilson refers to himself as a "30-year-old waiter-gigolo."

M: You're right that "Shanghai Knights" is more entertaining than "Shanghai Noon." In the first movie the attempts at plot and morals interfere with Chan and Wilson's rapport more than providing any substance. Wilson's greatest strength in "Shanghai Knights" is something the guys of Canton Hall have sought after for years — he makes offensive things sound so ridiculous that he actually becomes more lovable and charming for saying them. The effect is totally lost when "Shanghai Noon" tries to make him serious.

"Shanghai Knights" also does a better job of showcasing the talents of the man who, since his debut as leading actor in "New Fist of Fury" in 1976, has become the most recognizable name in martial arts movies. The action sequences in "Shanghai Knights" are openly acknowledged as fight scenes, leaving the audience free to marvel at Chan's skill.

K: "Shanghai Knights" also has the advantage of a better plot. In "Shanghai Noon" they spend the entire movie trying to retrieve a kidnapped princess, but in the end somehow become sheriffs instead. The high point of the film is when Wilson casually inherits Chan's wife. The plot feels disjointed; "Shanghai Knights" follows them as they attempt to reclaim the Imperial Seal of China and avenge the death of Chon Wang's father. The boys clearly travel to England to prevent a rapscallion from using the seal to illicitly assume the throne. The plot isn't ex- cellent, but it isn't horrible — sort of like South Dining Hall food. Fann Wong also makes a much better heroine as Chon's sister Lin Wang than Lucy Liu did as Princess Pei Pei in "Shanghai Noon." She manages to kick butt even more than her big brother while simultaneously stealing Wilson's heart.

M: The movie is not totally critically acclaimed, but a lot of the criticisms are exactly what you might expect for a movie built on the prospect of cultural misunderstanding between a former Imperial Guard and an old west cowboy. It relies on the charm of its actors to pull it through, and luckily for the audience the actors are well-suited to the job. As long as you know what you're in for and don't expect a work of art, "Shanghai Knights" will deliver enough great action shenanigans and one-liners to satisfy your tastes.

K: This movie doesn't claim to be a piece of cinematic history, but it isn't a waste of $5.50 either. It's the grande monofat decaf vanilla cappuccino of film — essentially useless, but enjoyable nonetheless.

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Associated Press

**CLEVELAND**

Just imagine what a well-rested Kevin Garnett could do. Garnett, the road-weary All-Star game MVP, had 26 points and 12 rebounds for his 41st double-double this season to lead the surging Minnesota Timberwolves past the struggling Cleveland Cavaliers 102-91 Wednesday night.

"We were working off an hour and 30 minutes of sleep the last couple of nights," Garnett said, explaining the Timberwolves' slow start. "You can't give excuses, you've got to come out and play.

Garnett did exactly that after a sluggish first quarter. He battled the Cavaliers with a series of spin moves, mixed in a few mid-range jumpers and finished 10-for-17 from the field.

"We couldn't find anybody to match up with him," said Ricky Davis, who led Cleveland with 26 points.

After scoring 37 points in the All-Star game Sunday in Atlanta, Garnett had 26 points in a home win Tuesday night. The team stayed in Minnesota because of a storm in Cleveland, then got up early Wednesday and arrived a few hours before the game.

"We showed a lot of character in playing without 100 percent energy," Garnett said.

Wally Szczerbiak scored 18 points for the Timberwolves, who won their fourth straight and 10th in 12 games.

Jamonie Jones added 18 points for Cleveland, which lost the 12th time in 14 games and fell to 2-8 under interim coach Keith Smart.

It was Davis' first game against Minnesota since the Cavs matched a $34 million, six-year offer sheet he received from the Timberwolves in August. At the time, Davis' agent, Dan Fegan, said his client would rather play with the Timberwolves and that the Cavs would be making a mistake by locking Davis into a long-term contract.

Davis has since maintained that he likes Cleveland and wants to help the Cavs, who have the league's worst record, rebuild.

"I think about it a lot," Davis said of not joining Garnett. "I just have to let it go. It is hard to think about.

"He's a great, great player," Garnett passed on similar regards.

"I always thought Rick was one of the up-and-coming dominant players," he said. "He's jibber-jabber a bit, so we hit him with 'what could have been' and wished him luck."

**Toronto 97, Atlanta 96**

Vince Carter has the Toronto Raptors playing their best basketball of the season.

Carter scored 13 of his 21 points in the final five minutes as Carter returned to the lineup after missing 23 straight games with a strained right knee. Carter has missed 33 games with injuries to both knees.

"Vince in the fourth quarter is what obviously we needed," said Davis, whose team went 6-27 without Carter. "I think before we would play great quarters, but then we could never finish up games.

Carter went 9-for-15 from the field before scoring 13 points in the final 4:50. He finished 8-for-20 from the field.

"I had to take the initiative to step up and make something happen," Carter said. "I couldn't hit a shot to save my life earlier so I had to keep going." Carter denied his early struggles had anything to do with his injury.

"I was just missing," Carter said. "Everything I was doing was fine. It just wasn't going in."

Glenn Robinson had 26 points for the Hawks, who have lost three straight.

"Toronto's playing well and having Vince back has obviously helped them," Atlanta coach Larry Stults said.

Sharief Abdur-Rahim scored 14 of his 24 points in the third quarter to help Atlanta enter the fourth quarter with a six-point lead.

Carter's fadeaway jumper cut Atlanta's lead to one with 4:50 left. Davis' three-point play tied it at 82 with 3:35 left, and Carter's free throw and 3-pointer gave Toronto a four-point lead with 2:40 to go.

After Robinson committed Atlanta's 16th turnover, Davis made one of two free throws. Atlanta's Theo Ratliff hit a jumper, but Carter followed with one of his own to make it 89-84 with 1:24 remaining.

**Philadelphia 76ers 30, Chicago Bulls 26**

The 76ers don't expect to blow many teams out these days — even the lowly Chicago Bulls.

The Sixers, playing without several key frontcourt players, were unable to stop the 76ers' worst road team down the stretch and it almost cost them a win Wednesday night.

Philadelphia blew an 11-point lead with 3:45 left in the fourth quarter, but Allen Iverson scored four of his 36 points in overtime to lift the 76ers to the victory.

Jalen Rose's leaning 18-footer with 7.6 seconds left in regulation tied it at 109 to cap Chicago's comeback.

Rose finished with season highs of 36 points and 13 assists.

Tyrone Chandler had 21 points, 17 rebounds and four career-high seven blocks for the Bulls, who lost their seventh straight game and fell to 2-26 away from home.

"Chicago is two-and-something on the road and we're in a dogfight," Iverson said. "We got the win, that's the positive thing. The negative thing is the end of the game. I guess our execution there wasn't as far as defense."

The 76ers were without Todd MacCulloch (foot) and Mooty Williams (knee), along with Samuel Dalembert and Sam Clancy, both of whom are on the injured list with knee injuries. Their absence is felt most on the defensive end.

"We have no shot-blocker," Sixers coach Larry Brown said.

"We have a forward playing center and a small backcourt. That's just the hand we're dealt and we just have to get by.

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In Philadelphia, forward Keith Van Horn steals the ball from the Chicago frontcourt during Donnell Marshall during overtime of the 76ers' win in Philadelphia Wednesday.
Mickelson apologizes to Woods for comments

Associated Press

SAN DIEGO

Less than an hour after Phil Mickelson acknowledged he was wrong to criticize Tiger Woods' equipment, his cell phone rang.

"I did call him back," Woods said Wednesday. "We talked and cleared the air. Everything is fine. No worries. As we all know, Phil can try to be a smart aleck at times. I think that was one of those instances where it just backfired on him."

The only worry Woods has now is the condition of his left knee — and his game.

He'll know more about both when the Buick Invitational begins at soggy Torrey Pines, marking the return of the world's No. 1 player following knee surgery Dec. 12.

A steady rain that fell across the clifftside course north of San Diego washed out the pro-am and kept Woods from getting in one final practice round before ending the longest layoff of his career.

Thursday's opening round might even be delayed, as more rain is in the forecast.

Woods said while his knee is not 100 percent, it's much better than last year and is strong enough for him to play.

"I'm expecting to go out there and see what happens," he said. "Hopefully, it feels as good as it does now at the end of Sunday."
NHL

Jagr, Capitals explode for 5 first period goals

Thrashers lose second straight decision

Associated Press

Led by Jaromir Jagr, the Washington Capitals scored five goals in the first period and cruised to a victory over the Atlanta Thrashers. The Capitals had five goals on their first eight shots against goalie Byron Dafoe, who was booted lastly by the Philips Arena crowd and wound up being replaced by Pasi Nurminen at the start of the second period.

Washington extended its domination of the Southeast Division, improving to 11-2-1 against rivals Atlanta, Carolina, Florida and Tampa Bay.

Dafoe, who won at New Jersey in his last start, didn't come up with any big saves against the Capitals. Of course, he didn't get much help from his teammates, either.

Washington scored its first goal off a 3-on-1 break. Before the opening period was done, played give-and-go with Kiprusoff. Nash fired a shot past the helpless Dafoe.

Just 2:02 later, the Capitals pushed the lead to 2-0. This time, Jagr passed off to Robert Lang, who put a shot through the legs of Frantisek Kaberle — the only defender back — and past Dafoe.

Nash ended up with the puck near the blue line at the right boards and skated in on San Jose goaltender Miika Kiprusoff. Nash fired a shot from the right circle that appeared to handcuff Kiprusoff, skipping off the goalie and bouncing lazily behind him into the net.

Jagr set the tone right away, scoring his 31st goal just 1:58 into the game. He broke down the Thrashers' defense at 1:34, skimming off the goalie and making his way to the net. He was moved up from the third line and replaced Geoff Sanderson, who was dropped to the third unit.

Jagran picked up assists, Lachance collecting his first point of the season in 41 games and six in a Columbus uniform.

Senators 3, Penguins 0

Tom Danaher scored his first NHL goal and Patrick Lalime stopped 20 shots for his sixth shutout of the season. Wednesday night as the Ottawa Senators beat the Pittsburgh Penguins 1-0.

Marian Hossa, the NHL's second-leading goal scorer, and Chris Drury will not be on the score sheet for the Senators, who moved within one point of Dallas for the league's overall points lead.

The game was the Penguins' first since the eight-player trade sending Alexei Kovalev to the New York Rangers on Monday. Three players acquired in that trade, forwards Rico Fata and Mikael Samuelsson and defensemen Joel Bouchard, were in the Pittsburgh lineup, along with defenseman Shawn Heins, acquired from San Jose one day earlier.

Rangers 3, Panthers 1

Stu Art scored his second goal of the season late in the second period and Mike Dunham made 27 saves as the New York Rangers snapped a seven-game winless streak with a victory at Florida.

Alexei Kovalev, acquired from Pittsburgh in an eight-player trade Monday, scored an empty-net goal with 10:8.9 seconds left. He also had a couple of good scoring chances in the first period.

Defenseman Tom Poti also scored for the Rangers, who gave Glen Sather his first victory since he took over as coach Jan. 30, when he fired Bryan Trottier. The Rangers had been 0-2-1-1 under Sather.

Olli Jokinen had the lone Florida goal.

Robert Luongo made 23 saves for Florida.

Florida missed a great chance to tie it in the third period when Valeri Bure picked up a loose puck to the right of Dunham and had the top of the net open. But Bure couldn't lift the puck over a sprawling Dunham, who made the pad save.

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Struggling Billikens edge No. 2 Cardinals, ending win streak

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ST. LOUIS
Downsized Saint Louis came up with a victory to hang its season on.

Marque Perry scored five of his 25 points in the final 13 seconds and maneuvered inside for the game-winning layup with 3.2 seconds to go as Saint Louis upset second-ranked Louisville 59-58 on Wednesday night.

"It's no big I can't begin to explain it," Perry said. "Coach told us if we're real close at the end, you never know what can happen.

The Billikens (9-12, 3-7) were coming off a pair of road losses to middle-of-the-road Conference USA teams, making them an unlikely team to put an end to the nation's longest winning streak. They entered last in the conference's American Division, and in danger of not even making the postseason tournament.

"I would have been happy to beat Hazelwood Central (High School) tonight, because we really needed a win," coach Brad Soderberg said. "I'll go on record and say we outworked them."

This was Saint Louis' biggest win since a two-point loss to Purdue on Nov. 30 in the second game of the season, and coach Rick Pitino said the Cardinals' 14-for-20 showing at the free-throw line was the difference.

"They played a terrific game and stopped a streak we had a lot of fun with," Pitino said. "Now it's time to start a new streak."

Reece Gaines had a season-high 28 points, five rebounds and three assists for the Cardinals, who have been beating their opponents by an average of 19 points. That also was the margin of victory in the first meeting between the teams at Louisville on Jan. 11, a 73-54 victory.

This was by far the lowest scoring total for Louisville, which is averaging 84 points, and had no other players in double figures. Center Marvin Stone, averaging 13 points, was scoreless in 30 minutes.

Chris Sloan and Josh Fisher added 11 points apiece for Saint Louis, which despite its problems has won five of six in the series. Sloan had one of the big plays in the waning minutes with a steal and dunk that cut the gap to 57-54 with 50.8 seconds left, and also hit a 3-pointer at the end of the half.

"To put it below, they're a lot more talented team than we are," Sloan said. "Hosting was going to be the difference to pull out a win."

Gaines' 3-pointer had given Louisville a 57-50 lead with 1:58 to go. But he struggled down the stretch, missing one of two free throws with 24.4 seconds to go and also being called for traveling and missing the front end of a bonus attempt in the final six seconds.

Perry scored on a drive and converted a three-point play with 13.2 seconds left to cut the gap to one. Then he tipped a long inbound pass intended for Gaines to teammate Anthony Dreijer to set up the game-winner.

Gaines was hard off the backboard at the buzzer on a shot a few steps beyond the midcourt stripe.

Louisville Center Marvin Stone goes up to block Saint Louis guard Marque Perry during the first quarter of the Billikens' upset victory in Saint Louis Wednesday.

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  CoMo Student Lounge

**Saturday 2.15**

- **Junior Parents' Weekend Mass**
  5:30 p.m.
  Joyce Center

**Sunday 2.16**

- **RCIA Session**
  10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
  Coleman-Morse Student Lounge

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**Tuesday 2.18**

- **Campus Bible Study**
  7:00-8:00 p.m.
  114 Coleman-Morse Center
- **Confirmation Session #10**
  7:00 p.m.
  Siegfried Hall Chapel
- **Weekly Spanish Mass**
  10:30 p.m.
  St. Edward's Hall

**Wednesday 2.19**

- **Graduate Student Christian Fellowship**
  8:00 p.m.
  Wilson Commons
- **Interfaith Christian Night Prayer**
  10:00 p.m.
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**Program Spotlight**

**Interfaith Christian Night Prayer**

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    Rev. Robert A. Dowd, c.s.c.
    11:15 a.m.
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  - **11:30 p.m.**
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    Zahm Hall Chapel
  - **5:00 p.m.**
    Law School Mass
    Law School Chapel
  - **7:00 p.m.**
    MBA Mass
    Mendoza Cobb Family Lounge

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**Cluttered Mind? Just Take a Nap**

by Jemar Tisby
Campus Ministry Intern

Last Sunday I attempted to clean my bedroom. I stood at the doorway to my room for a moment and surveyed the situation. My sheets needed washing, the carpet needed vacuuming, my desktop needed tidying, and three weeks worth of laundry needed cleaning. I took all this in for a moment and then I turned on my heel and walked away to take a nap and process. It's not that I didn't want to clean my room, I just didn't know where to start.

At Notre Dame our lives tend to get so cluttered that we don't even know how to begin cleaning them. We've all got so many demands on our time from classes, to meetings, to friends, to family; you name it and it's got a time slot in our planner. Time is at a premium at Notre Dame and all of our busyness has a drastically detrimental effect on our mental state. We cram an absurd amount of activity into 24 short hours and never stop for more than a couple of minutes and then we wonder why we can't seem to figure out anything in our lives. This amount of action is a major drain on us emotionally and spiritually. We don't take the time to sit down and think about life and about God and to process all the things that are happening in and around us. Soon our minds become littered with unresolved issues and we end up feeling overcome with confusion because we don't know which issue to untangle first.

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After I opted to sleep rather than clean my room that Sunday, I lay on the couch in that euphoric post-nap haze for a while and processed. My thoughts meandered their way through some particularly perplexing situations in my life—including cleaning my room—and after a while, I was able to be content in knowing that God always has a way of working out the most troubling dilemmas. I got up and went back to my room. It was still a mess. Everything was just as I had left it, but I felt more clear-minded and less overwhelmed. I started to clean my room in a systematic way—first the sheets, then the carpet, then my desk, then the clothes. It took me all afternoon but by the time I went to sleep that night, my room was clean.
Olympic Sports

Miller wins third medal at world championships

Miller is first American to win giant slalom world title in 21 years

Associated Press

ST. MORITZ, Switzerland

Bode Miller became the first American man to win three medals in a world championship. He is the first to capture two golds. He’s also the first American to win the giant slalom world title in 21 years.

Yet Miller was happiest for teammate Erik Schlopy.

The two friends realized a lifelong ambition Wednesday, climbing the podium together for the first time.

Miller rallied in typical thrilling style to win his second title of the championship, while Schlopy delivered the day’s most dazzling run to take the bronze behind Austria’s Hans Knauss.

“IT’s the most important medal of my life, sharing it with Erik,” said Miller, who also won the combined and shared the silver in the super giant slalom. “But I’m happiest for him. Today was really tough and really special, to see Erik ski the way he can.”

“We’ve been waiting for this a long time and for it to happen at the world championship is amazing. It’s great for our country, but it’s even better for Erik and me, and the team.”

Miller, a 25-year-old skier from Franconia, N.H., became the first American to win the giant slalom world title since Steve Mahre in 1982.

Last season in Val d’Isere, France, Miller became the first American to win a World Cup giant slalom since Phil Mahre in 1983. The next day, in Madonna di Campiglio, Italy, he won a slalom, the first to do so since Steve Mahre that same season.

At the Olympics last winter, Miller gave the United States its first Olympic medal in the giant slalom as well as another silver in the combined, ending an eight-year medal drought for the U.S. men’s Alpine skiers.

He’ll have another chance to break records in Sunday’s slalom.

Schlopy has had decidedly less success. The 30-year-old skier from Park City, Utah, has never won a World Cup race and his best results are a pair of second places in 2001. He is just 18th in the World Cup giant slalom standings. In the slalom, he’s 24th.

Something Miller fails to comprehend.

“He’s got the kind of speed that when he skis at his best, like today, no one can touch him,” Miller said. “It must be awful.”

“If he breaks through after this, no one on the World Cup will be able to touch him, myself included.”

With six medals and three races left in the championships — the Americans have surpassed their previous best of five, set in 1982 in Schladming, Austria. They are currently one behind Austria.

Miller can’t wait for more medals to pile up.

“They are going to sit there and wait for friends to join them,” he said. “I am starting quite a collection in my room right now.”

On a World Cup podium, Miller said, “I’m starting a trend.”

With Miller fourth and Schlopy second after the opening leg, both needed to make up ground. In his final trip down the sun-soaked Engadina course, Schlopy delivered a blinding run to build a massive lead.

His time withstood 21 assaults from other racers until Miller aped down for a time of 2 minutes, 45.93 seconds, a mere 0.04 seconds ahead of Schlopy.

The two watched nervously in the finish area as Knauss, the fastest in the opening leg, charged the course, leading most of the way. But the Austrian failed to extend his hands fully as he crossed the finish line, and squeezed in between the two Americans. He ended up a 0.03 seconds behind Miller and 0.01 ahead of Schlopy.

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This marked the first time American men had two skiers among the top three at a world championship, though Americans Billy Kidd and James Heuga finished second and third in the slalom at the 1964 Innsbruck Olympics, which also counted as the world’s last year.

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FORT WORTH

Annika Sorenstam wondered how she would stack up against stronger players on tougher courses under the most suffocating scrutiny.

So she's going to play against men.

The world's best female golfer accepted an invitation Wednesday to play in the Colonial in May, which would make her the first woman in 58 years to compete on the PGA Tour.

"For all the well-wishers who want to know why I would accept such a challenge, the answer is simple: I am curious to see if I can compete in a PGA Tour event," Sorenstam said.

No one has been able to touch her on the LPGA Tour lately. She won 13 times around the world last year, shattered the tour's scoring record and finished out of the top 10 only three times. The year before, she became the first woman to shoot 79 and earn more than $2 million in one season.

"I just think she wants to find out how good she really is, and if the gap between women's golf and men's golf is that great—or not great at all," Tiger Woods said.

Other players are equally interested in how she will fare against the best in golf at an event steeped in tradition and made famous by Ben Hogan.

"Annika's accomplishments show that she is certainly deserving," Tournament chairman Dee Why said.

He said no Colonial members voiced objections to Sorenstam's participation in the event.

Sorenstam picked the perfect course—one that does not require as much power off the tee. Colonial is 7,080 yards (par 70) and puts a premium on accuracy, Sorenstam's forte.

History is hardly on her side.

The last woman to play on the PGA Tour was Babe Zaharias, one of the greatest all-around female athletes ever. She qualified for the 1945 Los Angeles Open and made the 36-hole cut before she was eliminated in the third round with a 79.

"I'm as curious as anybody to see how the best LPGA player of today, and possibly all time, will play against the men," Phil Mickelson said.

Mickelson, a past champi­on at Colonial, predicted Sorenstam would "definitely make the cut and probably finish 20th.

Still, it gives the issue of women in golf even more attention.

Martha Burk and the National Council of Women's Organizations have made headlines for urging Augusta National to allow a female member before the Masters in April.

IN BRIEF

Garcia wins arbitration case against Mariners

Seattle pitcher Freddy Garcia was awarded the third-highest salary ever in arbitration when he won his case against the Mariners on Wednesday.

The 26-year-old right-hander was awarded $6,872,000 by arbitrators Richard Bloch, Jack Clarke and William Holley, who heard the case a day earlier in St. Petersburg. The Mariners had wanted to pay $5.9 million.

Garcia went 16-10 with a 4.39 ERA last year, when he earned $3.8 million.

Since arbitration began in 1974, the only players awarded more were Andruw Jones of Atlanta ($8.2 million) in 2001 and Mariano Rivera of the New York Yankees ($7.25 million) in 2000. Rivera lost his case.

Players and owners have split the four cases decided thus far, with Florida left-hander Mark Redman also winning. Marlings right-hander Vladimir Nunez and Cincinnati left-hander Bruce Chen lost their cases.

Nine players remain scheduled for hearings through Feb. 20.

Houston shortstop Julio Lugo and Baltimore second baseman Jerry Hairston settled on one-year contracts just before their hearings were scheduled to start Wednesday. Lugo gets $1.575 million and Hairston gets $1.55 million, with both having the chances to earn $750,000 more in performance bonuses.

The 26-year-old Lugo had asked for $1.8 million, $300,000 more than the Astros' offered. He hit 261 last season with eight homers and 35 RBIs in 88 games, and made $325,000. His season ended when he was hit by a pitch while playing the Chicago Cubs on Aug. 12 and broke his left arm.

Hairston, 26, hit .268 with five homers, 32 RBIs and 22 steals last year, and made $300,000. He had asked for $1.8 million and had been offered $1.15 million.

Governor wants Nebraska football players paid

Gov. Mike Johanns is hospitable. He backed a legislative proposal to pay Nebraska football players. "Paying the players would be above board and straightforward," Johanns said Wednesday. "College football has become a multimillion-dollar industry that should do more for its athletes." Johanns said he would introduce a bill by state Sen. Ernie Chambers who would require football players be paid a stipend. It would take effect only if three other states that have teams in the Big 12 Conference pass similar laws.

Chambers contends football players are exploited, unable to capital­ize on work that generates millions of dollars. He said NCAA rules govern money players can earn are too complex and easy to violate for small infractions.

BRIEF

NCAA Game Changer

The NCAA will change a regulation that could affect football players.

The NCAA's new collective bargaining act guideline was approved Wednesday. Football players have long lobbied for this and other amendments to the current NCAA guidelines, which allow players to earn $1,500 per season.

The new act guideline states "that a school's football program can provide a player with a stipend of up to $4,000 per season to cover any expenses that he or she might reasonably incur as a result of his or her participation in the program. The amount of the stipend will be determined by the program's athletic director in consultation with the school's presidents or their designees. This stipend also may be used to pay for travel to and from a player's home."

The act guideline was approved by a 6-1 vote.

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An unforgettable experience that the Boyces were privileged to share was that of the J. Kyle Braid Leadership Ranch, located in Villa Grove, Colo. Both sisters attended the ranch the summers following their sophomore years of high school. "It was a great experience, and it became yet another thing that Bridget and I shared, and brought us even closer together," said Katie.

However, the two were soon to decide on Saint Mary's. They came from a family that loves Saint Mary's and Notre Dame, and grew up going to football games in the fall. "I really felt at home here (at Saint Mary's and Notre Dame), and I wanted to be at a small school where I could play basketball," said Katie. However, she was surprised when Bridget chose to follow her footsteps. "I really thought that she was going to go to a big school," Katie said. "I never imagined her here."

Now that both Boyces have arrived at Saint Mary's, they look to leave their marks, both on and off the basketball court, as they have become a key part of the Belles squad. "They are two players who try their hardest all the time and push themselves to be better," Coach Suzanne Bellina said.

Bridget, a 5-foot-7 shooting guard, has stepped up as a freshman this year, starting 13 games and averaging 7.4 points per game. She also leads the team with 24 3-pointers and 80 percent from the free throw line. Bridget has had to come in a step into a big role right away," said Bellina. "She's had to contribute early, just as the other young players." Katie, on the other hand, is naturally a point guard. The 5-foot-2 sophomore averages 4.4 points and a team high 1.9 steals per game. She also shoots 37 percent from behind the arc and has started 12 games for the Belles.

However, Katie's contributions have not been limited to her play on the court. She has been instrumental in helping Bridget adjust to the college life. "Their family is extremely close," said Bellina. "Katie had a tough time adjusting last year, and this year having Katie here has helped Bridget so much."

Although Katie has helped Bridget adjust, both girls have benefitted from attending the same college. "It has been so nice for both of us," Katie said. "To have someone in your family here is great because it makes it feel more like home."

It is because of their family ties that the Boyce sisters have been able to handle this season's disappointing record for the Belles who are (5-16, 1-11). "It has been disappointing so far, but the season is not over," said Katie. "We just have to learn to have a winning attitude, and take it one step at a time.

Now that they're on the same team again, the Boyce sisters can take that step toward winning together.

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**SCHOOL DAZE**

CLARE O'BRIEN

Hi—Liz James, Prospective Art Major.

I'm Kevin, Thinks in Architecture.

Friends call me Paint and you're Kevin right?

What? I mean yes...yes...you got any caffeine pills?

FRESHMAN ORIENTATION WEEKEND:

GRADUATION WEEKEND FOUR YEARS LATER!

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**HAPPY TOWN**

JACK MONAHAN

Hmmm...Do I want some frozen yogurt?...No no no, I know I don't need any.

Did you just say something?

Must—eat frozen—yogurt—

Julia, NO!

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**CROSSWORD**

WILL SHORTZ

ACROSS
26 Some people pass on them: Abbr. [ANSWER]
1 Diagnostic data, informally [ANSWER]
5 "Chirpy, chirpy" Beng Bang screenwriter [ANSWER]
9 Update a factory [ANSWER]
6 Focus of an interplanetary search [ANSWER]
12 Intermittently [ANSWER]
14 Gas's partner: Abbr. [ANSWER]
24 Some people form and mail it today to receive The Observer in your home.
32 No quick reads [ANSWER]
37 Data [ANSWER]
53 Drive forward [ANSWER]
59 Navy [ANSWER]
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18 Tropical lusher [ANSWER]
19 Wrap it up [ANSWER]
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23 Woody Guthrie's "I Ain't Home" [ANSWER]
24 Football Hall-of-Famer Ford [ANSWER]
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1 "C'mon!" [ANSWER]
2 Los [ANSWER]
3 Dress down [ANSWER]
4 Pooh-poo [ANSWER]
5 Ste. Jeanne [ANSWER]
6 Mexican water destinations, briefly [ANSWER]
7 One who's it coming? [ANSWER]
8 Tennis great who never won Wimbledon [ANSWER]
9 Devil dog [ANSWER]
10 Ca. Ga. or Pa? [ANSWER]
11 Tubes on a plate [ANSWER]
12 Intermittently [ANSWER]
13 Affirm's sustenance [ANSWER]
15 Spa handout [ANSWER]
16 Member of the rose family [ANSWER]
17 Revealing top [ANSWER]
18 Dust Bow figures [ANSWER]
19 No quick reads [ANSWER]

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**ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE**

**JUMBLE**

HENRI ARNOLD MIKE ARGIRION

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Henri Arnold and Mike Argirion

VUREC

DORAH

DOBUTI

ZACMEE

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above diagram.

Yesterday's Jumbles: LIVEN, HIKER, JAUNTY, MORQUE, MORGUE

Answer: Picking out a tune on the piano made him this: "AN HUNTER"

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**JUMBLE**

Unscramble the four jumbles, one letter to each square, to form famous words. 

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DORAH

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**HOROSCOPE**

EUGENIA LAST

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Peter Gabriel, Standard Chaming, Jerry Springer, George Clooney

Happy Birthday: Your desire to get things done properly will cause you to try to do everything yourself. Romance can set the pace for a happily erratic and engaging year. This is your year to think and then take action—in that order. Your numbers are: 4, 19, 20, 27, 96, 41

ABBS (March 21-April 19) Don't let your worries stand in the way of getting things done. Once you get started you will find it easy to follow through. Prices are the positive, not the negative. 

TAUBBS (April 20-May 20) You may be a little stubborn and pushy today. Problems with a friend or relative will stem from discussions concerning beliefs. Avoid coming individuals. 

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Money and emotional matters may be intertwined today. Learn to lay off those too eager to spend your hard-earned cash. You control your finances.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Voice your concerns rather than letting your hostility grow today. Once you lay all your cards on the table you will be able to go to the bottom of your problem and rise to your feet.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) It's time to give your surroundings a bit of a face lift, with the OK from your housemates. This is a good day to look around for a special item for your home.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Keep your eyes open for a good project that could lead to financial gain. Catch yourself if you start to become negative in your responses toward others. Being positive will always bring better results.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Don't expect anything for nothing today. Do your own thing and relax from staying on anyone. Reserve judgment on those who are secretive. You don't have all the facts.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 22) It's time to try new things. The experiences you have today will lead to all sorts of interesting prospects. Take action now.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22) New projects will lead nowhere today, so just sit and relax. LOTS can be learned if you sit back and sharing ideas with people.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) This may not be the most enjoyable day for you, but it will be the one that brings resolve. You may have to face your own demons and be honest and open with yourself and others.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Consider the changes that you can make to your living quarters. Real estate opportunities are present. Check out joining an organization that interests face to need.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) The more time you spend dealing with other people and what they are experiencing, the less time you will have to dwell on your own misfortunes. Physical activity will enhance these.

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