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Lamenting half-time

It has come to our attention that MTV is deeply and fundamentally incapable of putting on a halftime show. We will pass over, for the moment, the rather injudicious wardrobe change effect-ed on Janet Jackson by our friend Justin. For the moment our attentions will be directed at a more pressing issue, of greater cultural import, and of wider scope in its commentary on - nay, indictment of - American culture.

Let us recall the set of characters which filled that wooden "O" Sunday night: we saw, as it said well, Ms. Jackson and Mr. Timberlake. We were presented with two rappers, one of whom does not profess to own a last name and another who insists on changing his Re-annually. We endured Mrs. Simpson - or is it Lachey? And lastly, we were virtually and airily assaulted by the all-American badass-ness of Mr. Rock, whose act's only redeeming quality may have been the post-meno-pausal aggressiveness of its drummer.

On their own, these entertainers - let us rephrase that, "professionals of the entertainment industry" - each merely leaves us wishing for a real artist to fill the void they occupy. But when such a lineup is presented as the entirety of the night's musical output, it is not only we who shudder: Nature herself scoffs at such a vacuous display of bad taste and artistic incompetence.

Those who seriously value popular music for its potential as an art form have long since learned that MTV will merely provide them an outlet for repressed masochism. MTV glorifies two things: MTV and the current fad. If your product does not hit at the altar of popularity it is tossed out onto the trash heap; if it sold well last month, then the market is exhausted and it is time for something new and equally mindless.

What is most disturbing, however, is not that MTV could produce, and CBS air, such a display without a single musician in the lineup (with, perhaps, the exception of the aforementioned drummer); no, what fills us with trepidation are the screaming mobs which filled that wooden "O" Sunday night: we saw, as mentioned, Ms. Jackson, as well as... We leave the rest to your imagination.

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In their music.

In Brief

Learn about careers within the State Department from Ambassador Curtis Kamman today from 4:30 to 5:40 p.m. The information session will be held in 114 Planner.

Check out the latest installment of NDTV on Cable Channel 3 tonight from 11 to 11:30 p.m. This episode offers highlights of the Keenan Revue, a look at the candidates for student body president, an interview with a student filmmaker, a visit from the Humor Artists and a look at some former attempts by students to climb the steps of the Main Building.

Come cheer on the women's basketball team as they take on Georgetown. The game will take place in the Joyce Center Arena Wednesday at 7 p.m.

Come enjoy the next installment of Theology on Tap entitled "Does God Really Listen?" with Lawrence Cunningham tomorrow from 9:30 to 11:30 p.m. in Legends. The night consists of short presentations followed by plenty of time for questions and honest, straight-up conversation.

The Pasquerilla East Musical Company presents West Side Story Thursday through Saturday in Washington Hall from 7:30 to 10 p.m.

Laugh with your friends at Student Stand-Up Comedy Night on Thursday at Legends. The events take place from 10 p.m. to midnight.

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

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Jablonski-Diehl, Brown attend leadership conference

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Elizabeth Jablonski-Diehl and Sarah Brown attended the Indiana Student Leadership Forum on Faith and Values in Indianapolis this past weekend.

As Saint Mary's student body president and vice president, they were nominated to represent Saint Mary's at the Forum by Georgiana Rosenbush, director of student activities. In contrast to regular conferences around the country for residence hall and student activity boards, a conference for executive leadership is difficult to come across, Rosenbush said.

"We've been looking at different leadership conferences for awhile," Rosenbush said. "We thought this might provide them with the opportunity to network with peers across the state."

Hosted by Rep. Mike Pence (R-Ind.), the forum centered on incorporating faith and values into event coordination as student government leaders, as well as transferring that to a more personal level before and after graduation.

"At Saint Mary's, we're lucky because we can count on faith and values being pretty consistent across the campus," Jablonski-Diehl said.

The conference opened Friday with a tour of the State House, followed by dinner in the House of Representatives Chamber. Several state representatives and senators spoke about their experiences of incorporating faith and values into their careers.

On Saturday, the focus was serving leadership through three service projects at a food bank, Good Shepherd Community Ministries, and a homeless shelter for men.

All colleges and universities in Indiana were invited to nominate student participants. A mix of private and public and large and small schools in Indiana attended.

The diverse attendance allowed Jablonski-Diehl and Brown the chance to compare the integration of faith and values into student government at the College.

"Saint Mary's is definitely right up there and even serves as an example to other schools," Brown said.

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An array of ATM locations across campus.

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The future relies on
inventions from GE.
GE's future relies
on people like you.

SUB manager Charlie Eberesl said the new pro-
gramming body would be more representative of
the student body, as well as more
efficient.

"Dorm involvement is
what this is all about," Eberesl said. "It will be a
coordinating body, so that calendars don't overlap."

Lao also addressed his
upcoming report to the
Board of Trustees. In the
regard, to be presented
at Thursday's board
meeting, Lao will ask the University's
governing body to establish
a programming endowment.

Proceeds from the endow-
ment would be used to fund
high-dollar concerts, promi-
nent speakers and other
big-ticket events. Lao said
board members will see a
rough sketch of the propos-
al, but he vowed to flesh out
his plans over the remain-
der of the semester.

"The endowment proposal
will be coming more solidly
in May," Lao said. "We want
something where we can
guarantee approval."

Student body vice presi-
dent Emily Chin said she
and Lao needed more time
to develop the plan.

"We only have one shot at
this," she said. "We need to
get it done right for the stu-
dents."

In the meantime, class
 councils will have access to
new program funding. Lao
said Father Mark Poorman,
vice president for student
affairs, has reserved addi-
tional money to assist in
programming events on the
class level.

Lao encouraged class
presidents to apply for the
$20,000 in new funding.
"You guys have an extra
$5,000 each in your budg-
et," Lao said.

In other COR news:

• Hall Presidents Council
co-chair Sarah Keefer
announced that the
HPC would no longer accept
funding appeals from stu-
dent clubs.

She said frequent
requests distracted the body
from its mission of coordi-
nating programming in resi-
dence halls. "We allocate
money to dorms for dorm
events, for the benefit of the
residents," Keefer said.

She went on to say that
HPC will continue to collab-
orate with clubs on staffing,
promotion and other non-
monetary matters.

• Senior class president
Jazmin Garcia said the class
of 2004 will sponsor voter
registration initiatives for
the remainder of the semes-
ter. Garcia said the class
will coordinate with the
College Republicans,
College Democrats and
other groups to register vot-
ers and supply absentee
ballots.

"With the presidential
elections coming up, we
want to get as many people
registered as we can," Garcia said.

• Off-campus president
Sarah Blake said her coun-
cil will sponsor an off-cam-
pus dinner this Friday from
5 to 7 p.m. at Boracho
Burrito. The event will be
free to off-campus resi-
dents.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Britain to probe Israel intelligence
LONDON — The British government said Monday it needed to follow the U.S. lead and investigate the intelligence on which Prime Minister Tony Blair based his decision to take the United States in going to war with Iraq.

Blair was expected to announce on Tuesday an official inquiry in an appearance before a parliamentary committee, just days after a senior journalist said there were allegations it distorted what it knew about Iraq's weapons programs to build a case for war.

"Mr. Blair will announce on Tuesday morning some sort of inquiry about the intelligence of Iraq's weapons before the war," a Blair spokesman said on condition of anonymity.

Pakistani nuke boss sold secrets
ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — The admission by Pakistan's nuclear founder that he spread weapons technology to Libya and North Korea raised questions Monday about whether military figures knew of the transfers.

Officials said for the first time that two former army chiefs have been questioned in the scandal but weren't implicated.

The revelations Monday came as Pakistan continued its investigation that began in late November after Iran provided relevant information to the U.N. nuclear watchdog, the officials said.

President Gen. Pervez Musharraf was expected to provide details of the nuclear probe in an address to the nation after a period of national holidays ends Thursday.

WASHINGTON

Preliminary tests of a white powder discovered in an envelope received in an Illinois hospital, where she was being treated, were negative, the U.S. Capitol Police chief said.

Two out of three tests indicate ricin, Chief Terrance Gainer said at a late-evening news conference. The third test came out negative, and a fourth, more definitive test was under way, with results expected Tuesday.

Sixteen people who were on the floor where the white powder was discovered were being decontaminated and would not be allowed to go home, Gainer said.

"At the moment we're in a wait-and-see position from an analytical point of view in what next steps we may take," he said. That included what further decontamination of the Dirksen Senate Office Building would be needed.

``Senior Majority Leader Blair is in town, I think," Gainer said at the news conference, said no symptoms were reported and that tests were underway. "Everybody's fine and the training is "no cause for alarm," he said.

"Nobody is sick, we don't expect anybody to get sick," said Frist, who was a surprised before his election to the Senate.

The powder was discovered at about 3 p.m. on a mail room near Frist's office on the fourth floor of the Dirksen Building, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms said. A congressional official had said earlier the powder was found in Frist's office suite.

Another government official said lab tests were being conducted at Fort Detrick in Maryland, but Gainer refused to give any location.

Authorities do not know if the substance was found on a letter or a package, the chief said.

The Homeland Security Department is monitoring the situation, the spokesman Brian Roehrkasse said.

Ricin, derived from the castor bean plant, can easily be passed among people.

Ingested or injected, it may be inhaled, made. It may be inhaled, ingested or injected. Ingested or injected.

A package containing ricin was also found at a post facility serving Greenville-Spartanburg International Airport in South Carolina in October.

An FBI official said the bureau was awaiting the result of tests at the Fort Detrick laboratory before deciding whether to get more fully involved in the case.

Mail to congressional offices has been irradiated since deadly anthrax was found in letters sent to the offices of Sens. Tom Daschle, D-S.D., and Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., in 2001. No one was arrested in those incidents.

THAILAND

Bird flu claims two more victims

Autopsies confirm deaths in Vietnam, Thailand; China says virus is spreading.

BANGKOK — Asia's bird flu death toll rose to 12 with the announce­ment Monday of two additional deaths, while China said it suspect­ed the virus has reached poultry in one of its most remote corners.

U.N. officials warned the out­break could far from over.

The latest victims were an 18-year-old man in Vietnam who died Monday, and a 38-year-old woman in Thailand whose death was con­firmed Monday to be from bird flu following an autopsy.

"Bird flu remains a serious public health threat and con­tinues to spread," said'the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

The eruption of new infections in the two countries raises questions about China. Vietnam shows that the disease is far from being under control.

WHO said the spread of bird flu seems to have no evidence of a new strain that can easily be passed among people.

Witness accounts were not consis­tent, but WHO investigators say

the most likely centers on a family wedding.

On the day of the wedding, Jan. 3, the groom and one of his sisters prepared a duck. The groom fell ill Jan. 6 and was hospitalized the next day. On Jan. 10, both the sis­ter who helped prepare the duck, as well as the bride — who did not — fell ill. The next day, a second sister got sick.

The groom died Jan. 12 and the bride and two sisters were hospi­talized a day later. The two sisters died, but the bride survived.

Investigators could not trace the infections of the second sister or the bride to exposure to birds. Neither human-to-human trans­mission nor direct contact with sick poultry can be ruled out, WHO said.

Health officials may never be able to confirm what happened, in part because the brother's remains were cremated and death certificates accounts were conflicting.

No other cases of people catching the virus from other people have been suspected anywhere else.
You can get one student to something." 

Agree with Evans that, as aspiring teachers?

"The schools that are more attractive are more attractive to teachers," Courtney said.

Often, teachers have to take jobs in schools that they did not necessarily want. Some teachers also worry that the "big idea" curriculum taught at Notre Dame is so new and different from that taught in other states, it will not be well received.

However, student teachers' excitement and drive shines through worries they may have.

Senior Mary Kartheiser admitted she had no desire to accompany friends at nights while she taught at St. Padua Elementary School. Instead, she was "excited to be planning the next day's lesson."

Some advice these students would give to other aspiring teachers:

"Appreciate every moment you have in the classroom with the students," said Siefert. Most agree with Evans that, "if you can get one student to change themselves somehow, then you’ve done something."

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Mass to honor Stritch

Special to The Observer

A memorial Mass for Thomas Stritch, professor emeritus of American studies at Notre Dame, will be celebrated today at 3:30 p.m. in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart.

Rev. Thomas Blantz, C.S.C., professor of history at Notre Dame, will preside at the Mass. and Rev. Theodore Hesburgh, C.S.C., president emeritus, will give the homily.

Stritch, who died Jan. 22 in Nashville, Tenn., was graduated from Notre Dame in 1934. Joined the faculty the following year and remained at Notre Dame for the rest of the centur-

A native of Nashville, Stritch came to Notre Dame as a student in the fall of 1930. Received his master's degree and joined the faculty in 1935. Retired in 1970.

He retired in 1978 and continued to live and work at Notre Dame, publishing several popular memoirs, "My Notre Dame: Memories and Reflections of 60 Years." In 1991.
Bowl boosts local businesses

**Associated Press**

The New England Patriots weren't the only big winners in Sunday's Super Bowl Local businesses -- both on campus and in the surrounding area -- experienced higher-than-normal customer traffic during the biggest television event of the year. CBS said about 26 million people watched at least part of the game held in Houston's Reliant Stadium, with an average of 89.6 million tuned in at any given moment.

If local businesses are any indication, those people ate and drank -- a lot.

The Subway store in LaFortune Park Center delivered eight 6-foot subs for Super Bowl parties on campus, said manager Jim Labella. He said volume rose significantly in the late afternoon, but dropped off once the game was well underway.

"Before the game and during the first half, it was really busy," Labella said.

Larry Briggs, manager of Legends, said Sunday is generally a slow day at the restaurant, "but the game brought fans in."

"We had some giveaways, and a fair amount of business," Briggs said, "it was up from most Sundays."

Tim Corbett, manager of the Mejester superstore on Route 61 in Milwaukie, said customer traffic was up significantly on Saturday. "I'd say about 30 percent higher than normal," he said.

Corbett said the increase was mainly due to customers buying snack foods and beverages for the game.

He also said the store's electronics department got a boost from customers hoping to see the game on a larger screen.

"We had a sale on 30" TVs and we sold an abnormally high number of those," Corbett said.

Local retailers weren't the only ones celebrating the game. Domino's Pizza sold more than 1.2 million pies during the game, a 42 percent increase over a typical Sunday, said Holly Ryan, a spokeswoman for the 7,300-store pizza titan.

Gambling sites also reaped windfalls from Sunday's game, which came down to a last-minute New England field goal.

Christiansen Capital Advisors, a market research firm specializing in the gaming industry, estimated that more than $375 million was wagered on the Super Bowl through online sports books.

The Patriots won 32-29, but did not beat the seven-point spread.

**U.S. Economy**

**Plants, consumers drive recovery**

Manufacturing index shows broad improvement; new homes reach record high

**Associated Press**

**NEW YORK** -- The economic recovery is showing new signs of staying power, a trio of regional reports said Monday, with a pickup at the nation's factories complemented by robust consumer spending and construction activity.

The Institute for Supply Management's manufacturing index rose to 63.6 in January from a revised 62.4 in December. The reading signals a recovery that is broadening across manufacturing industries, although it is still not generating many new jobs, analysts said.

In other economic news, the Commerce Department reported that consumer spending rose by 0.4 percent in December, after a 0.5 percent rise the previous month. The November reading was better than the government previously estimated.

Consumer spending rose solidly in both December and November, better than earlier in the fall when spending was flat.

The government also reported Monday that construction spending in December rose to its highest level ever.

The total value of building projects undertaken in December came to $1,052.2 billion. Residential projects by private builders led the way, with spending on those projects also rising to a record monthly high.

Meanwhile, the ISM report offered upbeat news from a sector that was one of the hardest hit by the recession and one of the last to recover.

"The manufacturing sector gained momentum in January," said Norbert Ore, chairman of ISM's manufacturing business survey committee. "Both new orders and production remain quite strong, indicating that the manufacturing sector is experiencing a much-needed recovery."

An ISM index reading above 50 indicates expansion; one below 50 indicates that manufacturing activity is contracting. From March through June, the manufacturing index was below 50, but the new reading marked the eighth consecutive month of expansion.

Economists said the January reading indicates a rebound that is spreading throughout the sector.

"This isn't just some flash in the pan," said Mark Vitan, senior economist with Weichselba Corp. "When you look at all the components it's hard not to come away with a more optimistic assessment of the manufacturing sector."

One of the few exceptions is employment. The ISM index measuring employment settled at 52.9 in January, down slightly from 53.3 in December, a reading that would normally indicate modest growth in factо­ry jobs, economists said.

But long-term changes in manufacturing -- including increased automation and the relocation of factories overseas -- appear to be limiting new job creation. The index shows only that more industrial employers are adding jobs than those who are cutting workers, but does not show how many absolute jobs are being added.

It appears, however, that some labor-intensive manufacturers like apparel makers continue to cut large numbers of jobs, while more technology-driven manufacturers are adding relatively smaller numbers of jobs, Vitan said.

"While the sheer number of employees adding is larger, the absolute number of jobs is still declining," he said.

Manufacturers' order backlogs increased in January, a positive sign of future factory activity, ISM said. A sub-index measuring new orders declined to 71.1 in January from 73.1 in December, but the reading still indicates sustained and strong activity.

While many purchasing and supply managers tapped for the report indicated they are experiencing record orders and orders, others say long-term business has yet to experience a recovery.

"It is obvious that certain sectors are lagging the rest of manufacturing as we start the new year," the ISM report said.
Where Have All the True Patriots Gone?

Today we salute Notre Dame's Real Men of Genius. Without whom college would simply not be the same. They are one of a kind. They make us smile, they freak us out, they push the limits of acceptable behavior, and we love them for it. Here is to you.

Mr. Frankie Who Poses As A Pizza Guy. You carry a pizza box. Somehow you come attired in full Papa John issued apparel. You guarantee it hot, and you have the pizza warmer to prove it. Are you really a pizza delivery guy, or did you make a few free throws and win that snazzy number as part of a promotional give-away? We wait until we are really hungry to knock on your door. You come to our party and say, "Hey it's me, the pizza man!" You make us laugh crazy pizza man, and you make us cry when it's me, the pizza box in fact contains no pizza at all, but just a few cans of Keystone Light. We do not know you, but believe me when I say that we all love you. Here is to you.

Mr. Cheerleader with the Spikey Hair. You cheer so hard, but you look so good. Your round-offs are flawless, and trust me when I tell you that you belong on the top of those pyramids. Go Irish! No, Go You! Go you cheerleader man! You are in the choir, and I have heard your voice above the rest. Our passion is contagious, and you truly are the sixth man. Thanks for cheering, for getting me to cheer even when I have lost all desire to do so, and for your presence at the game. Here is to you.

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Mae shows promise with live show

At a concert in Toledo, Mae and other opening acts rocked fans

By MAUREEN BUSH
Scene Music Critic

Luke's Barn was filled past capacity as more than 400 kids packed the tiny Toledo, Ohio venue Jan. 31 to see one of the most well-crafted concerts on the road right now. Mae, the headlining band took up-and-coming artists Copeland, The Working Title, and Slow Coming Day out for a nation-wide tour, hitting almost every major city in the United States. The show opened with What's the Point, who were celebrating their CD release party that night. These three gentlemen from Toledo had a fast-paced style with vocals and music seemingly representative of the latest trend in "scremo" rock. They put on a decent show and are likely to become more popular in their area, though their music was not particularly consistent with the rest of the musical acts of the night.

Next was Slow Coming Day. This southern California quartet, made up of Orion Walsh on vocals and guitar, Brad Smith on guitar, Dave Stoots on bass and Jason Sheets on drums took the stage and began their set for their first time ever in Ohio. Though Walsh did not say a lot between songs during their seven-song set, the music spoke volumes. The band had impressive timing, knowing when to speed up and when to back down. "Behind Blue Eyes," the final song on their full-length release, Farewell to Familiar, was an excellent way to end a very good set. Slow Coming Day are incredibly talented and will only improve with time.

The Working Title from Charleston, S.C., was the next band to grace the tiny stage that night. It became evident before their set that lead singer Joel Hamilton was ready for a good time as fans responded to what he was saying during his sound check. Hamilton's unique voice and his rocking acoustic guitar were a very pleasant surprise. They played most of the songs off their EP, Everyone Here is Wrong.

The night kept improving as Copeland took the stage. Hailing from Atlanta, Ga., Copeland has been gaining national recognition as of late for their newly released music video, "Walking Downtown," off their Militia Group-released, full-length titled Beneath the Medicine Tree. The band opened their set with intensity and it was incredible how well the music flowed. There was never a dull moment as their full and melodic brand of music kept the audience on their toes throughout the whole set.

The pinnacle act of the night was Norfolk, Va.-based quintet Mae. Made up of Dave Gimenez on vocals and guitar, Zach Gehring on guitar, Mark Padgett on bass, Rob Sweitzer on keyboards and back up vocals, and Jacob Marshall on drums, Mae pulled out all the stops for their first ever nation-wide headlining tour. The sound this band has developed is incredible. Playing like veterans, no two songs were similar, and each song portrayed a different aspect of emotion with its own personality. They began their set with an unreleased and rarely played song, "Tisbury Lane," then quickly sped up the tempo by breaking into the spectacular drum beats of "All Deliberate Speed," followed by "Runaway," both from their full-length Destination Beautiful.

A beautifully crafted piano solo led the band into "Sun," during which technical difficulties ensued. Gimenez's microphone cut out toward the beginning of the song, and the crowd was left with only an instrumental version. The silence did not last long, as everyone in the room raised their voices to fill the void. The microphone was fixed just in time for Gimenez to dedicate "Soundtrack For Our Movie" to all the ladies in the room and then to play their catchy first single, "Summertime."

They then finished up their set with current single "Ember and Envelopes," the melodic "Giving It Away" and fittingly "Goodbye, Goodnight." Anyone would be hard-pressed to find a band of this caliber. Mae played an excellent show to the well over-capacity crowd in Toledo. If they are this tight on their first nation-wide headlining tour, it will be interesting to see how they will progress to stardom and how quickly it will come. Mae is an incredibly enjoyable band to watch perform. Their live show is one of the best out there, above and beyond expectations.

Every band on this tour had innumerable amounts of talent that shone through quite clearly to the audience. Not only did every band play well, they also stayed long after the show ended to meet their fans. The worst part of this show was that it had to end at all.

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John Grisham always dreamed of playing professional baseball, beginning with his childhood days of watching St. Louis Cardinal games on the radio. For two reasons, however, he never did. "I played little league ball, high school ball and tried to play college ball, but I was scared of a fastball and couldn't touch a curve," Grisham said. "So that kind of naries down."

So Grisham turned to writing novels — his second dream. Sixty million books later, this dream has turned out just fine for the retired lawyer from Mississippi.

"[Writing] was a secret hobby, nobody except my wife," Grisham said. "Once I realized I was actually going to finish I[A Time to Kill], I thought it would be nice to write full-time — that's a dream come true for anybody."

Grisham's 17th book, "The Last Juror," is available at bookstores today, and the author will be visiting campus Thursday to speak at the third annual Notre Dame baseball banquet. This is Grisham's fifth such event in the past 10 years at various locations.

"They're just wonderful events," he said. "I have a great time, and it's total fun. It's great for the players, because it gives them a few hours of relaxation and raises a lot of money."

Grisham will be the keynote speaker at the event, which starts at 7 p.m. Former Notre Dame player Steve Stanley will also be at the banquet.

Grisham worked as a lawyer for ten years before beginning his first novel. Once he started composing his first book, however, Grisham said he woke up every day at 5 a.m. to write before heading into the courtroom.

As his fans know, Grisham's consistency is one of his greatest abilities. His books have landed him on the national bestseller list nearly every year. After finishing his first book, "A Time to Kill," in 1987, he has produced a book almost every year since, and he has been acclaimed by Publishers Weekly as "the bestselling novelist of the '90s."

His latest book, "The Last Juror," is about a young newspaper owner who exposes the gruesome details of a murder. When the convicted murderer is released from jail, he seeks revenge on the owner of the newspaper and the jurors that put him behind bars.

Grisham said that, though writing novels is a labor of love, the finished product is usually rewarding. He and his family vacation every summer before he begins a new book, and he usually finishes the novel around Thanksgiving.

"There is no shortage of ideas," Grisham said. "The Last Juror" is number 17, and novels are still fun to write. The words and ideas are still coming pretty fast."

With Grisham's success has come additional pressure, but Grisham thinks that pressure can only help his writing. "There's always pressure to deliver a good book," he said. "When I start writing a book, I want it to be the best thing I've ever written. Pressure is healthy because it keeps you honest. I'm serious about what I do, and I want to get better."

Writing has not gotten in the way of Grisham's continued love of baseball. From his time as a child working on his parents' farm in Arkansas to working all day as a lawyer, Grisham always has looked forward to listening to the St. Louis Cardinal games on the radio. He used those experiences in his novel, "A Painted House."

"The St. Louis Cardinals were on the radio every night, and that was our only contact with the outside world," Grisham said. "There was no television, so that was the highlight of every day — sitting on the porch and listening to the Cardinals. As soon as I could, I picked up a baseball and started throwing it around the house like any other kid."

Grisham's love for baseball helped him to build his own little league ball parks. He is the commissioner of the league in the summer and also travels to his children's baseball and softball games in the spring and summer. Grisham's son, Ty, plays baseball at the University of Virginia where former Notre Dame assistant Brian O'Connor took over as head coach last year.

Grisham said he and his son have attended thousands of college baseball games and have traveled to Omaha, Neb. for the College World Series on several occasions. "Over the years, he and I have gone to thousands of college baseball games because that's our favorite sport. That's why I'm coming to South Bend — because I love college baseball."

Tickets still remain for Thursday's event.

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Mona Lisa doesn't smile big

By BECCA SAUNDERS
Scene Movie Critic

The 1950's, an all-girls school, Julia Roberts, Kristen Dunst, and Julia Stiles — no one expected an Oscar, but this attempt at a female-focused version of "Dead Poet's Society" is much more disappointing than anyone expected.

While "Mona Lisa Smile," known by most as the latest Julia Roberts film, is a movie with a good message that is nice to watch, but it is far from being called a great and entertaining film.

Set in 1953, Julia Roberts plays the part of Katherine Watson, a liberal, Bohemian professor from California who moves to New England to teach at the prestigious female school Wellesley College. Watson is greeted by snobby girls, strict rules and heavy judgment from her students and the school. The snobbliest girl is Betty Warren, played by Kristen Dunst. Friends and roommates are played by Julia Stiles, Maggie Gyllenhaal and Ginnifer Goodwin. Watson expects to find intelligent and driven women in the students at Wellesley, but instead she finds intelligent girls focused on fitting into the societal mold for women at that time. Watson then goes forth on her mission to convert the assumptions of the girls, and the film ends with a mix of tears and happiness — big surprise.

Although the costumes are terrific and Roberts' character is inspiring, not much of a message is conveyed in "Mona Lisa Smile." Roberts' character is seemingly contradictory, as she chastises the girls for settling for a life dictated by men, while at the same time she pursues a relationship with the male teacher known for affairs with his own students. While this imperfection does make Watson a bit more real as a character, it works more to make her seem hypocritical. Watson seems too noble to be so easily drawn into a relationship with the smooth-talking, war-hero Italian professor. The love story element seems thrown into the plot and hurts the cohesiveness of the storyline.

As far as the acting itself goes, Roberts does a generally good job, playing a variation of the same character she plays in most of her movies — the unique, quirky, beautiful (insert profession here).

Dunst and Stiles, the two other major stars in the movie, are simply awful. They are awkward, not believable, and just plain annoying to watch. The motivations of their characters are unclear, and although the script left much to be wished for, the poor-caliber acting by these two is just inexcusable. Gyllenhaal and Goodwin, on the other hand, do a terrific job with their characters. Gyllenhaal shines as the fiery Giselle, and Goodwin is adorable as the quiet Constance. The rest of the acting is summed up in one word: bad.

While "Mona Lisa Smile" is a poor-quality film in many ways, it does maintain some endearing elements. Sitting through it is not painful; it does bring a bit of laughter and a touch of tears to any person willing to invest himself in the storyline. The film, however, by no means deserves to be recognized as a great movie. The only motivation to go see it would be a love for Julia Roberts and a discovery of $6 on the ground. Otherwise, just rent the good version with Robin Williams.

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NBA

O'Neal suspended one game for criticizing officials

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Shaquille O'Neal was suspended without pay by the NBA on Monday, one day after using obscene language and publicly criticizing the officials during a television interview. The suspension was announced just hours after O'Neal issued a statement apologizing for the comments he made following the Lakers' 84-83 victory over the Toronto Raptors on Sunday.

O'Neal will serve the suspension Monday night, sitting out a game against the Eastern Conference-leading Indiana Pacers. It will cost him nearly $295,000.

Lakers coach Phil Jackson called the punishment "rather severe and childish in some ways."

Jackson said he thought a fine would have been appropriate and that the fans would be penalized by not being able to see O'Neal in the Lakers' lone trip to Indianapolis.

"The league is known for its vindictiveness," Jackson said. "But we didn't anticipate a suspension."

O'Neal scored a season-high 36 points against the Raptors in his third game back after missing 12 because of a strained right calf, but was angered by the officiating.

He made that clear in his postgame interview on KCAL-TV — conducted almost immediately after the game — saying, "I was tired and that game just didn't take our money. Why don't you give us some good athletic play, 'O'Neal?"

When reminded he was on TV, O'Neal responded with another profanity before the interview continued.

"My comments were made out of frustration in the heat of the moment," O'Neal said in the statement released Monday by the Lakers. "But I realize that my choice of words was inappropriate and again, I would like to apologize."

The game in Indiana was the second of a seven-game road trip for the Lakers, who played without injured stars Kobe Bryant and Karl Malone, as well as O'Neal.

Jackson said there was no "preference" for the suspension, but that the team will accept it and move on.

General manager Mitch Kupchak informed Jackson of the news hours after the team was game-planning to get O'Neal the ball early and often against the Pacers.

"I didn't get any satisfaction from their reasoning," Jackson said.

It was the latest in what has been a season full of injuries and dramas for the Lakers. "There's never been anything like this in my tenure," Jackson said of the injuries and Bryant's legal troubles.

Lakers Shaquille O'Neal argues a call beside Toronto's Vince Carter. O'Neal used profane language to describe the game.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Knight gets into verbal argument with chancellor

Associated Press

LUBBOCK, Texas — Texas Tech coach Bob Knight got into a verbal spat with the university's president after the basketball coach and athletic director who were both penalized by not being able to talk to the media were penalized by not being able to talk to the media.

School spokesman Sally Logue Post said she did not know details of the encounter between the basketball coach and athletic director who was fined $1640.

"This is obviously an issue that is internal to the university," the chancellor told The Associated Press. "Right now the athletic director and the president's office at the university are looking into the incident. We'll wait to hear more in the next few days about their review."

Asked whether there was any discussion of removing Knight, Smith said: "I can't comment on any of those things right now."

The No. 19 Red Raiders play Tuesday night at home against Baylor.

Gerald Myers, the university's athletic director who was instrumental in bringing Knight to Tech in 2001 after he was fired at Indiana, witnessed the encounter, Post said.

"It took place very quickly," Dan Sanders, chief marketing officer for United Supermarkets, which owns the store where the incident occurred.

Apparently, there was some sort of disagreement, Sanders said. "It took place very quickly."

Neither Myers nor sports information director Randy Parley immediately returned telephone messages Monday night.

While still at Indiana in March 2000, Knight was investigated by the university after former player Neil Reed said the coach choked him at a practice in 1997.

In May 2000, Knight was fined $30,000 for the three games and placed under a "zero-tolerance behavior policy."

In early September 2000, Knight was accused of grabbing a student by the arm, cursing and lecturing him about manners after the coach was addressed "Hey, Knight, what's up?"

In September 2000, Knight was fired from Indiana for violating the university policy. Indiana's president Myles Brand, now president of the NCAA, fired him for what Brand called a "pattern of unacceptable behavior."

In late December, Knight went into a profanity-filled tirade after an ESPN reporter asked about his relationship with former player Steve Alford, who was also participating in the interview. He later apologized for the incident.

Texas Tech is 4-2 in the Big 12 Conference this season. The Red Raiders had been unbeaten in the league until last week, when they lost to Texas and Oklahoma State.

Bobby Knight and forward Andre Emmett celebrate a win over Oklahoma last week. Knight had a verbal argument with a university chancellor Monday in a grocery store.

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School of Rock Rocks.
Associated Press

STANFORD, Calif. — For two years, Cameron Matthews hauled bats and helmets, raked second base during sliding drills, warmed up pitchers and shagged flies in batting practice — all the typical jobs of a team manager.

Whenever Matthews had a moment to spare, he'd hustle to the cage for some swings or practice taking grounders. Stanford coach Mark Marquess noticed. So did Matthews’ teammates, who have considered him a member of the roster all along.

And now, Matthews gives new meaning to the term utilityman, as a full-fledged player for the Cardinal.

"It's a great story," Marquess said. "I said at the end of the year, 'Do you want to try out?' He came out in the fall and was a player." Last summer, Matthews played on three different teams to improve his game — a men's team in San Francisco, another in San Jose and one at nearby De Anza College made up of collegiate players. There were doubleheaders both days of every weekend and scrimmages during the week, and practice, too, if his schedule allowed. He also found time to lift weights at Stanford.

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Indianapolis seeks a deal to limit the costs of the Colts

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — City officials hope they can work out a deal that reduces the cost of keeping the Colts in Indianapolis.

The team’s lease at the RCA Dome runs through the 2013 season, but it could exercise an escape clause as early as 2007 unless the city pays the difference between the Colts’ revenues and the NFL’s median income.

The city would have to begin making payments after the 2005 season and would be required to make payments two of every three years through the end of the lease.

According to 2002 NFL figures, the one-year total would have been $10.6 million although team owner Jim Irsay has estimated that two-year cost could increase to about $30 million. Steve Campbell, a spokesman for Mayor Bart Peterson, said he expected negotiations on a long-term deal to resume soon after Sunday’s Pro Bowl and that the city wanted to find a way that would restructure the money it owes to the Colts.

“It’s either reduce or replace or restructure,” Campbell said Monday. “What we want to figure out is a creative way to do this where the city gets something in return.”

After the Colts season ended with a 24-14 loss at New England in the AFC championship game on Jan. 18, Irsay reiterated his desire to keep the team in Indianapolis.

During the past two years, there has been speculation that if the Colts did not get a new stadium, Irsay might move the team to Los Angeles — the country’s largest television market without a team.

Irsay has made no such threat publicly although he said two weeks ago that any new contract with Indianapolis should include plans for a new stadium, preferably with a retractable dome.

“Then obviously, we have to get to a new stadium eventually,” Irsay said. “When you see old domes coming down, I think that is where it is headed.”

The RCA Dome’s seating capacity of 55,596 makes it the NFL’s smallest stadium and it’s the sixth-oldest facility among the AFC’s 16 teams.

Campbell said Indianapolis officials would discuss stadium plans in conjunction with other projects, such as an expansion of the city’s convention center.

So far, though, Campbell said the city has not conducted any stadium studies or even determined possible building sites and that the city would not agree to a contract without knowing the cost.

“We’re looking at everything — can we expand the convention center? — this is tough stuff,” Campbell said.

Either way, it’s likely to be expensive.

Campbell said the $10.6 million figure was only a bare minimum of what the city might owe the Colts and that the number was likely to increase when inflation and other factors become part of the equation.

With local opinion polls showing opposition to finance a new stadium with tax increases, Campbell ruled out a property tax increase. He said any hike would likely be in the form of hotel taxes and those applied to ticket sales.

Irsay and Campbell both said the negotiations were progressing and that they were seeking a deal that benefits both sides.

“We could follow the Goldsmith deal to a tee,” Campbell said, referring to the deal signed by then-Mayor Steve Goldsmith in 1998. “But we think it’s in the best interests for the team and the city to get a long-term deal. For them, it’s about being competitive. For us, it’s about keeping an Indiana business here and making sure the taxpayers get a fair deal.”

Colts quarterback Peyton Manning looks for a pass during the AFC Playoffs. Officials want to reduce the team’s costs.

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Okafor scores 25 points in Connecticut victory

Calhoun earns 665th career win to place him No. 20 on the all-time win list

Associated Press

HARTFORD, Conn. — Connecticut coach Jim Calhoun was pleased with the way his Huskies handled Syracuse. Emeka Okafor had 25 points, 11 rebounds and four blocks and No. 5 Connecticut cruised to an 84-56 win over the 18th-ranked Orangemen on Monday.

"That was one of the best combination games we've played," Calhoun said. "We were tough and we were good. And that's a nice combination."

Coming down the stretch in February every game is big and you want to start proving things to yourself."

The Huskies (18-3, 6-1 Big East) held the Orangemen to 31 percent shooting. Okafor had his 14th double-double of the season, and 43rd of his career. Ben Gordon finished with 13 points, 10 rebounds and eight assists for the Huskies, winners of eight of their last 12 meetings with the Orangemen.

Hakim Warrick led Syracuse (14-4, 4-3) with 26 points and 11 rebounds. He had 16 points in the first half, but was held without a field goal for the first 11 minutes of the second half. UConn was able deny Warrick the ball inside and made him catch it a little deeper."

"He still beat us because he's a terrific player," Calhoun said.

UConn has struggled all year from the line and was last in the Big East (58 percent) coming into the game, but turned in a solid performance. The Huskies made 24 of a season-high 40 attempts (60 percent).

"That's the Big East. I was expecting that going into conference play and that's what I got," Okafor said. "People [are] going to be physical. You just need to be physical and strong and stay with it."

UConn led 41-31 at the half and put the game away with a 22-5 run in the first 12 minutes of the second half.

The teams changed leads three times in the opening seven minutes of the first half. Huskies reserve forward Charlie Villanueva hit all four of his free throws on consecutive possessions to give UConn the lead for good at 17-14 with 12:24 remaining.

Villanueva got more playing time after freshmen forward Josh Boone injured his left shoulder and left the game with 5 minutes to play in the first half.

Villanueva and Okafor combined for five of UConn's seven first-half blocks. The Huskies made just 4 of 22 3-pointers. Gordon had two of them and finished four points shy of his average.

"The guys didn't need me to have a big scoring game," Gordon said. "I just tried to get involved doing other things, rebounding, setting people up. That seemed to work."

The Huskies' post players struggled for much of the period against Warrick, who had 16 points in the half, nearly all from strong inside moves. He was the only Syracuse player who finished in double figures. Villanueva finished with 12 points and nine rebounds.

The Orangemen were still without starting point guard Billy Edelin, who sat out for personal reasons. The Huskies held guard Gerry McNamara to nine points, eight below his average.

"They've stopped everybody; they are a good defensive team," Syracuse coach Jim Boeheim said. "If you do get by, they've got the shot blocker down there."

With the win, Calhoun picked up his 665th career win, passing Hall-of-Fame coach John Wooden of UCLA for sole possession of 20th place on the all-time win list.

"I'll remember this night," Calhoun said. "To be mentioned in the same breath with John Wooden is incredibly special to me because of who and what Coach Wooden represents."
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**MLB Rodriguez signs with Tigers for $40 million**

Ivan Rodriguez talks with reporters after signing a four-year $40 million contract with the Detroit Tigers. Rodriguez, who led the Marlins to last year’s World Series title, joins a team which lost 119 games last season.

**In Brief**

Super Bowl ratings up from last year

NEW YORK — An estimated 89.6 million people watched the New England Patriots’ Super Bowl victory over the Carolina Panthers, a slight increase from last year’s game.

During the fourth quarter, which was capped by Adam Vinatieri’s winning field goal, the audience swelled to 98.5 million, according to Nielsen Media Research.

Last year’s Tampa Bay-Oakland matchup was seen by 88.6 million people, Nielsen said.

It was the most-watched Super Bowl since the 1998 Green Bay-Denver championship was seen by 90 million people.

Nielsen estimates that 143.6 million people watched at least some part of the game, the most for a Super Bowl. The 89.6 million figure is the average audience size during a given minute and is the number accepted in the industry to convey how many people watched a program.

ISU suspends basketball star

TERRE HAUTE, Ind. — Indiana State leading scorer David Moss was suspended indefinitely from the team Monday pending the outcome of a battery charge involving a female student who accused him of attacking her.

Moss, 20, was released on his own recognizance Monday after making his initial appearance in Vigo Superior Court. The judge in the case found probable cause to support a battery charge against Moss.

The sophomore from South Holland, Ill., was initially charged with domestic battery after his arrest early Saturday.

A 19-year-old woman told police officers she had been in an argument with Moss in a university dormitory and that he had choked her, leaving bruises on her neck. She refused medical treatment.

The 6-foot-5 shooting guard leads the Sycamores in scoring, with 15.1 points a game, and in assists, with 3.3 assists per game. He won the Missouri Valley Conference’s freshman of the Year award last season.

Purdue schedules Syracuse

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. — Purdue has dropped Cincinnati from its 2004 football schedule and will open the season Sept. 5 against Syracuse in a nationally televised game at Ross-Ade Stadium.

The Boilermakers were to have played Cincinnati on Sept. 18. Instead, they will have a bye that week before playing three straight games on the road.

“The opportunity to play a nationally prominent program such as Syracuse and to get on national television was too good to pass up,” Purdue coach Joe Tiller said Monday.
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The Irish had a strong skate, and recorded a personal best for the team. Bridget Purcell and Kristi Allmandinger were selected at team MVP's for the competition.

The Irish will next compete in a field of eighteen schools at the national championships in San Diego.

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February and into early March. The latest string of wins has Notre Dame thinking of a Big East title. But to do so, Connecticut needs to lose one more ranked team in the regular season. West Virginia, who upset Notre Dame Jan. 17, is tied with the Irish at 6-2.

Notre Dame faces Georgetown at the Joyce Center Wednesday, looking to improve to 10-0 at home this season.

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More than a few players were 'on' for the Belles against Olivet. Coming off the bench, Bridget Lipke had 11 points and five assists with Anne Hogan dropping in another 12 points.

Guard Katie Miller led the Belles with 15 points on 3-of-5 3-point shooting while Emily Pennotto scored six points and delivered six assists.

Center Amanda Johnston kept the game in reach for Olivet and had a dominating performance inside with 32 points and 12 rebounds. She also shot 14-of-15 from the free throw line.

In an effort to stop Johnston in the paint, both Emily Creachbaum and Maureen Bush fouled out of the game early with both players seeing less than 20 minutes on the floor.

Creachbaum scored 10 points in 15 minutes before fouling out.

The Belles have struggled to make foul shots this season but shot 80 percent at the free throw line against Olivet, an improvement from past games where the team has shot under 50 percent.

After Olivet defeated Adrian College over the weekend, the Belles remained the only winless team in the MIAA.

"Olivet at home was probably our biggest game of the season," Bellina said. "We were able to take care of business and play our best."

Despite the critical win, the Belles still face two of their most challenging games this season.

The Belles will play Calvin (15-3) Wednesday and Hope (18-2) Saturday.

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Moving into the polls
Five straight wins against ranked opponents gets No. 23 Irish to 13-7

By JOE HETTLER
Sports Editor

Twenty-seven days ago Notre Dame lost to Georgetown 76-73 to open up Big East play and public and private concerns about the Fighting Irish ranking were confirmed with a loss. But since then Notre Dame has rallied to beat all five of those ranked opponents and now find themselves not only nationally ranked, but also in the hunt for the Big East conference title.

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I give [the team] an A+ right now because I think if you looked at [our schedule] during the month of December and looked at what January was going to bring and to see six ranked teams on the schedule, and not a lot of easy games in between — every game was critical for us," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said.

Notre Dame (13-7, 6-2) is ranked No. 23 in the latest poll and it is the first time the Irish have appeared in a poll since the third week of the season. The Irish also have the most losses of any ranked team, but have been recognized for a strenuous schedule that has seen them post a 6-4 mark against top 25 opponents. That impressive record has also helped Notre Dame earn a No. 12 RPI rating.

After Saturday's most recent victory against a ranked foe, this time No. 23 Boston College, McGraw made a case for her team to be ranked.

"I think we're a top 25 team," she said. "I think [the Boston College] win was very important for us to continue the home streak but certainly to get the win over the ranked team." McGraw said two of the biggest reasons for Notre Dame's improved play are defense and mental toughness.

Men's Volleyball
The Notre Dame men's club volleyball team defeated rival Michigan State Friday in East Lansing, Mich. at the Michigan State Invitational. Backed by strong serving from Nico Lopez and Mike Toomey, the Irish dominated the Spartans in every aspect of the game. Notre Dame jumped out to a quick two games to none lead in the best-of-5 match with scores of 25-17 and 25-18. After dropping the third game, 25-21, the Irish finished the match with a convincing 25-15 win.

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Figure Skating
The Notre Dame figure skating team competed in the U.S. Figure Skating Association's Midwestern sectional last weekend. The Irish placed fifth among five schools.

Saint Mary's guard Katie Miller dribbles the ball past a Olivet defender. Miller finished the game with 15 points.

SMC BASKETBALL

Belles topple Olivet 77-69

By STEVE COYER
Sports Writer

After seven straight losses against MIAA teams, the Belles needed an answer and fast.

They finally put the question to rest. In a decisive 77-69 victory over Olivet College (7-13), the Belles (6-13) brought an end to their conference losing streak and received a timely confidence boost.

The Belles built a 28-24 halftime lead and played a composed second half with an all-around team effort on their way to the win. When the starters for the Belles started to tire, the bench came through and contributed a total of 33 points.

"The biggest positive to come out of our loss against Albion was the play of our bench," Bellina said. "The key is to get all 14 players on at the same time."

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CLUB SPORTS

No jump start after Michigan State win

Special to The Observer

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