Alum donates $6 M to Health Services

By KATIE LAIRD
News Writer

University Health Services received a $6 million donation from Notre Dame alumnus William Moore. The gift is directed toward the University's existing health care facility and incorporate Health Services, the Counseling Center and the office of Drug and Alcohol Education into one facility.

Ann Kleva, director of Health Services, said she is very eager to begin the reconstruction.

"We hope to become an accredited health care facility. Our mission is to meet the standards, but our building does not say," she said.

The current building does not meet fire codes, does not have handicapped accessibility and lacks central air conditioning. In addition, the water is less than perfect due to pollution. The new renovation calls for the complete restoration of the building, including new ventilation and electrical, plumbing and fire-protection systems.

The anticipated cost of the total project is around $9 million. Kleva said the University hopes to raise the remaining $3 million from funds for building maintenance and students' health care services.

"Construction will be limited because we're going to work with the existing building. It's a beautiful old building, one of the best-built buildings on campus," Kleva said.

Health Services will remain centrally located on campus as the University plans to expand Notre Dame's borders in future years. The University hopes to begin construction of the facility in May 2005, and anticipates its completion in August 2006. During this period, students will still be able to receive medical and counseling care.

"There is available space in the security building, so we can provide health care and provide 24/7 counseling and into the weeks we have interrupted care," Kleva said.

Amnesty to erect walls outside of dining halls

By DUSTIN VONHANDORF
News Writer

The Notre Dame branch of the Amnesty International social action group will construct a wooden wall in front of each dining hall today in response to rising tensions in the Middle East, prompted by a wall erected between Israelis and Palestinians in the Middle East.

AmnestyND did not initially plan to call attention to the tension, said its president, Teriess Conterato, but decided to go ahead with the event due to the rising media coverage of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

In addition to the increasing media coverage, Conterato said AmnestyND is concerned with the issue "because of the actions of both Israel and Palestine. Israel said that the wall is a security barrier, but it violates so many international treaties and is cutting off human rights. People can't get to water or the work-place."

The goal of AmnestyND in erecting these structures, Conterato said, is to increase awareness of the conflict among the Notre Dame community.

"We want to educate people," see AMNESTY/page 4

Hallahan ends term as Student Body President

By MAUREEN REYNOLDS
Associate News Editor

Monday marked Student Body President Pat Hallahan's last official day in office; he led the semester's last Campus Life Council and Council of Representatives meetings to end his term.

Hallahan expressed pride in his administration's work so far and voiced his hopes for the incoming semester, when current vice president Jeremy Lao will take over as student body president.

"I think we got a lot started and got some things done," Lao said. "I think we started a big important project with the Council of Representatives and we did a lot of good in the G.C."

"I just hope that we can get these changes to the Student Government that the [Board of Trustees] has asked us to make and continue to make Student Government a voice for students and more efficient to get what students want," he said.

Lao commented on his readiness to take over Hallahan's position and said that he and Emily Chin, who will assume Lao's vacant vice president position, are excited to continue Hallahan's work.

"It's done a great job this year, and I'm sad to see him go, but he has a great opportunity and I'm really excited for him," Lao stated.

"Emily and I are excited and ready to take on new jobs and get stuff done next semester," he said.

Hallahan said he hopes future Student Government officials will continue to make Student Government an efficient body.

"I really hope, with the work we do this year that we have next semester, that five or ten years from now we'll have an efficient, respected Student Government that can voice student needs to the administration and get results," he said.

Hallahan, a political science major, will graduate at the end of the current semester, and hopes to work in the White House one day and possibly even run for political office.

"Ideally, if the Democrats can beat [President George W.] Bush, which I think we're going to do, I want to go to the White House and stay involved in politics," he said. "I love politics and public service, I hope to keep doing it. I don't know if I want to run for office, but I want to be involved."

Hallahan's graduation marks the first time a Notre Dame student body president has done so in the middle of his term.

Contact Maureen Reynolds at maureen@nd.edu
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I'm coming clean. My parents will be ashamed, I know. It is time, however, for me to let go of those conversations that move slower than traffic on a football game weekend, to be free from those little yellow smiley faces.
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Offbeat
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Confessions of an AIM addict

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT SHOULD THE ADMINISTRATION GIVE THE STUDENTS FOR CHRISTMAS?

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Senior
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Dave Witowski
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Students created the holiday treats as a part of Food Services' efforts to get more involved with students.

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SECRET SERVICE NOT TO INVESTIGATE EMINEM

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Secret Service has looked into reports that rapper Eminem wrote lyrics that said "I'd rather see the president dead," but it doesn't plan a formal investigation, said a Secret Service spokesman.

John Gill, the spokesman, cautioned such lyrics can have unintended conse-
quences on others. "The Secret Service has no current plans to open an investigation into this mat-	er," Gill said Monday. But "we are concerned about communications that can be interpreted in a manner perhaps not intended by the artist, and the potential peripheral impact that such lyrics can have on other individuals."

IN BRIEF
The ND Center for Ethics & Culture will present a lecture entitled "Subject to Allah and/or Science: Ambivalent Narratives in Contemporary Muslim Ethics," in the McKenna Hall auditorium at 4 p.m. today.

The Center for Social Concerns will present an inform-
ation session for students interested in participating in a summer service internship in the family room of Welsh Family Hall from 5 to 6 p.m. tonight.

International Students Services and Activities will present a Belgian film with English subtitles entitled "Pauline et Paulette" at 7 p.m. tonight in the Montgomery Theater of the LaFortune Student Center.

Howard Hall and ND-HOBY will present a talk by Chris Byers, the author of "Don't Tag On The Wire: How to be a Risk Taker?" tonight in the Carew Auditorium of the Hesburgh Library from 8 to 9 p.m.

Wednesday is the last day of classes for Notre Dame stu-
dents.

The Class of 2004 will sponsor a class dinner for seniors at K's Grill from 6 until 8 p.m. Wednesday.

Notre Dame's men's basketball team will play Indiana University in the Joyce Center Wednesday at 9 p.m.

The Student Union Board will present a jam session under the event, "Study Days," in the balcony of the LaFortune Student Center Wednesday from 9 p.m. to midnight.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to obnews@nd.edu.

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**COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**Members present model of new government structure**

By MATT BRAMANTI

Members of the Council of Representatives convened Monday night to reframe their plans for the restructuring of the Student Union system.

At the meeting, the group's last of the semester, members presented a working model of the new student government structure.

Outgoing student body president Pat Hallahan said student leaders would continue to develop the proposed structure. "It's the not the final model, but it's what you're going to focus on next semester," Hallahan said. The meeting was his last, as he will graduate in December, turning over his position to vice president Jeremy Lao.

Under the broad proposal, a student body president, elected by the students, would lead student government. The Council of Representatives would be composed of 10 voting members, chaired by the president, who would only vote in the event of a tie. Elected members of the new council would include the student body vice president and each class president.

The president would appoint members to represent the Financial Management Board, the Club Coordination Council and the Judicial Council. In addition, the president's chief of staff and the chair of the to-be-created Campus Programming Council would sit on the Council of Representatives.

"The CPC would assume all campus-wide programming efforts, replacing the Student Union Board. In discussions about programming, council members have said that the current SUB structure is defective."

"What we have right now is broken," said SUB manager Charlie Ebersol. "We need to create something that makes more sense.

In the proposed model, 28 representatives—one from each residence hall and one off-campus resident—would sit on the CPC, which would be run by a steering committee overseen by an appointed chairperson.

Members had differing opinions about how the CPC would be assembled, however. Under one plan, the CPC would have a body similar to the current Hall Presidents Council—focused on dorm activities. In a competing proposal, hall presidents would meet informally to discuss those issues, while the CPC would focus exclusively on campus-wide events.

It remained unclear exactly how residence halls would participate in the CPC. Some members called for dorms to elect a vice president, who would sit on the CPC, allowing the hall president to focus on dorm matters. Others, like HPC co-chair Sarah Keefer, said the proposal should include more hall leaders.

"It takes a lot of work to do programming. Two people couldn't take on the responsibility for dorm programming and campus programming," Keefer said.

Hallahan encouraged members to weigh the costs and benefits of the different plans. "We need to find a balance between one person doing everything and 900 people doing hardly anything," he said.

**In other council news:**

- Members voted to increase the number of signatures needed to run for Student Body President and vice president. Beginning next semester, a student must assemble 700 student signatures to be eligible for candidacy, up from 300.
- Judicial Council president Elliot Pollin said his organization will hold an informational meeting for students interested in running for campus-wide office. The meeting will be held tonight at 7 p.m. in the Foster Room on the third floor of the LaFortune Student Center.

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**Student International Business Council**

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**Congratulations to the 2004 Board of Directors**
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Officers pass changes to constitution
By MEGAN O’NEIL
News Writer
Saint Mary’s Board of Governance wrapped up the semester with holiday at Monday’s meeting as officers unanimously passed minor changes to the student government constitution and exchanged Christmas gifts.

In other BGC News
• BGC voted to grant Pi Mu Epsilon $1,500 in co-sponsor­ship money for their trip to the Joint Mathematics Meeting, which will be held in the spring in Arizona. Pi Mu Epsilon is the senior math majors club and the conference traditionally provides great opportunities for seniors to network with prospective employers.
• BGC also granted $1,000 to the senior retreat committee to help cover the costs of this year’s senior retreat. The event, which committee members hope will be held at the Moresia Seminary, is a weekend of personal reflec­tion open to any senior student.

The student government constitution was passed unanimously without some change. Conterato said, “We can’t just keep submitting the same amendment over and over,” Conterato said. “You have to change it somehow, whether it be the wording or format.”

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Gore to endorse Dean campaign
Former vice president snubs Lieberman as Dean candidacy picks up steam

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Former Vice President Al Gore will endorse Howard Dean for the Democratic presidential nomination Tuesday in a dramatic move that could tighten Dean’s grip on the front-runner’s position and usher more support from wary party elders.

Gore, who won the popular vote but lost the election in the disputed 2000 election, has agreed to appear with Dean in New York City’s Harlem neighborhood and then travel with him to the former Vermont governor to Iowa for a formal endorsement, several Democratic sources, including one close to Gore, said Monday.

The coveted endorsement comes at a crucial time for a candidate whose anti-war, anti-establishment brand of politics has given pause to party leaders and key constituencies, several Democratic strategists said.

“What this says is that all these Washington insiders who have been getting their teeth into things, waving their hands and clinging to their cocktail cups can relax now. Dean’s been knighted by the ultimate insider,” said Democratic consultant Dean Strother of Washington. “It’s game, set and match. It’s over.”

Other Democrats offered more cautious approaches, but the overwhelming consensus was that Gore’s endorsement could make him the overwhelming favorite to claim the nomination. Even advisers to Dean’s rivals concede that they have been stunned and disheartened by the news.

Dean’s popular vote by half a million votes in 2000 but conceded to Republican George W. Bush after a tumultuous 36-day recount in Florida and a 5-4 Supreme Court decision last December not to make his case about the status of largely white, upper-income voters.

It also helps Dean, who leads in state polls in New Hampshire and Iowa as well as in the fund-raising battle, as he tries to persuade Democrats worried about his lack of foreign policy experience and campaign missteps that his nomination is all but certain.

AFSCME President Gerald McEntee said Gore’s support is more significant than all of Dean’s labor endorsements.

“It goes so far in dispelling the notion of those who want to return to the() era,” McEntee said. “In choosing Dean, Gore bypassed his own vice presidential pick in 2000, Sen. Joe Lieberman of Connecticut, who is struggling in his bid to capture the Tuesday nomination. Lieberman even waited until after Gore made his decision last November in order to ever know the full strength of his candidacy.”

The Lieberman campaign issued a terse statement Monday, saying, “I was proud to have been chosen by Al Gore in 2000 to be a heartbeat away from the presidency,” and added, “Ultimately, the voters will make the determination.”

Democratic presidential hopeful and former Vermont Gov. Howard Dean, center, endorsed by Gore Monday. At the event, Dean received endorsements from 22 city council members.

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Forensic teams will begin to exhume four of those graves next month in search of evidence for a new trial, expected to be established this week, that will try members of the former regime for crimes against humanity and genocide. More graves will later be added to the list. But nobody expects all the mass graves to be exhumed, and nobody expects to ever know the full number of Iraqis executed by their government.

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Saint Mary’s students celebrate feast day

By MEGAN O’NEIL
New Writer

Saint Mary’s students celebrated the Feast of the Immaculate Conception with a special dinner, mass and reception Monday. The scheduled events came as part of a new movement on campus to increase devotion to Mary, the College’s patroness.

In an effort to build up awareness for the Feast, a day of holy obligation for Catholics, student government posted signs around campus reminding students to honor the holy day of their patron saint. Students were encouraged to dress in the color blue, the symbolic color of Mary, as a sign of solidarity and were given blue ribbons to wear.

Inspiration for the celebration of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception came from such religious celebrations in years past in the Saint Mary’s community.

“We actually just got the idea for the event because we were going through some old stuff,” said admissions commissioner Katie Harrison, “and we found that the Immaculate Conception is the patron saint of Saint Mary’s.”

Adapting old religious college traditions for the student body today has not been easy, however.

“You have to make it relevant to students, because something we had in the 50s might not work today,” said Mission Commissioner Leah Holden-Corbett.

She added that there had been a traditionally strong devotion to Mary at the College in the past, and annual events such as the Madonna Night and May Day were quite popular. In recent years this interest had begun to wane.

“It is something that has been lost over the more recent years at Saint Mary’s,” she said.

In applying for her student government position, Holden-Corbett hoped that it was something she would be able to change. She and other board members explored ways in which to revitalize interest in the saint. The first step towards this goal, she said, was to honor Mary on her feast day in a way that students of today would enjoy.

“We are trying to unite the school in new ways that permit to students in present days but still maintain the devotion that we had in the past,” Holden-Corbett said.

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Korean museum reveals rifts

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — A museum expected to unite the city’s diverse Korean-American community, the largest outside the mother country, instead has divided it over differences about money and management.

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Assistant News Editor

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When the council reconvenes in January, Jeremy Lao, current student body vice president, will oversee the organization.

“I think we did a decent amount of stuff this semester,” Hallahan said to the CLC. “We’re making progress in a lot of areas. Keep up the good work.”

Lao promised to work with members to maintain the momentum started by Hallahan.

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President George W. Bush signed the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement and Modernization Act as congressional leaders look on Monday. The controversial act pledges nearly $400 billion to pay for prescription drugs for seniors.

Critics say the promise of drug coverage, which begins in January 2006, will be more costly for seniors than Medicare beneficiaries can afford. However, Medicare beneficiaries cannot be enrolled in both a Medicare drug plan and the new prescription drug plan.

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South Dakota congressman convicted of manslaughter

Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — In a verdict that could bring an abrupt end to a three-decade political career, a jury convicted Rep. Bill Janklow of manslaughter Monday for a collision that killed a motorcyclist, rejecting his claim that he was disoriented by a diabetic reaction.

Janklow appeared stunned as the jury candidates knew Janklow and his family, including one who shook hands with the former governor as he left the courtroom.

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Once a panel was chosen, jurors witnessed several emotional images during five days of testimony, including Janklow in his prison jumpsuit reading letters to the victim's family.

Janklow, 64, was convicted of second-degree manslaughter, reckless driving, running a stop sign and speeding for the Aug. 16 crash that killed Randy Scott, 55, a farmer from Hardwick, Minn.

Prosecutors said Janklow was traveling more than 70 mph in his white Cadillac when he crashed with Scott's Harley-Davidson.

Janklow could get up to 10 years in prison on the manslaughter charge and also face a House ethics committee investigation that could lead to his expulsion. Judge Rodney Steele set sentencing for Jan. 23.

Janklow's defense attorney Ed Evans refused comment.

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Kerry touts technology
as key to future growth

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STANFORD, Calif. — Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry proposed a broad economic recovery program that ties job creation to technological innovation, investment in training as he campaigns in a Silicon Valley still reeling from the technology bust.

"Today, an agenda for high-tech is an agenda for our economy's future. It is the 21st century answer to the Massachusetts senator said in an appearance Monday at Stanford University. "And the promise of the Information Age was more than a bubble — it was a breakout from which we will never turn back."

Kerry's praise for Silicon Valley's fabled garage-based startup companies and the soaring possibilities of the Internet carried an ironic note: Former Vermont Gov. Howard Dean catapulted to the top of the field through his campaign's innovative use of the Internet in fundraising and organization.

With Dean dominating polls in New Hampshire, Kerry's aides released a memo over the weekend that said the senator now is "competing for the top three spots in Iowa and top two in New Hampshire." The memo noted that any candidate who gets 15 percent of the vote will win delegates to the party's national convention. It also cited statistics from 2000 that showed 82 percent of New Hampshire Democrats didn't decide for whom to vote until after Jan. 1.

In Iowa on Monday, the Kerry campaign described plans for a live broadcast with uncommitted voters to broaden his appeal in the state and a separate push to attract veterans and women. Staffers said they are increasing the size of their Iowa organization, in part by bringing in workers from other states.

In his remarks at Stanford, Kerry charged President Bush with having an "anti-science attitude" that had hindered efforts to stem both job loss and global warming. He also blamed Bush for the loss of 3 million jobs nationwide, including thousands of high-tech jobs in New Hampshire.

Kerry outlined five major goals of his job-creation plan: of encouraging technological innovation by investing in small technology companies, offering tax credits for research and development, and expanding broadband Internet capability; improving high-tech infrastructure and making Internet access universally available; strengthening markets by enforcing trade laws, preventing intellectual piracy, boosting corporate accountability and balancing the federal budget; preparing students for the work force by improving math and science education and making college more affordable; using technology to improve health and safety through biotechnology, stem cell research and national security.

Kerry also used the forum to continue his criticism of Bush's handling of Iraq, accusing the president of using "hype and swagger" in his handling of international affairs.

Godfather of funk arrested for possession

Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Funk music pioneer George Clinton was arrested and charged with drug possession after allegedly admitting to an officer he had used cocaine in his pocket.

Clinton, of Tallahassee, was arrested Saturday and released on bond, according to jail officials, who wouldn't release any other information.

The musician's lawyer, Shoshana Zisk of San Francisco, didn't immediately return a call for comment.

Clinton's home number is unlisted.

Clinton, 63, who headed the funk bands Parliament and Funkadelic — and the collaboration later known as P-Funk — in the 1970s and 1980s is considered a father of the genre. In 1983, Clinton's solo record, "Atomic Dog," rose to the top of the R&B charts.

Clinton was sitting by himself in a car in a gas station parking lot early Saturday when a police officer approached him, said Tallahassee Police spokesman Stewart Clendinnen.
Saying goodbye to two Notre Dame legends

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I was planning on starting this column off in typical fashion, by condemning the term "evil" to hell or appeasing for some sort of political revolution, but my roommate Mark would have none of it. Thus, inspired by his ever-present wisdom in the desk behind me here in good, old 203 Sorin Hall, I am going to write this, my final column of my first semester as an Observer columnist, about the most mainstream thing on America's plate these days: Christmas. Just don't count on me being too conventional.

When I begin to reflect upon the holiday that more Americans enjoy than any other, I find myself torn. Of course I want to condemn the rampant materialism, consumerism and commercialism that plague modern Christmas, but I have to admit that I, too, love running down the stairs in the Quanrantos house on Christmas morning, pushing my brother and sister to the side that I might get the first look at the presents under the tree.

This leaves me with one grand question: Can we have a modern Christmas with materialism and still pursue a just, humane and meaningful celebration of the birth of Christ, who is the light and redemption of the world for all who call themselves Christian? For the sake of argument and because I will never give up my Ho-Man Action Figures, I am going to wager a year.

Of course, this does not mean that I am sanctioning recommending the sort of materialistic approach to Christmas that so often pervades Macy's, Michigan Avenue in Chicago and even our own God-given Notre Dame Bookstore. At what point does Christmas become more about buying gifts and spending money than showing love and celebrating hope? How much can one justly buy in a world where more than 3 billion people live with under $2 per day? These are all questions that each individual must evaluate.

The question that I want to tackle is this: How can we act, in simple and real ways, to make this Christmas season a more just and humane time? I want to suggest four ways that we can do so. These simple acts take little time, little money and little effort, but they can make a huge difference.

First, one way to promote justice this Christmas is to be conscious of the places and companies from which we buy our gifts. We all have significant power as consumers to support companies that promote just practices versus those that are guilty of such crimes as treating women unfairly, using sweatshop labor and polluting the environment. A good place to start for such empresas is www.idealwork.com. A second way to promote a just and humane world this Christmas is to make donations to charities as part of or in place of giving gifts to another person. A good friend of mine of the more radical nature is asking for his parents to donate money to Oxfam International, an organization that focuses on development in the third world, rather than give gifts, but not everyone needs to go that far. There are so many charities and organizations, though, which are in dire need for funds and could use as much help as they can get. A couple good ones, for a start, are Maryknoll, Catholic Relief Services and Catholic Charities.

Third, one can give the gift of commitment. The holiday season is a perfect time to make a commitment to volunteer in a local soup kitchen, become more politically engaged or do some other small act for a common good. Imagine if everyone committed to spending the same amount of time that they went shopping to doing some sort of community service.

Fourth and finally, we can give the gift of time. By this, I mean we should make it a point to spend more time with those around us, especially family and friends. Amidst our hectic, work-driven existences, it is important to make time to sit down, drink coffee and develop fellowship. Christmas, in its purest sense, is about love, which finds its home most clearly in community (and coffee).

Very often, our actions at Christmas, aimed at showing our love for someone close to us, cause the suffering of many people that we will never know. It does not have to be this way. In the end, rather than playing to a zero-sum game as we so easily can do, we are able to play to a positive-sum game, where everyone wins and justice rolls forth.

If and when we do these four things, the world will become more just and humane. Through these practices, we will also be making our own holiday celebrations more fulfilling and meaningful.

Though it is unlikely that this piece of Christmas literature will find its way into the box of such classics as "A Christmas Carol" or "This Charlie Brown Christmas" special, at least I appeased my roommate, made an argument for justice, did not offend too many people and did not call for revolution. As for talking about revolution, there's always next semester.

Peter Quaranta is a sophomore political science and international peace studies major. He would like to thank Jamie and Michael for their friendship, wisdom and Tuesday lunches. Merry Christmas to all and, in the words of Bruce Springsteen, "Don't waste your time waiting." Contact Peter at pquaranta@nd.edu.

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

Peter Quaranta
A Call to Action

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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Wishing you a just and humane Christmas

THE OBSERVER

VIEWPOINT

I want to encourage the campus community to participate in a discussion of B.J. Strew's Dec. 8 column, "Bush's imperial theology," attempts to strike the worst fears in Americans. In it, he not only portrays America's president as a 19th-century imperialist stalwart, but he also compares President Bush's ideology to that of the terrorist group Al-Qaeda. Such fear mongering and degradation is not only divisive, but it is rather unhelpful to the effort of helping our country during this time of war.

I do not know for Strew, but as for me, I do believe there is evil in the world. Slavery was evil, as was the Holocaust; ditto for the gulags of the Soviet Union. The use of the term "evil," by our President merely illustrates an otherwise abstract, adversarial relationship that we Americans are called to: he is calling it as he sees it. Any reasonable American, regardless of his or her position on the Iraqi War, agrees that there is a such thing as good and evil in this world, and Saddam Hussein is not on the side of good.

Moreover, the magazine that Mr. Strew quotes from, "The Nation," is not known for its American-friendly articles. In fact, its most recent online version has a piece that blames the riots of the 1970s not on drug-crazed draft-dodgers, but rather on men who actually went to Vietnam to defend America against communist insurgency: "Thirty-five years ago, hundreds of thousands of people look angrily to the streets, universities were taken over and a sitting President was hounded from the White House because of people like Wesley Clark." Clark was then a Lieutenant in the Army and felt it his duty to serve America.

It is no wonder that this fringe element of American politics is always the most critical of those who serve a "higher calling" and seek guidance from God while doing so. It is clear that the likes of "The Nation" and Mr. Strew don't think highly of trained-minded Americans, whether President Bush or General Clark. Thus, regardless of your party affiliation, let not this fringe element question your commitment to God, Country or Notre Dame. Instead, let us unite to ensure that light will overcome darkness throughout the world.

Darell Scott
Washington, D.C.
Dec. 8

EDITORIAL CARTOON

Peter Quaranta

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**Concert Review**

**Bebop Rocksteady impresses Reekers crowd**

By **PAUL STEINLE**  
Scene Critic

I've seen Bebop Rocksteady before, off and on, since 7th grade. Three guys playing covers isn't exactly groundbreaking material. We've all seen and heard it before; BBR represents the latest incarnation of three guys playing songs they didn't write.

So what led me to Reekers on this Saturday night? If I really wanted to appease my appetite for music, I could always go to Legends and listen to a pretty boy with a sweet voice croon sappy acoustic love songs to a 90 percent female audience or I could swing into South Bend and check out the thriving bohemian arts scene — and we all know it's there somewhere. I came to Reekers because I needed to smile. A smile was achieved; courtesy of three young men from Dillon who collectively call themselves Bebop Rocksteady.

Standing on stage with horn-rimmed glasses and a sweater vest, lead singer/guitarist Matt Fantazier bore a certain resemblance to one Rivers Cuomo. I was not surprised, therefore, when BBR played Weezer's "Don't Let Go" early in their set.

Yet I was greatly amused when Fantazier ended the song by tossing a guitar to a pretty young lady in the audience. This sequence of events summarizes an evening with BBR. Play a cover, do something funny. Play a cover, do something funny. It's not my place to criticize the lack of original material in BBR's set. They are capable musicians, featuring Andrew Zwers on bass and Justin Oppel on drums. Fantazier's song was full of spirit and was played with a unique twist that came to the good-sized crowd present.

The set was comprised of two types of songs: those written in the 1970s and those written in the 1990s — Green Day to the Double Brothers, from Blink-182 to Creedence Clearwater Revival and back again. Pop-punk is better than no punk at all, and technically, 70s rock isn't all that bad. Afterall, Lynyrd Skynyrd did release an album the same year as the Stooges, right? No complaints, given the circumstances. However, I must question the choice to play "Fortunate Son" by CCR.

Disregarding subtle political messages, Fantazier's infectious sense of humor won over the crowd as he played a flax-scottish interpretation for BBR's rendition of the Proclaimers' hit "I'm Gonna Be (500 Miles)." Zwers's John Fogerty-influenced vocals could use some work given the circumstances. However, I couldn't help it. They're funny. Like the kid who tells so many dumb jokes that by the 20th time you feel your ribs breaking from laughing, that's BBR. Perfectly harmless, unconcerned with being "cool." They just want to rock, and they want you along with them.

Artistic vision is not a prerequisite. Radiohead, they are not, but hey, this isn't NYU. This is Notre Dame.

**Bebop Rocksteady**  
**Venue:** Reekers  
**Date:** December 6, 2003

Guitarist and vocalist Matt Fantazier performs live with his band 'Bebop Rocksteady' at Reekers on Dec. 6.

Photo courtesy of Matt Fantazier

It's wonderful to see three guys who scoff at taking themselves seriously. Bebop Rocksteady supplies a sense of humor to a university that sorely needs it. Now if we could only get a band to provide a more progressive way of thinking.

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**Album Review**

**In Time': A brief history of R.E.M.**

By **MOLLY GRUFFIN**  
Some Music Critic

R.E.M. does not look or act like a typical rock band. Michael Stipe, the lead singer, is tall, lanky and bald and the other band members don't have a visible tattoo, piercing or obnoxious dye job among them. The fact that they've been around long enough to put out their "best of" CD, In Time, the most recent being released, speaks volumes. They've seen and heard it before; R.E.M.'s career in one disc is a near impossible undertaking. This unfortunately means the infamously inarticulate fans behind some of the songs is a valiant effort, "Bad Day" a n d "Animal," which are surprisingly good and add to the album as a whole which is a rare occurrence, considering the kind of hastily thrown together "new" songs that are usually included with greatest hits CDs. "Bad Day" is reminiscent of "it's the End of the World As We Know It (And I Feel Fine)" because of it's rapid-fire delivery and up-beat tempo, and "Animal" has a more driving melody.

The booklet included with the CD contains the background behind each song on the album and the insight provided on the sources of or meanings behind some of the songs is fascinating, not just for R.E.M. fans but anyone with an interest in how music comes to fruition. Nothing other than the background to songs is included in the booklet and lyrics, like on most R.E.M. albums, and must be hunted down on the Internet because the band doesn't include them.

Overall, In Time is an enjoyable CD and it represents the breadth of R.E.M.'s career, but it doesn't have the depth that a band with the longevity and talent of R.E.M. deserves. Granted, summarizing their lengthy career in one disc is a near impossible task, and In Time is a valiant effort, but it just feels incomplete. The music itself suffers nothing by being on the disc, but R.E.M. as a band isn't adequately represented by the material included. If they had just taken the risk and made it a two-disc set, it would have been a much more complete and satisfying effort.

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The debut of *The Last Samurai* came in first at the weekend box office as the Tom Cruise war epic cut down the competition with $24.4 million in ticket sales, according to studio estimates Sunday.

In the film, Cruise plays a down-trodden Civil War veteran who returns home by forging a bond with samurai warriors — despite having been brought to Japan to quash their rebellion by training a mercenary army for the Japanese emperor.

Cruise’s other recent films have opened stronger; such as the $35.6 million debut for *Minority Report* and the $37.8 million opening of *Mission: Impossible II*. *Samurai*, which is nearly two-and-a-half hours long, had a similar opening gross to *Vincenzo*, which grossed $23.5 million in its first weekend.

"It’s amazing just to get one movie a film so beautifully crafted," said Paul Dergarabedian, president of box-office tracker Exhibitor Relations. "For an R-rated film, a long film, a period epic — I think this speaks to Tom Cruise’s drawing power."

The debut of *Samurai* topped last week’s No. 1 movie, *Dr. Seuss’ The Cat in the Hat*, which fell to fifth place with $7.3 million.

So far, *Cat* has earned a total of $85.5 million, according to Universal Pictures, placing it far behind the studio’s 2000 Jim Carrey comedy *Dr. Seuss’ How the Grinch Stole Christmas*, which had collected about $172 million at the same point in its release. *Grinch* ultimately earned $260 million by the end of its run.

The Jessica Alba aspiring-dancer melodrama *Honey*, the only other new movie opening in wide release, ranked second this weekend with $14 million despite generally poor reviews, some of which compared its story to the infamous Mariah Carey bomb *Glitter*.

It’s a strong opening for the former star of TV’s *Dark Angel*, and distributor Universal Pictures said the audience for *Honey* was about 75 percent under 21 and 74 percent female. That proved to be wise counter-programming against *Samurai*, which had audiences skewing older and predominantly male, Dergarabedian said.

"Universal selected just the right movie to go up against *The Last Samurai*, the two movies couldn’t be more different," he said.

In only its first weekend, the film took in $12.5 million, a per-theater average of $25,300, according to studio estimates. The top 12 theaters accounted for 62 percent of the film’s total gross, bringing it to $133.8 million.

New Line Cinema is releasing the previous two films, *Swordfish* and *Gigli*, to a handful of theaters in advance of the Dec. 17 debut of the final Rings installment: *The Return of the King*. This coming week, *The Two Towers* will be in theaters again.

There’s a movie-going vacuum that usually follows the weekend after the Thanksgiving holiday, and many of the top holdover movies saw ticket sales drop by more than 60 percent this weekend. Snowfall in the northeastern states may also have kept people at home and away from the theaters.

Nonetheless, the overall box-office was up about 34 percent. The top 12 movies took in $91.8 million from Friday to Sunday compared to $68.5 million from the same weekend last year, when *Die Another Day* and *Analyze That* topped the box-office.
NBA

Magic snap 19-game losing streak with win

Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — The Orlando Magic completed an 18-game losing streak, breaking the NBA and franchise records, with a 114-109 overtime victory at home over the Chicago Bulls on Monday night.

The Magic had to climb out of a 22-point hole in the first quarter to win for the first time since Oct. 29, an overtime victory in the opening game at New York. It was the third-longest comeback in team history and the biggest deficit the Magic have overcome at home.

Denver coach Flip Saunders had 15 of his 21 points in the first half, and Tracy McGrady had 16 points, 11 rebounds and nine assists.

Orlando, for once, was on the good side of a late-game surge.

The Magic closed the game on a 10-2 run, with Gordan Giricek hitting a 3-pointer and two free throws.

Giricek had 19 points, as did Juwan Howard. Howard’s history to lose Magic snap and-under layup broke a 95-all tie with 1:46 left. Giricek had also rebounded and seven assists.

Eddy Curry scored all 16 of his points in the fourth quarter, but it wasn’t enough to keep the Spurs from sweeping Chicago for a third straight season. The Bulls lost at San Antonio last month.

The Nuggets had 15 of their first 20 points in the first quarter, and the Bulls scored 17 consecutive to end the period.

Drew Gooden scored 15 of his 19 points in the final five minutes, hitting a 3-pointer and two free throws. Gooden also led 66-53 in the battle of the big men to the to lead the San Antonio Spurs to a 96-82 victory over the Orlando Magic.

Ginobili had 19 points, as did Tony Parker — playing in front of his father, brothers and grandparents, and seven assists.

Juancho Hernangomez had 20 points and 11 rebounds, including three late baskets, to help the New Orleans Hornets hold off the Milwaukee Bucks 95-85 Monday night.

Baron Davis added 18 points and 10 assists on a night when he struggled with his shot (6-for-23). But his fist off the glass with 3:39 left in the first quarter, forced the Bucks to foul on New Orleans’ next two possessions kept the Bucks at bay.

David Wesley added 18 points and P.J. Brown had 12 for New Orleans, which handed Milwaukee its fourth loss in five games.

Desmond Mason led the Bucks with 17 points, while Joe Smith had 13 points and 12 rebounds. Damon Jones scored 14 points, shooting 4-of-6 from 3-point range.

Medical doctors said the bases were the reason for the game’s score.

The Hornets hold off the Spurs 96, 82

Bulls on Monday night.

The Hornets lost at San Antonio last month.

The Hornets held on to lead the San Antonio Spurs to a 96-82 victory over the Orlando Magic.

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Maddux, Braves part ways after 11 seasons

Team declines arbitration with long-time starter

Associated Press

ATLANTA — If Greg Maddux stays true to form — and doesn’t he always? — the 300th win should come shortly after next year’s All-Star game.

He won’t get it wearing an Atlanta uniform.

The Braves bid adieu to their longtime ace, cutting ties with Maddux by declining to offer arbitration by a midnight Sunday deadline.

While the decision had been expected for weeks, if not months, it still marked the end of an Atlanta era.

“You can’t expect to replace a Greg Maddux, either his ability to pitch or his impact on his fellow pitchers,” Braves general manager John Schuerholz said Monday.

“He’s one of the best pitchers ever to toe the rubber in the history of the game.”

John Schuerholz
Atlanta general manager

Maddux had played for the Braves since 1993 — winning the NL Cy Young Award the first three years, setting an NL record for most consecutive innings without a walk, becoming the poster child for consistency with his streak of 15-win seasons.

He could be counted on to take the mound every fifth day, emerging from the dugout with a nonchalant stroll that masked an intense competitive streak.

He was good at whatever he did, where it was golf (his off-field passion) or crossword puzzles (a familiar clubhouse pastime).

Maddux went 194-88 with a 2.63 ERA during his 11-year stint in Atlanta.

Throw in those years with the Chicago Cubs and he’s got a career mark of 289-163.

At age 37, the right-hander still hopes to pitch a few more years. But the Braves cut off negotiations early in the process, unwilling to meet Maddux’s salary demands after he made $14.75 million last season.

Atlanta is expected to cut its payroll by at least $20 million this season. “There was absolutely no possibility this was going to fit into our operating scheme this year,” Schuerholz said. “I would have loved to have seen him stay. I want to stay with the Braves no matter what. I want to achieve these goals wearing a Braves uniform.”

We all would have loved that.

Maddux, who lives in Las Vegas, was vacationing with his wife and couldn’t be reached for comment, according to his agent, Scott Boras.

The Braves also declined arbitration for sluggers Gary Sheffield and Jose Lopez, losing two players who combined for 82 home runs and 241 RBIs in 2003.

Schuerholz said the Braves had “very serious” talks with Sheffield, who is close agreement on a $39 million, three-year deal with the Yankees, a deal the Yankees insist is not final.

Schuerholz never pursued another contract with Lopez, who had spent his entire career with the Braves.

Despite a career season (43 homers, 109 RBIs), Atlanta had been planning all along for Johnny Estrada to take over at catcher in ’04.

Estrada was acquired from Philadelphia a year ago in a cost-cutting deal that sent Kevin Millwood to the Phillies.

That was only the beginning of the Braves’ new world, which calls for the team to pursue its 13th straight division title with a much-smaller payroll.

But Schuerholz confidently predicted that Atlanta will again be a contender in the NL East, even with lower-salaried players.

“We shouldn’t worry what the team’s roster looks like today,” he said. “We have a lot of time to work on the construction of our roster. This is a meaningless date in terms of what our team will look like on opening day. We will have a very good team.”

The team is pursuing a trade or signing to fill Sheffield’s spot — Jose Cruz Jr., Jose Guillen and Jacque Jones have been mentioned as possibilities — and the top of the rotation is still strong with Russ Ortiz, Mike Hampton and Horacio Ramirez.

“I think it’s going to be very interesting, and maybe very exciting for the fans,” Schuerholz said. “While we have said goodbye to some favorite players over the years, I think they’re going to be excited by the new look, the new mix.”

Asked what he’ll remember about the right-hander, Schuerholz paused for a moment.

“Just his consistency,” the GM finally said. “Just his consistent excellence.”
NCAA BASKETBALL

Florida third No. 1 in three weeks

Kansas drops after loss to Stanford

Associated Press

Three weeks, three No. 1s. Florida moved into the top spot in The Associated Press college basketball poll Monday, the third straight week there has been a new No. 1 team.

The Gators (5-0) moved up one spot to replace Kansas, which lost 64-58 to Stanford Saturday. The Jayhawks held the No. 1 ranking for just one week after replacing Connecticut; the Huskies were on top for the preseason and the first two weeks of the regular season.

Stanford, which beat a No. 1 team for the third time in school history, had the week’s biggest jump, moving from 21st to 13th. The last time there were three No. 1 teams in as many weeks was the end of the 1999-2000 season, when Stanford, Cincinnati and Duke each had a stay on top in the final three polls.

The record for consecutive polls with a new No. 1 is seven. From Jan. 3 to Feb. 14, 1994, the top teams were: Arkansas, North Carolina, Kansas, Duke, Kansas Carolina and Arkansas.

Miami was next for the first time in school history last season, holding that spot for one week. The Gators lost 70-55 to Kentucky in their first game as a No. 1 team then.

The Gators host Maryland on Wednesday, and they play at Louisville on Saturday.

"We’re in the middle of a long race, and it’s just started. It’s very early in the season, and we feel like we’re still learning who we are as a team,” Florida coach Billy Donovan said Monday.

"We moved to No. 1, which is always great, but my total focus is for our team to continue to improve regardless of what our ranking is." - Billy Donovan, Florida coach

Arkansas, North Carolina, Kentucky, Arizona and Georgia Tech rounded out the Top 10.

Seven teams received first-place votes this week, two fewer than last week. Georgia Tech had four No. 1 votes, while Texas and North Carolina had three each, and Kentucky had one.

Oklahoma moved up three places to 11th and was followed by Saint Joseph’s, Stanford, Illinois, Wake Forest, Purdue, Gonzaga, Cincinnati, Syracuse and Pittsburgh.

The last five ranked teams were Michigan State, Marquette, Wisconsin, Iowa and Dayton.

Iowa and Dayton are new-comers, replacing Notre Dame and Oklahoma State.

The biggest drop was by Florida, which fell from No. 1 to No. 21. The Spartans (3-5) lost to Duke and Oklahoma this last week, and it doesn’t get easier this week, with a game against Kentucky.

Other upcoming meetings between ranked teams: Texas vs. Arizona in the Jimmy V Classic at Madison Square Garden on Tuesday; Purdue vs. Oklahoma on Thursday; Missouri plays Gonzaga on Saturday; and Marquette at Arizona.

NCAA FOOTBALL

O’Leary named Central Florida head coach

Current Vikings, former Irish coach, to take over at seasons end

Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — George O’Leary was hired Monday to coach Central Florida, giving him another chance in college football two years after Notre Dame forced him to resign because he lied on his resume.

O’Leary, the Minnesota Vikings’ defensive coordinator for the past two seasons, said he chose Central Florida because he saw the opportunity to build the program into a national powerhouse.

“I see the University of Central Florida as a sleeping giant,” O’Leary said at a news conference.

O’Leary acknowledged the problems in his past, saying he was ready to move on. He had lied about earning a master’s degree and receiving three letters playing football at New Hampshire. He resigned less than a week after Notre Dame hired him in 2001.

“I made a terrible, terrible mistake as a youngster and I paid a dear price for it,” he said. “I’m truly sorry for that... my past is my past.”

Central Florida president John Hitt said the Knights had been searching for a new head coach for about two months. O’Leary was hired Monday to replace John Apple, who coached the Knights for two seasons.

Hitt said O’Leary is taking over a program that is headed in the right direction.

“O’Leary is a top-flight coach and a great leader,” Hitt said. “He’s going to bring a lot to Central Florida.”

Central Florida hired coach Mike Kruczek late in the season, and he was replaced on an interim basis by Alan Gouch on Nov. 10.

O’Leary, the former Georgia Tech coach, wasn’t out of work long after his brief stay at Notre Dame. After leaving in mid-December 2001, O’Leary was hired by the Vikis less than a month later.

At Georgia Tech, O’Leary had a 52-33 record from 1994-2001. UCF athletic director Steve Orsini was Georgia Tech’s senior associate athletic director during O’Leary’s tenure there.

O’Leary will finish the season with Minnesota, which is 8-5 and in position to make the playoffs.

He is taking over a Central Florida program battered by losses on the field and discipline problems off the field.

Although the Golden Knights were expected to contend in the Mid-American Conference’s East Division, their 3-9 record was their worst since 1984.

Coincidentally, that was the last year the program lost a coach during the season.

In addition, the Knights had eight players, including four starters, suspended this season for various infractions.

O’Leary’s five-year contract reportedly was worth about $700,000 annually.

A financial package would be far more than what UCF has paid in the past. O’Leary’s five-year contract reportedly was worth about $185,000 a year.

Central Florida spokesman John Marinelli said he did not know the details of O’Leary’s contract.

Central Florida has been competing at the Division I-A level for eight years, and the 2002 season was its first as a member of a conference after 23 years as an independent.

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NHL

Hull moves to third place on scoring

Associated Press

DITroit — Brett Hull moved into third place on the NHL career goal list by scoring 1-01 to overtake Monday night of the Detroit Red Wings’ 2-1 vic­ tory over the Los Angeles Kings.
Hull’s 732nd goal snapped a tie with Marcel Dionne and moved the Red Wings forward behind only Wayne Gretzky (894) and Gordie Howe (801). Hull, who also had an assist, one-yellowed a shot from the bot­ tom of the left circle to give him a goal in his seventh straight game.
Los Angeles rallied from a 2-0 through seven goals by Mike Cammalleri and Martin Straka to force overtime.

Associated Press

Straka to beat Dominik Hasek and Martin Skoula to force overtime.

PGA

Woods wins fifth straight PLOY award

Associated Press

THOUSAND OAKS, Calif. — A wild season in golf came to a familiar conclusion Monday night when Tiger Woods was voted PGA Tour player of the year for winning the Greater Hartford Open at age 49, his first tour victory in eight years.
Woods won five times, including two World Golf Championships, had the lowest scoring average and was sec­ ond on the money list, despite playing only 18 times.

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— We’re a pleasure for us if players get along together.
— We’re not going to shootarounds.
— We’re not looking to score 30 points anymore.
— We’re looking to win ball games.

Associated Press

Woods was voted comeback player of the year for winning the Greater Hartford Open at age 49, his first tour victory in eight years.
Woods won five times, including two World Golf Championships, had the lowest scoring average and was sec­ ond on the money list, despite playing only 18 times.

“‘There’s a tremendous amount of excitement because it just shows that guys on the tour respect that I was consist­ ent in my score and my performance,” Woods said. “I think that’s what the award reflected.”
The PGA Tour does not release vote totals.

Ben Curtis was voted rookie of the year for winning the British Open in his first appearance at a major. Peter Jacobsen was voted comeback player of the year for winning the Greater Hartford Open at age 49, his first tour victory in eight years.
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College bowl system causes annual dilemma

Associated Press

The best team in the land? Nobody will know for sure this season.

What if the winner of the Rose Bowl could play the winner of the Sugar Bowl a week after those big games? Oklahoma vs. Southern California would be a dandy. So would LSU vs. USC. Of course, if Michigan slipped in with its two losses, some folks might be upset, though nobody could say the Wolverines went through the back door.

A one-game playoff is one of a handful of solutions that have floated around for years in an attempt to crown a true champion out of one of the most controversial, some say antiquated, concoctions in sports — the college bowl system.

"We have this conversation every year," Texas coach Mack Brown said. "Unless we change the system, we'll have this conversation every year.

The system that gives us No. 1 USC vs. No. 4 Michigan in the Rose Bowl and No. 2 LSU vs. No. 3 Oklahoma in the supposed title game, the Sugar Bowl, is in place for at least two more seasons.

Some tweaking is surely in order. But wholesale changes almost certainly aren't. In fact, while many vocal fans might bemoan the system, at least one expert believes the key decision-makers — coaches, athletic directors, school presidents — probably will stick with something close to the status quo even when the current contract is up.

"The overwhelming majority want to keep the bowl system in some form," said Grant Teaff, executive director of the American Football Coaches Association. "Just like with the BCS, you're not going to serve every institution in every conference, even with a playoff system.

The most likely change in the contract would involve adding a championship game, or maybe two rounds of playoffs, after bowl season. It's a plan that has been debated quite often.

Oregon athletic director Bill MOSs made the most serious push in 2001, after the Ducks got bypassed for the top bowl in favor of Nebraska, which had lost 62-36 to Colorado and didn't even play in the Big 12 title game.

The pros for a post-bowl playoff: A tournament-style ending would leave less room for debate. For instance, if Oklahoma and Southern Cal each won its bowl game, then played a week later, there would be little doubt about who the real champion was.

Cons: It adds an extra week of football, something school presidents aren't thrilled about. And would the big three pay to go to the Rose Bowl one week, then take another trip for the championship game the next?

A more radical change would be taking 16 top teams and throwing them into a big tournament, a la basketball's March Madness.

"There needs to be a big playoff," said Texas Tech's Mike Leach, a member of the minority of coaches who would like to see a tournament. "We would do away with putting all this foolishness into the computer and hoping somehow it is going to come up with the right thing.

Proponents of that idea say it makes more sense to decide a football title the same way as almost every other championship in major sports. And, without a doubt, it wouldn't reward excellence in the regular season as much, but nobody disputes the legitimacy of an NCAA basketball champion that gets hot in March and wins it all.

Critics, however, claim a full-blown playoff would get the bowl system as we know it. And no matter how many teams reach the playoffs, there always will be a debate about the third- or ninth- or 17th-ranked team — the first on didn't get left out.

Much of how this season will be remembered rides on Michigan, the only team in the Rose-Sugar pairings with more than one loss.

If Michigan can upset Southern Cal in the Rose Bowl, the winner of the Sugar Bowl will be crowned the champion in both the Associated Press and the coaches' polls because only one team will be left with one loss.

But if Southern Cal wins, there's a good chance of a split. Coaches don't even vote for the AP, so even play in the Big 12 title game.

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UCLA running back Maurice Drew gets tackled by USC Trojans Lofa Tatupu. USC will not be playing in the national championship game despite being ranked No. 1 in the AP poll.

MLB

Colon, Angels close to an agreement

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Bartolo Colon was close to an agreement with the Anaheim Angels. The Associated Press learned Monday, a contract that would give the team one of the top pitchers on the free-agent market.

While neither Colon nor the Angels discussed the talks Monday, both Anaheim and the Chicago White Sox believed the right-hander was on the verge of a deal with Anaheim, said two baseball officials who were familiar with details of Colon's negotiations with the two teams. The pair spoke on the condition of anonymity.

Anaheim offered a $48 million, four-year contract, one of the officials said. Once a preliminary agreement is reached, the right-hander still must pass a physical.

Colon's agent, Mitch Moreland, did not return several telephone calls from The Associated Press. Angels general manager Bill Stoneman refused to confirm or deny the talks.

"We've been more active this offseason than last," Stoneman said. "We're still trying to get some other things done. In terms of what they are, we're only going to comment on that stuff once we do have something that we announce publicly.

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**Tennis**

Serena Williams may sign with Nike

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Serena Williams is close to signing an endorsement contract with Nike, two tennis sources told The Associated Press on Monday.

The deal, which could be the richest for a female athlete in history.

The multiyear agreement would include royalties and performance bonuses for winning Grand Slam tournaments or reaching No. 1 in the rankings, one source said.

Both spoke on condition of anonymity.

Those clauses could make the contract worth more than the deal with Reebok that Williams’ older sister Venus signed in December 2000 after winning Wimbledon and the U.S. Open. That was worth up to $40 million over five years.

Serena Williams, 21, has won five of the last seven Grand Slam tournaments, bettering her sister in the final each time.

She moved to the No. 1 ranking for a year until being sidelined because of left knee surgery on Aug. 1. Williams pulled out of every tournament of the year and finished 2003 at No. 3.

She expects to return to action by the Australian Open.

Her contract with Puma expired early this year.

ESPN and unidentified sources, reported that Williams and Nike agreed to a five-year deal plus a three-year extension that could be worth as much as $55 million.

**SportsBusiness Journal** reported it is a lifetime deal for $60 million.

"We have no deal with Serena at this time," Dave Mingeey, Nike spokesman said.

If Williams does sign with Nike, the company would benefit from her non-tennis interests that have made her more visible, including clothes designing and acting.

With help from the William Morris agency, she landed roles in a movie called "Beauty Shop" and the Showtime drama "Street Time."

A 2002 survey of the public relations industry by PRWeek.com, citing unidentified Williams and Tiger Woods the most attractive spokespersons among athletes.

**Nfl**

Bengals still eye playoff berth

CINCINNATI — The Bengals’ worst drubbing since the season opener knocked them out from first place but not out of the playoff chase.

They’ve still got a chance to make it and enough confidence to predict it.

A team that’s come so far can’t imagine an unhappy ending.

"With three games left, there’s a lot of meaningful football to be played," linebacker Brian Simmons said Monday. "At this point, it’s going to be who takes full advantage of those three games they have left."

The Bengals (7-6) had a chance to take the equivalent of a two-game lead by beating Baltimore on Sunday. Instead, the Ravens (8-5) pushed them around in a 31-13 defeat that was the Bengals’ worst since a season-opening 30-10 loss to Denver.

Now, the Bengals have to plan on winning their final three games and hope the Ravens or one of the other wild-card candidates fades down the stretch.

Given the way their season has gone, the Bengals expect it.

"I’ll tell you why we’re getting to the playoffs. I guarantee that we’ll get to the playoffs. I said it, and remember I said it. We’re going to do it."

With a chance to make themselves the odds-on favorite to win the AFC North, the Bengals looked like a team not quite ready for the pressure of high-stakes football.

Their offensive line was overwhelmed by the Ravens, who sacked Jon Kitna six times and forced two fumbles and two interceptions. Receiver Chad Johnson was double-teamed and didn’t catch a pass until the fourth quarter when the Ravens were pulling away.

As the game wound down, some Baltimore fans chanted, "Same old Bengals." Bengals coach Marvin Lewis took note and took exception, saying the fans’ conclusion was all wrong.

"We’ve got a chance to prove that this week," Lewis said.

He agreed with the assessment of several players that the Bengals seemed to be trying too hard during their most important game in 13 years. Cincinnati hasn’t been to the playoffs or had a winning record since 1990.

"That’s what these guys work for, to play games that mean something in December," Lewis said. "You’d like to be doing it with a three-game cushion, but we’re not. We don’t need to press. We pressed yesterday."

"We’ve got that level of intensity, but when you get behind in the game, you have to realize that the only way to get out of this funk is to do things the right way. Don’t try to invent plays and do things like that. It’s just part of maturity."

The Bengals have two home games left — against San Francisco on Sunday and against Cleveland — and one in St. Louis on Dec. 21 that will be significant for both teams.

"At a crucial point in the season, you’re going to have to go on the road and play a team that has the same thing on the line that you do," Simmons said. "Hopefully we learned what it’s going to take to go into their house and steal a ballgame from them."

**Mlb**

Mantle MVP award sells for $275,000

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Mickey Mantle’s 1957 MVP award sold for $288,288 Monday night in an auction of items belonging to the family of the late New York Yankees star.

The hundreds of items — including other awards, contracts and a prize watch — were offered Monday at Madison Square Garden by the Guernsey’s auction house. The items came from the collection of Mantle’s widow and two sons.

The family chose to auction the items to celebrate Mantle’s career and "to share the great treasures and fine heritage with the millions who adored him," Guernsey’s said in a release.

The 1957 MVP award was the priciest of the 300 items, all of which sold, according to Kim Anello, of Nancy Soltzer and Associates, a public relations firm working for the auction house.

Mantle’s 1962 MVP award sold for $250,000, and his 1956 Silver Bat batting title award fetched $270,000. Mantle’s Hall of Fame gold watch sold for $9,500.

Also on sale were professional contracts signed by Mantle. His first one, which gave him a $1,150 bonus and $140 a month to play for the Independence (Mo.) Yankees in 1949, sold for $100,000. His last contract, with the New York Yankees in 1968 for $100,000, sold for $5,500.

The total sale price, including an auction fee the commission on the items, would be released Tuesday, Anello said.

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"Lunch will be served"
Mark Bulger of the St. Louis Rams runs the ball against the Cleveland Browns during Monday night’s game at Browns Stadium. The Rams kicked four field goals to beat Cleveland and secure an NFC postseason berth.

Rams clinch playoff spot in 26-20 victory

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — The St. Louis Rams are going back to the playoffs, and their high-potency offense didn’t have very much to do with it.

Aeneas Williams had two interceptions — the first for a 46-yard touchdown — in the final 1:04 of the first half and the Rams clinched an NFC postseason berth, holding on for a 26-20 win Monday night over the Cleveland Browns.

Williams’ two picks enabled the Rams (10-3) to score 14 points in a 42-second span at the end of the first half, giving St. Louis a 23-7 lead.

“Told you we’d come back and make mistakes and win football games,” coach Mike Martz said.

Jeff Wilkins kicked four field goals — 26, 28, 29 yards and 37 yards — for the Rams, who have never seen a guy do what he does.”

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IN BRIEF

Derrick Strait named best defensive player

CHAPEL HILL, North Carolina — After helping lead his team to a berth in the Sugar Bowl, Oklahoma corner- back Derrick Strait on Monday was awarded the Bronko Nagurski Award as the best all-around defensive player in college football.

Strait became the second Oklahoma defensive back in the last three seasons to win the award. In 2001, safety Roy Williams won the honor, which is presented annually by the Football Writers Association of American and the Charlotte Touchdown Club.

The 5-11, 195-pound Strait recorded 69 tackles — the third-most for the 12-1 Sooners — and intercepted three passes for 127 return yards. The senior set Oklahoma career records for passes broken up, career starts and interception return yards.

“You see very few players who have the impact on the game like he does,” Sooners coach Bob Stoops said. “I have never seen a guy do what he does.”

In the Sooners’ 65-13 thrashing of rival Texas on October 11, Strait had 11 tackles, broke up three passes, recovered two fumbles and had an early interception. He also had an interception and 97-yard return against Texas Tech on November 22.

U.S. athletes might not wear traditional colors

RALEIGH, N.C. As a precautionary measure, American track and field athletes at the 2004 Athens Olympics might be discouraged from wearing red, white and blue or anything with “USA” when they are not competing.

“For security reasons, if that’s the way they want to go, that’s what we’ll do,” said U.S. men’s track coach George Williams, also track and field coach at St. Augustine’s College in Raleigh.

USA Track & Field spokeswoman Jill Geer said Monday that “off-track uniform issues are governed by the U.S. Olympic Committee.”

“Coaching and managerial teams always look at a number of security issues before any international competition, including clothing,” Geer said.

“For the 2004 Games, the Olympic team is within the oversight of the U.S. Olympic Committee.”

Greene is spending more than $750 million for security — the biggest security budget in Olympic history and more than 3 1/2 times as much as what was spent for the 2000 Sydney Games. Authorities plan to deploy about 50,000 security personnel — including 16,000 soldiers — during the games.

Williams said track officials have suggested ways to lower the profile of American athletes around Athens.

“They said it would be good if we low-keyed it,” he said. But he added: “Some of us are going to look American. We’re going to have our Bermuda shorts on and our white tennis shoes. It’s going to be hard to do.”

Men’s Basketball Polls

AP

Coaches

1 Florida (48) Florida (29)
2 Connecticut (41) Kentucky (27)
3 North Carolina (68) Connecticut (36)
4 Duke (56) Michigan (32)
5 Kansas (50) Duke (28)
6 Texas (24) Texas (22)
7 North Carolina (3) Kansas (20)
8 Kentucky (1) North Carolina (16)
9 Arizona (3) Arizona (9)
10 Georgia Tech (4) Georgia Tech (6)
11 Oklahoma (20) Oklahoma (11)
12 St. Joseph’s (9) Wake Forest (12)
13 Stanford (12) Stanford (11)
14 Illinois (23) Illinois (14)
15 Wake Forest (39) Saint Joseph’s (13)
16 Purdue (26) Purdue (10)
17 Gonzaga (15) Cincinnati (17)
18 Louisville (19) Louisville (19)
19 Notre Dame (35) Wisconsin (19)
20 Pittsburgh (11) Michigan (18)
21 Michigan State (48) Wake Forest (21)
22 Marquette (27) Pittsburgh (22)
23 Wisconsin (28) Ohio State (23)
24 Iowa (1) Dayton (24)
25 Dayton (22) Louisville (28)

Women’s Basketball Polls

AP

Coaches

1 Connecticut (47) Connecticut (29)
2 Texas (39) Texas (17)
3 Tennessee (37) Tennessee (5)
4 Duke (36) Duke (4)
5 Texas Tech (32) Texas Tech (5)
6 Stanford (22) Stanford (27)
7 Purdue (30) Minnesota (7)
8 Penn State (28) Penn State (8)
9 Ole Miss (42) Ole Miss (10)
10 LSU (39) LSU (10)
11 Virginia (22) Louisiana Tech (15)
12 Kansas State (5) North Carolina (12)
13 Notre Dame (24) Kansas State (13)
14 Ohio State (44) Ohio State (8)
15 Saint Barbara (16) California (15)
16 Chattanooga (26) Georgia (16)
17 Utah (1) Oklahoma (17)
18 LSU (19) LSU (23)
19 Utah (1) Utah (1)
20 Oregon (14) Oregon (20)
21 UCLA (24) UCLA (21)
22 Rutgers (20) Rutgers (22)
23 Virginia Tech (13) Virginia Tech (22)
24 Michigan State (1) Boston College (24)
25 Arizona (10) Arizona (35)

NCAA Men’s Basketball

Illinois at Providence 7 p.m., ESPN Arizona at Texas 9 p.m., ESPN

NBA

Washington at Indiana 7 p.m., Fox Sports Philadelphia at Detroit 7:30 p.m., Comcast

MIAA Swimming standings

Teams Dual Meet Record

1 Hope 3-4
2 Albion 3-4
3 Calvin 2-1
4 Kalamazoo 2-1
5 Alma 2-2
6 Olivet 2-2
7 Saint Mary’s 0-2

around the dial

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Recruits

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Bob Davie and of Willingham. Speedsters like Duerson and present freshman talents like promising cornerbacks Freddie Parish and wide receiver Jeff Samardzija are the type of players made for the system Willingham and his staff of former Stanford coaches plan to implement. Securing a prospect like Duerson puts Notre Dame on the right track to another solid class. The Irish hope winning just five games this season does not affect the caliber of the recruiting class. “Winning helps,” Willingham said. “I think guys like to see themselves and believe that they have got an opportunity to score a lot of points and do a lot of things.” The 57-point run-up on Stanford last weekend could be a booster to offensive recruits looking to come to Notre Dame and run a spread, passing offense.

“We’re got to have continued growth and improvement in every area,” Ty Willingham Notre Dame coach

“We want to be balanced, but balance should mean that you have a slightly more passing yardage than you do rushing yardage,” Willingham said. “I think we’re getting a little bit closer to where I’d like us to be.” To have a passing offense, there must always be a reliable player behind the center. Although Brady Quinn stepped into the West coast offense as a true freshman and will remain at the helm to start next season, Notre Dame is lacking depth at the quarterback position with the early season transfer of Chris Olsen and the uncertainty of Carly Holiday’s future. Willingham sounded optimistic about the quarterback prospects in the workings up to this point.

“I think we are hanging in there okay,” Willingham said. “I think we are on the list of some very good players, and we just need them to say yes.”

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Records

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with a time of 2 minutes and 16.96 seconds. “Fitzpatrick had pleasant­ly surprising times, she had pretty siz­able times,” said Saint Mary’s swimming coach Greg Petcoff. “We wanted everyone to have the opportunity to help the team.”

The momentum of finishing with top times continued for Saint Mary’s as the team entered Saturday’s portion of the Invitational. But Saint Mary’s remarkable finish came from a culmination of efforts from every swimmer.

“We were looking for many people to score,” said Petcoff. Notable finishes came from team captain Megan Ramsey, who finished first in the 100 yard fly despite a nagging shoulder injury and Amy Kleinfehn, who dropped 10

seconds from her season best time to finish 14th in the 400 yard individual medley.

“Everyone sees how hard [Kleinfehn] works and if you keep trying you’re going to score points,” said Petcoff. “It was a boost because she was the only person entered and she scored.”

Individually, Ramsey finished first with 60 points. B. Fitzpatrick finished fifth with 54 points. Kelly Nels, Julie McGrasahan and Maureen Palchak finished 22nd, 33rd and 38th respectively.

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Greg Petcoff Saint Mary’s coach

Due to the impressive results, Saint Mary’s is now looking to rework their goals as the Belles near the mid-point of the season. “We are looking to make some NCAA cuts,” said Petcoff. “They exceeded expectations and people were right where [the coaches] wanted them to be.”

RecSports

Women’s ice hockey splits games

Special to The Observer

“We had a great weekend and should have had two wins because we totally dominated the play in all six periods. But were 1 and 1 on the weekend. That’s right, our first win.” With those words, captain Tori Blainey summed up both the frustration of a near sweep and the exhilaration of winning as Notre Dame’s women’s ice hockey club split a pair of games against Oakland U. this weekend. The Irish dropped the Saturday contest 2-1 before rebounding Sunday for a 3-2 victory.

On Friday, Oakland’s Lauren Brick scored the lone goal in the first period with an assist from Melissa Orr. Just 3:30 into the second period, the lead was extended to 2-0 on a goal from Kristin Ciarneicki, assisted by Daniela Marrocco. The Irish answered with a goal at 1:57 of the period as Julia LaPointe found the back of the net, with assists credited to Kate Abowd and Karrie Koski. The Irish wasted several excellent scoring opportunities and were unable to reward an excellent performance by Becca Frigy making her debut in goal.

Saturday found a resilient and determined Irish squad strike quickly as Annemarie Kennedy ripped the nets at 11:10 of the first period and Megan Mattla ripped home a shot just 22 seconds later for a two goal lead.

Bowling

The Notre Dame bowling club’s men’s squad competed this weekend in a pair of American Heartland Bowling Conference tournaments, finishing 14th on Saturday and held 13th on Sunday in a 19 team field before having to leave the competition early to return for classes.

On Saturday, the Irish posted a five man team average of 948 for six games, the best showing by the Irish in recent years. Daniel Martin posted a 217 average, highlighted by a 265 game to lead the Irish. Jim Talamao rolled a 244 game en route to a 202 average. Van Koppersmith and captain Jason Raver earned high games of 226 and 217 while averaging 190 and 188 respectively. Vance McInton just missed a 200 game, with a high score of 199 as he averaged 169.
FOOTBALL

Disappointing season may affect recruiting

By PAT LEONARD
Sports Writer

The frustration dissipated a bit with three straight wins in the month of November, but the Notre Dame football team is now searching for answers to turn around a 5-7 losing season after a 38-12 loss to Syracuse in its final game. That search has already begun in the recruiting process, as coach Tyrone Willingham's job gets even harder.

Last season, Willingham rode the wave of momentum from a ten-win season into the month of January. He announced his first recruiting class as Irish head coach, a group ranked top-five in the country behind only programs like rival USC. Notre Dame secured commitments from top prospects such as true freshman starters quarterback Brady Quinn, offensive tackle Ryan Harris and defensive end Victor Abiamiri.

The question now is, will the second go-around be just as successful?

"I think we are hanging in there," Willingham said. "I think we have got some key players that if we can get the right ones to fall, it will help us.

Notre Dame has received seven verbal commitments, as no official commitments can be made until the first week of January after bowl games have been played.

Its most recent recruit is Chicago area cornerback prospect Tregg Duerson. The son of a former Notre Dame football player, Duerson stands 5-10, 170 pounds and runs a 4.5 60-yard dash. He also played running back at Loyola Academy, where he carried the ball this season 184 times for 1,200 yards.

Recruiting analysts said Willingham is bringing Duerson in as a defensive back with possibilities of contributing on special teams.

"We've got to have continued growth and improvement in every area," the coach said.

Willingham and the Irish struggled this season with the meshing of recruits of two systemsthat of former coach Bob Davieand the current system.

"It's a boost because [Kleinjehl] was the only person entered and scored."

Coach Tyrone Willingham speaks to Brady Quinn during the Pittsburgh game earlier this season. Quinn was one of this year's top recruits and made significant contributions in 2003.

SMC SWIMMING

Belles break multiple records at invitational

Saint Mary's finishes fourth at Gene Davis Invitational

By DAN TAPETILLO
Sports Writer

Records are made to be broken.

Last Saturday, freshman Caitlin Fitzpatrick broke four.

Competing in the two-day Gene Davis Invitational this past weekend, Saint Mary's finished fourth as a team with 431 points.

"We don't need anything to transpire from this," Cafarelli said.

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IU gathering not a pep rally

Only 200 IU fans will be allowed into a pre-game meeting

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Sports Writer

If students thought Indiana University was planning a pep rally in the north dome of the Joyce Center before the Notre Dame-Indiana basketball game Wednesday, they might want to think again.

A Notre Dame official said Indiana fans will have a gathering in a partitioned section of the Joyce Center, but the gathering is similar to other pre-game events the University allows visiting alumni organizations to hold before basketball games.

The only reason it is in the north dome of the Joyce Center is because another group had already booked the Monogram Room — the room on the second floor of the Joyce Center where visiting teams' fans normally congregate — for the evening.

"It's not an IU pep rally," Notre Dame sports information director Bernie Cafarelli said.

Cafarelli added that Notre Dame typically gives any alumni club from any visiting school a place to hold a pre-game meeting, just as the Irish often receive a space to meet before games at other school's campuses.

But Notre Dame will only allow up to 200 fans with tickets into the partitioned area, said Cafarelli, and no Notre Dame students would be admitted.

Several students, under the impression that Notre Dame was allowing an Indiana pep rally in the Joyce Center, were planning counter-rallies before the basketball game.

"We don't need anything to transpire from this," Cafarelli said.

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Men's Basketball

Indiana will have a pre-game meeting before their contest against Torin Francis (above) and the Irish Wednesday.

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