University: close Juniper Road

By SCOTT BRODFUEHRER
News Writer

The University has proposed closing Juniper Road and redirecting traffic to a widened Ivy Road or a new road near Ivy, which would most likely be financed by the University.

While the safety of pedestrians crossing Juniper to reach campus buildings and parking lots is one reason for closing Juniper, University officials also say they want to maintain the relatively small, pedestrian nature of the campus.

"It's not just about safety; we want to keep campus small," said University architect Doug Marsh.

Officials say closing Juniper would allow a campus development boundary to be created, so that new buildings are constructed within the current footprint rather than expand­ing the campus, which officials say they have no desire to do.

Gay marriage rulings may affect ND housing

By DOLORES DIAZ
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The University Office of Residence Life and Housing could face allowing same-sex marriage partners to reside in campus mar­riage housing residents if Massachusetts' ruling allowing same-sex marriages becomes a reality.

However Mary Gude, assistant vice president of student affairs and standing committee chair for gay and lesbian student needs, said she was not concerned about the Massachusetts ruling having any immediate effect on the Indiana marriage law, nor did she consider the contract inflexible.

"Indiana would be at the end of the line on changing the marriage law," Gude said. "If and when the day ever came ..., the contract would probably change to specify that the marriage must be between a heterosexual couple.

As a Catholic institution, the University is required to uphold the teaching of the Catholic Church that does not grant or acknowledge gay marriage. This extends to University housing, as well.

"The official doctrine of the Church is that marriage is between a man and a woman," said Gude. "The wording of [the contract] would have to be changed."

According to the mission statement of the Office of Residential Life and Housing, "The University encourages a way of living consist­ent with a Christian community and manifest in prayer, liturgy and service. Residential life endeavors to develop that sense of community that is at once more human and more divine."

Because homosexual couples could potentially live off campus together and keep their sexuality a secret from the University quiz...
"Til death do us part"

"Father of the Bride" it wasn't. But the worst part about Britney Spears' double-down shogun Las Vegas wedding last week wasn't that the bride wore the now infamous "jeans and a baseball cap," nor that only one of the shoes was white. It wasn't the media frenzy that followed, which rocketed even greater-than-Alexander's-spotlight-crazing high school ex-girlfriend onto prime time entertainment news. The worst part was what the 55-hour debacle inadvertently pointed out: While Britney's celebrity was enough to merit a legal amendment, her heterosexuality was enough to merit an equally legal marriage. The debate over whether Britney's or any other marriage should be labeled "holy matrimony," "civil union" or something in between reached its boiling point over the holidays, when then a release of a New York Times/CBS News poll showed 55 percent of Americans to be in favor of a proposed constitutional amendment to restrict marriage to a union between a man and a woman. While most supporters acknowledge that an amendment won't automatically make the "straight lightbulb" go off in homosexuals' heads, the promise that the gay lifestyle will remain in the shadows instead of on the stars is enough to win their support. Most of the 55 percent likely feel guilty about outright intolerance but have no qualms telling gays to keep their "confused" hands off a "sacred institution" and thus their commitment out of sight.

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Judges review Shirt designs

By MERYL GUYER
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The Shirt selection process continued this week with final design submissions sent to Katie Crossin, president of the project. The winner will be notified in the upcoming weeks, at which point he or she will receive a $200 award and assist Crossin and the rest of The Shirt production staff with the project.

The winner's design will be used for the 2004-05 Shirt, although there will be some necessary alterations made to accommodate moving the design from paper to fabric. And the color of the 2004-05 shirt? "That's the thousand dollar question," Crossin said.

While participants were requested to submit at least one design in the familiar kelly green color, the committee has not definitively chosen that color for the new shirts.

Eight designers were chosen to be finalists from a first round of submissions turned in Nov. 26. This preliminary design was very general, left up to the creativity of the applicant. Some submissions were just concepts or ideas rather than full designs, Crossin said.

The competition attracted a variety of individuals from different majors, although contestants were not asked their majors when applying, and roughly 50 percent of the designs exhibited some previous graphic design experience, Crossin said.

This is the 14th year of The Shirt tradition at Notre Dame, which began as an independent student project initiated by Brennan Harvash to cover medical costs for a graduate student injured in a hit-and-run accident. The Shirt's purpose was to unify students as well as raise funds for the unexpected costs.

The 1990 home opener football game versus Michigan featured $200 of the total student body in The Shirt and 9,500 shirts were sold that season.

After its first two years of production, the Hammes Bookstore, along with other campus stores, picked up The Shirt, which contributed to increased sales.

This year's Shirt continues in its tradition with a student-run focus said Crossin, and much of the decision-making is left to students, although The Shirt project is now joined by members of the Alumni Association, the Student Senate, the Hammes Bookstore and the Financial Management Board.

Proceeds from shirt sales are divided in two. Half of the money supports student clubs and organizations, and the other half fulfills the original purpose of covering unforeseen medical costs for students, Crossin said.

Within the last half there is also a "recruit fund," which is given to the care of rectors to dispense to students in financial need in order to purchase items like dance tickets and other extras that help them participate in more campus life events.

With The Shirt's continued success, there has been discussion about increasing compensation for the selected designer, which is now $200. However, with the history of the project as a social service and the fact that positions within the project, including that of the President, are completely voluntary, no decision to increase the prize amount has been made, Crossin said.

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OIT warns students of more 'phishing'

Warning follows increase in complaints

By WILL PUCKETT
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Prompted by a severe increase in fraudulent phone calls and e-mails to Notre Dame students, the Office of Information Technology will be sending out a security alert via e-mail in the near future.

According to Gary Dobbins, director of information security for the University, this is a problem that students should take very seriously.

"We've seen a dramatic rise in 'phishing' type exploits, where someone contacts someones on the telephone or via e-mail and sounds a heck of a deal. But the threats are simply too numerous to completely stop them. Hence, students must guard themselves against would-be thieves.

"A good rule of thumb might be to never give out private information over the phone to anyone unless you made the call," Dobbins said.

"If someone contacts you wanting personal information, offer to call back at the number listed on the credit card company's website, or whatever it is. So-called 'phishing' has become an increasing problem nationwide."

The full extent of the swindles is unknown, but several major Internet service providers and universities have reported problems, and increasing media attention is being directed at the topic.

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to do. The campus master plan calls for adding more acres to the campus and for new walkways and alleys to be constructed on the area where Juniper currently passes through.

In one plan, fears and eliminate rumors.Improving the traffic flow around campus is also a reason to close Juniper and improve other roads, officials say. The University is carefully considering feedback from community members, although some suggestions, such as building tunnels for pedestrians under Juniper, are not feasible. "Our goal is to be a good neighbor. We have to consider their feedback, but we have to be realistic," Rucker said.

On Wednesday night at a meeting at Garden Primary School, the University unveiled two new plans that would create a new road through proper­ty the Osborne owns east of the campus instead of taking homes, which County Commissioner Mark Dobson praised for being responsive to the concerns of community members. "From what I’ve seen and heard, I’m that much more impressed," Dobson said. In both alternatives, Ivy Road would be disconnected from Douglas Road so it would not be used as a through street. Ivy Road would likely be increased to four lanes between Edison and Vanness Roads. At Vanness, the new road would split from Ivy, either connecting to Douglas Road (alternative 6) or con­necting back to Juniper (alternative 7). Any plan to close Juniper and build new roads on the east end of campus would require the approval of the county council.

While residents of Ivy Road were pleased to hear a new road would not require them to move, many other area resi­dents still are not in favor of closing Juniper. Indian Lakes resident Carole Morehouse said she believes closing Juniper would increase her community to work by at least 10 minutes if she took Cleveland Road to Main Street instead of Juniper Road.

"It’s the only North-South roadway we have," Morehouse said. A concern echoed by many residents at the meeting was that students who do not obey crosswalk signals are the ones who cause safety problems on Juniper. "One of the things people are beginning to notice about Notre Dame students is that they think they can do any­thing because they are Notre Dame students ... they need to be taking some responsibility," Rucker said.

Other residents raised con­cerns about students crossing an improved Ivy Road from Turtle Creek to campus, saying that there are currently no crosswalks, and students dart in and out of traffic to cross the road. Davis said that a more attractive campus crossing will be studied. "I don’t think we’re planning on a traffic signal just for pedestrians ... We need to find a way to get a properly design­ated pedestrian crossover that (students) can’t even screw up," Marsh said.

In the next months, the University will continue to conduct traffic modeling and develop a draft layout of road improvements. Eventually, Notre Dame will bring its plans before the county coun­cil for approval, but Marsh said the University does not have a timeline in which it hopes to close Juniper. The University is also study­ing two other changes, in con­junction with county officials:

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easily, the matter boils down to principle. Gay rights advocates seek to foster a community where homosexuals are free to be open with their lifestyle. But if such changes to the resi­dence contract became neces­sary, the task would fall to General Counsel upon word from the University administra­tion. Associate Vice President and Counsel Jill Bodensteiner said that, if the contract were to be changed, it would not nec­essarily take very long to com­plete. The process (of changing a contract) could take a day or a year depending on its impor­tance," said Bodensteiner.

Bodensteiner said that, as a private institution, the University is not bound by normal constitu­tion law. The anti-discrimina­tion clause of the University, stated on the graduate policy contract, does not include a section on sexual orientation or lend itself to gay rights. "As a private institution the University can cut off a lot of indirect freedoms," said Cory Owen, Notre Dame student and member on the Standing Committee for Gay and Lesbian Student Needs.

Even if the contract loophole was closed, gay advocates would have to seek an amendment to the non-discrimination clause which does not apply to homosexual. However, the clause has been challenged before and was last rejected by the Board of Trustees in 1998.

For Irwin, a change in the near future seems doubtful. "I don’t think we’re planning on it," said Irwin. "A lot of that also has to do with publicity. Boston [College] is a Catholic school that did it and took a lot of criticism for it, and Notre Dame already has more of a conservative tra­dition than it does." Irwin said that a change to the clause would have to be passed through the Board of Trustees, which is required to vote on cer­tain policy changes. The Board consists of three priests and three laymen who already serve on the Board of Trustees.

"For anything to pass, you have to have majority vote," said Irwin.

Irwin said that part of the rea­son that the University didn’t adopt the sexual orientation sec­tion as part if its anti-discrimina­tion clause was precisely to avoid getting caught in a situa­tion that would place University policy and the Church position at odds with each other.

In order for the University to smoothly adopt a sexual orienta­tion section to its anti-discrimin­ation clause it would have to be in response to a change in Church teaching. However, Gude acknowledged that the Church stance on homosexuality remains a controversial issue on which many Catholic academics and students disagree.

"Who knows in the future?" Gude said. "But you can imagine this is going to take some time, the stance is founded on gospel." Gude speculated that the Massachusetts ruling would take about four or five years for the courts to fully work through, and she emphasized that much remains unsettled.

Indiana is one of 37 states that have laws prohibiting recogni­tion of gay marriage. Of the 13 states without such a law, two are in the Midwest, Wisconsin and Ohio, eight are on the east coast and the remaining three are in the South, New Mexico and Oregon.

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**INTERNATIONAL NEWS**

**Acquittal sought for 9/11 suspect\**

HAMBURG, Germany — Lawyers for the second Sept. 11 suspect go on trial argued Thursday that the Moroccans was unaware of the plot by black ringleted Mohamed Atta.

Abdelghani Mouzali, charged with more than 3,000 counts of accessory to murder and membership in a terrorist organization, knew al-Qaida cell members but was not part of the plan to attack the United States, lawyers said in the Hamburg state court during closing arguments.

"Abdelghani Mouzali belonged to the group who feared that his life would be spared," defense lawyer Christian Grafe said. He spent time in Afghanistan. The evidence shows that — but no more than that," Pinar argued.

Prosecutors last week sought the maximum 15 years in prison for Mouzali, 31, arguing evidence showed he assisted the Sept. 11 plotters.

**American pilot pays fine for gesture**

An American Airlines pilot paid a fine of nearly $12,750 Thursday after being accused of making an obscene gesture during new customs procedures for U.S. citizens.

Brazilians charged that Dale Robin Hersh, 53, held his middle finger on Wednesday while undergoing the new security process, imposed in response to similar rules in the United States for citizens of Brazil and many other countries.

Hersh was accused of showing contempt for authorities — a crime in Brazil punishable by up to two years in jail.

But officials said the offense was minor, fining him $12,750 instead of pressing charges.

**National News**

**Press gathers as Jackson arraigned**

SANTA MARIA, Calif. — The world press descended in full force Thursday on the normally quiet Santa Maria Valley, setting up mini TV studios with satellite dishes to beam news around the globe when pop star Michael Jackson is arraigned on charges of child molestations.

Calif. D.J. is back in court.

Nearly 10 years after the O.J. Simpson trial brought a media horde to the Los Angeles courthouse, the same players have trekked 150 miles northwest to a rural area better known for its vineyards and strawberry festivals.

The feeling of a time warp was intensified by the presence of Simpson prosecutor Marcia Clark, standing outside the courthouse doing reports for "Entertainment Tonight."

**Man faces double murder charges**

MCKEESPORT, Pa. — A man was charged Thursday with killing two brothers during a fight over the maximum 15 years in prison for Mouzali, 31, arguing evidence showed he assisted the Sept. 11 plotters.

**Local News**

**Kernan line-item veto questioned**

Sacramento — Lawmakers have given an early, bipartisan response to Democratic Gov. Gray Davis' call for the power of the line-item veto.

After deadlines passed in the Senate and House this week, a single legislator had filed a joint resolution with language allowing a governor to strike individual items from the budget. Davis signed the measure.

"I've got to get the governor's signature. And unless you have his signature, you can't do anything," Assembly Speaker Perez. "It will set off a meandering journey to prospect for geologic evidence that the now-dry planet was once wetter and hospitable to life."

Associated Press

**Bush visits Martin Luther King’s grave**

Between 700-800 demonstrators protest Bush's appearance at MLK site

Bush arrived to commemorate the death of Martin Luther King Jr. at his grave site.

Associated Press

"He's doing all these things for black people. It makes him look less conservative, and that's a potential plus for whites, suburban swing voters."

At the church, where pews are broken and the sky can be seen through holes in stained glass window panes, Bush announced that the Justice Department has finalized such regulations affecting $3.7 billion in funding, primarily for programs that help crime victims, prevent child victimization and promote safe schools.

"That's why I'm here — to get involved with the faith-based initiative," said David Shelton, minister from a poor church nearby that has fed 400,000 people the past 17 years.

Associated Press

**Rover rolls onto planet’s surface**

PADASENA, Calif. — The great relief of NASA scientists, the Spirit rover rolled onto the surface of Mars and trundled across the salmon-colored soil Thursday for the first time after the vehicle bounced to a landing nearly two weeks ago.

The slow maneuver was a nail-biting moment for scientists who feared that Spirit, named after the local telephone company name, might bounce into another casualty in the star-crossed history of Mars exploration.

"This is a big relief," said Rob Manning, manager of the entry, descent and landing portion of the mission. "Our wheels are finally dirty.

The six-wheeled vehicle had been perched atop its lander since its arrival on Mars on Jan. 3. On Thursday, it finally rolled down a ramp onto the surface of the Red Planet, covering a mere 10 feet, as planned. The trip took 78 seconds.

Skeptics had worried that the golf-cart-size vehicle might become snagged on its ramp or damaged beyond repair, making it impossible to complete its mission. Scientists said the roll-off may have been the riskiest step the rover would ever take on Mars.

NASA engineers and scientists were misty-eyed and choked-up as they described the success of the maneuver, and raised a champagne toast at an early morning news conference.

"Mars is now our sandbox, and we are ready to play and learn," said Charles Elachi, director of NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

Spirit is to spend three to four days parked beside its lander, giving it time to find its bearings and perform some preliminary analysis of the soil and pebbles around it. Then it will set off on a meandering journey to prospect for geologic evidence that the now-dry planet was once wetter and hospitable to life.
Panel nixes reducing radioactive testing

WASHINGTON — The Energy Department has not done the necessary tests to justify relaxing the testing of radioactive waste shipments bound for a New Mexico storage site, a panel of scientists said Thursday.

The department has argued that safety checks required on shipments to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant near Carlsbad, N.M., cost $3.1 billion and create delays. Changing the requirements would save time and money, the department said in petitioning for changes last week.

A report by a panel of scientists appointed by the National Research Council — a division of the National Academies of Science — said Energy has not done adequate studies to support its argument for easing regulations and those analyses should be done before it seeks to modify the state waste disposal permit. However, a provision backed by Sen. Pete Domenici, R-N.M., and signed into law last month by President Bush orders the Energy Department to request that New Mexico relax its testing requirements and restricts the state's ability to refuse the request.

"This is another example of DOE putting the cart before the horse..."

Ron Curry
New Mexico Environment Secretary

...during nuclear weapons making — in ancient salt beds 2,150 feet below ground. Under the Energy Department's proposed changes, instead of testing each shipment of waste, records kept on each drum of radioactive material would be used to determine whether the waste inside is eligible to be buried at the site.

There is no deadline for the state to act on the Energy Department application.

Sen. Jeff Bingaman, D-N.M., who objected to the Domenici provision, said the scientists' report shows that Congress should only pre-empt state regulatory authority "after a transparent process has taken place — a process that yields thoughtful and careful analysis.

The law cannot be undone, Bingaman said, but it should serve as a reminder "that there is a well-established process for modifying existing state regulations and that the federal government should respect it."

The National Research Council panel said that when the Carlsbad plant became the first operational waste facility of its kind four years ago, it made sense for regulators to be cautious and impose rigorous measures for screening waste.

Today, the site's track record is overwhelming positive at the town hall meeting. The event drew a large audience who did not hesitate to voice their ideas and their frustration at the ways they see the Notre Dame environment stilled real diversity. The event's moderators, professor Carolyn Nordstrom of the anthropology department and J. Roberto Gutierrez, University vice president for communication, opened the assembled students' open-ended questions which had been put together by the event's four student organizers. The questions were framed in terms of King's life and legacy, but student answers dealt with the historical aspect only in passing, preferring to cut straight to their ideas on the state of the campus.

Students voiced concerns that ethnic groups are sequenced into their own areas of campus life, rather than being seen as participating in all that Notre Dame has to offer. White students mentioned being apprehensive that they would be seen as patronizing if they tried to mingle with minorities.

Elena Lacayo, a sophomore from Howard Hall, described her experiences coming from her homeland of Nicaragua to Notre Dame.

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King's legacy discussed

Students, faculty and staff met in the Coleman-Morse Center Lounge Thursday night for a "town hall meeting" as part of the celebration of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, discussing issues of campus diversity, respect and other topics related to King's legacy.

The event drew a large audience who did not hesitate to voice their ideas — and their frustration at the ways they see the Notre Dame environment stifling real diversity. The event's moderators, professor Carolyn Nordstrom of the anthropology department and J. Roberto Gutierrez, University vice president for communication, opened the assembled students' open-ended questions which had been put together by the event's four student organizers. The questions were framed in terms of King's life and legacy, but student answers dealt with the historical aspect only in passing, preferring to cut straight to their ideas on the state of the campus.

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Woman identifies rapist

WASHINGTON. - A nurse who survived a beating and attempted rape in her home last month by a serial killing suspect Derrick Todd Lee identified him in a courtroom Thursday, and said he was the attacker.

"I am absolutely sure, without a shadow of a doubt..."

Diane Alexander testified.

Lee faces a March 1 trial in the death of Charlotte Murray Pace of Baton Rouge and has pleaded innocent. Police say DNA evidence linked Lee to the murders of five other women in Louisiana between September 2001 and March 200, and the assault on Alexander.

In a hearing that began Wednesday, prosecutors are seeking permission to use evidence from four of the killings and the assault on Alexander in Pace's trial. The hearing will continue next month.

An arrest warrant was issued for the Atlantans in May after an intense, 10-month manhunt that terrified women across Louisiana.

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Small cigarette companies sue La.

Three small cigarette makers filed a lawsuit Monday accusing Louisiana of enacting legislation aimed at preserving Big Tobacco’s market share and artificially propping up the major producers’ settlement payments to the states.

Plaintiffs said the lawsuit, filed in U.S. District Court in New Orleans, asked the court to declare Louisiana law unconstitutional. Lawyers for those filing the suit said 18 other states, including California, have similar laws.

The National Association of Attorneys General says such laws closed a loophole that gave upstart cigarette companies a price advantage over companies that signed a settlement with 46 states in 1998 and agreed to pay more than $200 billion over 25 years to resolve state claims for reimbursement for the costs of treating sick smokers.

Toyota car able to park itself

TOKYO — Your hands don’t even need to be touching the steering wheel for it to start spinning back and forth aggressively, all by itself — slowly guiding the car into the parking spot.

Parallel parking is designed to be a breeze with the Intelligent Parking Assist system, part of a new $2,200 option package for Toyota Motor Corp.’s Prius gas-electric hybrid in Japan.

This is a bold and somewhat unnerving concept, a car that parks itself. As a driver, you’ve got to wonder if the Prius eases back toward the curb. What is this machine thinking?

It’s also difficult not to be gripped by a “Look Ma, no hands” thrill — even if the system only partially fulfills its promise.

Outsourcing backlash forms

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Executives from Silicon Valley to Wall Street are adamant that shifting white-collar jobs from the United States to developing countries is good business, but a backlash is brewing.

Indiana’s state government canceled a $15 million contract with an Indian consulting firm in November.
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Halliburton charged a high-priced Kuwaiti supplier for gasoline in Iraq in just one day after considering bidding for only three companies, an Army document says.

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Ashton Kutcher says ‘Punk’d!’ is really over

LOS ANGELES — Ashton Kutcher knows he’s the boy who cried “Punk’d” — but he promises that his MTV practical joke show is really and truly finished.

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Spending bill delayed in Senate

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A Senate committee chairman has written to senators seeking their support for a troubled government-wide spending bill and pointedly listing the projects the measure includes for each lawmaker's home state.

The letter — which falls short of explicitly threatening those projects — underscores the pressure both sides are bringing as the Senate nears a showdown vote over the $733 billion measure on Tuesday, the day Congress returns from its winter recess.

"The subcommittees have tried to accommodate your priorities and concerns in this bill," read the Jan. 6 letter by Senate Appropriations Committee Chairman Ted Stevens, R-Alaska. "Attached you will find a list of projects that may be of particular interest to you.

"Senators and aides refused to discuss the letters publicly. One senator's letter included a nine-page attachment listing more than 300 projects, including one as small as $25,000 for a neighborhood youth center, said an aide speaking on condition of anonymity.

"There is only one thing to do, and that is vote this treaty down and start over," said Paul Weyrich, a conservative group leader who has been leading the fight against some Democratic legislation.

Paul Weyrich
Coalitions for America

Man arrested for double murders

Associated Press

McKEESPORT, Pa. — A man was charged Tuesday with murdering two brothers during a fight over a half-ounce of crack, and authorities were investigating whether he also shot his ex-girlfriend and her daughter.

Keith Howard, 38, was charged with homicide in the deaths of Jamar Hooper, 27, and Ondrea Hooper, 23, the county coroner's office said.

The men were found shot late Wednesday in Jamar Hooper's house in suburban Pittsburgh, where Howard had been staying. Earlier that day, the bodies of Jane Moyer, 42, and Kinisha Knight, 15, had been found in their home about a block away.

Police Chief Joseph Pero said police had been called to Moyer's home about a half-dozen times since December for domestic matters involving Howard and Moyer. He didn't know if Howard had been charged in those incidents.

Howard, whom Pero described as a crack abuser, had crack, a gun and $1,200 in the car when he was arrested, authorities said.

Police said they were confused to using the gun to shoot both brothers after Jamar Hooper accused him of stealing the drug.

"They were always around each other, just like they were that day." — Phillisa Hooper, mother of victims

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A nice man among mean people

God bless the Republican American patriot, former Bush Treasury Secretary Paul O'Neill. His book’s title, "The Price of Loyalty," hints at what Washington insiders know yet another side of the beltway. His fawning about White House operations makes me wonder just how many more are more ideological and mean-spirited than any staff preceding them. They are nothing like the mix of their caring, conscious-driven predecessors, former Republican and Democratic White House writers, now collaborating on the television series "The West Wing." The current crowd is faithful first to loyalty and then to ideology. The chief of staff, interviewed by a reporter featured in this week’s New Yorker, equates interviews with reporters as opportunities to confirm leaks. His policy is to avoid speaking to the press. This White House views the press, not as a vehicle to report the news or serve the public, but as a watchdog and arbiter for the people, but as a special interest. To date, the current President Bush has hosted only 11 press conferences, nearly four times less than his predecessor. This White House staff are excessively nasty toward those whom they do not consider "one of their own" in an "us versus them" outlook. In fact, they often systematically and subtly violate labor laws to discriminate against the identity of his wife, an American diplomat contradicted the White House. As a result of O'Neill's 19,000-word book's content, focusing on many embarrassing revelations, none of which characterized Iraq as a threat. That alone calls into further question whether the president emboldened realistic visions to invade Iraq.

Some Republicans may prefer to believe the spin rather than read the book to gain insights into their party's current White House occupant. They run the risk of lacking the conviction of many Democrats who, in past generations voted for Ronald Reagan or marched against Lyndon Johnson. It behooves every American to scrutinize any president who places American soldiers in harm's way, especially a president who drastically undermines an unprecedented preemptive strike policy that has now accounted for nearly 500 American deaths.

Paul O'Neill is truly a hero for his conviction to expose the White House workings from his insider's view. None of us, Democrat or Republican, should be both blind and dead in a room of politicians.

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How “Saved by the Bell” prepared me for life

Like so many others of our generation, I would rush home from middle school every day to settle into the couch cushion and watch perhaps one of the most influential television shows of my childhood: “Saved by the Bell.” Despite its dearth of realism, its cookie-cutter character stereotypes and its overwhelming corniness, “Saved by the Bell” nevertheless provided wisdom that I still carry today. For the small handful of you who never watched the show during your adolescent heyday, it featured six high schoolers, led by the ineffably cool Zack Morris, who planned their schemes in the principal’s office, Bayside High, at lunch at The Max every day and learned every harsh lesson to emerge as better people and closer friends at the end of each 30-minute installment. Parents and critics alike panned the show as an unrealistic portrayal of high school life, and they were largely vindicated when we realized that the lines between the jocks, nerds, feminists and cheerleaders were more blurred than “Saved by the Bell’s” depiction. I felt particularly disappointed when my high school experience did not include a dance contest refereed by Casey Kasem, but my enlightenment would come in due time. Now that we have grown up since the awkward and ignorant years of junior and senior high school, we can evaluate the show to recognize the positive learning and the flaws.

I’ll start by referencing an old classic, one that forever lingered in the memory for those fortunate enough to have viewed it. Entitled “Jessie’s Song,” the episode features the overarching Jessie Spano, who later drops our venerable university to pursue a career as a stripper, in the midst of a nervous breakdown only amplified by her addiction to caffeine pills. I’m working on being every student familiar with the episode recalls the horrendous image of Jessie screaming “I’m so excited! I’m so scared!” when they contemplate taking a No-Doz pill during finals week. Not only did the episode offer a sentimental lesson on the nature of drug addiction, but the group’s intervention after A.C. Slater discovers her secret proves that a friend in need is a friend indeed, and Jessie ultimately recovers from her traumatic experience.

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None can forget the controversy surrounding Zack’s decision to pursue a career in the business world, the lessons about the glories and pitfalls of capitalism that “Saved by the Bell” presents. The episode offered a dose of idealism to an otherwise apathetic generation, proving that even nerdy students have their day in the sun and jocks can ultimately attain the elusive yet attractive feminist. We lucky few who witnessed its brilliance should never regret the valuable time spent on the couch after school when we should have been doing our homework.

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By MARIA SMITH
Scene Editor

"My Eye," an exhibition of paintings by award-winning artist Rick Bartow, will open this Sunday at the Snite Museum of Art. Bartow, who is Yurok in origin, draws on his Native American ancestry in his paintings, which explore mythological themes from all over the world. Originally from northern California, Bartow now lives and works on the coast of Oregon.

Bartow is currently on a two-year national tour, funded by an endowment from The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde and by the Oregon Arts Commission, the National Endowment for the Arts and the Oregon Council for the Humanities. An exhibition guide with an introduction by Oregon writer Harry Lopez, an extensive biography of the artist and a critical essay by curator Rebecca Dobkins will accompany the exhibition.

"Premeditated: Meditations on Capital Punishment" opened last Sunday. Artist Malaquias Montoya, a leading figure in the political Chicano movement on the west coast, conceived the protest during the 2000 presidential election after the focus on George Bush's home state of Texas brought greater media attention to the issue of the death penalty in the United States. He uses his imagery to protest a practice that he considers an atrocity.

"We have perfected the art of institutional killing to the degree that it has deadened our national, quintessentially human response to death," the Snite Museum Web site quoted the artist as saying. "I want to produce a body of work depicting the horror of this act."

"Premeditated: Meditations on Capital Punishment" will run through Feb. 22. "My Eye" will run from Jan. 18 to March 14. Both exhibitions are free and open to the public.

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Photograph courtesy of Snite Museum of Art

Bartow's paintings, like this "Sie/Angry," use animal imagery to illustrate mythological influences on a diversity of cultures.
"Kennedy's Kitchen" returns to Notre Dame for Irish concert at Legends

Bend area, this hot Irish band is well-known for h-energy and authentic music

Band members include John Kennedy, who is a singer-songwriter and multi-instrumentalist contributing vocals, guitar, tin whistle, bouzouki, and bodhran and banjo to the band. Before forming Kennedy's Kitchen, he was the founder of another traditional Irish band, Seasmis, and he continues to work as a producer and promoter for various other projects.

Chris O'Brien, who lives in Kilkee, Ireland during the summers with her husband and children, works to restore artwork and antique furniture and also offers her talents on fiddle and vocals to Kennedy's Kitchen, and another band, Tallas.

The band also includes two younger members, adding youth, vitality and much talent to the band. Nolan Ladewski, who is 14 and the nephew of founding member Kennedy, plays the tin whistle and the low D whistle with the band. In 1999, he placed first in his age for tin whistle in the Midwest Fleadh and went to Ireland to compete later that year. Ladewski appears on the CD "Notre Dame Experience," and is also a member of the band Mira, which also performs regularly at Fiddler's Hearth.

Sally Joyce, age 16, although relatively new to Irish music, plays fiddle and various whistles with the Kitchen. She is an accomplished pianist and has studied tin whistle and fiddle with local teachers. Along with Ladewski, Joyce is also a member of Mira.

Much is in store for the band in the coming year. March brings the promise of several concerts at local venues in Michigan City, St. Joseph, Mich., and Valparaiso. In September the band will perform at the University of Illinois.

So, even if it isn't possible to fly to Ireland and sit with authentic Irish fiddlers and a creamy Guinness in hand, the closest thing this side of the Atlantic is at Legends this weekend, cooking it up with Kennedy's Kitchen. Come support the band and get your Irish dance growing! The show starts at 10 p.m.

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Kennedy's Kitchen played for a fundraiser for firemen and policemen at the Notre Dame Senior Bar in 2002. They return this weekend to Legends for a night of upbeat Irish music.
NHL

Barnaby third period goal lifts Rangers into tie with Devils

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Matthew Barnaby scored with 1:49 remaining in regulation time to lift the New York Rangers into a 3-3 tie with the New Jersey Devils on Thursday night.

The Devils appeared to be on their way to another win over the Rangers after Sergei Brylin scored to snap a third-period tie. But Barnaby salvaged a rare point for New York against New Jersey after 65 games.

Martin Brodeur made 30 saves in his 600th straight start against the Rangers, who are 1-2-1-3 versus the Devils since Feb. 17, 2003.

Mike Dunham made 30 stops for New York, outshot 2-0 in overtime.

Brylin put the Devils in front 3-2 at 4:05 of the third, just 3:37 after rookie Chad Wiseman scored his first NHL goal to tie it at 2 for New York.

New York's third goal came when Mark Messier worked the puck behind the net and found Barnaby in front. The feisty forward then knocked Scott Stevens off his skates and beat Brodeur.

Brodeur ended up on a long-distance goal to Anson Carter late in the first period, before Scott Niedermayer assisted on goals by Erik Rasmussen and Jay Pandolfo.

Barnaby took a long-distance shot from the right circle and chipped the puck into the Devils' zone after Pandolfo, who slapped a shot from the blue line past Brodeur.

Barnaby tied the game at 3-3 with a power-play goal at 1:49 of the third period, raising his point streak to seven games. He scored off a turnover.

Barnaby scored his ninth goal with 4:33 remaining in the second period. Joe Thornton recovered a loose puck in the corner and swung around to the slot, where he fed Glen Murray. Murray's one-timer was stopped by Norenson, but Barnaby tucked the puck in the rebound.

Thornton extended his point streak to seven games. He has a point in five of the seven games since returning from a knee injury.

Barnaby came closest to scoring in the game's first minute, when Daniel Briere hit the post. Potvin made consecutive saves in traffic five minutes into the third period. He stopped Jason Botterill from the slot, and foiled Alex Kotalik on the rebound with sprawled legs.

Potvin, who made 12 saves in the third period, raised his record against Buffalo to 5-7-4. Potvin started the season with the unveiling of new goalie masks.

Tampa Bay 5, Carolina 4

Martin St. Louis had his second hat trick of the season and Dave Andreychuk got his 1300th point, leading the Tampa Bay Lightning to their fifth victory over the Carolina Hurricanes.

St. Louis scored all three of his goals during the Lighting's five-goal first period against goalies Kevin Weekes and Jani Stoer, matching the three-goal performance the All-Star forward had against Carolina on Jan. 30, 2003.

Andreychuk scored the 622nd goal of his 22-year career in the period, making him the 25th player in NHL history with 1,300 points. Brad Richards scored just 35 seconds into the game, and Carolina coach Peter Laviolette yanked Weekes after St. Louis scored on Tampa Bay's second shot, less than three minutes later.

Storr wasn't much better at the other end, allowing three goals on seven shots.

Tampa Bay jumped to a 3-0 lead with 1:07 left in the first period.

Jan Hlavac carried the puck to the edge of the Devils' zone and chipped the puck into the slot and chipped the puck in for his second power-play goal of the season.

Boguniecki scored the first goal of the game on a power play with 24.9 seconds left.

Rod Langway, the Senators' second all-time leading scorer, was裁剪了，无法提供更多信息。
Wilkens joins Knicks, replacing Chaney as head coach

Wilkens ran a brief practice in the afternoon, preparing the revamped Knicks to play the Seattle SuperSonics on Friday night. He replaces Don Chaney, fired Wednesday.

The opportunity to come back to New York is just tremendous. It's not anything that I thought could happen," said Wilkens, who had been out of work since being fired by the Toronto Raptors at the end of last season.

The Knicks are the sixth team coached by the 66-year-old Wilkens, who has made the playoffs in 19 of his 30 seasons on the bench. His challenge in New York will be to guide the Knicks (16-24) back to the postseason after a two-year absence.

New York is 2 1/2 games behind Philadelphia for eighth place in the Eastern Conference.

"We've got our work cut out for us, but I'm an optimist," Wilkens said. "It's still early enough. We can make the playoffs.

He plans to prod the Knicks to refocus on defense and hopes to tweak their offense - all while growing accustomed to a roster that, until Thursday, he had only seen a handful of times on television.

Wilkens said he welcomes input from Thomas, who drew up a wish list of coaching candidates before settling on the gray-haired gentleman from the Class of '56 at Boys High School in Brooklyn.

"I feel like it's my team right now - or I should say Stephon's team," Wilkens said.

Wilkens, owner of the most coaching victories and losses in NBA history, will have to make adjustments on the fly. The Knicks enter a stretch of six games in nine days that includes a matinee matchup with the Raptors on Monday.

Several Toronto players criticized Wilkens' coaching methods after he was fired in April. Vince Carter said Wilkens doesn't understand today's game.

Wilkens said he was surprised by Carter's comments and defended his tenure in Toronto, citing the team's numerous injuries during his three seasons there.

"I don't pay it any mind because many players will say things to distract from themselves," Wilkens said.

After being fired, Wilkens spent time at home in Seattle playing golf and tennis.

"I never gave much thought as to whether my coaching days were over or not. When I left I said I still had a lot of coaching left in me," Wilkens said.

"When the season started, I started missing it. And I started to watch a lot of games. And when this opportunity came, I jumped at it."
Delhomme brings spirit, enthusiasm to Panthers

Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Jake Delhomme brought back the football field and into the huddle, words of encouragement tumbling out faster than his teammates could comprehend.

The Carolina Panthers trailed 17-0 in their season opener and Delhomme seemed to turn it around.

But that day he rallied the Panthers to the biggest comeback in franchise history and has continued to do so, bringing them within one win of a trip to the Super Bowl.

"To me, this game is no different than the first time of the season," Delhomme said. "The goals are still the same: Play your best and win!"

No one knew what to expect from Delhomme when he relieved Rodney Peete in the second half of the Sept. 7 season opener. He failed to unseat Peete for the starting job in training camp, but Peete played so poorly that day against Jacksonville there was no way the Panthers could leave him in.

So the Panthers, knowing that Peete then crossed their fingers and hoped that Delhomme would be able to pump some life into the offense.

"He came running in as if it was 0-0 and we had a shot," receiver Steve Smith said. "He was smiling and yelling and telling us we were going to win. He really came in with some fire.

It was the chance the feisty Cajun from Louisiana had been waiting for his entire life. He's spent five years as a backup for his hometown New Orleans Saints with no chance to unseat Aaron Brooks for the starting job. Although he loved being close to his home and family, Delhomme knew he needed to leave if he was ever going to play NFL.

He was courted by Carolina and Dallas, and picked the Panthers hoping he'd be starting by opening day.

Although it didn't happen the way he planned, his big chance was in front of him and there was no way Delhomme was going to blow it.

"I just told myself, 'Don't try to win it all on one day.' This is what you've wanted to do all your life," Delhomme recalled.

The Panthers fed off of his enthusiasm as Delhomme threw three touchdown passes — the final with 16 seconds to play — to rally them to a 24-23 victory over the Jaguars.

"It was like with the snap of a finger, everything changed,"

Delhomme said.

"It was weird. There needed to be a change and he comes in jok­ ing, saying, 'Don't worry. We're going to do it.' Then, Bam! Bam! Bam! It's been Bam, Bam, Bam ever since.

Delhomme has led Carolina to eight victories this season by engineering the game-winning drive late in the fourth quarter in overtime.

His most recent heroics came last week in St. Louis, when he threw a 65-yard touchdown pass to Smith on the first play of double overtime to beat the Rams and put the Panthers into the NFC championships.

Delhomme is far from the next Joe Montana, John Elway or Steve Young.

But his ability to stay calm in the waning moments of a tight game have earned the Panthers' quarterback adept at reading formations, but has continued to do so, bringing them within one win of a trip to the Super Bowl.

"They have weapons all over the place," Patriots cornerback Ty Law said. "They have the big three, Brandon and Reggie are stepping up. You have to go out and play good, sound team defense to stop them."

The 1-2 Patriots' biggest challenge of the season could come Sunday when the Colts bring the league's hottest offense to chilly Foxboro, Mass.

Indianapolis (14-4) scored 91 points in its first two playoff games, has yet to punt and seems to be improving as the stakes increase.

Manhattan, the league's co-MVP, has a near perfect passer rating of 156.9 after throwing eight touchdowns and no inter­ ceptions in a 41-10 victory over Denver and a 38-31 win at Kansas City.

Five-time Pro Bowl receiver Marvin Harrison has 13 catches for 231 yards and two touchdowns, while Edgerrin James has rushed for 203 yards and two Tds.

The other part of the equa­ tion is the Colts' supporting cast.

Stokley has become a big-play threat in the playoffs with eight catches for 201 yards and three touchdowns, including an 87-yarder — the longest pass play in the franchise's postseason history.

Wayne also has emerged as a primary threat with 11 catches and two touchdowns the last two weeks. Even little-used players like Nek Van, an undrafted rookie, and Davenport, a blocking tight end, are making an impact.

Lopieni's first touch of the season came on a 2-yard touchdown reception at Kansas City and Lopieni and Davenport each had as many catches as James last week one.

That's by design.

"In this offense, you just have to stay with it," Manning said. "Joe Dean? Now there's a trend-breaker right there. Tom Lopieni, there you go."

The offensive mastermind is Tom Moore, a man who has run some of the best offenses in league history, including those of the high-scoring Detroit Lions teams that featured Barry Sanders and Herman Moore.

In Indianapolis, Moore has made some adjustments, such as using double-tight end formations, but has continued to rely primarily on one-back sets. With all the extra bodies, there's been a quarterback adept at reading defenses and changing calls. A receiver defenders must focus on stopping and a power run­ ning back — Moore has tested defenses by putting more stress on them.

The Colts don't hesitate to seed tight end Marcus Pollard deep over the middle, and Wayne and Stokley can be used short or deep. And when defenses think they've figured it out, Manning crosses them up by going to Davenport or Lopieni.

"Marvin sets the tempo for us in the passing game. We see how people are playing him and how they're going to try and take him away," coach Tony Dungy said. "Then it's a matter of everyone being ready. In our offense, you have to be able to produce when your number is called."

For these Colts, that call could come at almost any moment — given their injury history.

Harrison, who hurt his ribs last week, had already missed one game this season with a strained hamstring.

James sat out three games after breaking two bones in his lower back and rookie tight end Dallas Clark missed the last 6 1/2 games with a broken right leg.

Now Stokley, who was signed to be the team's No. 3 receiver but didn't get healthy until December, may not play Sunday because his infant son was hospitalized.

Yet the Colts have continued to win because of The Unknowns — players such as Troy Walters, who had a career-high 36 receptions and 456 yards before breaking his nose and then being dropped to No. 4 after Stokley's emer­ gence.

"Everybody's making plays, everybody's reading it when it's called," Walters said. "Stokley's made several big plays, Reggie and Joe Dean, everyone has made a play.

The Colts are hopeful that Clark, who was not placed on injured reserve, may be healthy enough to play in the Super Bowl, if they make it.

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Marino becomes Dolphins’ VP of football operations

Associated Press
MIAMI — He spent 17 years running the huddle for the Dolphins. Now, he'll run their front office, which means enduring fickle fans, carping columnists and endless hours of game film and December trips to Buffalo.

Why would Dan Marino want that?
The office, desk and other trappings that come with joining the mundane 9-to-5 world will all be new to Marino, now that he has become Miami's senior vice president of football operations.

The job title may be long, but it lacks the luster of the position he played so well. The best, most popular player in Dolphins history, Marino puts his reputation on the line by taking charge of a team that won its most recent Super Bowl title 30 years ago.

"I've had people say to me, "Why take this risk?'" he admits.

His answer: While working the past four years as a network TV analyst, Marino missed the Dolphins. He missed chasing the NFL title he never won. He especially missed the rush of adrenaline that comes with having a stake in the outcome of every game.

"The TV shows have been great, and I feel like I did a pretty good job, but you don't win or lose," he says. "There is something about being part of the organization and working together. If you're part of that process and you win, there is no better satisfaction in the world."

So Marino will give up his three-days-a-week, $2 million-a-year TV gigs for a less glamorous, more demanding, newly created job that has been only vaguely defined.

"Dan has a real feel for the game, and I think that's going to translate to helping our team both on the field and in securing players," Team president Eddie Jones said. "It's going to be a feel thing as we go along, defining exactly what he's going to be doing."

There's no doubt Marino will have the ear of owner Wayne Huizenga. They're golf buddies and often travel together. But the fuzzy job description reinforces suspicions that Marino is merely a figurehead to appease season-ticket holders unhappy that Miami missed the playoffs the past two years.

Reaction to his hiring was enthusiastic from fans, less so among media pundits.

"I wouldn't have taken the job just to make it look good," Marino says. "It's not a fit position. I think Wayne is looking for another set of eyes that played the game for 17 years that can look at it from a different perspective."

A handful of standout NFL players have moved to the front office, with results ranging from first rate (Ozzie Newsome in Baltimore) to last place (Matt Millen in Detroit).

"It's very difficult to go straight from the field without any experience in that role," former Dolphins coach Jimmy Johnson says. "But there are enough quality people within the organization that Dan will have time to learn in the job, and I'm sure he'll do a great job."

Marino's judgment could prove particularly beneficial regarding the passing game that has been Miami's weakest area since he retired. The receiving corps and offensive line need to be upgraded, and the Dolphins must decide whether to stay with inconsistent, injury-prone Jay Fiedler at quarterback.

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"Dave told me [in 2000] if I wanted an opportunity to come back, I could," Marino said. "But it didn't feel right. It was time for me."

He retired reluctantly, and now the master of the fourth-quarter rally has staged another comeback. An hour after his hiring was announced, there were 40 congratulatory messages on his cell phone, reflecting good vibes that are sure to last awhile.

The Dolphins are Marino's team again, and they'll remain undefeated until at least September.

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Know your CATHOLIC FAITH
Michelle Wie hardly looked out of place Thursday at the Sony Open. Give her time, and the 14-year-old might prove she belongs on the PGA Tour.

Kerry Wood pitches in Game 7 of the NLCS. The Cubs ace joined sixty-four others in filing for salary arbitration Thursday.

65 baseball players file for arbitration

Associated Press

AL Cy Young Award winner Roy Halladay, 2001 NL Rookie of the Year Albert Pujols and New York Yankees second baseman Alfonso Soriano were among 65 players who filed for salary arbitration Thursday, the fewest to submit their names since 1999.

Houston pitchers Wade Miller, Roy Oswalt and Octavio Dotel also filed, as did Chicago Cubs pitcher Kerry Wood, Anaheim pitcher Jarrod Washburn and Florida pitchers Brad Penny and Carl Pavano.

Two free-agent pitchers who accepted arbitration offers from their former teams also were in the group. Philadelphia's Kevin Millwood and the New York Yankees' Gabe White.

Five of 65 players file for arbitration Thursday.

Tuesday when players and teams exchange proposed salaries — just 34 players swapped figures with their teams last year.

For those who don't settle, hearings before three-arbitrator panels will be scheduled during the final three weeks of February. Just seven cases went to hearings last year, with owners winning five and increasing their record to 259-194 since arbitration began in 1974.

Players have not won a majority of a year's hearings since 1996, but owners complain about arbitration because of the huge raises many players receive in the process, which is largely limited to those with at least three but less than six years of major league service.

Three players who had been eligible agreed to contracts Thursday, with San Diego right-hander Adam Eaton getting a $5.25 million, two-year deal, Cubs closer Joe Borowski receiving a $4.3 million two-year agreement and Seattle catcher Ben Davis getting a $1.4 million, one-year deal.

Philadelphia shortstop Jimmy Rollins settled shortly after filing, agreeing to a $2.4 million, one-year contract.

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**MLB hopes to find home for the Expos**

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — Major league baseball hopes to pick the future home of the Montreal Expos by the All-Star break, vowing to make a decision this season following a year of missed deadlines.

The Expos were bought by the other 29 teams before the 2002 season, and the commissioner's office originally hoped to relocate the team by 2003.

Following a two-day owners meeting, Expos president Tony Tavares said baseball's goal was to "hopefully have a decision by the All-Star game." "We're looking at a couple of different sites and different ideas," Tavares said.

Commissioner Bud Selig expressed confidence the Expos would be relocated by the start of the 2005 season. He said remaining in Montreal was not an option.

"They've had a hard time finding local ownership since Charles Bronfman left in 1989. It's been a terrible struggle up there," Selig said. "I'd like to get the club sold. It would be one less thing for us and for the fans."

Baseball officials have spoken about the Expos with groups from Las Vegas, Monterrey, Mexico; Norfolk, Va.; Northern Virginia; Portland, Ore.; San Juan, Puerto Rico; and Washington, D.C.

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Irish travel for indoor opener

Special to The Observer

Notre Dame’s men’s and women’s track and field teams will begin the indoor portion of their 2004 schedule this weekend at the Central Michigan Opener in Mt. Pleasant, Mich., today at 5:30 p.m.

After this weekend’s opener, the Irish will return to the Loftus Center in Mt. Pleasant, Mich., on Jan. 30. The Meyo Invitational follows on Feb. 6 and 7.

Visits

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looked at his film, they knew they wanted him to have the ball in his hand."

Nate Lyles, a hard-hitting, 6-foot, 185 pound corner-back, and cornerback Junior Jabbies (5-foot-11, 175 pounds), a late prep-school find out of Parlin, N.J., are two other defensive backfield prospects. Lyles would most likely play safety due to his style of play, and, according to Frank, Jabbies is now talking about switching his intentions to playing running back.

Lyles is one of Notre Dame’s initial offers from the beginning of the recruiting process. Also making visits are offensive guard Jaimie Thomas, running back Samson Taylor and linebackers Maurice Crum, Ronnie Palmer and Justin Brown.

Thomas, a 6-foot-4, 320 pound guard from Bishop McDevitt High School in Harrisburg, Penn., has visited Maryland and Tennessee already.

Notre Dame has already offered Crum a scholarship, although the Florida native is still deciding between the Irish, Michigan State and Tennessee.

Frank thinks the weather in South Bend could be a factor in possibly shaking away the 6-foot, 214 pounder.

"Jaimie is looking forward to visiting," Frank said. "But with a Florida kid, it’s always hard to know how they’ll accept the environment."

Palmer is a middle linebacker from Houston who Frank believes will be a challenge to lure.

"He just visited Arizona and came away very impressed," Frank said. "Notre Dame has to really impress him, [because] he’s the type of guy you want on your team. He’s a middle linebacker with good size and good speed."

The final visitor, 6-4, 215 pound linebacker Justin Brown could have potential at linebacker or defensive end. His size reminds Frank of Justin Tuck as an incoming freshman.

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SMC Basketball

Belles look to regain form against Alma

By STEVE COYER
Sports Writer

A tough stretch of games over the winter has hurt the Belles’ overall record, but the team looks to rebound Saturday against Alma College.

The Belles (4-10) have lost their last five games and are 0-4 in the MIAA this year. After a close loss Tuesday against Adrian College, the Belles are eager to pull out a win against Alma.

Despite the setbacks faced over the past month, the Belles remain confident about the rest of the season.

"We are as hungry as ever to get a win and get things on track," coach Suzanne Bellina said. "We are as hungry as ever to get a win and get things on track," coach Suzanne Bellina said. "We are still focusing on getting the little things done as well as getting an aggressive mentality for 40 minutes rather than just parts of the game."

Alma College (8-5) has traditionally been a tough opponent for the Belles and this year looks to be no exception.

"Alma College has traditionally been a tough opponent for the Belles and this year looks to be no exception," said forward Karen Hall, who recently was named MIAA player of the week, should be a strong presence in the post for Alma. The Belles will try to counter Alma’s good shooting and inside game with a determined defense and a combined team effort.

"We feel that our depth, defensive intensity and rebounding are our big keys in winning this game," Bellina said. "The key to turning this season around is getting all of our players on the same page at the same time."

Center Emily Creachbaum probably has been the most consistent player for the Belles this year, but the team has done best in games where there is a balanced effort.

"Our team has been very balanced this year," Bellina said. "I feel like there are many different individuals that have stepped up at different times throughout the season."

The Belles will play nine of their last ten games against conference teams. With a win against Alma, the Belles can snap their losing streak and gain their first conference win of the year.

The Belles will play at home against Alma Saturday at 3 p.m.

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Kristin Kania passes the ball in a recent game for Saint Mary’s. The Belles hope to snap a five-game losing streak.
Petcoff looks to veterans to improve team’s times

By DAN TAPETILLO
Sports Writer

Despite facing adversity earlier this season, it is the veterans that have continued to make Saint Mary’s a threat to other teams.

Saint Mary’s will be challenged today by conference rivals Kalamazoo (1-1) and Olivet (1-3) in a three-way meet that will be scored separately and give Saint Mary’s the chance to come away with two wins.

Earlier this season Saint Mary’s had to overcome obstacles such as the lack of divers such as the lack of divers and the loss of a top swimmer who took a leave of absence from college.

But as the season is nearing a close and Saint Mary’s begins preparations for the MIAA Swimming Championships in Grand Rapids, Mich., Saint Mary’s coach Gregg Petcoff is anticipating season best times from his veterans.

“Kelly Nells, Megan Ramsey and Mike Parnell will all look upon when it comes to top times,” Petcoff said. “All three swimmers posted impressive times last weekend against conference rival Calvin College (3-1) who is currently third in the MIAA standings. Nells finished first in the 500-yard freestyle and second in the 200-yard freestyle, Ramsey placed second in the 200-yard butterfly and Parnell finished first in the 100-yard freestyle and second in the 200-yard freestyle.

In addition to these veterans, Saint Mary’s has also welcomed newcomer Sarah Nowak who finished second in the 200-yard individual medley and returning swimmer and distance specialist Doug Bauman.

Despite the team’s loss to Calvin last weekend, the Belles are expecting faster times from the majority of their swimmers. After recovering from a week of double workouts, fatigue is not expected to impact the Belles’ performance.

“Historically the team has always swam better times than the weekend after winter break,” Petcoff said. “The team feels a little more rested when they come back to their regular swim schedule.”

However, Saint Mary’s is not taking its challengers lightly.

“Kalamazoo always swims well against us and this year they had an unbelievable recruiting class,” Petcoff said. “(Kalamazoo) is knocking on the door of conference leaders Calvin and Hope.”

Keeping the other teams’ strengths in mind, Saint Mary’s will be bringing its competitive spirits to the meet.

“We’ll have a number of season best times,” Petcoff said.

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ND SWIMMING

Roster finally back at full strength for women’s team

Men looking to build on training trip wins

By MATT PUGLISI
Sports Writer

The women’s swimming and diving team hopes to bolster its 4-1 dual meet mark when No. 21 Notre Dame travels to Ann Arbor, Mich. to compete in the Wolverine Invitational against Illinois tonight and tomorrow.

“After a particularly brutal fall season that saw most of the team suffer a viral infection, the Irish finally appear to be at full strength with about a month remaining before the Big East Championships.

“I think we’re pretty healthy,” Weathers said. “The traveling (over break) tends to weaken the kids a little, but we’re a lot healthier right now than we were at this time last year.”

The men’s squad (3-5) looks to continue its climb to .500 when the Irish journey to Pittsburgh to lock horns with the No. 17 Panthers as well as Villanova and Maryland in a quadrangular meet today and tomorrow.

“We’re looking to see if we can overtake or with our best in-season meets,” coach Tim Welsh said. “The question is always, ‘Are we faster compared to ourselves than we were last time?’

Last Friday, Notre Dame took care of both UC-Santa Barbara and Wisconsin, 104-101 and 133-98, respectively, to finish off a 12-day training trip in Mission Viejo, Calif. over winter break.

The 400-yard freestyle relay team (Matt Obringer, Frank Krakowski, Tim Randolph and Louis Cavallini), Ted Brown (500- and 1,000-yard freestyle), Krakowski (50-yard freestyle) and Doug Bauman (200-yard backstroke) each recorded a first place finish as the Irish overcame a 21-point deficit to steal a victory over UCSB in the meet’s final race.

The tri-meet victories coupled with intense training resulted in quite a successful holiday trip for the young team.

“The training trip was magnificent,” Welsh said. “We trained hard everyday, raced well and we’re very happy with the results. Now we have to translate those [results] to our season meets.”

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What's more, Syracuse's offense creates matchup problems for the Irish. Although Carmelo Anthony was the third overall pick in the NBA Draft last summer after playing just one season for Syracuse, the Orangemen have had little difficulty replacing his point production.

Most striking about Syracuse's offense is that while guard Gerry McNamara makes 42.5 percent of his 3-pointers, the rest of the team has only made nine. The jump shot has been a weapon for the Orange in their perimeter, guards Billy Edelin - who had 12 of his 3-pointers, the rest of the Irish had a multitude replacing his point production.

Carmelo Anthony was the third overall pick in the NBA Draft and has been a key player in the Syracuse offense. His abilities have allowed the team to create matchup problems for opponents, particularly the Irish.

Brey wants Quinn to be aggressive from tip-off.
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sets us up terrifically going into the second half of the season. These are also terrific games to try and get those at-large bids for the NCAA tournament."

Notre Dame currently sits in third place in the CCHA, with a conference record of 8-6-2 and 18 points, only one point behind Michigan and Ohio State.

Following the Wisconsin series, the Irish play 12 straight conference games to finish up the season.

The Irish come into the Wisconsin series with a losing record at 10-16-4, 4 points behind the Badgers, 13-36-6. However, the Irish head coach had this to say following the contest, "I think the confidence is really high among our goalies," Poulin said. "When you have two guys back there, I think they help each other. They drive each other, and I know that each of them wants to play every game, but they know the most important thing for the team is to win and they play that way."

Dave Poulin
Irish coach

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Bball

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#2 CAREER RESEARCH

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- Job search assessment: hot leads and not leads
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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Breaking one more streak
The Irish try to beat Syracuse for the first time in three years

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Sports Writer

Since Big East play started, Notre Dame has been joking that they've been the streak-breakers.

First, the Irish snapped West Virginia's Drew Schifino's string of 48 consecutive games with at least 10 points. Then, they snapped an eight-year losing streak against Villanova.

Now, the Irish have a chance to end another one.

When defending national champion Syracuse rolls into the Joyce Center Saturday, the Irish hope to halt a four-game losing streak against the No. 19 Orange men.

"It's a frame of mind of believing that you can do it," said Irish coach Mike Brey, whose team has lost nine of its last 10 games against the Orange men. "Syracuse is a team that has done it more than us. One of the things we have to do mentally is try to convince ourselves we can be like that."

To beat Syracuse, it's no secret that the Irish have to overcome Jim Boeheim's zone defense. Although Brey said the Orange men have been playing more man-to-man defense this year than they typically have in the past, the Irish coach knows that he has to prepare his team to face a zone for an extended period of time.

"We just need to be patient," senior forward Jones said. "The 2-3 zone doesn't turn you over. It makes you play a little faster than you want to."

"A lot of times, teams settle for a 3-point shot and don't move the ball around to break down the zone. If we go inside and establish Tyus (Francis) early and kick the ball out, we'll get open looks for our guards for 3's and open driving lanes."

Chris Thomas looks to drive against Bracey Wright of Indiana in a Dec. 10 Irish loss. Notre Dame hopes to end a four-game losing streak to Syracuse Saturday.

See Also
"Brey wants Quinn to be aggressive from tip-off"

ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Irish hope to continue winning ways

By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN
Sports Writer

After upsetting two ranked teams in a row (No. 16 Virginia Tech and No. 4 Connecticut), Notre Dame looks to continue its play traveling to face West Virginia.

The Mountaineers, 10-5, 2-2 Big East, come off their first win on the road since Feb. 2, 2001, defeating St. John's Tuesday night, 68-64.

In the game, six-foot-one center Michelle Carter led West Virginia shooting 8-of-10, good for 16 points. Sillero Sowho scored 16 as well, including 4-for-7 from behind the arc, to go along with 10 rebounds.

The Mountaineers are also home to the Big East assist leader Yolanda Paige, who averages 7.3 per game and dished out 14 assists against St. John's.

Meanwhile, Notre Dame 19-6, 2-1 Big East, is coming off a loss to Creighton and arguably its best games of the season.

Irish forward Jacqueline Batteast drives to the basket Tuesday night against Connecticut.

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FOOTBALL

11 recruits visiting campus this weekend

By PAT LEONARD
Sports Writer

Tyronne Willingham and his coaching staff secured a top-five recruiting class last winter. A 10-3 season and the coined 'Return to Glory' of the Notre Dame football program was attractive enough to lure the talent of immediate impact players such as starting quarterback Brady Quinn and defensive end Victor Abiamiri.

The 2008 Notre Dame football recruiting class contains few players like an Abiamiri or Quinn who could have such an impact save maybe Grand Rapids, Mich. running back Justin Hoskins, according to Irish insider columnist Mike Frank.

This weekend the Irish continue to plug away at the remaining talent pool, welcoming 11 players — including three verbal commitments — on official visits.

Hoskins, offensive tackle Chancey Incarnato and defensive back Troy Duncan are all players who have committed verbally but still making the trip on the first of three weekends the coaches have remaining to sell Notre Dame.

Cornerback Courtney Grixby headlines the remainder of the visiting players.

Grixby, 5-foot-9, 160 pounds, was an explosive quarterback at Central High School in Omaha, Neb. He threw for over 1,200 yards and ran for 800 yards, scoring 14 touchdowns. He also played defensive back on third-and-long situations. In fact, Grixby's versatility already has coaches brain一艘ing.

"Notre Dame has started to talk to Courtney about playing receiver," Frank said. "With the ball in his hands, he is just a deadly player. After the staff"

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