2003 General Board announced

Observer Staff Report

The Observer has hired department editors for all but two General Board positions, incoming Editor in Chief Andrew Soukop announced Monday.

Six of the 10 positions are being filled by those who have served in the posts since January. Those rehired include Sports Editor Joe Haight, Senior Editor Kristin Yemm, Scene Editor Maria Smith, Controller Michael Planagan and Ad Sales Manager Maurer Cenedella.

The four new General Board appointments are:

- Meghanne Downes, News Editor
- Anneliese Woolford, Saint Mary's Editor
-殒 Christiane Cepero, Graphics Editor
- Tom Haught, Ad Design Manager

The appointments are effective Monday, Jan. 13.

"Each person selected brings significant talent and experience to his or her respective position," Soukop said. "I am confident these appointments will build on the tradition of excellence The Observer has established.

Downes, a sophomore from Waltham, Mass., is majoring in political science and minoring in journalism, started working with The Observer during the Fall semester her freshman year. The Chicago native previously worked as an assistant and associate news editor and covered Student Senate.

Hettler, a sophomore from Zahn, was initially hired as sports editor in January. A marketing major with a minor in journalism from North Canton, Ohio, Hettler has covered football, baseball and women's basketball.

Yemm also took over as viewpoint editor in January after previously working as an assistant and associate viewpoint editor. A sophomore from St. Louis, she lives in Cavanagh Hall and is majoring in accounting and political science.

Like Hettler and Yemm, Smith was hired in January as scene editor, less than five months after she joined The Observer as a staff writer. A junior at St. John's Prep, she lives in McGlinn and is majoring in the Program of Liberal Studies.

A Knott junior, Kamcar has been working as sports editor of Holy Cross' spring of his freshman year. An aerospace engineering major from New Pointe, Kamcar opened the Long Island City campus of The Observer in January.

About 20 students, the entire staff of the South Bend Tribune as an intern.

Harkins, a sophomore MJS major fromDillon, originally hailed from Canton, Mich. He joined The Observer last fall as a member of the graphics department.

Planagan first joined The Observer in January when he was hired as controller. A business administration major from Tucson, Ariz., Hettler is majoring in English and women's basketball.

"My favorite spotlight so far has been the NDTV because it was interesting to put a piece together on something so personal to me," said Gomez. "We aim to spotlight clubs and organizations on campus that may not be very well known, so the wider community can see what's going on."

In the fall, Haught hired will have served on The Observer's staff for the longest time. A senior enrolled in a five-year engineering program, the Dillon resident is majoring in mechanical engineering and history. Originally from Burlington, Kan., Haught has worked in the ad design department since his freshman year.

The Observer is still accepting applications for the managing editor and web administrator positions. Please direct all inquiries to incoming Managing Editor Scott Brodfuehrer at sbrodfuehrer@nd.edu.
The culture of waiting

The University youth of today grow old in wait for tomorrow. Yes, contrary to our pecadillo of "Generation X" with its emphasis on instant gratification, our culture, the University, waits. We are obsessed with our individual tomorrow's so much that we subject ourselves to an unlim- ited number of tortures — all endured for the sake of our own "future".

This unhealthy obsession with tomor- row's, children's, and our own future makes us subject something to be waited for. It is thus a vengeance on mind and spirit of war with those who see the so-called "intelligence" as the only end we face. Only tomorrow.

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Group disperses funds to clubs
By MATT BRAMANTI 

Executive Cabinet members, on Monday evening, met to discuss requests for funding from several student groups. Katie Stolz of the Club Coordination Council presented an appeal on behalf of the Best Buddies Club. The club requested $2,000 to help fund its Dyslexia Awareness Week, to be held the last week in February. The program will feature an address by Gerard Sagmiller titled "Why Can't Johnny or Sally Read?" Sagmiller will discuss his own successful battle with dyslexia, a learning disorder characterized by problems with language decoding. The appeal passed unanimously.

Stolz also presented a $500 request from Special Friends, an organization dedicated to helping children with autism. The group had requested the funds to present a seminar dealing with high-functioning autism and Asperger's Syndrome, a closely related cultural division presented a different event, in its eighth year, will be themed "It takes two to tango," referring to the Filipino dance. Cabinet members unanimously approved the appeal.

In other Exec cabinet news:
- DeLeon encouraged students to sign a petition against the popular dance club Heartland. "We want students to sign the petition and support the cause," DeLeon said. Students have organized a boycott of the club over an alleged instance of discrimination against a Puerto Rican student earlier this month. The Notre Dame chapter of the NAACP has demanded a public apology from Heartland's management.
- Junior Class President Meghan O'Donnell praised the "overwhelming response" to her class's letter-writing campaign. The program, which began last week, lets students write letters of encouragement to U.S. troops deployed overseas.
- Freshman Class President Dave Baron announced his class council's first open forum meeting will be held Wednesday at 7 p.m. in LaFortune Student Center. "We encourage every freshman to come and speak their mind," Baron said. He also announced the beginning of a publicity drive to promote safety off campus.
- Senior Class President Matt Smith urged his classmates to attend a reception next Monday evening before the men's basketball game against UConn. The event, which aims to foster stronger class unity, will feature a "tailgate-style" dinner in the press box at Notre Dame Stadium, Smith said. He also encouraged sign-up for Christmas in April on the class Web site. Registration will end Tuesday evening.

An advisor to the Student Activities Office at 1-7309. Student Body President Libby Bishop proposed a ribbon campaign in Sharon's memory. "We want students to sign the petition and support the cause," DeLeon said. Students have organized a boycott of the club over an alleged instance of discrimination against a Puerto Rican student earlier this month. The Notre Dame chapter of the NAACP has demanded a public apology from Heartland's management.

The cabinet's strategic plan to improve graduation ceremony will be held next week, when CCC chair Amy Miller will present an outline of her organization's 10-year strategy.

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SMC Judicial Board
Officials propose Judicial Board changes

By EMILY BRAMMER

Saint Mary's student government officials said they have witnessed violations of student rights when dealing with the Judicial Board and will review the Board's processes.

Elizabeth Jablonski-Diehl, student body president-elect, and Kristina Napolitano, co-chairwoman of the Judicial Board, said they have witnessed violations of the due process rights of students facing judicial proceedings. They said these violations included students who were not given the opportunity to read copies of written reports stating the circumstances and allegations of violations and instances, which students did not hear the testimony presented against them.

"What's alarming is that most students don't even know that their rights are being violated," Jablonski-Diehl said. "Unfortunately, it's a very long process.

While Jablonski-Diehl and Maurer said they are encouraging revision of the judicial procedures, they are also considering completely restructuring the system in order to avoid conflicts of interest and expand the Judicial Board's functions.

Both agree that streamlining the Judicial Board with student government would make the system more accessible to a greater scope of student complaints.

"It would open the system up to dealing with important student issues such as election complaints and a magnitude of concerns that I can't even comprehend right now," said Maurer.

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During its brief meeting Monday, the Campus Life Council focused on remembering deceased freshman Chad Sharon and checking the progress of task forces.

Student Body President Libby Bishop began the meeting with an open forum to come up with ways to remember Sharon, whose body was discovered Tuesday in the St. Joseph River of South Bend.

Fangborn Hall rector Heather Rakoezy suggested passing out ribbons at the campus memorial mass next week.

As members offered ideas, the topic of off-campus safety emerged. Senator Erin Cushing, who used to live near the area where Sharon was last spotted alive, said more students should be encouraged to use the local cab services.

In another CLC News:

• Jane Ong, head of the communications task force, announced that the underhomed.uc.edu Web site is up and running.

• Cushing said she will meet today with Laura Flynn of First Year of Studies to discuss the expansion of the campus memorial mass next week.

• Stephen Christ of the leadership task force showed members its poster about Freshman leadership opportunities. Members plan to distribute the poster to first-year students before they enroll.

• Senator Rick Harris, also on the task force, said it is researching programs at Santa Clara University to improve the Notre Dame Leadership Institute.

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Laundry center serves faculty, staff

By JOE TROMBELLO

Last month, the St. Michael’s on-campus laundry distribution center was expanded to allow faculty and staff to utilize the on-campus laundry for their dry cleaning needs. The expansion was encouraged by the local cab services.

"The opening of the distribution center [to faculty and staff] furthers St. Michael's commitment to serve the community and the students before they enroll. It is very easy to pick up my laundry from the corner of St. Michael's campus and said that he used the main plant directly behind the Main Building.

"I have become used to walking or taking a car over to the main plant, but I know it would be easier to use their services now that they are closer. I have yet to have occasion to do so at their new campus location," Ayo said. Despite the added convenience, some faculty and staff said to hat they wish, continue to use their own methods of laundry service.

"I don't use [St. Michaels] because I do my own laundry at home — it is more convenient for me," said Michell Gelfman, associate professional specialist and physical education instructor.

The on-campus distribution center is located at the corner of Sorin Court and Holy Cross Drive, behind the Main Building, and will be open to all members of the Notre Dame community from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The center will provide access to alterations, dry cleaning, over-the-counter drop off and pick up, linen rental and VIP service. The main plant will continue to serve all Notre Dame students, faculty and staff.

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European Union warns Iraq of ‘one last chance’

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The United States and Britain, to chief ally in the EU, are pushing for swift action to disarm Iraq, claiming that Saddam Hussein has no intention of complying peacefully.

France and Germany, who opposed the war, appeared to emerge in a strong position Monday night after the EU summit ended without a joint declaration that the U.N. weapon inspectors, without giving a deadline.

"They must be given the time and resources that the U.N. Security Council believes they need," the declaration said.

British Prime Minister Tony Blair said he was convinced that Iraq was already in breach of U.N. resolutions to disarm, but other EU nations appeared to need time to reach the same decision.

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NASA asks farmers for help in finding debris

As the days became weeks since Columbia's disintegration over Texas, fewer and fewer pieces of space shuttle wreckage are turning up, even though the calls keep coming in.

On Monday, NASA asked farmers and ranchers out West to be on the lookout during spring plowing for anything that might have fallen from the sky on Feb. 1. The plea came as a reported 1,300 state and federal personnel took part in search and recovery efforts in Texas and Louisiana.

"It's kind of a mixed thing. There's a tremendous amount of information available already, even though not everything directly points to a particular thing. There are a lot of circumstantial things," said NASA's Steve Nesbitt, who is serving as the spokesman for the accident investigation board.

He added that "there's a continuing belief and feeling that things are going to continue to develop" and that more debris may be found.

Now that the investigation board is back in Houston following a series of road trips to other NASA centers, the members can settle into a routine and start digging into all of the information being accumulated, Nesbitt said.

Nesbitt took a phone call over the weekend from a Louisiana retiree who wanted to tell the board his theory for the shuttle loss of communication with the ground on Jan. 16. "It's been open during atmospheric re-entry," Fischbeck said Monday. But the most likely scenario by far, he said, is that the foam damaged or knocked off thermal tiles, more tiles gave way during re-entry and those missing tiles led to a burn-through of the aluminum hull.

The head of the independent investigation board, retired Col. Adm. Harold Gehman Jr., has stressed repeatedly that he knows "nothing about anything" including the debris hit during launch. While Columbia was still in orbit, NASA concluded that any damage from the foam would not pose a safety threat. The analysis of 32 seconds of additional data collected beyond the loss of communication with Columbia, meanwhile, goes on. The data are of extremely poor quality, yet experts have managed to conclude that an additional two steering jets were firing, for a total of four. In a futile attempt to keep the shuttle on course as it entered the atmosphere, NASA had to fire the solid rocket boosters.

"It's highly unlikely" that the shuttle pilots, rather than the autopilot system, activated those additional steering jets, said NASA spokesman Bob Nix.

Despite extensive searches along Columbia's final route, from California deserts to Nevada, Arizona and New Mexico and finally to where the shuttle debris has been found farther west than 20 miles west of Fort Worth, Texas. That's where a single thermal tile popped off. NASA still does not know what part of the shuttle it came from.

"There's a tremendous amount of information being accumulated," Fischbeck said. Despite the new broadcast media coordinator Laurie McFadden has provided NTV with new equipment as well as connections.

"This will help keep the organization in motion," said Dacey. The shows air every other Tuesday at 10 p.m. and every Thursday at 5 p.m. on local public access cable Channel 3.

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on his senior thesis, titled, "Donor Financing of Uganda Education: Mixing Budget and Project Support." In preparation for his thesis, Cannon conducted six weeks of original field research in Uganda during the summer of 2002, which was funded by the Kellogg Institute for International Studies. He interviewed donors, teachers and government leaders while completing the research. Cannon, the son of NASA

Cannon and Gail Barber, has not yet decided on his post-graduate plans, but he is considering work in non-profit education or government and will eventually attend law school.

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segment highlights The Not So Royal Shakespeare Company's rendition of "The Taming of the Shrew." Sophomore Monica Mohlman produces the entertainment portion of the show.

This week the random segment will launch a four-part series called "Joe Athlete," a parody of "Joe Millionaire" and will include a commentary on Notre Dame athletics and male-female relations. Past random episodes include films that did not make it into the student film festival, gladiator interviews at the Rock, a "mockumentary" on the Grab 'n Go ladies, Jake Nd clubs and Jaywalking at a tailgate. The random segment's current producer is sophomore FTI and philosophy major Nick Bruno. The producers of each of the segments and their staff film several hours of footage, and then spend hours editing down to 5-minute segments.

NDTV staff members gain valuable experience, since many of them plan to pursue careers in the competitive television industry.

Junior Cheryl Turski and sophomore Tony Easterlin host the show.

"It gets more fun and spontaneous as we do it," said Turski.

The past several episodes have been on location at the student film festival and at LaFondture instead of the studio.

"This gives more energy to the piece and allows for a shorter setup time," said Chamberland.

For Life March 4 episode, the executive producers hope to have Turski and Easterlin host the show outside the Joyce Center at the Feb. 22 Cannon in the Taming of the Shrew.

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Nissan plant targets Big Three

In brief

London Exchange defends its CEO

The London Stock Exchange vigorously defended its chief executive on Monday by saying it was prepared to take legal action to stop "libelous and deeply offensive" rumors.

"The exchange will not be deflected by malicious gossip," said chairman Don Cruickshank. "The exchange under Clara Furse's leadership is light years ahead of where it was just a few years ago."

Over the weekend, The Financial Mail reported in a front-page story that rumors were being spread that Furse, who took over at the helm of the LSE in February 2001, becoming the first female chief executive of an international exchange.

Without providing details, the paper said that critics of Furse had begun a "whispering campaign" to damage her reputation as a businesswoman. It also said the unidentified critics had circulated "a number of malicious allegations about her personal life."

Venezuelan oil output to rebound

Oil output could reach 2.8 million barrels a day within a month, when restrictions on sending tankers to Venezuelan ports are lifted, the head of Venezuela's state-run oil company said Monday. Foreign shippers were warned against loading in Venezuelan ports during a two-month strike against President Hugo Chavez. The work stoppage ended on Feb. 3 in all sectors except the all-important oil industry.

Economic impact of war worries EU

\* Finance ministers gather to assess war

Associated Press

BRUSSELS Overshadowed by the European Union's emergency summit on Iraq, finance ministers were assessing Monday what a war would do to their already shaky economies.

Finance ministers gather for their regular monthly meeting Monday night and Tuesday to talk stock of the "most critical, which is already playing havoc with efforts by some of the largest countries to stick to deficit targets set under the EU's euro rules."

So-called Geopolitical uncertainties and their impact on the 12 euro-using countries will be of particular interest. Said one new hire, Gerassimos Thomas, an EU spokesperson: "The EU head office announced Monday it was cutting its forecast of 1.8 percent growth for the eurozone in 2003, although figures for the 12 aren't available yet."

It has already ordered a softening of budget rules, intended to support the single currency. If a war against Iraq leads to further weakening, the rules are already ready for breaching the deficit limits.

The rules are part of the EU's "golden rule," which aims to reduce the risk of low interest rates and a possible deficit of over 3 percent of GDP, which could cause interest rates to rise.

In cases of war, the new rules are expected to be put in place, but the ministers have yet to make a decision about this. They are expected to continue discussions on Tuesday.

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**Affairs Commissioner Pedro Solbes told reporters at the European Parliament in Strasbourg, France, last week.**

"It does not mean loosening the rules," he said. "It means that the budget deficit is already under fire for breaking EU budget rules. The rules have been put in place with the handicap that they can be lifted only in case of war."

"The British Treasury chief Gordon Brown said last week he was setting aside an additional $1.2 billion during the current financial year for possible military action in Iraq, "of the $1.6 billion already allocated."

A review of Britain's spending plans was also on the meeting's agenda, along with a proposal for an EU framework on energy taxation, which faced stiff opposition from Italy in particular.

The European Commission last month approved Britain's budget plans, ignoring a rising public deficit by pointing to strong "underlying" finances.
Chaos characterizes nightclub stampede

Associated Press

CHICAGO

It was a chaotic scene. Hundreds of screaming people stumbling down the darkened stairs of a crowded nightclub, gasping for air and stepping on bodies, only to find themselves trapped at the bottom trying to escape through a single exit. At least 21 people were killed and 57 injured in the stampede early Monday at the E2 nightclub, authorities said. They reported that reports as many as 500 people were crammed into the second-floor club when someone sprayed mace or pepper spray to quell a fight about 2 a.m.

A judge ordered the owners to close their second-floor club last July because of safety violations, including failure to provide enough exits, city officials said Monday.

"The owner knows damn well that he is not to open that second-floor facility," said Fire Commissioner James Joyce. City officials said they plan to go to court as early as Tuesday to seek criminal contempt charges against the owner.

But the city's statements were challenged Wednesday by attorney for the nightclub operators, who said both sides had agreed that only one section of the second-floor had to be closed.

Witnesses described a frenzied scene of some people trying to climb through the ceiling, while others were trampled in the frantic rush for an exit, their faces and heads flattened against the glass front door.

Some people fainted on the club floor; others were coughing and crying, gagging and blindly groping for any way out.

"People were being trapped underneath you ... we're actually standing on people's heads and we didn't even know it," said Antoinette Blackwell, a 30-year-old patron. "It was just bodies lying everywhere.

Blackwell said one man crushed between two people told him, "I can't breathe! I want you to hold my hand, man. If I don't make it, tell my mom that I love her!" He just basically collapsed.

Some witnesses reported that the lights were cut in the stairwell.

On Monday afternoon, Joyce backed off earlier statements that firefighters had used sledgehammers and pry bars to open other doors in the half-block-long building.

Larry Langford, fire department spokesman, said one door was locked and another was blocked by laundry bags or other items from the first-floor Epitome restaurant.

While that would be in violation of city fire codes, it apparently didn't contribute to the deaths, as officials said the stairs from the second floor were clear of any obstructions.

Joyce also was able to control the fire department's response to the deaths, as officials said the rows of people were already on separate fronts by June.

In December 1979, 11 people were killed in a stampede at the Chicago Skyway, and in December 1991, nine young people were crushed to death in the panic.

The stampede was one of the nation's deadliest. In December 1991, nine young people were crushed to death in a gymnasium stairwell while awaiting a celebrity basketball game in New York.

In December 1979, 11 people were killed in Cincinnati in a crush to get into a concert by The Who.

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campus events and prevents students from posting inappropriate content.

The idea for a student calendar is consistent with the student events and student communication methods.

"A lot of organizations suffer from [a lack of] attendance," Ong said. "On the other hand, a lot of students complain that there's nothing to do on campus.

Trip Foley, student body vice president, said the CLC intends for the new Web site to be more convenient for students and a better way to spread the word about campus events.

"People get sick of seeing posters everywhere. They don't have as much of an impact anymore," he said.

Foley said that the undergraduate calendar is not replacing the University calendar that links to the Notre Dame home page.

"The University calendar doesn't focus on student events," he said.

The Notre Dame home page will feature the undergraduate link in its "Popular Sites" section for a month if it increases the frequency of student visits.

"The success of the Web site depends on students actually going there and using it," Ong said.

The communications task force of the CLC will distribute magnets to every campus dorm this month in an effort to advertise the new calendar.

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Nightclub chaos

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The Who.
SOUTH KOREA
Army threatens to abandon armistice

The spokesman said the "grave situation created by the undignified war acts committed by the U.S. in breach of the armistice agreement compels the Korean People's Army side, its war partying, to immediately take all steps to cope with it."

"If the U.S. side continues violating and misusing the armistice agreement as it pleases, there will be no need for the [North] to remain bound to the armistice agreement uncomfortably," the spokesman said.

The North accused the United States of violating the armistice agreement by sending reinforcements around the Korean Peninsula in preparation to attack the North. The spokesman said a war would guarantee the security of the world but a war would not guarantee the survival of mankind.

Turkish-U.S. operation in northern Iraq may lead Kurdish leaders in Turkey to abandon the 1953 armistice agreement compels the Republic of Korea to prepare for a refugee influx and to provide large-scale humanitarian aid.

North Korea threatened Tuesday to abandon the 1953 armistice that ended the Korean War, accusing the United States of plotting an attack on the communist state.

A spokesman of the North's Korean People's Army said that the United States was building up reinforcements around the Korean Peninsula in preparations to attack the North, said the North's official news agency KCNA.

"The situation is, therefore, growing more serious as the days go by as it is putting its plan for pre-emptive attacks on the] [North] into practice to achieve an increased zeal," KCNA quoted the unidentified spokesman as saying.

ISTANBUL
Complicating U.S. planning for a possible Iraqi war, Turkey's premier said Monday that parliament will not consider allowing more U.S. troops on its soil until strategic and economic issues are resolved.

Parliament was expected to vote Tuesday on whether to allow the United States to use bases and place tens of thousands of combat troops in Turkey. That permission would allow the United States to open a northern front against Iraq, which American officials said would shorten a war.

Washington has warned Turkey that time is running out and has pressed Turkish leaders relentlessly for backing.

But Prime Minister Abdullah Gul said Monday in Brussels, Belgium, "We are not going to take a decision tomorrow [Tuesday]. We have some concerns on economic and political issues."

Gul also said Turkey will send troops into Iraq if a war breaks out to prevent an influx of Kurdish refugees from northern Iraq into his country. He urged the European Union to prepare large humanitarian aid.

Gul said in the 1991 Gulf War to meet Iraq from Kuwait, "500,000 people came into Turkey in one night. We don't want that to happen again."

"Turkey respects the territori­al integrity of Iraq. We do not want a divided Iraq [but] have to prepare ourselves for a refugee problem," he added.

Turkey fears a war against Iraq may lead Kurdish leaders in the de facto autonomous zone in northern Iraq to seek independence from Baghdad and assert separatist aspirations among Turkey's Kurdish minori­ty.

One of the main sticking points in U.S.-Turkish negotiations is the economic aid package that would compensate Turkey for any losses incurred in an Iraq war, diplomats said. There also are disagreements on military issues such as the command structure in case of a joint Turkish-U.S. operation in northern Iraq.

"We are of the belief that it will be difficult to convince parlia­ment before an agreement is reached," Gul said earlier Monday, before leaving for talks in Brussels on the Iraqi crisis with EU leaders. "We will again inform the United States of our concerns."

The delay came after wide­spread protests this weekend against a U.S.-led war in Iraq. The Turkish public is over­whelmingly against any war in Iraq.

Hundreds of demonstrators also gathered Monday outside the U.S. Embassy in Ankara and outside the headquarters of Gul's Justice and Development Party (AKP).

"If the United States is in a hurry" then an agreement should be reached as soon as possible for the draft to be sent to parliament, Foreign Minister Yasar Yakis was quoted as saying by the Anatolia news agency. "The economy minister Ali Babacan, who was in Washington last week negotiat­ing the agreement, said Sunday there was "no agreement yet on the size of the package" and dis­cussions would continue."

Turkish leaders repeatedly have said they would only back a war as a last resort and they would want a new U.N. resolu­tion before any military action.

But the government also has acknowledged that it cannot afford to remain neutral in case of war. The United States is Turkey's most important ally, lobbying for Ankara to be accepted in the European Union and for international agencies to grant Turkey loans to recover from a deep economic crisis.

Meanwhile, Iraqi Kurdish officials held talks with the Turkish-Kurdish border officials of the two factions that govern the de facto autonomous zone in northern Iraq were to discuss the conse­quences of a possible U.S.-led war in Iraq.
Another Valentine's Day has come and gone, and still I'm waiting for my roses. I'd take them in any color, although I find yellow or pink more thoughtful than the traditional red. However, despite my palpitation demands, my crush has yet to send the flower delivery person round to my doorstep, bookstore, or wherever. In fact he hasn't sent anything at all, no trifles, no dinner invitations, not even a few heart-to-heart conversations. I would think he would have the decency to give me something for my months of distant adoration. I smile at him, laugh at the jokes that he tells to his friends in class and attempt to stumble his way when I spot him on the quad. We've never had an actual conversation, nothing beyond a short introduction and a few hellos, but I know that he knows what I'm thinking.

Yet, his blatan disregard for my wishes has led me to believe that it's time for me to take drastic measures. I need to stand up, take charge and empower myself as a woman deserving respect. Four days after Valentine's Day with only a card from my parents tucked to the refrigerator, I grow more convinced with each passing minute that the moment has come for me to dump my crush. Dumping a crush isn't a task to be taken lightly. It's an art form, a final poetic means of ridding the heart and mind of someone who just isn't worthy of the obsession. To put it simply, there are rules to be followed. After consulting my roommates, we developed a number of dump-your-crush guidelines.

First, crush-dumpings should occur during public places, like South Dining Hall during the dinner rush, the hallway of DeBartolo Hall at the change of class or flackery in the middle of the post-part-stale rush. Heartland on a Thursday might also work, if he isn't Puerto Rican.

Of course, the crush should be confronted when sober. Drunkenness might numb him to the full effects of the break-up, the shame, the embarrassment and the sensation that many pairs of eyes are intensly staring at him. The confusion about why someone, to whom he has never spoken, is yelling at him.

Furthermore, the declaration that the crush is over should be loud, convincing and final. I imagine that a practice crush-dumping might be advisable to ensure that the crush-who-never-accepted-flowers knows exactly what's happening. After all, the crush-dumper must be prepared for all possibilities, including, but not limited to, that he might suddenly be displaying signs of romantic interest. My roommates and I can tell you that stranger things have happened. Yet, I ponder the proper time and place to finally dump my crush. I wonder if I should give him another chance. Perhaps the flower shop lost his order. I shouldn't have waited for him to show up with gifts but instead tried to contact him. I could have sent him a valentine, dropped a few well-chosen conversation hearts on his desk or asked him whether he had plans for the evening. Perhaps a telephone dialogue might have even ensued. I think that I'll let the fate of my crush hang in the balance for another day or two. Until I decide the appropriate course of action. I'll continue to wait for my flowers, a perfect ribbon-bound rose bouquet, from my Prince Charming with everything but ESP.

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What marathon running is

It's a cult. Sunday morning I learned that marathon running is a cult. From 12-year-olds who ran twice as fast as I did to 60-year-olds who, well, ran twice as fast as me, there were thousands of people lined up on the streets of New York City ready to challenge themselves. "A goal is a dream with a deadline."

Laura Romp
Beyond the Bubble

It's an obsession. Sunday morning I learned that marathon running is an obsession. Walking up to the starting line, I started to cry. Four months of training, hours of stretching and over a hundred miles covered — all leading to this moment. I thought of those who died in Korea, on Christmas break where my weight loss was the center of attention. I thought of the numerous runs in Oklahoma City where the wind hit my face so hard I wondered if I was really moving forward at all.

"Why do I run? I run to stay in shape, to keep my health, to feel better — all partial reasons, I suppose. The real reason I run is confirmation — confirmation that I am in control."

It's also the quickest way to gain a friend. Sunday morning I learned that training for a marathon with someone forms a life-long bond that is indescribable. As I received my medal, took off my watch, and drank a few glasses of water, I looked for my roommate Ellen. She was the one who got me through the training. Imagine running about 90 hours with someone. We had to talk about everything, from ex-boyfriends to our favorite books. Sunday was Ellen's third marathon and she beat me. But it didn't matter. She's 90 percent of why I made it to the finish line. Thanks, coach.

"A hero can be anyone who inspires you, anyone you look up to, anyone who cheers you on, makes you better than you were before — just as they made themselves better than they were before. Do you know a hero?"

IT'S NOT THE WORST FEELING IN THE WORLD.

Sunday morning I learned a hangover is not the worst feeling in the world. In fact, I'm already pondering what marathon I'd like to do next. Oklahoma City? Chicago? Louisville?

"We are different, in essence, from other men and women. If you want to win something, run 100 meters. If you want to face some challenge, run a marathon."

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A defense against allegations of unilateralism

The Bush administration has come under fire throughout its term for adopting unilateralism over multilateralism, thereby threatening international stability and the United States' role as a world leader. Two speeches, the West Point speech and the "axis of evil" speech, signaled to some a new doctrine of unilateral security. However it should be emphasized that President Bush did not signal a drastic new approach to American defense; rather he reiterated the common-sense notion that a state’s primary function is to guarantee the safety and security of its citizens.

The point of Mr. Bush’s "new" doctrine was to remind other states that, while Washington would seek to gain the approval of the international community, it would defend itself alone when necessary. A quick review of the facts indicates that President Bush has rarely acted unilaterally and instead attempted to safeguard the interests of the United States within existing international frameworks.

The first example critics often cite is the United States failure to ratify the Kyoto Protocol on global warming. This argument, however, becomes exception-ally weak when one learns that the Protocol was signed by President Clinton and that the Democrat-controlled Senate in 1997 passed a resolution 95-0 expressing opposition to the Protocol. To expect President Bush to magically find the 66 votes necessary to ratify the treaty is pure naivety, and his refusal to attempt to do so in no way demonstrates U.S. unilateralism.

The next example critics cite is President Bush’s withdrawal of signature from the Rome Statute to create the International Criminal Court. What many of these critics fail to acknowledge, however, is that the Rome Statute required the ratification of only 70 out of the 191 nations recognized by the United Nations, and although 88 nations (including human-rights stalwarts Congo, Nigeria and Sierra Leone) have now ratified the treaty, this number represents a paltry 46 percent of the inter-national community. Furthermore, only two of the 10 most populous countries (Brazil and Nigeria) have ratified the treaty. What we are left with, then, is a treaty that makes unprecedented claims about national sovereignty yet gives the ratification of less than 50 percent of the existing nation-states and less than 40 percent of the world’s population. This treaty represents global multilateralism.

A third case critics make against the President is the United States’ withdraw- al from the AntiBallistic Missile (ABM) Treaty, yet again we find that President Bush did not act unilaterally. First, the ABM Treaty existed as a bilateral treaty between the United States and the Soviet Union, it being made difficult to claim that the United States acted against the will of the entire international community. Second, the United States withdrew from the treaty under the terms of the treaty, and thereby violated no interna-tional norms or laws. Finally, immedi-ately after withdrawing from the ABM Treaty, President Bush negotiated a new arms reduction treaty with the Russian Federation, as well as issued a flurry of diplomatic communiques and joint state-ments reaffirming the importance of Washington’s ties with Moscow. Although the President shelved one treaty, he quickly replaced it with another, again calling into question claims of unilateralism.

Fourth, if ever there were a time when President Bush could have acted unilaterally with little international condemnation, it would have been immediately after the Sept. 11 attacks. Yet what do we find? The United States did not attack until more than three weeks after the attacks, under a national coalition that included more than 40 nations. Furthermore, the attacks began only after the Taliban failed to heed an inter-national ultimatum demanding bin Laden’s arrest and transfer to American forces.

Finally, critics argue, the present case of Iraq demonstrates President Bush’s unilateralist approach. Little doubt exists that the President has wanted to attack Iraq since the day he came into office. But more than two years later, even in the face of obvious deceit by Saddam’s oppressive regime, the President has restrained from beginning military op-erations. We find the President exercising extreme caution when dealing with French and German obstructionism— obstructionism to the point where these two nations, along with Belgium, have refused to acknowledge their NATO commitments to Turkey.

Where is the wild cowboy Bush? Where is the president who disregards the concerns of other nations and instead embarks on dangerous policies that fly in the face of the international community? The answer is he doesn’t exist. President Bush, while he may be many things, is not Rambo, and he is not a dangerous unilateralist.

Terry McMann

Clarifying the meaning and spirit of V-Day

I would like to thank both Melanie Becker and Terry McMann for accomplishing the goal of "The Vagina Monologues"—continuing a dialogue that increases awareness in order to stop the vio-lence. As director and campus organizer for "The Vagina Monologues" and V-Day, I am honored to work with so many vagi-na-loving students who are the true embodiment of the spirit of the event.

Love your neighbor as you yourself. These students could not care less about Christian doctrine or the like. Rather, they do many of the students on this campus. When condemning the content of this show in conjunction with its purpose, I would suggest that people reflect upon their own lives and how closely they live up to the standard to which they would compare the production. Additionally, look at some of the most beloved of traditions, annually glorified on this campus, and ask yourself to what degree do these, do or not, degrade the Catholic ideals that so many individuals claim to protect.

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I encourage the dialogue that is sure to ensue. See the show — March 4 and 5 — and let us start an important dialogue behind them, and no person has the authority to judge another person. Some of the women portrayed in these stories do not lead traditional Catholic lifestyles. However, nei-ther do many of the students on this campus. When condemning the content of this show in conjunction with its purpose, I would suggest that people reflect upon their own lives and how closely they live up to the standard to which they would compare the production. Additionally, look at some of the most beloved of traditions, annually glorified on this campus, and ask yourself to what degree do these, do or not, degrade the Catholic ideals that so many individuals claim to protect.

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On a campus homogenized in so many respects (Exhibit A: the pea coat), it is perhaps most distantly and most overtly so in the realm of music, causing many either to fall prey to acute angst or grow inured to the fail. But rest assured, there is an antidote for that angst. There is a light at the end of this long, dark, narrow tunnel: the independent record label.

In this case, the light — the white knight — is K Records, the Olympia, Washington outfit that dubbed their last Microphones release, The Glow Pt. 2, the "raison d’être" of their entire universe. They were right, that album put K Records on the critics’ maps.

The follow-up, Mount Eerie, will keep it there. The loose and recently sundered collective helmed by Phil Elvrum, alias The Microphones, have trotted out a haunting, operatic tour de force. Oniscic, epic, optimistic and simple, the Elvrum Formula is anything but formulaic. Here the formula has wrought a stretch of allegorical splendor in five movements, which blur into each other so naturally and so poetically, borders between tracks are like the edge of retreating tide. Mount Eerie is a true album — not a slapdash pasted of future-singles cobble together in a shrink-wrapped jewel case.

Couched in the lush forest of western Washington state, the album’s namesake, a minor Anacortes mount, loomed over Elvrum’s house. This helps explain why, rounding out a four-part sequence, Mount Eerie concentrates the element of earth; past "official" recordings dealt obliquely with air, water and fire. Elvrum explained that, aside from ethos, space (i.e. the track listing) and "dying being born" form the album’s substance.

Mount Eerie reckons with the same human need as "The Waking," Theodore Roethke’s villanelle: the need to fit ourselves into the cycle of life and the cold, impersonal natural order. How apt it is, then, to kick off with "The Sun," a luminous 17-minute centerpiece, with its frenzied drumming cribbed from the soundtrack to Black Orpheus. Elvrum also has a "The Big Lebowski" fan, as close listening reveals.

The vocals don’t roll up for 11 minutes, when Elvrum, in his trademark brashy tenor, begins his tale, surveying the exodus of everyone dear to him and the sighting of an ominous ship on the horizon. The tape hiss and foghorn help place the drama for the listener, supplying the track with the air of neo-transcendentalist isolation that floods the album. Elvrum loves his Thoreau.

Sandwiched between two songs sharing the name "Universe," the first menacing and the second hopeful, the title track explores mortality, as Death, "a big black cloud," descends on Elvrum. A ghostly choir chants until feverish, distorted lyrics stamp out, when the song brakes to detail the onset of scavenging vultures.

Less concept album than mythopoetic reverie, Mount Eerie is gorgeous and bering a copy and abstract wisdom. It is Elvrum’s quarry, which he has mined not with ammonium nitrate and fuel oil, but with nylon-stringed guitars, choirs, fuzzed bass and tsunamiic blasts of white noise.

Elvrum’s contempt for repetition is impeccable here. He eschews pop, keywording, not for stolid Clear Channel ditties, but an experience that’s both poignant and cohesive. Run-of-the-mill Notre Dame listeners, the Linkin’ Park/Ludacris/Bob Marley/etc. fans, would likely find Mount Eerie either an insuperable mess or a bracing deviation from the usual potbelly dreck. But will they give it a chance?

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**ALBUM REVIEW**

**Microphones mine a dreamy quarry**

By BJ STREW

**Scene Music Critic**

Broadway to the silver screen

By EMILY TUMBRINK

**Scene Music Critic**

One of the most daring motion picture releases of 2002, the moviemusical "Chicago" successfully makes the difficult transition from the stage to the silver screen. Firmly based on the musical by Fred Ebb, John Kander and Bob Fosse that was originally released in 1975 and returned to Broadway in 1996, the movie is a glossy version of the original, with flashy costumes and big-name actors. One of the most distinct features of the movie is its seamless incorporation of the original Broadway music into the action of the plot mainly by converting the musical numbers into fantasy sequences that occur in the mind of Roxie Hart (Renée Zellweger). Although Elvrum himself can’t get a sense of this aspect of the movie from its soundtrack, the music is strong enough to stand on its own. Listening to the soundtrack is nearly as enjoyable as watching the film itself.

What makes this movie and its soundtrack such a success is its impeccable casting. Rather than using professional singers and dancers, the casting directors chose actors and actresses to play the main roles. Catherine Zeta-Jones began her career as a blend of girl, singer, and dancer, making her the obvious choice for the role of Velma Kelly, the chorus girl who kills the man she is having an affair with when he tells her she has no chance at stardom. Queen Latifah convincingly plays the role as her corrupt prison mate, Matron Morton who helps prison- ers if they pay her. "When you’re good to mama, mama’s good to you," Richard Gere plays the sleazy lawyer who gives the jury the "razzle-dazzle" and claims he can win any case for a fee of $5,000. The soundtrack’s Roaring 20s jazz music really gives the feeling you are watching the performances in a "noisy hall where there’s a nightly brawl," as Velma Kelly sings in "All That Jazz."

The only weakness in the album occurs on the last two tracks, an R&B version of "Cell Block Tango" by Latifah, Macy Gray and Lil’ Kim that luckily did not appear anywhere in the movie and Anastacia’s "Love is a Crime" that was played over the credits. Neither of these tracks stay true to the jazzy 1920s feel of the rest of the album, but instead jump on the "hip hop-equals-cool" bandwagon. Luckily these two songs do not completely detract from the songs that precede them. The original music is timeless, as is proven by the long-running success of the musical. Overall, the movie soundtrack is enjoyable and deserves repeated listens.

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**ALBUM REVIEW**

**Chicago (The Miramax Motion Picture Soundtrack)**

By BJ STREW

Scene Music Critic

Phil Elvrum, alias The Microphones, isn’t a run-of-the-mill artist as is proven on the new album, Mount Eerie. K Records

Mount Eerie

The Microphones

K Records
George Strait has been a staple in country music over the years. Even President Bush is a fan of Strait’s country twangs. Live from the Astrodome is a compilation of hits performed at Strait’s well-known stomping grounds, Houston’s Astrodome. The singer and producer was a regular at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, which is moving its location from the Astrodome to Houston’s new Reliant Stadium this year. On March 3, 2002, he bid farewell to the show’s home of 37 years for an audience of over 68,000 fans. In the audience was another famous country Texan named George who likes wearing cowboy hats and boots — none other than President Bush with First Lady Laura Bush.

Strait’s live performances are flawless, making the album solid listening from the first track, “Deep in the Heart of Texas,” all the way to “The Cowboy Rides Away,” which ends the album with swaying western heartbreak. From 1983, he sings the gorgeous “Amariillo by Morning” with his familiar gentle rhythms and the crowd’s appreciation as background. The silky fiddle weaves in and out of the typical country down-on-my-luck vocals. “They took my saddle in Houston, broke my leg in San Antonio, Lost my wife and a girlfriend somewhere along the way.” Only Strait can pull off such honky-tonk sentiments without sounding cheesy.

From 1990, “Love Without End, Amen” is one of Strait’s essential singles. The acoustic and steel guitars ripple behind the touching lyrics that have become staple to fatherly love. “Check Yes or No” and “Write This Down” are upbeat, playful love songs Strait is known for doing so well. On a more serious note, “I Can Still Make Cheyenne” is a slow, apologetic ballad with a lovely acoustic twang and melancholy fiddle.

Strait loves the traditional country sound; the steel guitar and the fiddle are not only prominent instrumentally in his songs but also get lyrical homage: “When you hear twin fiddles and a steel guitar / You’re listening to the sound of the American heart.” The fabulous “Murder on Music Row,” which he released with Alan Jackson amid controversy, reveals Strait’s opinion on contemporary country that strays from Nashville’s roots. “The steel guitars no longer cry and fiddles barely play / But drums and rock n’ roll guitars are mixed up in your face.”

Every song is executed with such studio perfection that only the cheers and Strait’s occasional commentary distinguish the album as live. While there are disappointing omissions, such as “You Look So Good in Love” and “Carrying Your Love With Me,” he has such an extensive repertoire of hits that many quality songs were excluded. Last year’s “She’ll Leave You With a Smile” and “Living and Living Well” prove that Strait’s enduring success is due to his ability to evolve musically while staying true to his sound, trademarked by his beloved fiddle and steel guitar.

President Bush sums it up perfectly in a speech about Strait on the album. “Everyone at the rodeo loves him, everyone in Texas loves him, and everyone across our country loves his music.”

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**Upcoming Concerts**

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Sunday night. The starting time and the game officials can make it to the arena.

There is no reason not to play

It to the arena. There is no reason not to play the
game, said Fred Barakat, the ACC associate commissioner.

"I was told that poor
decision was not a reason to set
the policy aside, Maryland athletic
director Debbie Yow said. "It was a
collection for us. That is, I am amazed
by the number of people who are
at this game. I am grateful
so many fans made the effort
to get here on such short notice."

It turned out to be a lost
three-day weekend for the Demon
Deacons, who beat the snow
were stuck in their College Park

hotel waiting to learn if and
when the first-place showdown
would take place.

Up by 10 at halftime. Maryland used a 3-pointer by Talij Holden and baskets by Randle and Calvin McCall at the outset of the second half to make it 48-28.

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Associate Press

COLLEGE PARK, Md. Neither the snow nor Wake Forest (No. 11 AP) could stop 13th-rated Maryland from taking over first place in the Atlantic Coast Conference.

Steve Blake made 21 points and nine assists, and Drew Nicholas scored 19 as the Terrapins
turned the Demon Deacons their most lop-sided loss of the season, 90-67, Monday in a
game delayed by a blizzard.

Ryan Randle had 13 points and 13 rebounds for Maryland (10-8, 8-3), which wrestled away

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Orioles Bechler dies of heatstroke

associated press

fort lauderdale, Fla. orioles pitcher steve bechler was carried off the field on a stretcher after he collapsed during a workout on monday.

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bechler had been taking an over-the-counter dietary supplement called ephedrine, which has been linked to heatstroke and heart attacks. bechler, 23, married last year, is the orioles' starting pitcher and was put on the 15-day disabled list after falling ill during a training session last week.

"we're going to wait to find out more about what happened," said hargrove. 

funeral arrangements were pending.

a native of medford, Ore., bechler was a third-round draft pick by the orioles in 1998. "steve was a tough guy; he was a competitor," hargrove said. "i didn't know him that well, but i knew him well enough to know he loved the white and loved to compete."

bechler made his major league debut last september, going 0-0 with a 13.50 ERA in three relief appearances. he was expected to begin the season with the club's new triple-a affiliate in ottawa.

he spent most of last season at triple-a rockingham, going 6-11 with a 4.09 era in 24 starts.

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bechler fell down while running drills sunday and hargrove said he could tell bechler wasn't feeling well toward the end of the run. "he was about 60 percent of the way through it when we noticed that he was a little white-faced," hargrove said. "he was leaning against a fence ... which isn't unusual when guys get dehydrated. we put him on a cart and brought him in and called the paramedics."

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Waltrip ready to join NASCAR elite

Associated Press

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla.—At 40, Michael Waltrip thinks he may finally be a championship contender.

After a long journeyman’s career, during which he was mostly known as Darrell Waltrip’s little brother, “Mikey” says he’s ready to step into NASCAR’s elite with a lot more victories, and maybe a Winston Cup title.

The morning after winning his second Daytona 500 in three years, a bleary-eyed but smiling Waltrip was riding a cloud of optimism, buoyed by the victory in Sunday’s rain-shortened race.

With crew chief Richard “Slugger” Labbe sitting at this side Monday, Waltrip said the biggest change is that his team no longer is floundering without a leader.

“In 2001, we were a new team and went through a lot of growing pains,” Waltrip said. “In 2002, I think we established a decent foundation. We got Slugger in there full-time and we felt we were a decent team — not great by any stretch, but close to getting the consistency we need to contend each week.

“Now, the natural progression of that would be for us to be a title contender this year, or at least be a team this year that’s going to win more than one race and win some poles and do some good things.”

A full-time driver in the Winston Cup series since 1985, Waltrip has never finished better than 12th in the points. A year ago, his second full season with Dale Earnhardt Inc., he was 14th.

All three of his career victories, though, have come since Dale Earnhardt Jr. took a surprising chance on his friend and added him to what had been a two-car team, joining Dale Earnhardt Jr. and Steve Park.

Sunday’s win makes it one victory in each of his DEI seasons. He has 35 more chances to add to that total this season, and with all of his wins to Daytona, Waltrip is anxious to prove that the No. 15 Chevrolet can find Victory Lane at other tracks.

“Slugger has put his signature on our team,” Waltrip said. “He runs it. It’s his.

“He respects my opinion, and that’s important to me that we have that type of relationship, because you have to work as a team to win. We have what I think is the perfect definition of a team.”

It’s a very different situation from the chaos Waltrip found himself in after winning the 2001 Daytona 500.

Dale Sr. was killed in that race, stunning everyone and leaving DEI without its key physical and emotional leader. The team became lost.

“There was nobody running the 15 team, basically,” Waltrip said. “Scott Eggleston, our crew chief when we won the Daytona 500, left along about April. We pretty much got along without a crew chief until Slugger came along in September.”

By the time Labbe joined the team, with 11 races remaining in the 2001 season, speculation was rampant that Waltrip would be fired and that the team’s sponsor was getting ready to leave.

Labbe, 34, had worked for some of the top crew chiefs in the business but had been the man in charge for only one full year before joining DEI. Still, he knew what needed to be done.

“I got all the guys together and said, ‘This is our goal, this is what we need to do. We’ve got to make sure that Michael remains our driver and NAPA’s going to remain our sponsor,’” Labbe said.

Ty Norris, vice president of DEI, said, “At the time, there were probably about three or four different people who were trying to have input. When Slugger came on board, he said, ‘What do you want me to do?’ I said, ‘Run it like you own it.’ He does.”
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Death may hamper case against Webber

Associated Press

DETROIT

The death of an ex-University of Michigan booster Ed Martin could hamper the obstruction of justice and perjury case against Sacramento Kings star Chris Webber, lawyers said.

Martin admitted he gave hundreds of thousands of dollars to Webber and other former University of Michigan basketball players while they were in high school and college.

Martin, 69, had been expected to testify in Webber's case. But he died Friday of what is believed to have been a pulmonary embolism.

Webber, his father and aunt were indicted on charges of lying to a federal grand jury about his dealings with Martin in 1988-93.

Federal prosecutors may not be able to use Martin's grand jury testimony in Webber's trial, which is scheduled to begin July 8, because Webber's lawyer would be unable to question Martin, legal experts say.

"I think the government's case has suffered a major blow," said Larry Dubin, a law professor at the University of Detroit Mercy.

"A defendant has a right to cross examine or confront his accuser — and with Martin dead, that's no longer possible," said Detroit defense attorney Mark Kriger. "The evidence that he gave before the grand jury was not subject to cross examination, so it is not admissible. It's hearsay."

Other witnesses or records might support the charges against Webber. But Dubin said those witnesses likely would not have the same detailed knowledge as Martin.

"Without a key witness to provide the context in which all of these transactions took place, the government is at a major disadvantage," Dubin said.

Martin's defense attorney said, "Mr. Martin was an integral part of the case the government intended to present, William Mitchell III told The Detroit News.

Messages seeking comment were left Sunday with officials in the U.S. attorney's office in Detroit, which investigated Martin for four years and is handling the case against Webber.

Webber's father, Mayce Webber Jr. and aunt also face obstruction of justice and perjury charges for allegedly lying about the family's dealings with Martin.

Webber attorney Steven F. Fishman declined comment.

Martin pleaded guilty in May to conspiracy to launder money. The ex-auto worker told prosecutors he took gambling money, combined it with other funds and lent $616,000 to four Michigan players while they still were amateurs. He was awaiting sentencing at the time of his death.

In addition to Webber, the players were Robert Traylor of the New Orleans Hornets; Maurice Taylor of the Houston Rockets; and Louis Bullock, who has been playing professionally in Europe.

Taylor declined comment when asked to speak about Martin's death after Houston's practice Sunday afternoon.

Martin's name first surfaced after Taylor lost control of his car on Feb. 17, 1996. Taylor was returning from a party in Detroit with four teammates who were entertaining Mateen Cleaves on his official recruiting visit.

When Michigan found out that the recruiting visit included a visit to Martin's house, the school began to investigate his relationship with the basketball program. The scandal originated in the "Fab Five" era, when Webber and four other freshmen created a national sensation. With their biggy shorts and black socks, Webber and future NBA players Juwan Howard and Jalen Rose led the Wolverines to consecutive NCAA finals in 1992 and 1993.

In November, Michigan banned itself from postseason play this season and forfeited 112 regular-season and tournament victories from five seasons, plus its victory in the 1992 NCAA semifinal.

On Friday, a delegation from the university appeared before an NCAA infractions committee to answer questions about the booster scandal. A ruling is expected in the next five to seven weeks. It could accept Michigan's penalties or assess more sanctions.

MLB

Maddux signs for 1 year

Associated Press

KISSIMMEE, Fla. — Greg Maddux agreed Monday to the largest one-year contract in baseball history, a $14.75 million deal with the Atlanta Braves that availed a salary arbitration hearing late this week.

Maddux became a free agent after last season, then accepted the Braves' offer of arbitration in December. He had asked for $16 million, the highest amount ever submitted in arbitration, and the Braves had offered $13.5 million.

A hearing had been scheduled for Thursday in St. Petersburg.

The previous record for a one-year contract was signed David Cone's $12 million deal with the New York Yankees in 2000.

"We're delighted this issue is resolved and that we can now focus on his stature as a pitcher and his production for our team," Braves general manager John Schuerholz said.

Maddux, 37 in April, went 16-6 with a 2.62 ERA last season. He tied Cy Young as the only pitchers in baseball history to win at least 15 games in 15 consecutive seasons.

In 2002, Maddux made $13.1 million in the final season of a five-year contract.
MLB

No more tardiness for Sosa

Associated Press

MESA, Ariz. — The Sammy Sosa watch is over. The Chicago Cubs' right fielder, usually late for spring training, told manager Dusty Baker he would arrive at camp on time this year. Sosa was expected to fly into Phoenix on Tuesday, the day position players are due to report, Baker said Monday.

"In past years, you didn't expect Sammy to be here, did you?" Baker said. "Well, he called yesterday. I had a conversation with him, and he wanted me to tell you guys (the media) that he will be here tomorrow."

For the past several years, Sosa has made a habit of arriving from his home in the Dominican Republic several days after his teammates reported. Although never technically late for spring training, Sosa's absence was always noticed.

The 34-year-old outfielder attributed his tardy arrival to superstition and a fondness for the same routine. Beginning in 1998, he has had seasons of 66, 63, 50, 64 and 49 home runs, winning the NL home run title in 2002 and 2000.

Baker, who has experience handling superstars and their quirks after managing Barry Bonds for a decade in San Francisco, was asked whether Sosa's early arrival was a sign of respect.

"Well, maybe some of it," Baker said. "I can't take credit for Sammy. I've got to give Sammy credit for Sammy. Some of it might be me, but most of it has to come from inside."

"He's trying to help this team start off on the right foot, and he knows he's a big part of it. Quite frankly, you get tired of hearing bad stuff about yourself all the time when you know you're a good person."

"I never heard anybody say he was a bad person. We all have faults. After awhile, you just want some closure on some things in the past."

Note:
Baker announced Monday that former major league stars Will Clark and Ferguson Jenkins will join Cubs camp to work with players during spring training. Clark, a former first baseman, played for Baker in San Francisco in 1993. He concluded a 15-year career in 2000. Baker said Clark will help work with Hee Seop Choi, the Cubs' rookie first baseman. Jenkins, a Hall of Famer who pitched for the Cubs from 1966-73 and in 1982-83, will work with the organization's pitchers. Jenkins served as the Cubs' pitching coach in 1995 and 1996.

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Arizona was No. 1 in the AP mens college basketball poll for the fourth time in five weeks Monday, while three teams moved in at the bottom of the Top 25, two for the first time this season. The Wildcats (20-2) beat UCLA and Southern California by an average of more than 30 points last week to hold the top spot for a second straight week and 10th this season.

Mississippi State (18) had the other 13 votes for No. 1, and LSU last week, had the other 13 votes for No. 1 and 1,736 points. The Wildcats have their highest ranking since they were No. 2 in the final poll of the 1995-96 season; they went on to win the national championship. Utah, Purdue and Dayton moved into the rankings this week at No. 23-25, the first appearance for Utah and Dayton since the 2000-01 season.

Men's College Basketball Big East Conference

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Arizona guard Andre Iguodala drives against Brandon Roy in a win against Washington earlier in the season. The Wildcats are No. 1 in the AP poll for the fourth time in five weeks.

**In Brief**

Shaq to sit out Rockets rematch

Shaq-Yao II might not come off as scheduled.

Los Angeles Lakers star Shaquille O'Neal is listed as questionable for Tuesday night's game against Yao Ming and the Houston Rockets at Staples Center because of a sore left knee.

O'Neal sat out Sunday night's 117-110 loss to the New York Knicks and didn't practice Monday.

He is also bothered by soreness in his right big toe.

"It will be a game-time decision," Lakers spokesman John Black said.

Kobe Bryant also sat out practice Monday, but is listed as probable for the game against Houston.

O'Neal said he wasn't close to being 100 percent.

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Skiers claim regional title

The Notre Dame ski club over­
came a stellar field at the MCCA
Regionalis this weekend to claim
second place overall in the
women's division. This finish
earned the women's squad its
first ever team placement in the
national championships. The
accomplishment was all the
more remarkable as it happened
on Junior Parent's
Weekend, with All American
Leigh Hellrung and top men's
skier Mike Ryan were among the
missing performers.

The women's squad took third
in the slalom and then topped that
performance with a team
first place finish in the giant
tslalom. Molly Munsterer again paced the club
that performance with a team
fourth place finish, fol­
led a stellar field at the
Lake Tahoe's North
Resort.

Other top teams at Regionals
included Minnesota and
Wisconsin Lacerco, which
placed third and fourth in the
overall standings.

Despite the loss of Ryan, the
men were still able to tie for
10th place, a very respectable
finish in the overall standings
among the 17 teams that quali­
for Regions in their
Division Championships.

Women's Water Polo

Rolls Aquatics proved a wel­
come venue for the women's
water polo club, as they breezed
through four league opponents
this weekend. Junior Deanna
Brewer's four goals got the Irish
off to a quick start in a 16-3
thrashing of Western Illinois in
the opener.

In the second game, the Irish
These teams meet a week earlier
in a high scoring shootout. This
time however, freshman goalie
Elizabeth Pappano was stellar in
goal.

Katie Lanchos registered four
goals and Krissy Fishting added
three more as the Irish dominat­
ed Grand Valley State 15-4 in the
weekend's third game. Capping
off a weekend of relatively easy
victories, the Irish swamped
Western Michigan 15-5 behind
the four goals of Allison Gienko.

This league tournament was
important for seeding purposes
leading into the league champi­
ionships. Next weekend, the Irish
will face stiff competition when
they travel to the Ohio State
Invitational.

Gymnastics

The Notre Dame/Saint Mary's
gymnastics team stayed first
place in women's competition
and third in mens at Purdue's
Golden Grits Invitational this
weekend. The women edged out
talented squads from Ohio U.,
Purdue, Minnesota, Illinois,
Xavier, Eastern Michigan and
Indiana, which finished in that
order.

Freshman Anne St. Clair won
the beam and floor exercise
competitions, and also placed
second on bars to finish second
overall. Senior captain Emily
Smith finished third overall, as
she won the vault and took third
on both uneven bars and bal­
ance beam.

Sophomore Caitlin O'Brien
placed sixth on the beam, while
classmates Mary Blazewicz,
Susan Jennings, Danielle Reyes,
and freshman Liz Maher all con­
tributed to the team's first place
finish.

Kellie Keller's team performance
on the floor exercise propelled the
men squad to a third place fini­
sh behind Illinois and Purdue.

Co-captain Pete Bleuzin and
freshman Andrew Roberts were
awarded season-high scores of
8.9 and 8.2 respectively in the
floor to highlight the men's com­
petition for the Irish. Eric Eddy,
Mike Gartner, Todd Moffit and
Dana Collins all earned points
against Jacksonville, the

Softball

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scored the winning run on a
single by first baseman
Carmela Liwag and beat the
Irish 6-5.

After picking up the loss in
her first collegiate game,
Booth came right back in
the night cap Saturday and
allowed only one run in five
innings for Notre Dame
against Kent State.

Combined with two shutout
innings of relief from sopho­
more Carrie Wise, the
Irish picked up their first
win of the season 5-1.

Third baseman Andrea
Loman led off the second
inning against the Golden
Flashes with a homerun.
First baseman Lisa Mattison
followed with a double and
Sara Schoonert, pinch-
running for Mattison,
scored on a single from fel­
low freshman Megan
Ruthrauff.

Kent State came back with
one run in the bottom of the
second.

The Irish then took con­
rol of the game on a two­
rung single from Ruthrauff
through the left side and
held a 4-1 lead.

The Irish picked up an
insurance run in the sixth
when freshman Kellie
Middleton scored on a
error by Loman to
the Irish within four.

Hofstra recovered and
sent the Irish down in order
the rest of the way to pre­
serve its 7-4 victory.

The Irish continue their
warm weather play travel­
ing to Georgia Friday and
will play California, Illinois
State and Alabama at the
NFCA Leadoff Classic.

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MENS BASKETBALL

Notre Dame looking to rebound in West Virginia

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Sports Writer

With the wounds of a narrow loss to Syracuse still fresh in their minds, the Irish head toward Morgantown tonight to face West Virginia.

And when they arrive, they'll try to answer questions about what caused the defensive breakdown that knocked Notre Dame out of first place in the Big East West Division.

In the waning seconds of the 82-80 loss in the Carrier Dome, after Matt Carroll hit a go-ahead 3-pointer, the Irish first dropped back into a zone defense that left Gerry McNamara wide open on the wing. Matt Carroll hit a go-ahead 3-pointer.

The Irish have also struggled on the road in the Big East, losing three of their five games. And the Mountaineers play the Irish tough in Morgantown, only losing by three points the last two years. More importantly, West Virginia has only lost two games at home this year.

But if the two teams' earlier meeting is any indicator, the Irish shouldn't have much trouble. When Notre Dame and West Virginia played in the Joyce Center Jan. 29, the Irish cruised to an 88-69 victory against an undermanned, overmatched squad.

The worst rebounding team in the Big East, Notre Dame out-muscled the Mountaineers on the boards. Since the Mountaineers lack a strong inside presence, the Irish sometimes got two or three extra chances thanks to offensive rebounds. When the game was over, Notre Dame had out-rebounded West Virginia 51-27.

"I may frame this," Irish coach Mike Brey said as he looked at the stat sheet after the game. "The big, tough Irish."

Now, the Irish look to repeat their performance earlier in the season. If anything, it may get their mind off why they're struggling to hang on to big leads.

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SOFTBALL

Irish split 4 games at season-opening tournay

+ 12-0 lead against Rhode Island erased because of time

By MATT LOZAR
Sports Editor

When everything started to click for the Irish, they had to go home.

With Monday's game against Rhode Island starting two hours later than originally scheduled, the Irish were forced to leave the game in order to catch their flight home.

When the game was called, the Irish were ahead 12-0 after four innings. Five innings are necessary for a game to be official and all the statistics from the Rhode Island game are erased.

Overall at the season-opening USF/Wilson Tournament, the Irish split their four games and stand at 2-2 to start the season.

Being a team from a cold climate hurt Notre Dame in its first game of the season. The Irish faced South Florida, who was playing its 12th game of the year already.

With a 3-0 lead in the bottom of the fifth, Notre Dame pitcher Steffany Stenglein had the bases loaded and one out.

Stenglein got South Florida second baseman Kaetrina Dowd to hit a fly ball to Notre Dame centerfielder Megan Gioli.

But Gioli dropped the would-be sacrifice fly and gave South Florida an extra out.

The Bulls took advantage scoring three more runs to take a 4-3 lead.

The Irish came back to tie the game in the top of the seventh with second baseman Alexis Madrid scoring from second on freshman catcher Mallorie Lenn's single to right.

The Bulls made the Irish pay once again for an error in the bottom of the seventh as Notre Dame freshman pitcher Heather Booth misplayed a sacrifice bunt.

Two batters later, the Bulls...

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SPORTS

Club Sports

Notre Dame 15
Grand Valley State 4

The women of the Notre Dame Ski Club club finished second at the MSCA Regionals to secure a spot in the national championships. Women's water polo dominated in this weekend's matches.

NCAA Mens Basketball

Maryland 90
Wake Forest 67

Maryland's lopsided win over Wake Forest moved the Terps into first place in the ACC.

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