**Students search for jobs at fair**

Despite weather, organizers pleased with turnout

By ANNA GELHAUS

Heavy snow and biting winds didn't stop Notre Dame students from attending Tuesday's Winter Career and Internship Fair. The Career Center sponsored the annual event, offering a forum for students and employers to interact. Students from all majors and levels were encouraged to attend.

Anita Hees, associate director of the Career Center, described Tuesday's turnout as "A-plus" and "No. 1." She said that a few employers had to cancel because of the weather, but praised the commitment of those who struggled to arrive.

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"It was happy with what she saw. "I saw resumes piled on tables, superb resumes, long lines and rather lengthy conversations between students and employers," she said.

She added that even if a student fails to get a job, "They have still learned valuable skills and developed relationships in their field.

But in terms of trying to land a job, Hees advised students to "study and research employers," Hees advised job-seeking stu

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**Seniors ponder future, explore options as graduation nears**

By ANNA GELHAUS

Tuesday's Winter Career and Internship Fair brought thoughts of the future job market to many Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross seniors' minds. While students waited in lines to meet with prospective employers, they found time to consider jobs after graduation and question whether the search would be as difficult as it has in past years.

President George Bush's State of the Union Address said that "economic growth in the third quarter of 2003 was the fastest in nearly 20 years ... and jobs are on the rise." Yet, his confidence in the job market has not carried over to all job-seekers.

Seniors Christi Moen and Sarah Lathrop both agreed that the state of the economy left them "definitely afraid." Lathrop added that "the market is saturated," resulting in difficulty finding jobs. Moen added that chances are slim, even for entry level jobs, to which Lathrop cited that "most people don't want entry level jobs" coming out of a university.

Other seniors did not have the same feelings of a quickly approaching job market. Andrea Manka, an economics major, plans on attending law school after graduation and said that if a settlement is reached, it would likely not require payment by the University.

The second option for dismissing the suit would require the President of the United States to issue an Executive Order directing the Secretary of the Interior to give non-contiguous land to the tribe in Michigan, Indiana and Illinois to be added to the tribe's reservation.

The tribe's reservation is currently located in Michigan's Upper Peninsula, where it owns and operates on the Chippewa Indian Hospital and Casino in Harris, Mich. Robert Redmond, the third judge for the South Bend division of the United States District Court, signed the order of dismissal Monday. It followed a stipulation of dismissal that was filed Jan. 22 by Michael Wallyer and John Hamilton, attorneys for the tribe.

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**Judge signs order to dismiss tribe suit**

Dismissal would require settlement or land grant

By SCOTT BRODFUEHRER

A federal judge has signed an order to dismiss the lawsuit filed by the Native American Community and the U.S. Government against the University of Notre Dame. The lawsuit claimed that part of the University's campus belonged to the tribe, which is a successor of the Potawatomi Tribe. The suit claimed that the state of Indiana illegally transferred land belonging to the Potawatomi to Notre Dame.

Under the first option, Notre Dame spokesman Matt Sturts said that if a settlement is reached, it would likely not require payment by the University.

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**Law students support spouse's polar bear jump, charity**

By KATE GALES

Although it's been pretty chilly in Indiana lately, South Bend proves more hospitable to leprechauns then the 21-degree water of Alaska's Resurrection Bay.

Tom Redmond, husband of Notre Dame law student Sonja Redmond, tested the waters himself — in a leprechaun costume — to raise money for the American Cancer Society. Tom began with 33 others in Seward, Alaska, and raised over $750 dollars for charity. Appropriately named "Polar Bear Jump-Off," the fundraiser took place Jan. 17.

"Basically, it's a bunch of insane people getting together to jump in icy cold water in the middle of January," Sonja said of her husband's leap. This is in his fourth year participating in the event.

Tom chose to dress as a leprechaun in acknowledgement of the Notre Dame law students who gave generously to the cause. Sonja made the costume while home over Christmas break.

"I asked them to support his insanity — and the American Cancer Society," she said. "Students contributed and helped make it possible for him [to participate]... and be our mascot this year."

According to the Seward Chamber of Commerce, the first Polar Bear Jump-Off was held in 1986. It has since grown into a statewide winter festival where the main event is still the jump, in which all participants are required to wear costumes.

"We live 80 miles from Seward," Sonja said, "and when I called my husband on Saturday to offer moral support, he said the temperature at our house was reading -31 degrees."

"The water is so cold, they keep Coast Guard Divers in the water in heated suits the whole
INSIDE COLUMN

Nutcase or scumbag?

The results from New Hampshire are in and former Vermont Gov. Howard "Mad Howe" Dean got drilled. But why? I don't think the voters are looking at policy. They're looking at the candidates' personalities. So, what's wrong with Howard Dean?

Is he a genuinely evil person, or does he just suffer from serious psychiatric disorders? There are some pretty strong arguments either way. Why—I'm happy to present the Scumbag or Nutcase Scorecard.

Matt Bramanti

Wire Editor

First, let's look at the good doctor's reaction after the Iowa caucuses. You might have heard Dr. Dean's audio clips on the Internet the next day.

"We're going to California and Texas and New York, and we're going to South Dakota and Oregon and Washington and Michigan!" Dean exclaimed. "And then we're going to Washington, D.C. to take back the White House!"


Which brings us to the Dean deli caper. The NBC affiliate in Des Moines, Iowa reported that the Dean campaign bought 200 lunches from the Brown Bag Deli, and then walked on the check. The deli's owner, Scott Hoffman, said the Dean workers stiffed him for $963.01. Let me repeat this: the man stole hundreds of dollars, this event brought to you by the man who wants to preside over a $10 trillion economy. Verdict: scumbag.


A student builds a snow fort outside of South Dining Hall Tuesday, although the storm caused several inches of snow accumulation, many students failed to let the cold weather keep them from enjoying outdoor activities.

OFFBEAT

Rescued cat saves man from fire

Hudson, N.H. — A man who rescued a stray cat from the cold got the favor returned on Sunday when the cat woke him as his house filled with smoke.

Rioux, 76, who lives alone, fell asleep watching television, but was jolted awake when the cat, named Munchkin, jumped up and landed on his chest with all four paws.

Rioux was able to get up in time to call the fire department and evacuate safely.

Rioux put the cat in the garage and in the confusion, Munchkin bolted. Rioux and his family are asking for help finding the black-and-white cat.

Cell phone explosion burns man's buttocks

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia — A Malaysian man was shaken and scared Tuesday after his mobile phone exploded beside him while he was sleeping, the national news agency reported.

Mohamed Radzuan Vasci said he was recharging his cell phone and placed it on his bed near him before he took a nap. Three hours later, he was jolted awake by what he described as a small explosion.

"The explosion scalded my buttocks, while there were burn marks on the mattress and the wall," Mohamed told Bernama news agency.

"At first I was confused about what had exploded, but I realized it was my mobile phone when I saw it was shattered in pieces," he said.

He received treatment for the injury at a hospital and subsequently filed a police report concerning the inci­dent, Bernama reported.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

QUESTION OF THE DAY: What did you think of the Golden Globes?

Cassie Herman
Sophomore
Welsh Family

"Is that the same thing as the Emmy's?"

Charles Riffert
Junior
Morreyse

"I'll show you my Golden Globe."

Courtney Wilson
Freshman
Lyons

"I just looked at the outfits."

Jo Jo
Senior
Off-Campus

"I was sitting at the edge of my seat expecting some conflict between Nicole Kidman and Tom Cruise, but I was disappointed."

Napoleon Suarez
Senior
Fisher

I thought the show went well and everyone looked really nice."

IN BRIEF

Theology on Tap will take place today from 9:30 to 11:30 p.m. at Legends. At Theology on Tap, you have the chance to hear speakers talk about current issues in the Catholic Church.

Participate in a “Sustained Dialogue” information session tonight from 7 to 9 p.m. in Coleman Morse Lounge. The dialogue is a national social move­ment to increase awareness and understanding about the existing strained relationships on college campuses. This process has been successful across the world, in businesses, and at Princeton University and the University of Virginia.

One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest will be presented tonight from 7:30 to 10 p.m. at Washington Hall. Admission is $5.

Attend a gallery talk on the "Rick Bartow: My Eye" exhibit tonight at 7 p.m. at the Snite Museum of Art. The talk will be given by Rebecca Dobkin, Ph.D., curator of the exhibit.

Legends will sponsor a Senior Night Thursday from midnight to 4 a.m.

Come to the Peace Corps information session Thursday from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Corner for Social Concerns Lounge. All are welcome to attend.

SUB is sponsoring a showing of "School of Rock" Thursday, Friday and Saturday. There will be two showings each night at 8 and 10:30 p.m.

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

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Keough, Welsh Family win LNO
Over $8,000 raised for St. Joseph’s County Special Olympics

By JOE TROMBELLO
News Writer

The 1,100 students who participated in Friday’s Late Night Olympics raised approximately $8,100 for the St. Joseph’s County Special Olympics, an assistant director of Recreation said.

Bill Heagan said that the funds raised were more than last year’s $1,400. The all-night event featured competition among Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s dorms in an array of athletic activities.

“We went for nine hours in the middle of the night with no behavior incidents, a lot of great competition, a tremendous amount of fun and very few injuries,” Heagan said. “I continue to be amazed by the depth of the generosity of time, effort and funds on behalf of our students for special causes.”

For the third consecutive year, the Keough/Well Family Hall team won the event and raised a total of $825 to be shared between the Keough/Well and Lyons facilities.

Members of both Keough and Welsh Family attributed their success to the publicity that occurs and the excitement generated among their dorm residents.

“With all the promoting that we do in our dorms, people get very excited about the event and look forward to going,” said Melissa Sands, Welsh Hall athletic commissioner. “It was especially enjoyable to watch everything come together so well after spending a couple of weeks promoting, collecting money and getting things organized.

Students said that knowing the money donated went to charity contributed to their participation in Late Night Olympics, but many also cited the sense of dorm spirit and bonding that accompanies the competition.

“It is a great event for a good cause,” said Nick Dobbertin, Keough Hall athletic commissioner. “I think the awareness that people have for Special Olympics is one incentive to participate, but what is more important is the pride that people have for their dorm and the draw of athletic competition. There is some kind of special bonding when the same six guys are running around from one event to another at 3 a.m.”

Keough Hall co-presidents Dave and Joseph Schweitzer said that they had not yet determined what the funds would be used for, but said that they would somehow re-invest them into the dorm. They noted that in the past, winnings have been used to fund programming events and jerseys for the Hall’s athletic teams.

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Bro. Toomes to speak on Gang Life

Come hear Bro. Bill Toomey, founder of Brothers in Arms, speak with 8 ex-gang members about gang life and gang rehabilitation.

When: February 14 at 3:00 PM
Where: Center for Social Concerns

Free Burma Coalition to Hold First Meeting

Come learn more about the struggles of the Burmese people and how you can take action in this fight for freedom. For more information, go to www.freeburmacoalition.org or email Maureen Pitatrick or Kate Belden.

When: Monday, February 23 at 7:30 PM
Where: CSC Coffeehouse

Presentation discusses “The Everyday Face of Globalization”

Come listen to Franciscus Cote, a 21-year-old farmworker leader from Oaxaca, Mexico talk about her experiences and struggles as a member of the Coalition of Immokalee Workers (CIW). Sponsored by Progressive Student Alliance.

When: Wednesday, January 28 at 8:00 PM
Where: 155 DeBartolo Hall

Sign up for the Summer Service Project Internship

Earn $200, get three theology credits and get the experience of a lifetime with the Summer Service Project. The application deadline is February 20. With the SSP Internship students spend eight weeks over the summer working with a service organization. SSP! has the following goals:

1. to allow Notre Dame students to serve the needs of disadvantaged people in cities where there are alumni clubs;
2. to provide an opportunity for alumni-student discussions of social concern;
3. to contribute to the continuing value education of the student, the alumni and the total Notre Dame community;
4. to employ a service-learning pedagogy that links student experiences with a rigorous set of academic readings, reflections and writing.

More information is available from the CSC or online at www.nd.edu/sccconnc

Peace Corp Info Session

Peace Corps recruiter Sophia Kamp will lead this information session on how to plan for and apply to the Peace Corps. This seminar is one of several that will be held this year. More information is available at the CSC.

When: Thursday, January 29 from 6-8 p.m.
Where: CSC, Lounge

Spring Break Seminars

Applications due January 28

Travel to Appalachia, Washington, D.C., New York City, Florida, and more to study issues, such as Children and Poverty, Faithful Citizenship, the Latino community, and more! Information and Applications Available online or at the CSC.

Mexico Seminar Deadline January 30

Applications are now available for the Oaxaca, Mexico Seminar. Applications can be downloaded at the CSC Web site or are available at the CSC. The due date for the seminar is January 30.

The Mexico Seminar provides students the opportunity for two weeks of experiential learning in Mexico City (and other areas) in collaboration with local organizations. This one-credit seminar (THEO 366) involves extensive student-directed planning, resource development, and reflection.

Encuentro Chicago Applications Due February 3rd

Encuentro Chicago is an opportunity to explore a faith in mission of justice and hope with the Latino community of Chicago. Encuentro Chicago will take place on February 14 and 15.

Contact Colleen Knight Santoni for information.

Volunteer with Take 10

A great way to help children and reduce violence in the South Bend community. You will be assigned to a team and spend an hour a week with a group of children, teaching them positive alternatives to violence. For further information, go to www.nd.edu/take10. Click on the volunteers link to apply online and for the training dates. For further information please contact Kim or call 631-9424.

Former business school dean dies

By AMANDA MICHAELS
News Writer

James Culliton, the former dean of Notre Dame’s business school, died Jan. 23 from a heart-related illness at the Moorings of Arlington Heights retirement community in Illinois.

Culliton joined the faculty of the college of Commerce — soon to be called the College of Business Administration — in 1951 and held the position of dean from 1955 to 1962. During his tenure, he revolutionized the College, starting a small, experimental program called the Program for Administrators that combined a mix of liberal, business and professional work with discussion-oriented classes, which would become the college’s educational foundation.

Culliton later served as head of the Keough/Welsh Family Hall athletic commission by President John F. Kennedy, and continued to serve under President Lyndon Johnson after Kennedy’s assassination.

“My father was a very intelligent but gentle person,” Stephen Culliton, a DuPage County judge and 1964 Notre Dame alum, told the Daily Herald. “One day, he literally received a call from the White House to meet President Kennedy. I thought it was a big deal, but my dad isn’t easily overwhelmed by anything.”

In 1968, Culliton and his family moved to the Philippines so he could become the first president of the Asian Institute of Management, an academic venture among the Ateneo de Manila University, De La Salle College, the Harvard Business School and the Ford Foundation.

After retiring, Culliton dedicated his time to help individuals open their own businesses and help organize SCORIE, a national small business counseling organization, reported the Daily Herald.

Culliton, whose wife of 48 years died in 1985, is survived by sons William (a 1960 alumnus), Edward (a 1964 alumnus), Steve (a 1964 alumnus) and Richard, 13 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

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SMC emergency calls now sent to dispatcher

By KELLY MEEHAN
News Writer

In an adjustment designed to improve emergency response time to campus, all 911 emergency calls made from Saint Mary’s are now automatically forwarded to the St. Joseph County’s office dispatcher.

Prior to the change, whenever 911 was dialed from an on-campus phone, the call was sent directly to security who then would contact emergency services.

According to Telecommunications Director Sandy Handley, Saint Mary’s recently updated the appropriate technology that enabled the new procedure to occur.

“Whenever 911 is dialed a screen will pop up on the Security Department’s computer notifying them of the exact location from where the call took place,” Handley said.

Saint Mary’s now joins Notre Dame, whose emergency calls are also directly sent to emergency dispatchers. This is partly due to an FCC ruling that will eventually mandate all 911 calls be sent directly to the local dispatch station.

With all calls going directly to the St. Joseph County’s office dispatcher, Handley stresses the importance of staying on the line if 911 is dialed accidentally.

“Hanging up on the dispatcher’s office will prompt them to immediately call the number back and alert Saint Mary’s security to dispatch an officer. It is best to stay on the line and state that calling was an accident to avoid wasting the time of security and the 911 dispatcher,” Handley said.

The College’s new service is equivalent to what is used when dialing 911 from home. Saint Mary’s security will avoid a potential delay in the emergency response process through the forwarding of calls from the student to the dispatcher.

“Our goal is to provide even quicker service to our campus by getting the call out to an ambulance more quickly,” said Handley.

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ND professor named finalist for book award

By K. AARON VAN OOSTERHOUT
News Writer

After six years of research, George Marsden received an unexpected recognition for his most recent book, “Jonathan Edwards: A Life.”

Though unaware of how he was nominated, the Notre Dame history professor is one of the five finalists for the National Book Critics Circle Award for 2003. This award has been given annually since 1981 to those authors that write, “the finest books published in English,” as the committee’s Web site describes the award.

His book, a biography of the 18th century Christian Reformed preacher, will go before a review committee in March, and the awards ceremony will be broadcast on C-SPAN on March 4.

Marsden is competing against four other authors in the biography/autobiography division of the national prize, and, if selected, will join past winners, who include Frank McCourt for “Angela’s Ashes” and Sylvia Nasar for “A Beautiful Mind.”

Marsden wrote the biography in lieu of 27 volumes of Edwards’ writings published recently by Yale University Divinity School. Marsden said his writings provided a new angle from which to examine the preacher’s life as an academic biography of Edwards has not been written since 1940.

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“Being in the [Christian] Reformed tradition myself, I was trying to understand what it would be like to be reformed in that time,” Marsden said.

This is not the first time Marsden has received recognition for his work. In 2000, Christianity Today added Marsden’s Fundamentalism and American Culture to its list of the top 100 Books of the Century, sandwiched between Sigmund Freud’s tome “Civilization and its Discontents” and Aldous Huxley’s dystopian groundbreaker “Brave New World.”

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Lawsuit

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and University Deputy General Counsel William Hope that called for dismissal if either of the two options were met.

Storin said the University does not have a preference for either option, but would be happy to see the lawsuit end.

“We have from the beginning had every confidence that we have proper title to the land,” Storin said.

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SNITE MUSEUM OF ART invites you to the following events for this exhibition:

Wednesday, January 28, 7 p.m.
Gallery Talk by Rebecca Dobkins, Ph.D., curator of the exhibit.

Thursday, January 29, 7 p.m.

This exhibition & lecture are free and open to the public.
INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Arabs, Westerners deny oil bribes (The Associated Press) - Arabs and Westerners accused by Iraqis of receiving Iraqi oil proceeds in exchange for supporting Saddam Hussein denied Tuesday they had accepted bribes or participated in illicit deals.

The editor of the Aramaic weekly in a report by one of the dozens of new newspapers that have begun publishing in Iraq since Saddam Hussein was ousted Jan. 22, said a group of mem­bers of the new provisional Iraqi government and Saddam opponents have distributed a list of the accused, based on documents from the Iraqi Oil Ministry.

The list included Cabinet officials, legisla­tors, political activists and journalists from 46 countries are on the list, suspected of profiting from Iraqi oil sales that Saddam had allegedly offered them in.

Canadian serial killer found (The Associated Press) - RCMP in this Mexican border city, in what they described as "an extremely violent death," recovered the body of a man found at the farm.

The victims were apparently rivals of the Vicente Carrillo drug gang, and were execut­ed with "extreme violence" as long as six months to one year ago, Attorney General Rafael Macedo de la Concha said. Several of the victims had been strangled or suffocated.

"This is a war drug traffickers," Macedo de la Concha said. "It is a confrontation between cartels for territory."

NATIONAL NEWS

New TV show fined by FCC (The Associated Press) - The FCC was proposals a record fine against the nation's largest radio chain for a show called "Bubba the Love Sponge" and the second fine ever for a TV broadcast.

The FCC proposed a $75,000 fine against Clear Channel Communications for sexually explicit segments of the radio show aired on four Florida radio stations between 6:30 a.m. and 9 a.m. It was the single largest fine ever proposed for indecency.

The commission also proposed a $27,500 fine against Young Broadcasting of San Francisco Inc. for airing a man exposing himself on its "KIKO 4 Morning News" show.

STATE NEWS

Company pays settlement (The Associated Press) - President Bush, after a 11-day battle to avoid a three-way recount, signed a law Tuesday that trapped 13 ballots in a mov­ing inferno, leaving two of them with fatal burns.

RPT Painting of Franklin also agreed in the deal with the Indiana Occupational Safety and Health Administration to donate $4,000 to Wishard Memorial Hospital, where one of the painters injured in the July 29 fire was still being treated Tuesday.

Bush attempts to justify Iraq war (The Associated Press) - President Bush said Tuesday that Iraq undoubtedly possessed a threat to America last year and that the administration was justified, despite his outgoing arms inspectors’ conclusion that Saddam Hussein was well on the way to mass destruction.

But Bush and his aides backed away from oft-stated predictions that such weapons will eventually be found in Iraq, setting up an election-year debate on the world.

Bush said he believes his team's failure to find banned weapons in Iraq points to problems in the intelligence suggesting they were there, and he said over the weekend that the CIA owns Bush an explanation.

The chairman of the House Intelligence Committee, Rep. Porter Goss, said in an Associated Press interview Tuesday that Kay was doing a favor for the nation’s intelligence system with his harsh criticism of the CIA based on prewar estimates.

Goss blamed the problem on underestimation of the fear and proliferation in Saddam’s Iraq and insufficient intelligence budgets during the 1990s. He said the intelligence system needs more resources.

"I already knew it, but I know it in a more reinforced way now, and I figure Dr. Kay has done me a favor," Goss said.

Bush, during a meeting with Polish President Aleksander Kwasniewski, said he had "great confidence in our intelligence community," and he displayed no interest in such an accounting from the CIA.

The president said he wanted to let American weapons inspectors complete their search in Iraq before drawing conclusions. That work is 85 percent complete, Kay insisted.

Last year, the president made Iraq’s alleged weapons cache a central rationale for the Iraq invasion.

On Jan. 22, 2003, Bush told an audience in St. Louis, "The dictator of Iraq has got weapons of mass destruction." On the eve of the war in March, he said, "Intelligence gathered by this and other governments leaves no doubt that the Iraqi regime continues to possess and conceal some of the most lethal weapons ever devised."

Said, after nine months of searching, Kay said, "I don’t think they exist."
Attendant on Sept. 11 plane calm in tape

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Shortly before Flight 11 slammed into the World Trade Center, the American Airlines operations center received a calm phone call from one of its flight attendants.

"The cockpit is not answering their phone," said Betty Ong. "There's somebody stabled in business class and, we can't breathe in business. Um, I think there is some mace or something. We can't breathe. I don't know, but I think we're getting hijacked."

Ong, 45, known as "Bee," was on the American Airlines Boeing 767 flying from Boston to Los Angeles on Sept. 11, 2001, before suspected 9-11 ring-leader Mohammed Atta and four others took over the plane and crashed it into the North Tower of the Trade Center.

The Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States heard portions of her 23-minute conversation with the American Airlines operations center on the second of its two-day hearing Tuesday.

Nydia Gonzalez, who was on duty at the operations center that morning, told the panel how she received Ong's call at about 8:20 a.m.

"Several media accounts of what occurred on Flight 11 claimed that Betty was 'hysterical with fear,' " she said.

Panel said FAA minimized attack scenarios

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Federal Aviation Administration focused on the danger of explosives aboard planes rather than a suicide hijacking before the Sept. 11 attacks even though its own security officers warned terrorists might try to crash an airliner, a federal panel said Tuesday.

The FAA's Office of Civil Aviation Security considered the risk of a suicide hijacking at least as early as March 1998, says the preliminary report by The National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States.

The commission report acknowledges there was no specific intelligence indicating suicide hijackings would occur but says the FAA still had a responsibility to prevent them.

At Tuesday's hearing, the commission provided documents showing the FAA was aware of the possibility of suicide hijackings but did not pass the information along to airlines.

In a presentation to airline and airport officials in early 2001, the FAA discounted the threat of a suicide hijacking because there was "no indication that any group is currently thinking in that direction." And when the agency issued a terrorism warning to air carriers in July 2001, it noted the risk of explosives inside luggage but did not mention suicide hijackings.

At a commission hearing, panel member Timothy Roemer read from an FAA document published in the Federal Register on July 17, 2001, stating that terrorism could occur "anytime, anywhere" in the United States and cautioning that the risk "needs to be prevented and countered."

"The dots are connected and they're large," said Roemer, a former Democratic congressman from Indiana. "Why didn't they result in a change in policy?"

Cathal Flynn, former associate administrator of civil aviation security at the FAA, responded that the agency only had a generalized sense of the risk and that security efforts were hampered somewhat by poor communication with the FBI.

"It isn't that we disregarded them. There were disconnects," he said. "How would you coerce a pilot to fly into a building that's got people in it? ... How would you do that? The notion of a full-bosged al-Qaeda member being a pilot ... did not occur to me."
IrishAngels receive accolade

Gigot Center recognized as finalist in National Outstanding Pedagogy contest

By MATT BRAMANTI

New Yorker

The IrishAngels flew back to South Bend with another accolade for the Gigot Center for Entrepreneurial Studies. The IrishAngels network, made up of entrepreneurs Dame alumni and friends, was a finalist in the 2004 U.S. Association for Small Business and Entrepreneurship's National Outstanding Pedagogy contest.

"There isn't another organization that has built its own network and used it so broadly," said Theresa Sedlack, program director, Gigot Center. "It's an integral part of the Gigot Center, fulfilling its mission to students and young alumni."

In Brief

Kraft cuts jobs, loses plants

CHICAGO — Kraft Foods said Tuesday it will eliminate 6,000 jobs, or 6 percent of its work force, and close 20 plants worldwide after more than a year of disappointing sales and earnings for the biggest U.S. food company.

About 1,380 salaried positions in North America will be eliminated in the first quarter, with the remaining cuts occurring over the next two years, Kraft said.

Kraft's brands include Oreo cookies, Jell-O desserts and Oscar Mayer hot dogs. Sales have been hurt by high prices for flour and wheat.

The company has about 50,000 employees in the United States and slightly more than 100,000 worldwide.

Law jabs were announced as Kraft reported fourth-quarter profits of $869 million, a drop of 7 percent from a year earlier.

Whistleblower beaten with brick

WASHINGTON — He was dragged from his car and beaten with a brick after confronting a investment-company superior about trading abuses in mutual funds, Peter Scannell told Congress Tuesday.

His complaint about abuses was brushed aside by federal regulators but eventually led to an investigation in which she said she was tipped to the Waksal family that ImClone's Erbitux would fail. But he described a rapid sale of 7 million shares of ImClone as "an all-intrusive government."

Testimony begins in Stewart trial

NEW YORK — Martha Stewart sold stock based on "a secret tip" that no one else had, then told an avalanche of lies to save her enormous fortune, prosecutors said Tuesday as they laid out their case against the homemaking queen.

Her stockbroker, Peter Bacanovic, to tell a series of cover-up stories, has his own stock.

Prosecutor federal judge Robert Morvillo Seymour said Stewart then conspired with her stockbroker, Peter Bacanovic, to tell a series of cover-up lies about the sale.

"It's not another organization that has built its own network and used it so broadly," Sedlack said. "It's a major research project."

CORPORATE SCANDAL

Testimony begins in Stewart trial

Martha Stewart arrives at the Federal Court of Lower Manhattan on Tuesday to hear the opening statements of her securities fraud trial.

"I have nothing to say to the press" about the Erbitux decision, Stewart said. "It's a part of the Gigot Center, fulfilling its mission to students and young alumni."

She went on to say that the recognition shows the quality of entrepreneurship education at Notre Dame.

"There isn't another organization that has built its own network and used it so broadly," Sedlack said. "To be recognized as a finalist validates what we've known to be an extremely valuable resource."

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In agreeing Tuesday to send an election team to Iraq, best way to transfer power to Iraqis - marks a significant step without mentioning the United Nations - U.S. officials now see the world body as their best hope for a compromise.

Annan said he would agree to a coalition and Governing Council, request, made in a Jan. 19 U.N. Security Council, meeting, that he dispatch the team to Baghdad. Annan said the team would try to determine what alternatives for a transition legislature has been backed by tens of thousands of U.N. employees. Annan said the team will go to Baghdad on Tuesday to begin working with regional caucuses.

"This would be a multinational force, with the support of the Security Council, and not "blue hel­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­…
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BRITAIN

Blair narrowly wins key vote

Associated Press

LONDON — Prime Minister Tony Blair narrowly defeated a major rebellion within his govern­ning Labour Party on Tuesday, winning a key vote on university fees that severely tested his authority.

Lawmakers voted 316-311 in favor of the legislation, offering Blair a welcome boost before Wednesday's publication of a report on the death of a weapons adviser, which added to a furor over the government's case for the Iraq war.

Blair said it had obtained details of the report, saying it clears Blair of any dishonorable conduct, and that his name would come out, and harshly criticizes the BBC for failing to check facts before broadcasting its report.

An early edition of Wednesday's Sun newspaper said it had obtained details of the report, saying it clears Blair of any dishonest conduct, rebukes the Ministry of Defense for failing to let Kelly know that his name would come out, and harshly criticizes the BBC for failing to check facts before broadcasting its report.

Under the bill approved Tuesday, universities would be able to charge students up to $5,500 a year, to be paid after they leave school and start earning wages.

Colleges currently charge a flat-rate fee of $2,025 which is paid up front. The government says the increase would provide an extra $1.8 billion a year for higher education.

Education Secretary Charles Clarke has also pledged scholar­ships for poorer students and promised a system to help ensure that more people from working class backgrounds enter higher education.

Clarke conceded that his authority and that of the prime minister had been on the line over the proposals to increase university fees.

"I am delighted at the result," Clarke said. "Had we lost it would have been a very serious state of affairs."

Tuesday's vote meant the bill passed its second reading, which is an agreement on its basic principles. It next goes before a committee of lawmakers who consider the legislation in detail and suggest possible changes before submitting it to a third reading in the Commons.

UZBEKISTAN

Investigators blame crew for crash

Associated Press

TASHKENT — Pilot error caused an air­liner to crash Jan. 13, killing all 37 people on board, including the head of the U.N. mission in Uzbekistan, the government commission investigating the acci­dent said Tuesday.

The crew aboard the Uzbekistan Airways Yak-40 jet failed to follow proper­ landing proce­dures, even though heavy fog limited visi­bility at Tashkent's international airport at the time. The three-engine jet, bound from the town of Termez on the Afghan border, over­shot the runway and crashed near the air­port.

Among those killed was the head of the U.N. mission in Uzbekistan, Richard Conroy. The crew didn't actually see the run­way at the minimum height required but continued landing anyway, "overesti­mating its professional­ al skills," the commis­sion said. Apparently realiz­ing their mis­take, the pilots tried to climb again.

The plane crashed into a concrete wall sur­rounding the air­port.

The commission said the plane was in good technical condi­tion and the crew had been properly trained.

Prosecutors have opened a criminal probe, the commis­sion said. Uzbekistan Airways has suspended all flights of Yak-40s since the crash, a measure that remained in effect Tuesday.

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**China**

**Bird flu reaches populous nation**

*Associated Press*

BEIJING — Bird flu reached China, the world's most populous nation, as officials acknowledged Tuesday that at least one duck was infected with the disease and opened an investigation into suspected transmission of the virus from poultry to people.

The announcement opened a potential fear of a new front in the fight against the virus that now has appeared in 10 Asian nations.

Vietnam reported Wednesday that two more people died as a result of bird flu, bringing the total number of deaths in the region to 10. Officials had earlier confirmed six deaths in Vietnam and two in Thailand.

In Atlanta, the head of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention urged American doctors to test patients with flu-like symptoms if they had recently been to areas with bird flu outbreaks.

Asian countries ravaged by bird flu sent ministers to Bangkok for an emergency meeting Wednesday on how to keep the virus from spreading globally. The United States and European Union also sent representatives.

China's announcement also created unease about the food supply for Chinese still shaken by last year's SARS outbreak.

Chinese officials confirmed Tuesday that a 6-year-old boy died of the disease, the country's second known flu death. Eight people have died in Vietnam, where the fast-food chain KFC said it would offer its customers a free piece of chicken instead of fried chicken.

So far, 10 governments have reported some strain of bird flu — Cambodia, China, Indonesia, Japan, Laos, Pakistan, South Korea, Taiwan, Thailand and Vietnam.

As protective chicken slaughters increased, the World Health Organization warned workers to don protective clothing and masks. Bob Dietz, a WHO spokesman in Hanoi, said it "wouldn't be surprising" that bird flu could travel across the border into China.

China's openly aggressive campaign to combat the disease starkly contrasts with the government's initial secretive response to SARS. Severe acute respiratory syndrome killed 774 people worldwide, including 349 on the mainland, before the 19-day public health campaign to combat the disease ended.

The statistics on the human population. Dr. Klaus Stohr, the agency's project leader for influenza surveillance, said he was encouraged by the relatively small number of human cases, even though the virus may have been circulating in birds for some time and humans have been exposed to it.

"We have a window of opportunity to deal with this disease," said Stohr. "We have a good chance of controlling this." The head of the CDC, Dr. Julie Gerberding, said anyone with flu-like symptoms who has been in contact with poultry should seek medical attention.

While Xinhua said anti-flu measures had been taken across the country, there were contradictions in the government's account. While Xinhua said anti-flu efforts had been going on at the duck farm since Friday, Yan (chin), an official with the Food Quarantine Bureau, said Tuesday that his agency was investigating whether any ducks had actually died there.

Also Tuesday, other Chinese quarantine officials said they would impose poultry bans on Pakistan and Indonesia, bringing to eight the number of countries whose bird production have been banned from the region's largest economy.

**China confirms Asian bird flu**

The world's most populous country, still shaken by last year's SARS outbreak, is now uneasy about its food supply with Tuesday's confirmation of bird flu in at least one duck. Bird flu has now affected 10 Asian nations.
The headline would have read “McNabb Tells Rush to Hush.” The opening lead would have been: “If your definition of overrated is leading your team to the Super Bowl, then Donovan McNabb is guilty as charged.” But the sports world does not always have happy endings. For the third straight year, the Philadelphia Eagles and their dynamic quarterback fell just short of reaching the Super Bowl in a devastating 17-3 NFC Championship loss to the upset Carolina Panthers. In the post-game press conference, the disinterested signal from McNabb — refused to blame a blatant late hit in the first quarter that left his ribs bruised and battered for a sub-par performance and eventual removal from the game in the fourth quarter — Not to take anything away from the Panthers’ decisive victory, but let’s play the “what if” game. What if Carolina backer Greg Favors had not delivered that crucial shot to McNabb that left the quarterback writhing in pain? What if McNabb had a receiver with even average speed? What if these receivers actually could catch the ball? Maybe the Eagles would be playing in the Super Bowl this Sunday instead of the Panthers. Maybe the sports radio talk shows would not have been flooded with simple-minded callers this week claiming “Rush was right.” And just maybe, McNabb would have silenced all of the death and the controversy that will unfairly haunt the rest of his career unless he wins a Super Bowl all because of some ignorant comment conservative talk show host Rush Limbaugh made on ESPN’s NFL Countdown a few months ago.

“Unless” is the operative word in the preceding sentence as opposed to “until” because there are no guarantees in sports. At age 27 and through only five years in the NFL, McNabb has a lot of football ahead of him. As far as quarter-backs go, he is just now entering the prime of his career, but he may never again reach the NFC Championship and have an opportunity to play for a berth in the Super Bowl. Unfortunately, no other quarterback — not even the great Peyton Manning, who carries on his shoulders the stigma that he cannot win the big game — will have to endure the same degree of scrutiny and skepticism as McNabb on the grueling quest toward a Super Bowl victory. Disregarding the parent company of ESPN, we should have known better.

Comedian Dennis Miller’s bit about “he’s an overrated talent and clever splotch” might be the best quick pick up these days, but it has its time and its place. The broadcast booth on Monday Night Football alongside Al Michaels was not one of them. Dennis, I have to be honest, but I do not feel comfortable offering you a suggestion. In the world of football, I have never found myself in a situation where the hell you were talking about. Your new show on CNBC is where you belong.

Truth be told, Limbaugh had as much business being on ESPN as actor Sean Penn did traveling to Iraq a little over a year ago as a self-appointed American ambassador. When Penn returned home warning the American people if the United States went to war against Saddam Hussein that the blood would be on our hands, not the homicidal dictator’s, the actor deservedly had to suffer some consequences for his stupidity. Even some Hollywood big shots of all people found Madonna’s ex-husband a little too extreme for their taste. Penn sued producer Steven Ring claiming he lost a role in the film “Why Men Shouldn’t Marry” for his outspoken opposition against the war in Iraq. Bing countered claiming Penn was irresponsible and irrational. Really? Sean Penn is a critically acclaimed actor paid to entertain people to make political commentaries and petty remarks about President Bush. “Mystic River” and his latest movie, “21 Grams,” are, according to movie critics, two of the best movies from 2003. Each might have won some Academy Awards this March, and Penn might even win the category for Best Actor. Perhaps it is my loss, but I am not going to see either of these movies any time soon. Why should I put money in this guy’s pocket and hear him bash my country? For that matter, I will not be listening to Rush Limbaugh either, after he carelessly sabotaged McNabb’s career.

Any football fan with even a passing interest in politics would not have intimated the game knew that Donovan McNabb is one of the premiere players at his position. At this point a year from now, the Eagles might be in the Super Bowl and McNabb might find himself seated next to the First Lady at the State of the Union address. Just like New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady. That Tom Brady ... he’s so hot right now. It was quite a clever political move by the Bush Administration to invite No. 1 heartthrob with that cute little chick in his chin to last Tuesday’s speech. As it just so happens, Brady plays football in the historically liberal state of Massachusetts where current Democratic front-runner John Kerry was born. How convenient!

Brady had every right to attend the event, and he has every right to campaign for the President’s re-election. But if anyone votes for President Bush merely because Tom Brady says so, then this column fired a blank. If we were wagering, this would be my Super Bowl prediction — not that you should listen to me. Brady is just too cool under pressure, so I gotta go with the Patriots.

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

To confine our attention to terrestrial matters would be to limit the human spirit.”

Steven Hawking cosmologist
Debating the merits of affirmative action

Benefits are misdirected

As someone who has worked as a tutor for one of the SAT services for many years, I can attest to the fact that many students who are not adequately prepared for the test will perform poorly on it. The scores that are reported are not a true reflection of the student's abilities, but rather a measure of their preparation. It is important to remember that the SAT is designed to assess the skills that are necessary for success in college, and not to judge the overall intelligence of a student.

Minorities deserve to attend Notre Dame

African-Americans? This country was built on the sweat and blood of our ancestors. As African-Americans, we are entitled to the benefits of our ancestors' sacrifice. We should not; they are foreigners. This is not an immigration issue, but a question of American citizenship.

The means to progress is by increasing their self-esteem and confidence. As a result, they are able to achieve their full potential.

Affirmative action's goal is to rectify this imbalance. It does not, as you say, "lower the merit bar so that they [(African-Americans)] can compete." By law, as written in executive orders and interpreted by the courts, to benefit from affirmative action, one must have relevant and valid job or educational qualifications. Therefore, affirmative action's goal in college admissions is to bring students who are both equipped academically and socioeconomically and can contribute to the diversity of the campus. Each student has a gift to bring. Do not for one second think that you are more entitled to be here than any minority, simply based upon your high school scores. In the essence of diversity, minorities are a valued presence on college campuses because of their first intelligence and second their unique perspective.

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White guilt pervades

This letter is in regards to Greg Parnell's Jan. 26 column, "Acting out against affirmative action." Mr. Parnell should familiarize himself with the notion of "white guilt" as coined by Stanford professor Shelby Steele.

Due to the historical and cultural force of slavery and its dark aftermath, it is necessary for African-Americans to pursue higher education and to achieve success. This is not to say that we are entitled to any special favors, but rather that we are entitled to the same opportunities as our white counterparts. We are entitled to be here, to compete, and to succeed.

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Cold mountain of emotions

By MICHAEL P. BARRETT
Some Movie Critic

Too frequently, a great novel is contorted on the silver screen to fit the desires of the Hollywood business. But that is not the case with Cold Mountain, a modern classic based on the 1997 bestselling novel by Charles Frazier (this first). Directed by Academy-Award winner Anthony Minghella (The English Patient, The Talented Mr. Ripley), the film has already garnered seven Academy Award nominations, including best actor and best actress.

Although there are a couple minor characters and scenes left out in order to further develop the story, the movie stays true to the book’s original intertwining and heart-wrenching plot. Several actors with many awards to their credit portray characters with stunning feeling, adding to the film’s credibility: Jude Law, Nicole Kidman, Renée Zellweger, Donald Sutherland, and Natalie Portman top the impressive list.

Set in the latter days of the Civil War, the story tells of a wounded Confederate soldier, Inman (Jude Law), who seeks to return to Cold Mountain, North Carolina to his love, Ada Monroe (Nicole Kidman), a young educated woman who is struggling to adjust to farm life after growing up in the city of Charleston. Although somewhat drawn out, the movie has flashbacks and parallels their lives as they both struggle with their personal journeys. Wounded and realizing that he would soon go back to the front lines, Inman decides to desert and to make the long return to Cold Mountain, the place he sees as a paradise after witnessing the horrors of war.

During this time, Ada is taking care of her father, Reverend Monroe (Donald Sutherland), who had moved with her to Cold Mountain in hopes that the fresh air would help his tuberculosis. After his death, she is left on her own and begins her own adventure of sorts in trying to survive. It is at this time that a mountain girl named Ruby Thewes (Renée Zellweger) arrives at the Monroe farm to help Ada. While on his journey back, Inman meets several interesting characters, ranging from the dangerous and Jezebel-hunting Home Guard to friendly strangers who help him along the way. This calls to mind “The Odyssey,” and indeed there are striking similarities. One of the first persons he meets is Veasey (Philip Seymour Hoffman), a town official who travels with Inman for a time. Later on, Inman meets Sara (Natalie Portman), a young widower and mother who longs for a man. Back in Cold Mountain, Ruby and Ada work together on the farm and are aided by Sally Swagger (Kathy Baker), but they encounter several hardships mostly caused by Teague (Ray Winstone), a bit- tenant bounty hunter. Later they are joined by Ruby’s father, Stabrod (Brendan Gleeson), with his band that features Georgia (Jack White of the White Stripes in his acting debut). The movie continues in this alternating sequence, which adds to the uniqueness of the war and romance tale.

As Inman nears Cold Mountain, he and Ruby do their best to spiritually be together in their hopes of the war’s end and their being together. This all leads to an awakening conclusion that brings forth both tears and smiles.

Cold Mountain is one of the best works of cinematography in recent memory and it is fitting that it is based on one of the most acclaimed modern novels. One may think of the story as a hybrid of Saving Private Ryan and Gone With The Wind because it exposes the bloody anguish and suffering of the Civil War while it discloses the longing for love and peace between individuals. It is a testament to the power of the human soul in the midst of heartbreak.

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Go on a date with Tad Hamilton

By JULIE HYNES
Some Movie Critic

Win a Date with Tad Hamilton! starts out with two solid minutes of quality alone time with half-naked Wiggly cashier who hopes that some way with Tad and he decides to spend some more time with Rosalee so that he can figure out how to find fulfillment in his life. Tad arrives at the Piggly Wiggly just as Pete is about to make his feelings known, and thus begins the love triangle which Win A Date revolves around.

Deciding how things should play out in Win A Date is not as easy as in most chick flicks because Tad isn’t the typical shady hot guy. Audience members will be torn between sexy Tad and endearing Pete. Sean Hayes of “Will and Grace” has a supporting role, so “Will and Grace” fans should be sure to check out Win a Date.

Everyone will get a kick out of this movie! While this movie is the ultimate chick flick, guys will be able to enjoy the movie as well because most of them will be able to identify in some way with Pete. What guy doesn’t want to believe that some day he will feel this way about a girl?

Profanity is a rarity in Win A Date with Tad Hamilton, as are sexual innuendos, so the film is definitely an option if you are looking for a clean movie to take your young sibling to a movie that he or she will also enjoy. You may even choose to see this movie with the parental units.

This movie is really very touching. Audience members will be flattening out of theatres with light hearts and a refreshing new outlook on daily life, perhaps giving that slightly dorky guy in your chemistry lab who keeps giving you the eye a second look.

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As Hollywood and college students alike embark upon the stretch that begins with Golden Globes propaganda in the lead-up to the annual Oscar awards ceremony, there seems to be a division. One group of films made in the past year—namely, The Return of the King, and every other film except Big Fish, the latest project from director Tim Burton, may not stock up in special-effects arms against Peter Jackson's epic, but rather instills colorful, provocative scenery and images to support a highly enjoyable narrative. The majority of the film is told in flashback, capturing Edward Bloom (Billy Crudup), a man tormented by childhood abuse in Mystic River, and Ken Watanabe as a samurai battling Western influences among his countrymen in The Last Samurai.

By BRANDON HOLLIHAN
Some More Critic

"Big Fish"

Director: Tim Burton
Writers: Daniel Wallace and John August
Starring: Billy Crudup, Jessica Lange, Allison Lohman and Helena Bonham Carter

The Lord of the Rings: Trilogy finale gets 11 nods

Associated Press

The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King, the final chapter in Peter Jackson's epic, and the most majestic fantasy trilogy, led the Academy Awards race Tuesday with 11 nominations, including best picture and director.

Bill Murray, Diane Keaton, Sean Penn and Charlie Theron— all Golden Globe winners Sunday—were among the leading acting nominees. The most notable snub came for the Civil War saga Cold Mountain, which failed to get nominations for best picture, director, Anthony Minghella or lead actress Nicole Kidman.

Other best-picture nominees for the 76th annual Oscars included Lost in Translation, about two lonely Americans in Tokyo, the bruising murder thriller Mystic River, and the horse-racing drama Big Fish, the latest project from director Tim Burton, may not stock up in special-effects arms against Peter Jackson's epic, but rather instills colorful, provocative scenery and images to support a highly enjoyable narrative. The majority of the film is told in flashback, capturing Edward Bloom (Billy Crudup), a man tormented by childhood abuse in Mystic River, and Ken Watanabe as a samurai battling Western influences among his countrymen in The Last Samurai.

A young Edward Bloom (Ewan McGregor) finds himself in a predicament in one of his many adventures from the new dramatic fantasy film "Big Fish."

Ed's stories are truly depicted as a kind of modern fantasy. Using the relatable dreamlike world where the South (aka O Brother, Where Art Thou?), the narrative adventure through the adventures of a young Edward (Ewan McGregor), as he tangles with a friendly giant (Matthew McConaughey), becomes lost in the eerily beautiful town of Spectre, and communicates with Siamese Asian twins through an Asian-to-English translation. The clarity and quality of the colors with which the film is shot will probably stand out the most to the viewer; Spectre's bright green lawn sets the tone for the action that takes place therein, while lavishly contrasted red colors make up Edward's stint at a carnival. The usage of color as well as photography is laced with luscious, lurching infatuation towards the problems he faces is frustrating at times; sometimes it just seems too obvious to the audience that he's going to find a solution, regardless of its obstacles, and there's nothing that truly challenges the kind of character he is.

This, however, is not a fundamental problem for the film, because it isn't the central thesis intended by the script. Burton (along with screenwriter John August, who adapted the screen-play from Daniel Wallace's novel) aims chiefly at the film's father-son relationship, and doesn't pull the trigger on resolving its conflict until the viewer has seen the entire account presented by Edward. The subsequent conclusion may surprise some audience members, but it's satisfying in the long run. It knots up a colorful and immensely entertaining film, and it appears that the always-creative Burton has finally found his kind of story.

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76TH ANNUAL ACADEMY AWARDS

"The Lord of the Rings" reigned!

"The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King," led the Academy Awards race Tuesday with 11 nominations, including best picture and director.

Picture


Supporting Actress

Shohreh Aghdashloo, "House of Sand and Fog"; Patricia Clarkson, "Pieces of April"; Marcia Gay Harden, "Mystic River"; Holly Hunter, "Thieves"; Renee Zellweger, "Cold Mountain"

Supporting Actor


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Jefferson and the New Jersey success.

New Jersey's Frank off to good start, Nets crush 76ers Tuesday night.

with little to worry about.

son-high with 23 turnovers.

for 22 points in the quarter.

fired Monday, paced the sideline for good, although Atlanta got within two points on several early occasions.

Leading 75-73, Phoenix got two free throws from EDeposit 3:15 remaining. After a dunk by Marbury made it 79-73, the Nets connected on a 3-pointer with 1:50 left and then added two free throws 23 seconds later.

Marion made two free throws with 10.3 left seconds. 1:57-57.

The Hawks, trailing 42-36 at the half, rallied in the third.

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The Suns, who trailed 42-36 at the half, rallied in the third.

Marion, the Suns' leading scorer and rebounder, had 34 points in the game going 1-of-8 from the field.

Was 7-11 in the second half.

Spurs 77, Knicks 67

Charlie Ward returned to Madison Square Garden and put the Spurs ahead for good on a 3-pointer with 3:43 left in the first quarter, and San Antonio avoided another first-quarter loss in a Tuesday-night tilt over New York.

After losing two straight close games — one on a buzzer-beater, the other on a dunk by Tim Duncan that didn't beat the buzzer in Milwaukee on Monday night, the Spurs controlled the fourth quarter and held the Knicks to a season-low point total.

Duncan had 30 points and 19 rebounds but did little in the fourth quarter, failing to score until 1:01 remained before his dunk. Tony Parker and Manu Ginobili had hit enough timely shots to put the Spurs comfortably ahead.

Ginobili, starting the second straight game with a two-game high of 20 points, had 13 points and eight assists and three steals.

Parker added 10 points for the Spurs, who won despite having almost as many turnovers (26) as field goals (27).

Stephon Marbury had 19 points and eight assists for the Knicks, who got the little production from anyone else. Allan Houston, flustered by Bruce Bowen's defense, shot 2-for-13 and committed six turnovers. Keith Van Horn scored five points in just 18 minutes.

The game was a turnover-fest early, with San Antonio committing nine and New York seven in a first-quarter tie that ended with the Knicks lead 17-12.

Both teams had turnovers more than field goals at halftime, and San Antonio led 38-25 behind 21 points and eight rebounds from Duncan. A 9-2 run early in the third quarter put San Antonio ahead 47-39, and the Knicks didn't catch up until Michael Doleac hit a jumper with 8:47 remaining in the fourth quarter to make it 57-57.

Ward, a member of the Knicks for 11 seasons, who was sent to Phoenix in the trade, broke the tie with a 3-pointer.

A three-point play by Ginobili was followed by a 12-foot corner jumper by Bowen from an angle behind the backboard to put the Spurs ahead 65-59 with 5:39 left.

The Knicks got no closer than four points for the rest of the way and were booed off the court at the end.

Clippers 102, Bulls 92

Corey Maggette scored 28 points and Elton Brand had 20 points and 11 rebounds to lead the Los Angeles Clippers past the Chicago Bulls Tuesday night, the seventh loss in eight games for the Bulls.

It was the Clippers' second wire-to-wire victory this season.

The other was Dec. 15, at home, when they beat New Orleans 109-80.

Eddie Robinson came off the bench to score 17 and Marcus Fizer scored eight of his 10 points in the fourth quarter for the Bulls, who have dropped their last 21 road games against Western Conference teams.

They began a seven-game trip with their fifth straight loss away from home.

The Clippers have beaten Chicago seven straight times, the only four times they have had that long a streak against one team during their 20 seasons in Los Angeles. They had winning streaks of 11 against Dallas, 10 against Minnesota and eight against Denver.

Robinson, who missed the last two games with a strained groin, made three outside jumpers in the first two minutes of the fourth quarter as the Bulls kept climbing away at a 19-point deficit.

A 3-pointer by Nick Brinson brought them to 90-78 with 7 1/2 minutes remaining but would get no closer than 10 after a 3-pointer by Los Angeles' Chris Jeffries made 98-88 with 1:31 left.

The Clippers led 51-43 at halftime after opening the game with a 20-4 run.

Corle Boult grabbed eight rebounds in the second quarter to help Chicago close the gap to four with a minute left in the half, but Quentin Richardson and Maggette responded with 3-pointers.

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HOBOKEN, N.J. - K.C. Jones scored 15 points and Roderick Wilmont added all six of his points on a pair of 3s in the final minute Tuesday night, leading Indiana to a 63-58 upset of No. 21 Purdue.

The Hoosiers (11-6, 5-1) beat a ranked team for the first time this season. They remained atop the Big Ten standings by a ranked team for the first time in 41-38. He tried to brace his layup in the midst of a stretch. He finished off that spurt with a three-point play, putting Georgia Tech ahead to stay at 24-21 with 7:35 remaining in the period. Appropriately, Elder finished off the half with a dunk, giving the Yellow Jackets a 34-34 lead. After Clemson closed to 55-49 with just under 11 minutes left, Elder took over again. He scored 12 of his team's final 22 points for the Yellow Jackets, capped off by a three-pointer that pushed the lead to 65-51 - Georgia Tech's largest lead of the night. The Tigers closed it to 67-65 with 3:24 remaining, but Georgia Tech sealed the victory at the foul line in the final minutes.

Shane Robinson led Clemson with 21 points, and Sharrod Ford added 19. But the Tigers couldn't overcome poor shooting (35.5 percent) and 19 turnovers, which led to 22 points for Georgia Tech.

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I want to thank you for an incredible performance Sunday during our Kentucky game. You were great throughout the entire game and really gave us a chance to win. You truly are the 6th Man.

We need you now more than ever to help keep the energy level up in the Joyce Center for the rest of the season, starting tonight with our game against Miami. You can see the effect your cheering has on the rest of the crowd, as well as our team. I really appreciate all that you do for us and look forward to another great month in the Joyce Center, working together to get some key conference wins.

Thanks again and Go Irish!

Coach Brey
O’Neal to return to action today

Associated Press

EL SEGUNDO, Calif. — Shaquille O’Neal went through a light practice Tuesday and might play in the Los Angeles Lakers’ next game after missing the last 12.

“I feel pretty good. We didn’t really run that long,” O’Neal said. “Hopefully, I can play tomorrow. If not, hopefully I can play Friday night. I’m a little winded. I can still do damage out there.”

The Lakers (26-15) host Seattle on Wednesday and Minnesota on Friday.

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O’Neal has been sidelined since straining his right calf Jan. 2 in the second quarter of a November because of a similar injury.

O’Neal was examined Tuesday morning by a team doctor and cleared to practice.

“We had to kind of twist the doctor’s arm to get him out here to run full-court,” Lakers coach Phil Jackson said. He looked fine — he was light on his feet. We didn’t run too hard. He’s moving fine. He’s pretty much in a position where we can play. We’ll have to see what tomorrow brings.”

O’Neal will see the doctor again before the Lakers’ shortstoparound Wednesday.

He plans to play if the doctor clears him, saying, “The true test is in the morning.”

The Lakers are 5-7 during O’Neal’s absence.

NBA

O’Brien resigns as Celtics coach

Associated Press

WALTHAM, Mass. — Jim O’Brien quit as coach of the Boston Celtics on Tuesday, after half a season under new boss Danny Ainge.

Ainge said O’Brien told him he wanted to resign at a meeting Tuesday morning, one of their regularly scheduled sit-downs to discuss “philosophical differences” on running the team.

“The philosophical differences... I thought, were much smaller than Jim thought,” said Ainge, who announced O’Brien’s departure at a new conference at the team’s practice facility.

O’Brien went through a light practice Tuesday and immediately returned.

A call placed to O’Brien’s assistant coach, Dick Harter, was not sure he’s the man for that job... he didn’t want to take our money and our time under false pretenses,” Grousbeck said.

Ainge, who said he was surprised by O’Brien’s decision, also said he had had differences with O’Brien over whether to play some of the older players on the team.

“We felt that there was a ceiling on the success of the old players... so we did not always agree on the players who should be on the court,” Ainge said.

Ainge, who appeared at the news conference with one of the team’s owners, Wyc Grousbeck, was also trying to add more offense to the team, while O’Brien had always placed a heavy emphasis on defense.

“Jim did not see that long-term vision that I saw,” said Ainge, who took over as the team’s director of basketball operations during last season’s playoffs.

O’Brien’s resignation came one day after the Boston Red Sox were fired as coach of the New Jersey Nets, the only team ahead of Boston in the Atlantic Division.

The Celtics lost five of their last seven games, including a 110-91 setback at New Jersey on Sunday. Boston trailed by 17 at halftime and sank just 36 percent of its shots for the game. In those last five losses, star Paul Pierce, who hasn’t gotten much offensive help, made just 27 percent of his shots.

Since being hired, Ainge has made numerous changes, trading Antoine Walker to Dallas before the season and Eric Williams and Tony Battie to Cleveland on Dec. 15. The first deal deprived the Celtics of a second scoring threat to go along with Pierce. The second took away two veteran leaders and keys to O’Brien’s defense-oriented approach.

Ainge, hired May 9, gave O’Brien a two-year contract extension running through the 2005-06 season. Before granting the extension, however, Ainge met with O’Brien and considered potential replacements among current college coaches, pro assistants, retired players and former NBA coaches.


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Thrashers’ winger Heatley returns tonight

Associated Press

ATLANTA — Dany Heatley's quick return to the ice couldn’t come at a better time for the Atlanta Thrashers.

The star right wing plans to play Wednesday night for the first time since surviving a car wreck in September that killed teammate Dan Snyder and left Heatley with serious injuries. His scheduled return against St. Louis at home will cap a recovery from two torn knee ligaments and a broken jaw. He had surgery in October to repair the anterior cruciate and medial collateral ligaments in his right knee.

“I met with the doctors Saturday for about the 17th time about his status,” Thrashers general manager Don Waddell said Tuesday. “They assured us he was 100 percent.”

After leading the Southeast Division for much of the season, Atlanta has dropped to second place, six points behind Tampa Bay. The Thrashers were tied for ninth in the Eastern Conference with the New York Rangers entering play Tuesday night, four points behind the eighth and final playoff spot.

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It’s nice to help, but at the same time, that has no bearing on whether I was ready to play or I wasn’t ready to play,” Heatley said. “It’s going to be fun to get going in the middle of a playoff run.”

Coach Bob Hartley and Heatley decided on the move after practice Tuesday. Heatley skated for the first time following surgery on Dec. 23, then joined his teammates in a pregame skate about 10 days ago.

“I’ve seen Dany skate lots of miles out there, and we’ve put him through full-contact drills and practice,” Hartley said. “There’s absolutely no pain.”

[Wednesday] night or two months from now won’t make his knee any stronger.”

Heatley was charged with vehicular homicide after Snyder died from head injuries. Test results showed Heatley consumed a small amount of alcohol before the crash, with his blood alcohol content less than 0.015 percent, below Georgia’s legal limit of 0.08 percent.

Because Heatley wasn’t drunk and Snyder’s relatives said they forgave him, prosecutors could decide the crash was an accident, with no need to pursue felony charges, which carry sentences from three to 15 years.

The case remains under investigation and a final decision on charges has not been made. Erik Friedly, a spokesman for the Fulton County district attorney, said Tuesday.

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“It’s been a long time. I’m anxious to get out there.”

The Thrashers won’t work Heatley in slowly. He’ll resume his spot on one of the top lines and log a lot of ice time.

Heatley was the MVP of last year’s All-Star game and finished as the ninth-leading scorer in the NHL with 89 points. In 2002, he was the NHL Rookie of the Year.

“There’s no doubt when you have a player of his stature on the bench, he’s going to play,” Waddell said. “He’s not a player that’s going to play 10 minutes a game. Once you put him back on the bench, the coach is going to play him as he normally would.”

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MLB
Tribe's Tadano sorry for gay pornography

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Indians minor league pitcher Kazuhito Tadano is asking for forgiveness for what he called a one-time mistake — his appearance in a gay porn video in which he engaged in a homosexual act.

Tadano took part in the video three years ago when he was a college student. Sitting in the Cleveland clubhouse Tuesday, the pitcher said he hoped to put his actions in the past.

"All of us have made mistakes in our lives," Tadano said, reading a statement in English. "Hopefully, you learn from them and move on.

Shunned by Japanese baseball teams, the 23-year-old Tadano signed with the Indians last March. They think he can make their club this spring.

Tadano was one of Japan's top college pitchers and expected to be a high first-round pick after his sophomore year at Kikkyo University.

"I did participate in a video and I regret it very much," he said. "It was a one-time incident that showed bad judgment and will never be repeated. I was young, playing baseball, and going to college and my teammates and I needed money."

"Frankly, if I were more mature and had really thought about the implications of what I did, it never would have happened."

Through an interpreter, Tadano added: "I'm not gay. I'd like to clear that fact up right now."

Tadano's admission will certainly draw attention to homosexuality in baseball, a sensitive issue that most players prefer to not even discuss.

In 2002, All-Star catcher Mike Piazza felt the need to hold a press conference to profess his heterosexuality after a newspaper gossip columnist suggested that one of the New York Mets' top players was gay.

There are no openly gay players in the big leagues today. The same is true in the NFL, NHL and NBA.

Tadano was one of Japan's top college pitchers and expected to be a high first-round pick in 2002. But after a Japanese tabloid published photos of him in the video a month before the draft, pro teams in Japan did not select him.

"The commissioner of Japanese baseball came out and said, 'You will not draft Tadano,'" asserted the pitcher's agent, Alan Nero. "But this kid didn't assault anybody. He didn't commit murder."

WOMEN'S AUSTRALIA OPEN

Clijsters earns semis spot

Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia — Kim Clijsters aggregated an ankle injury in her Australian Open quarterfinal victory over Anastasia Myskina on Wednesday, leaving the second-seeded Belgian star questionable for the semifinals.

Clijsters, a semifinalist in all four majors last season but still without a Grand Slam title, beat Myskina 6-2, 7-6 (9) to set up a semifinal match against Patty Schnyder of Switzerland.

Schnyder, seeded 22nd, advanced to her first Grand Slam semifinal with a 7-5 (2), 6-3 victory over Lisa Raymond.

Clijsters lost the first four games of the second set against Myskina and needed a medical timeout for her left ankle after holding for the fifth.

"I'll have to see how it reacts," Clijsters said.

"I'm going to have a week off after this anyway, so I might as well go for it and give myself a shot. But, on the other hand, if I can't walk tomorrow, it's stupid to go out there."

Clijsters won five of the next six games after getting court-side treatment in the second set and had two match points in the tiebreaker on the sixth-seeded Myskina's serve in the 12th before the Russian held to force a tiebreaker.

Clijsters had three more match points in the tiebreaker and saved two set points before the match in 90 minutes when Myskina's backhand shot drifted wide.

Clijsters, who injured her left ankle at the Hopman Cup and was sidelined for two weeks leading into the tournament, said she'd ice her ankle, take painkillers and get the area taped before deciding in the morning if she can play in the semifinal Thursday.

In the other semifinal, top-seeded Justine Henin-Hardenne will face Colombia's Fabiola Zuluaga, seeded 32nd.

Henin-Hardenne and Clijsters met in two-all-Belgian Grand Slam final last season, with Henin-Hardenne winning in the French and U.S. Opens.

What does the Bible have to say about unity among believers in Jesus?

Join us as we continue our discussion and prayer around Christian unity.
Andy Roddick was gone by the time it comes to make it through the match. On Tuesday, he appeared in trouble early as Roddick zipped through the first set in 26 minutes.

In the second set, Safin clutched his upper left leg after halfheartedly chasing a passing shot in the opening game. Safin was getting just half his first serves into play and won only once on 11 second serves.

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Brady not fazed by the spotlight

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Tom Brady sidestepped questions about his love life, his politics and the Carolina Panthers. But he couldn't get away from "Pick Boy.

Wearing an orange cape and green tights, the pseudo superhero quizzed Brady on such issues as helmet hair and why football players often pat each other on their backsides. The Patriots' quarterback answered whimsically before turning his attention back to football.

But only for a moment. Then it was back to his picks in the New Hampshire primary.

"After today, it gets more normal. Then you get ready and prepare to play," Brady said from his perch at Reliant Stadium, where on Sunday he will try to lead New England to its second NFL title in three years. "After today, things will start settling down a little bit."

But first: media day, the Super Bowl's spectacle of silliness held on the Tuesday before the championship game on the field where it will be played. Although the event always draws more than its share of actual sports reporters, it's the others who make it unlike any other news conference in sports.

Brady's sudden success and boyish good looks made him a superstar in Boston.

"You know, he's got it. He's got the charisma and the fatal charm, but he is a great leader, too," linebacker Ted Johnson said. "He gets it done at work, and that's the main thing. He comes to work."

And he's pretty good once he gets there.

Brady is 34-12 in the regular season as a starter — the best winning percentage of any active quarterback.

He is an unblemished 7-0 in overtime games and 5-0 in the playoffs.

He has led the Patriots to victory 14 times when they were losing or tied after the start of the fourth quarter.

"I think we're fortunate to have him, for what he does on the field and the respect he has in the locker room," Patriots owner Robert Kraft said. "He's clean-cut, and every female I know would like to have a connection with him. With all his notoriety and football skills, he's a star who doesn't want to be a star."

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Smart to the Super Bowl

Associated Press

HOUSTON — The XFL's boldest name is playing well on the XFL's biggest stage. The media magnet? He Hate Me, of course.

The obscure running back with the unforgettable moniker is making the Super Bowl his biggest marketing coup. Rod Smart's mischievous, stubbly face was one of the most photographed Tuesday on media day.

He was hoping something like this could happen three years ago when, in a moment of inspiration, he made a name for himself and became the symbol of an anti-establishment league.

The name helped," Smart readily acknowledged. "Would you guys be here today if I didn't have the name? Let's face it.""

As Rod Smart, he's just a Carolina Panther kick returner. As He Hate Me, he's an icon for those who love the brashness and theatrics of a World Wrestling Federation match.

No one drafted him out of Western Kentucky, leaving him leaning against the turnbuckle of the wrestling ring. But he couldn't get away from the XFL draft.

"At first, I really thought that with Vince McMahon, wrestling was going to be involved," Smart said. "That would have been fun, but there would have been a lot of injuries. I wouldn't mind jumping off the top rope.

"At 6-foot-3, 225 pounds, he was going to be an overnight hit, the best-selling jersey in the league's one-year existence.


For the league, it was downhill from there. Smart was just getting started.

Before the second game, he decided to adopt the equivalent of a stage name.

"He thought about how a wrestler would feel as he ran past him. He Hate Me."

It was on the back of his black, red and gold uniform for the second game. It became an overnight hit, the best-selling jersey in the league's one-year existence.
Louisville coach Rick Pitino instructs Francisco Garcia during the Cardinals victory over Cincinnati. Pitino may rejoin the team this weekend after an undisclosed illness.

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The Irish need to win games at home like tonight's contest against Miami to stay in the upper echelon of the conference. Five teams currently sit at 3-2 in the Big East, and three other teams only have one loss.

"To be honest, it's equally as big, if not bigger than the UK game," Cornette said. "In terms of getting to 4-2 in the Big East and staying on the top tier in the league, in terms of making a quest and stride for the Big East Championship, I think it's a huge game to get to 4-2 and not move back to 3-00."

The Irish will be tested tonight by the Hurricaness' offense, which averages 75.2 points per game, good for third in the Big East. One player who has really improved this year is guard Robert Hite. The 6-foot-2 sophomore leads Miami with an average of 17.3 points per game and is second in the Big East in shooting at 56.1 percent. He is the only Hurricane to score in double figures in every game this year.

Combine Hite with preseason all-Big East first-team selection Darius Rice and the Hurricanes are a formidable offensive threat. They will provide the Irish defense with a major test — a test that will require a full 40-minute effort.

"It's going to be a test for our defense and how strong we are and if we can get the stops we need to get," Cornette said. "They are going to come to the gut every time and crash the boards. We need to prove we are strong defensively and strong rebounding wise. "Their kind of style is going to make us play for 40 minutes because they are run-and-gun," he said. "They get up and down the court. Their big guys run. Their guards move. They are a guard-oriented team and they are very talented."

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offensive attack. "We have to defend, rebound and stop their transition," McGraw said.

Leading the way for the Irish have been Jacqueline Batteast (15.6 points, 8.4 rebounds per game), and Megan Duffy (11.1 points, 4.7 assists per game). Batteast has stepped up her play in Big East games, as she averages 17.2 points and 9.8 rebounds in those contests.

But the Irish have only won two road games this season, and Miami presents a significant obstacle, as they are undefeated at home. The Irish must defend well if they want to win, but it will be more than a challenge.

"We don't matchup well with them in man-to-man, and I don't know if we do in zone either," McGraw said.

However, after two straight wins, the first coming on the road at Syracuse and the second over Villanova, Notre Dame hopes they can continue their winning ways.

"We're confident," McGraw said. "We feel like we're able to win on the road. The Syracuse game has given us that confidence."

Tip-off is 7 p.m. at Miami's Convocation Center.

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one, 175 pound corner back, because they will take a chance on any remaining prospects who could possibly help turn a struggling program around.

It was obvious over the last few weeks that Tyrone Willingham and Notre Dame wanted Baker, but it is even more obvious that Baker wants Notre Dame.

"The school was a great fit for me," Baker said. "There are great people on the team. I like the players. I like the atmosphere. I like the overall demeanor of the people on campus."

Baker hails from Bishop Chatard High School, where he played with present Notre Dame freshman baseball player and pitcher Mike Dury, a former quarterback.

Baker said Tuesday night that he is looking forward to attending Notre Dame, in particular because of the leadership he will have.

"Coach [Tyrone] Willingham is a very positive person," Baker said. "He's going to push me to be the best student-athlete I can be."

Baker's concern with academics definitely had something to do with his commitment to the Irish, though the high school senior's main concern is still football.

"I know I have a lot of work to do," he said. "I'll have the challenge of playing with such great players, and I'll have to compete. It'll be a lot of fun, competing against and playing with guys like [Justin] Tuck and [Victor] Abiamiri."

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Miami visits Joyce Center tonight

By MATT LOZAR
Associate Sports Editor

Irish coach Mike Brey knew back in September that the schedule was going to be difficult. He anticipated his team would have to bounce back at least once this season from a game like Sunday's loss to Kentucky.

But right now, the Irish can't focus on winning a game against one of the top teams in the country, but they can take care of business when they should win — especially with a 9-6 record.

Tonight against Miami (13-6, 3-2 in the Big East) is one of those games.

"We can't talk about another ranked team, we have to be ready to play Miami," Brey said. "Our group has been pretty resilient. I've said that from day one. And they are going to have to continue to be resilient. That could be a theme for us, how they have to bounce back."

After another frustrating loss Sunday, the Irish talked about carrying over their positive attitude going into tomorrow night's game against the Hurricanes.

Brey said he didn't have any ideas for getting the Irish to play at the top of their game for 40 minutes at home, so he figured maybe an early morning team meeting would keep his team focused around the clock, and not just at practice.

Come game time, the Irish are willing to try anything.

"I don't think you can really talk about so much as put it into action in practice," Brey said.

Center Torin Francis posts up in a loss against Kentucky.

ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Big East road games momentous

By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN
Sports Writer

Anytime a Big East team plays a conference game on the road, it's almost guaranteed to be a battle. Tonight's game is no different for the Irish, as they travel to face conference leader No. 18 Miami (16-1, 5-1 in the Big East).

"At this point, every game is a big game for us," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said.

The Irish (11-7, 4-2) come off a big home victory over Villanova 38-36. A win that was key in the Big East. Villanova knocked off Miami Jan. 7 at Villanova 28-55. But the Hurricanes will be ready for the Irish.

"Miami is a great team, extremely athletic, and they have two really good players Tamara James and Chanell Broussard," McGraw said.

James (16.3 points, 4.8 rebounds per game) and Broussard (14.2 points, 6.5 rebounds) are among four Hurricanes averaging double figures. They are joined by Yalonda McCormick (13.2 points, 5.1 assists per game) and Shaquana Wilkins (11.8 points, 7.9 rebounds).

These four players are a main reason why the Hurricanes average 73.3 points per game. In last year's matchup with Notre Dame, Miami scored 80 points en route to a 90-70 victory over the then-No. 16 Irish Jan 11 at the Joyce Center.

So if the Irish want revenge, they must stop the high-powered Miami offense.

Weather forces postponement

By BOBBY GRIFFIN
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's was supposed to travel to Albion Tuesday night for an NCAA league game, but Mother Nature seemed to have other plans.

Albion College was hit with a snowstorm in Albion, Mich., was hit with the same snowstorm seen in South Bend, and the meeting was postponed until Wednesday night.

The Belles used the extra day to prepare for their game against the Boilermakers, had an open-sideline defensive end, rated fifth in the nation at his position on Tom Lemming's Fabulous 50 list.

"I think if we get a win against Albion, our confidence will go up," Creachbaum said. "I know we can beat these teams."

This positive attitude will be important if the Belles are to escape with an upset win tomorrow night. Albion has been tough all season, especially at home where they are 7-1. Saint Mary's, on the other hand, is 2-6 on the road.

Coming off a 26-point, 10-rebound game against Tri-State, Creachbaum's continued solid play will be important for the Belles. This, combined with a minimum amount of turnovers, could spell an upset road win for Saint Mary's.

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FOOTBALL RECRUITING

Baker joins Irish, as does Ferrine

By PAT LEONARD
Sports Writer

A week remains and the slow-starting Irish are clawing their way to Feb. 4 player by player.

Defensive end Ryan Baker from Indianapolis gave a verbal commitment to the Irish Sunday night, though the announcement was kept under the radar. Confirming the beliefs of ESPN recruiting analyst Tom Lemming, cornerback Leo Ferrine from New Jersey committed Sunday, as well.

Notre Dame has sixteen commitments with a week remaining before signing day, but not many of the players are in the top tier of heavily recruited players. Baker is also not in the top tier, but he is as close as any remaining player the Irish will find.

"Notre Dame wasn't after Baker as early or often as Purdue," Irish Insider columnist Mike Frank said. "Baker's decision was a matter of asking 'how much do they want me?'

The Irish wanted Baker and players like Ferrine, a 6-foot-6, 225-pound wide receiver from South Bend, to wait longer as well. The Boilermakers had an advantage in that they had more momentum at the end of the season.

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