Controversial film on Jesus’ final hours opens

By MATT BRAMANTI
News Writer

Controversy surrounds movie debut

The film, "The Passion of the Christ," has drawn both praise and criticism from religious groups. Some reviewers have criticized the film’s graphic depictions of the scourging, crucifixion and death of Jesus, saying they’re unnecessary and emotionally draining.

Actor Jim Caviezel, who portrays Jesus, carries the cross in a scene from "The Passion of the Christ," which opens today nationwide.

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ND student interest in movie varies

After months of charges of anti-Semitism, sectarian bickering and media coverage, Mel Gibson's film "The Passion of the Christ" opens today, Ash Wednesday, in about 2,800 theaters nationwide, including several across Michiana.

Religious groups on campus and in the South Bend area are reporting varying levels of interest in the controversial film, which offers a graphic and violent portrayal of the last 12 hours of Jesus’ life.

Students react to Lenten season

By DUSTIN VONHANDORF
News Writer

Today, many Catholics will attend Mass and receive ashes to symbolize humility in their faith. Not only does Ash Wednesday denote Catholic modesty, it also marks the beginning of the Lenten holiday leading to Easter. The University offers numerous activities that allow students to become more involved in the Church during the holy season. Alumni President Paul Sifuentes said his hall will host the "Last Lecture" series. The homilies will focus on the readings for the day as opposed to any religious topic, Sifuentes said.

"We hope to turn this into a more frequent thing occurring outside of Lent," he said.

In addition to its regularly scheduled daily Mass, Sunday Mass and Vespers, the Basilica of the Sacred Heart will offer Stations of the Cross every Friday at 7:15 p.m.

Junior Tania Johnson said that as of now, she has no specific plans for the weeks leading up to Easter.

"I'm not Catholic, but Lent is about reflection, I guess," she said. "It usually means giving up something."

Other students acknowledge that Lent is a time for reflection, yet also see it as a marker for the end of the year.

Network connection upgrade fails again

By MATT BRAMANTI
News Writer

For the second time in three days, the Office of Information Technologies has reinstalled a new campus Internet connection and disrupted service to thousands of users.

Tom Klimek, manager of network engineering for OIT, said a hardware failure quickly crippled the new fiber optic connection which is designed to link the Notre Dame campus with Internet backbone connections in Chicago.

"The installation failed approximately two hours after cutover," Klimek said. "There was a short outage at around 8:30 a.m."

"Cutover" refers to the process in which all Internet traffic was switched to the new connection.

Klimek said OIT personnel encountered the same problem that disabled the new connection when it was first activated last weekend. About three hours after the first installation Sunday morning, a piece of optical networking equipment failed. This failure likely be passed down to the next generation.

"I don’t think this is something that’s going to be solved within the next 10 years," Taylor said. He said the war on terror is a changing, protracted process because victory will not come with actions of the military and law enforcement officials. While he cited major gains, such as the apprehension of more than 4,000 al-Qaeda soldiers, Taylor said that "the threat persists.

"No terrorist group has ever been defeated solely by military action," he said, adding, "al-Qaeda is everywhere."

To cap this widespread dispersion, Taylor said, the radical ideologies and cultural misunderstanding which propel it must be quelled.

"The challenge is to get people to see TAYLOR/Page 4"
It's about that time

Does anyone have as difficult a time as I do? Finding something to sacrifice for Lent, that is.

To be honest, I completely forgot about it—no Lent, just about having to give something up. It seemed like Christmas was barely yesterday and now here we are at Ash Wednesday already. The only way that I did remember was thanks to a frantic instant message Monday from my friend laughing hysterically at what one of our guy friends has, apparently, decided to do. Just think "40 Days, 40 Nights"—that Josh Hartnett flick that came out a couple of years ago to demonstrate how religiously flippancy some Catholics can be.

It's not the idea itself that sent me into hysterics along with my friend—after all, I'm sure more than a few of us have considered it as well at some point. It's just amusing knowing this person and thinking that he'll actually try to be serious about this. I give it a week—tops.

Real talk, why am I the one left struggling each year over what seems to be a relatively easy decision? I remember back to grade school when my classmates and I didn't quite understand what the purpose was in having to give something up that we liked. Everyone decided chocolate would be suitable; it was just one more snack. Our parents rarely gave us to a regular basis anyway, so it wasn't like there was too much to miss, right? Then there were those, like me, who didn't like chocolate much, but followed the crowd and took the easy way out. How I saw it, I could have all the vanilla pudding I wanted—and I did.

As I got older, I somehow fell into the mentality that Lenten sacrifice could tie in with a New Year's resolution. If I decided to give up candy in attempt to maintain a better diet, I just figured that it was a year-round sacrifice that included Lent, but more importantly killed two birds with one stone. (I always look for the practicality in things.)

The real problem came when I started making some actual resolutions, such as to exercise more or to stop biting my nails. My mom finally caught on that extending these over Lent didn't meet the definition—at least her definition—of a sacrifice. She basically claimed two packs of soda was too much to miss, right? Then there were, those, like me, who didn't like chocolate much, but followed the crowd and took the easy way out. How I saw it, I could have all the vanilla pudding I wanted—and I did.

But, for now, this is one aspect I try to take seriously although I haven't always in the past. Just hide the Coca-Cola and I'll be fine—at least I know I can hold out for more than a week.

Claudia Ramirez
Senior
Off-Campus

"Studying."

Grant Kleiber
Senior
Off-Campus

"Being Jewish."

Matt Dowling
Senior
Off-Campus

"Binge drinking.

Sarah Ernst
Senior
Lyon's

"Believing in God."

Sayo Bell
Senior
Off-Campus

"Sunday classes."

Veronica Rivero
Senior
Off-Campus

"Non-alcoholic drinks."

**INSIDE COLUMN**

**QUESTION OF THE DAY:** WHAT ARE YOU GIVING UP FOR LENT?

**IN BRIEF**

Learn about the Student Union Board, talk with current SUB staff and eat free food at the SUB Open House tonight from 6 to 8 p.m. in 201 LaFortune

The Student Union Board presents the 4th Annual College Jazz Festival Preview tonight from 7:30 to 9 p.m. in the LaFortune Ballroom. Admission is free to students and the public.

The Working Group on the Americas and the Department of English present "Caribbean Inventions, Part 2," a component of the Ward-Phillip Lectures. "Colonialism in Reverse: Englishness and the Politics of Culture" will be presented tonight at 6:00 p.m. in rooms 100-104 McKenna Hall.

"States of Limbo: Engaging 'Creole' Modernism" will be held tomorrow at 4:30 p.m. in the Hesburgh Center Auditorium.

The Notre Dame Symphony Orchestra will present their winter concert Thursday in Washington Hall at 8 p.m. The program will feature the winners of the 2003-2004 Concerto Competition, Ricky Leal on oboe and soprano Rebecca Paul and the works of German composers Brahms, Mozart and Wagner. The concert is free and open to the public.

Minneapolis' acclaimed Guthrie Theatre presents Shakespeare's "Othello" this Thursday through Saturday at 7 p.m. in Saint Mary's O'Laughlin Auditorium. For tickets, contact the Saint Mary's box office at 284-4626.

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

**OFFBEAT**

**Polar bears at Singapore Zoo turn green**

SINGAPORE — Life in the balmy tropics has made polar bears Inuka and Sheba go green with age. The usually white coats of Sheba and her 13-year-old son Inuka, Singapore Zoo's two polar bears, turned green a few weeks ago from algae growing in their hollow hair shafts, said Vincent Tan, a spokesman for the zoo.

"The harmless algae is the result of Singapore's warm and humid tropical conditions," Tan said. Polar bears have clear hair shafts which appear white because they reflect light.

Suspects claim organs instead of pot

BROOKLYN, N.Y. — A pair of drug suspects mistakenly claimed two packages of human organs instead of the 140 pounds of marijuana that had brought them to the airport, federal authorities said Tuesday.

Tabatha Bracken, 27, of Atlanta medical agency, and her 13-year-old claimed two packages shipped from an Atlanta medical agency, DEA said.

**INSIDE COLUMN**

**CORRECTIONS**

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Vatican releases report on child abuse policy
Non-Catholic scientists criticize 'zero tolerance' policy for sex abusers

Associated Press

VATICAN CITY — The Vatican issued a report Monday by non-Catholic sex abuse experts who criticized the policy adopted by U.S. bishops of removing abusive priests from the ministry, saying it was overly harsh and would not protect the young.

The report was released days before U.S. bishops issue their own national survey on sex abuse by clergy, which is expected to find more than 4,000 American priests have been accused of molesting minors since 1950 — far more than previously estimated.

Still, the U.S. study may also show the number of cases has declined dramatically since the 1990s, and victims fear it could lead U.S. bishops to ease off on discipline.

The president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops said last week the American church remains committed to keeping offenders out of ministry.

Monday's report, published by the Vatican's Pontifical Academy for Life, may fuel victims' concerns because it compiles assessments by independent, non-Catholic psychiatrists and psychologists, who say U.S. "zero-tolerance" policy is mistaken.

The 220-page report, "Sexual Abuse in the Catholic Church: Scientific and Legal Perspectives," is a compendium of scientific papers and discussions presented by the experts during a Vatican conference convened last April to give the church hierarchy advice on how to handle the crisis.

Neither the Vatican nor the experts drew final conclusions, but there were areas of agreement. As the Associated Press reported last week, one was in the widespread criticism by the experts of the 2002 U.S. zero-tolerance policy that says an offending priest can be permanently removed from ministry — and possibly from the priesthood — for a single act of abuse.

Many American dioceses say they are aggressively pursuing zero-tolerance policies after being sting by charges the church hierarchy was trying to protect abusive priests, often by shuffling them from parish to parish.

The experts said a zero-tolerance policy was mistaken and even dangerous. Most agreed that such a policy can actually increase the chances that offenders might strike again because it removes them from supervision and the only jobs they have known for decades.

"Zero-tolerance "does not function to prevent these crimes," Dr. Hans-Ludwig Kroeber, head of the Institute of Forensic Psychiatry in Berlin, told the conference. "It is better to domesticate the dragon; if all you do is cut its head, it will grow another."

Another conference participant, Dr. William Marshall of Canada, a former president of the Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers, said such a policy sends the message the church doesn't care about the offender or believes he can't be rehabilitated — "neither of which are good messages for the church to communicate."

He cautioned such a severe penalty may even discourage victims from coming forward.

The experts all agreed that offenders need treatment, as well as possible criminal penalties.

Monsignor Elio Sgreccia, vice president of the Academy for Life, told the conference he thought that after punishing and treating an offender, it was necessary "not to abandon him or consider him useless to the church, but rather for the common good of society, return him to a meaningful role in the church."

The report will be sent to bishops' conferences and Vatican offices and be used by the Vatican as a "scientific base for information" for developing guidelines, the Rev. Ciro Benedettini, the deputy Vatican spokesman, told reporters Monday.

Some victims fear such a report coming from Rome, coupled with the U.S. bishops' survey due out Friday, may fuel momentum toward easing the U.S. zero-tolerance policy.

David Clohessy, U.S. national director of the Survivors Network of those Abused by Priests, said the bishops' history of sheltering molesters "would make it impossible for Catholics to trust them with a weaker discipline plan."

"The Vatican report provides cover for every shroud perpetrator and backsliding bishop," Clohessy said. "It makes already very depressed victims feel even more hopeless."

The U.S. policy is due to expire in June, and church leaders in the coming weeks will work out a plan to review it, Bishop Wilton Gregory, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, speaks at a press conference.

Gregory said he hadn't read the Academy for Life's report, but said it would be wrong to view it as a criticism of the American policy.

Prelates in the United States remain committed to barring all offenders from church work, he said.

"I don't see the body of bishops lessening in that resolve because I think that was the pastorally prudent action that we all agreed to," Gregory said.

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"Lent is a time to relax and get ready for the end of the school year," said freshman Rudolph Kneizinghofer. "It's about my religious life and returning to God," he added. "Personally, I want to concentrate on my religious life because I've fallen away from God." A significant number of Notre Dame students, however, still take advantage of the Lenten season.

"To me, Lent is a time to prepare for Easter, and think about the sacrifice that Jesus Christ made for us and his great love," said freshman Julia Jenkins. "Instead of giving up anything specific, I want to do things instead, like going to the Grotto more often and going to Mass and the rosary through the week." Jenkins said she plans to go to Stations of the Cross. Freshman Elizabeth Holteigmann agrees.

"This year, I think I am going to give up ice cream and frozen yogurt, and go to the Grotto, and take more time for prayer," she said. "Lent is a time to think about the sacrifice of Jesus and make sacrifices ourselves, and reflect on their meaning."

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Upgrade

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sent all Internet traffic to a lower-capacity backup link, which slowed Internet access across campus.

Optical gear converts electronic pulses into beams of light, allowing for very high-speed Internet connections.

Klimek said network engineers worked with equipment suppliers to trace the defect to a particular piece of faulty hardware.

"Our managed network vendor has isolated the problem to a specific device," he said. "However, the vendor is still investigating the exact cause."

Klimek said OIT is working to redesign the installation process, with the aim of improving the network's reliability. We will define a different cutter process that mitigates impact on the University's Internet bandwidth," he said.

In addition, Klimek said the University's chief technology officer, Dewitt Latimer, will meet with the vendor's representatives Wednesday morning to address the problem.

Klimek acknowledged that the back-to-back breakdowns have raised eyebrows among weary users.

"This implementation is subject to very close scrutiny," he said. "What we've expected and over the past few days is no doubt aggravating to campus users."

However, Klimek says he expects the connection, when successfully installed, will improve Internet service for the Notre Dame campus.

"Once switching mechanisms ... (are) running smoothly, we expect a high level of reliability along with the significant increase in bandwidth," Klimek said.

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Taylor

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to understand what is happening under the guise of a religion — a great religion," he said, explaining that radical Islamic beliefs do not truly reflect the religion's tenets.

The key to meeting this challenge, he said, is cross-cultural education and explanation.

"Our public persona, particularly in the Muslim world, is not positive," Taylor said of the United States. "We are working — trying — to turn that persona around."

He said, for example, that Fulbright scholars are working with Islamic scholars. "It's that discussion of values that is really going to change minds."

When questioned about whether strong-fisted actions only provide further anti-Western sentiment, however, Taylor said certain protective or preventative measures are necessary.

"Our actions create a reaction, but we can't be concerned about how they react to it if what we're doing is the right thing," he said.

Taylor also spoke on more tangible and logistical changes. He said intelligence must be honed and altered, ensuring that the lines of communication are kept open amongst all intelligence agencies and that officers are operating to their full potential.

"Our intelligence services have to reflect the societies in which we are asking them to operate," Taylor said, using the example of a blond, blue-eyed agent trying to blend into the Middle Eastern crowds.

"And Taylor said that foreign governments will — and already are beginning to — realize that support of terrorist networks can only be detrimental. "Terrorism, as a political tool, helps no government," Taylor said.

"Terrorists know no loyalty." He continued with this theme during his second lecture, judging the faculty and others present and whether they were ready for the next generation of students.

"We will continue to see pressure put on countries that support terrorism," Taylor said, also reiterating the continual nature of the war.

In addition to informing the cadets of his experience and his perspectives on the current global situation, however, Taylor also offered them advice for their careers in the military. He urged the students to gather as many differing perspectives as possible in order to better understand their role as leaders within the military.

"Every one of you should have 100 people [with whom] you correspond regularly who have nothing to do with the military," Taylor said, parroting the advice of a former superior.

"Some people don't like what you do, and sometimes you have to hear that," Taylor said. "It doesn't mean they're right and you're wrong, but you at least have to know what's put there. How can you expect to be a competent leader if you all know it is the military?"

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President says he supports constitutional amendment, blasts 'activist judges'

BUSH pushes gay marriage ban

President George Bush, speaking from the White House, announces his support Tuesday for a constitutional amendment banning gay marriage. The topic promises to become a divisive election-year issue.

Associated Press

WASHINGTON - President Bush urged approval of a constitutional amendment banning gay marriages on Tuesday, pushing a divisive social issue onto the campaign landscape and setting off a clear political clash with Democratic challengers John Kerry and John Edwards.

Bush said "activist judges" and local officials who support gay marriage are trying to "divert attention from his record on jobs, health care and foreign policy. "He is looking for a wedge issue to divide the American people," Kerry said.

Bush and Edwards say they oppose gay marriage and would work to ratify a constitutional amendment.

Ratifying gay marriage is a top priority for Bush's conservative supporters, particularly those among religious and family-oriented groups. But while a majority of Americans -- sometimes by as much as 2-1 margin -- support gay rights, there was no rush to bring the amendment to the House.

High court rules in age case

WASHINGTON -- Age has its benefits, the Supreme Court ruled Tuesday, saying that younger workers can't sue their employers when older colleagues get preferential treatment.

In a 6-3 decision that affects tens of millions of workers, the justices said the law that protects older employees from age discrimination doesn't apply in reverse.

Groups such as the AARP, the largest advocacy group for people 50 and over, praised the decision, saying it would protect the most vulnerable in the work force.

"If the court had decided the other way, it would have ignored that older workers face very significant problems in this country and always have," said Laurie McCann, a lawyer for the AARP.

State News

Residents sniffling for dognapper

SPENCER -- Some Owen County residents say their missing pets may have been dognapped.

As many as four Labrador retrievers and five or six German shepherds have been reported missing recently in the county northwest of Spencer, Indiana. The local pet owner's group fears someone is stealing dogs.

Rescuers have picked up signs and sniffs indicating the area is being searched. The dogs may be trapped under the rubble of their future home in the county's west side. The area is crumbled easily in the 6.5-magnitude temblor. Victims were most likely women, children and the elderly trapped under the rubble of their homes.

The death toll climbed steadily throughout the day as rescuers began removing the bodies of the dead. The bodies were pulled from the ruins of houses and cars. The official death toll was 560.

Associated Press

Early quake rocks villages, 560 die

The quake, which rattled apartment buildings as far away as southern California, destroyed rural communities near the coastal city of Al Hoceima, a highway tucked between the Rif Mountains and the Mediterranean Sea that draws European tourists with its sandy beaches.

Rescuers reported difficulties getting to the stricken area in mountain regions, including Ait Kamara, Ait Daoud and Ait Hoceima, said she heard reports from the village. Rescuers reported that the country was still in a state of shock.

Residents of Al Hoceima, a seaside town near the capital, reported that many of their relatives had been killed or injured. Some were still feared dead.

Associated Press
Telemarketing companies employ inmates

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"People are definitely excited," DeLeon said. "It's cool to see someone like Mel Gibson make such a public profession of his faith." DeLeon estimated that about 50 ISM members will attend the screening.

Alumni rector Father George Rozum said he has heard "quite a bit" of discussion surrounding the film in recent days. Several Alumni residents are organizing a group trip to see the film later this week, he said. However, in most of the dorms, it's a very different story. Rectors in men's and women's residence halls said there has been almost no debate about the film. Dillon rector Father Paul Doyle said there has been more interest among Campus Ministry staffers than the Dillon residents.

"I've heard people in Campus Ministry talking about getting a group together to go and see it, but it hasn't been a major topic in my hall," Doyle said.

Becca Davidson, the rector of Breen-Phillips Hall, echoed the sentiment, saying her residents have not mentioned the controversial movie.

"I haven't heard any buzz among students about it," Davidson said.

At least one group in South Bend was deeply concerned about the film's release. Marilyn Gardner, the executive vice president of the Jewish Foundation of St. Joseph Valley, said area Jews are skeptical of the film's content.

"I can't say the Jewish community is looking forward to the movie," Gardner said. "We're very concerned that it may undo all the interfaith work that has happened in the community between Jews and Christians.

The movie also drew criticism from national Jewish groups, like the Anti-Defamation League, which has opposed the film's release.

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"I'm really excited about this," he said. "We keep the benefits here in the United States with companies where it's fruitful to compete on the outside. Prison officials have long praised work programs for lowering recidivism and teaching inmates skills and self-respect, yet have been criticized by unions for taking jobs from the private sector.

Those concerns are moot if a company planned to leave the country anyway, Kilgore said. National prison labor trade groups support the idea.

Ten states including Oregon employ inmates in for-profit call centers. Oregon and many others also make garments and furniture — industries that have largely moved offshore, rather than in prisons.

Foxman said Monday in a statement. "We are concerned that Mr. Gibson's film — with its unambiguous blaming of the Jews — will not only reinforce those views, but could exacerbate the problem by convincing even more people that his version of the story of the Crucifixion is Gospel truth.

"It's a minor film, but it is not a minor thing," Foxman said.

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**CORPORATE SCANDAL**

**Stewart will not testify in trial**

Domestic maven’s lawyer says he will call one or two witnesses in her defense

### Associated Press

**NEW YORK** — Martha Stewart will not take the stand this week to help defend herself, as expected, against criminal charges that she engaged in improper mutual fund activities.

Lawyer Robert Morvillo said Stewart’s defense team would call no more than five witnesses — a former lawyer who represented Stewart when she first met with investigators and, if the judge allows it, a memory expert.

In either case, the Stewart defense is expected to start and end its case Wednesday. Closing arguments could begin as early as Thursday, although the judge said she might delay them until next week.

Morvillo made his announcement after jurors were excused from the 16th day of testimony at the trial. Stewart and broker Peter Bacanovic are accused of lying about how they sold ImClone Systems stock on Dec. 27, 2000.

Bacanovic says he passed the tip about ImClone to Stewart and Stewart says Bacanovic passed her the tip himself.

### INTERNATIONAL TRADE

**WTO allows EU to sanction U.S.**

United States to fight foreign competition after the end of World War I, had been considered obsolete until Wheeling-Pittsburgh Steel Corp. brought a lawsuit against importers of Russian and Japanese hot-rolled steel in 1998.

The company, based in Wheeling, W.Va., claimed that the companies were violating dumping — selling steel below-cost prices to unfairly gain market share. Some of the defendants settled with Wheeling-Pitt before other cases are still outstanding.

In late December, a federal judge awarded Illinois-based Goss International $31.5 million in a case against a Japanese company accused of dumping newspaper printing presses in the United States.

The United States was given until January 2001 — later extended until December 2001 — to repeal the law. When it failed to do so, the European Union went to the WTO to start imposing retaliatory trade sanctions. An arbitrator was appointed to rule on the correctness of both sides' arguments, but the EU agreed to suspend the hearing to give Washington more time to repeal.

In September, however, it demanded the restarting of the arbitration, now calling for a “persisting inaction” by the United States.

The arbitrators ruled that the EU could base its sanctions against the United States.

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### Associated Press

Geneva — The European Union received the go-ahead Tuesday to start imposing trade sanctions against the United States in a dispute over an 88-year-old law that some suppliers and other companies have used to fend off low-priced imports.

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### Company BRIEFS

Fed chief warns on Fannie Mae

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Parmalat USA files for Chapter 11

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### Market Recap

**Dow Jones**

10,566.37 - 43.25

**S&P 500**

1,139.09 - 1.90

**NYSE**

6,654.88 - 10.62

**AMEX**

2,132.08 + 2.73

**NASDAQ**

2,005.44 - 2.08

**FTSE 100**

4,496.80 - 27.50

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Prosecutors aggressively attacked the credibility of Deluca, who helped the defense Monday when she said Stewart’s broker had mentioned a desire to unload Stewart's ImClone shares at $60 or $61.
Windows steps up virus defense

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Microsoft Corp. Chairman Bill Gates, whose company's software is often targeted for being buggy and vulnerable to hackers, showed off planned features on Tuesday for shoring up its products and heading off cyberattacks.

Focusing on being made against viruses, Microsoft announced attacks and sloppy code that make systems vulnerable, but a lot more work remains, Gates said.

"The people who attack these systems are getting more and more sophisticated," he said. "For every time we take a type of attack and eliminate that as an opportunity, they move up to a new level.

Still, Gates said: "That's not an endless process — we can make it dramatically difficult."

Speaking to thousands of security experts at the RSA Conference, Gates said Microsoft's Trustworthy Computing Initiative unveiled two years ago after several embarrassing Windows flaws were exploited by viruses and hackers — is paying off.

In the first 300 days after the launch of the Windows 2000 Server operating system, 38 security bulletins were issued.

The first major product released after the initiative, Windows Server 2003, has had just nine bulletins in the first 300 days.

Gates showed off an upcoming Windows XP update that focuses on security improvements.

Service Pack 2 includes a centralized control center system that users can automatically check their computer's security status, such as whether all critical updates have been applied or whether antivirus software is running.

Unlike earlier Windows releases, Microsoft's firewall software will be turned on as part of the default installation.

A firewall blocks intruders from entering a system.

In the new service pack, the Internet Explorer browser will have a pop-up ad blocker as well.

Gates also showed off "active protection techniques" that will guide Windows computers against attacks by sensing changes in the network that indicate virus activity.

If a problem is detected, the computer's firewall will ratchet up defenses.

A number of companies at the conference were showing products similarly geared toward detecting unusual activity in networks.

Gates also said e-mail spam — which often contains viruses or is sent from infected computers — is being targeted.

He proposed technology that would confirm the sender of an e-mail is authentic. "Caller ID for E-Mail" could be tested as early as this summer in the company's Hotmail service, he said.

Gates also announced a deal with RSA Security Inc. to make it possible for companies to use a more secure system than simple user names and passwords to log into Windows computers.

In addition to providing a password, users of the RSA system must enter a random number that appears on a keychain or plastic card they carry with them.

The number changes every minute, generated by an algorithm that also resides on a server inside a company's computing center.

Lifting of Libya travel ban delayed

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A Bush administration plan to let Americans travel to Libya was thrown off track Tuesday when Moammar Gadhafi's prime minister said his government had not accepted responsibility for blowing up Pan Am flight 103.

State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said the United States had demanded retraction of the minister's remarks, carried in a British Broadcasting Co. radio interview.

Libya last August acknowledged in a letter to the U.N. Security Council its responsibility for the 1988 bombing of the jetliner over Lockerbie, Scotland, that killed 270 people, including 181 Americans.

Prime Minister Shokri Ghanem told the BBC that Libya's government agreed in December to pay $2.7 billion in compensation to the victims' families to improve relations with the West and to secure the lifting of U.N. sanctions against Libya.

Asked in the interview if the payment did not mean Libya had accepted guilt for the bombing, Ghanem replied: "I agree with that, and this is why I say we bought peace."

"After the sanctions and after the problems we have [been] facing because of the sanctions, the loss of money, we thought that it was easier for us to buy peace and this is why we agreed to compensation," the prime minister said in the interview, which was recorded in Libya.

The White House was expected to remove on Tuesday a 23-year-old ban on the use of U.S. passports for travel to Libya in response to Libyan leader Gadhafi's promise to end his country's nuclear weapons program.

U.S. officials said the administration also had planned to expand diplomatic contacts with Libya, — but not to remove U.S. economic sanctions.

Presidential spokesman Scott McClellan said: "Libya made it very clear in their letter to the U.N. that it "accepts responsibility for the actions of its officials" on that very matter. ... We would expect Libya to make clear that that remains their position."

At the same time, McClellan said Libya "is making important progress in their efforts to dismantle their WMD [weapons of mass destruction] programs." We have said that their good faith will be returned with the good faith of the United States."

The Rev. Jesse Jackson announced Tuesday that he will lead a delegation of U.S. religious leaders to Libya this week to meet with Gadhafi and other African presidents at an African Union summit in Tripoli. Jackson said the flap over Ghanem's remarks would not affect his travel plans, noting that the assessment did not come from Gadhafi himself or the official Libyan news agency.

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WASHINGTON — Al-Qaida is damaged seriously, but it has spread its radical reach to other groups that now pose the leading threat to the United States, CIA Director George Tenet and other intelligence chiefs said Tuesday.

Tenet described a terrorist organization lacking central leadership and squeezed financially. Al-Qaida remains determined to attack U.S. interests, however, and still is capable of carrying out assaults on the scale of Sept. 11, 2001, he said.

In addition, dozens of smaller Islamic extremist organizations with ties to al-Qaida have emerged, in places like Libya, Iraq and Uzbekistan, to constitute the next wave of terrorist threats, Tenet told the Senate Intelligence Committee in an annual public session on national security threats.

"The steady growth of Osama bin Laden's anti-American sentiment through the wider Sunni extremist movement and the broad dissemination of al-Qaida's destructive expertise ensure that a serious threat will remain for the foreseeable future, with or without al-Qaida in the picture," Tenet said.

At Tuesday's politically charged hearing, given recent debate over the intelligence community's prewar assessments on Iraq's weapons of mass destruction, Tenet and other officials walked gingerly through questions on the intelligence agencies' cooperation and effectiveness. They touched on instability in countries from Haiti to Afghanistan, although Iraq dominated much of the discussion.

On Iraq, Vice Adm. Lowell Jacoby, director of the Defense Intelligence Agency, said allies of deposed Iraqi President Saddam Hussein are thought to be responsible for most anti-U.S. attacks. Foreign fighters, including those from al-Qaida, have carried out some of the most significant attacks and may be behind the high-casualty suicide bombings largely against Iraqi targets, he said.

"Left unchecked," Jacoby said, "Iraq has the potential to serve as a training ground for the next generation of terrorists." Further, many in the country's Sunni minority, which comprised during Saddam's Baath party control, have yet to decide whether to support the U.S. coalition or the resistance, Jacoby said.

"The key factors in this decision are stability and a future that presents viable alternatives to the Baathists or Islamists," he said.

Largely ignoring an appeal from the committee chairman, Pat Roberts, R-Kan., to focus on current threats, Republican and Democratic lawmakers questioned the intelligence chiefs about intelligence mistakes before the Sept. 11 attacks and the war in Iraq. The agencies' performance in these crises has called into question the reliability of intelligence and the Bush administration's pre-emptive strike doctrine.

Sen. Olympia Snowe, R-Maine, asked Tenet how, since a National Security Strategy promulgated in September 2002 set up a strategy of pre-emption, Bush and other administration officials used words like "grave and gathering threat" to describe the level of Saddam's danger to the United States. International law traditionally requires that a threat be "imminent" before a nation can defend itself.

"If it wasn't an imminent threat in your mind, how would you have characterized or assessed the threat?" Snowe asked.

Tenet said intelligence analysts were "quite worried" about surprise attacks and what they didn't know, given Saddam's history of deception. Estimates also indicated he had biological and chemical weapons, and nuclear programs.

"Whether it stands up or it doesn't stand up over the course of time is something we're going to look at quite carefully," he said.

"People voted to authorize the use of force based on what we read in these reports," said Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif. "It's a pretty bitter pill to swallow, particularly with a pre-emptive war." After the hearing, Roberts told reporters that "everybody would have some second thoughts" about the rationalization for war, but he believes that Saddam posed a national security threat, "in some ways even more dangerous" than expected, due to the deterioration of his leadership.


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Panel discusses History, Politics and the Struggle for Peace in Columbia

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Tutors are needed to work with Washington High School students Monday through Thursday from 3-4 p.m. in the school's library. Daytime tutoring times are also available. Please contact Ann Power for more information.

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February 25

Panel discusses History, Politics and the Struggle for Peace in Columbia

A panel of Colombian guests will be speaking on the history, politics and current struggle for peace from their own experiences and perspectives.

Guest speakers include:
- Franco, member of Redepaz, a Colombian NGO for reconciliation and care of victims of violence.
- Renee LaReau '96 - Parish Minister and Author, Columbus, OH
- Amy Zajakwski-Uhll '87 - Therapist, Cathedral Counseling Center and the Kovler Center for survivors of torture, Chicago, IL
- Jim Zajakwski-Uhll '85 - Theology Teacher, Loyola Academy and former Campus Minister, Loyola University, Chicago, IL

When: Wednesday, February 25 at 7:00pm
Where: 102 DeBartolo

February 29

Ministry as Vocations

All students are welcome to come to this panel presentation by Notre Dame graduates who will reflect on how they have integrated faith and social concerns into their professions. Pizza will be served.

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When: Sunday, February 29, 4:00-5:30pm
Where: Center for Social Concerns, Multi-purpose

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February 26

Reflections from Returned Missioners

All are welcome to find out about two overseas volunteer possibilities through the eyes of five returned missionaries (four HCA Chile Associates and one returned Nicaragua Cap Corps member) who have each spent over two years serving their respective countries. Pizza will be served.

When: Thursday, February 26 at 6:00 pm
Where: Center for Social Concerns, Lounge
Peterson accused of having an affair

Prosectors allege affair prompted murder

Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS - Erik Hanssen rolls up his left sleeve to reveal a roughly drawn skull-and-crossbones-tattoo. A friend did it for him a few weeks ago, using a needle and ink at what Hanssen calls a "poke and stick party" - a growing trend among young people as tattoos and piercings have surged in popularity.

Body art between friends can be a rite of passage, a back-room ritual often done on the sly. Teens talk about school athletes doing tattoos or piercings for one another as an initiation. "It's more fun to have a friend do it - and it was free," says Hanssen, a 20-year-old from Minneapolis.

But officials where he lives - and in other places nationwide - are worried. In Hennepin County, which includes Minneapolis, they've started a poster campaign in schools and neighborhood hangouts to encourage young people to have their tattoos and piercings done by licensed professionals.

The biggest concerns include the potential spread of hepatitis B or C if people share tattooing needles or whatever sharp objects - pins and nails included - they use to do their piercing.

"It's just not something you can do in your garage," says Shahn Anderson, a licensed tattooist and president of the Alliance of Professional Tattooists, who helped design the Hennepin County campaign.

Eighteen-year-old Katie Klenke thinks posting the information is a good idea.

"Anything but ears, I would want a professional to do," said the high school senior from Roseville, Minn., as she waitst at a licensed piercing studio in Minneapolis with her friend, Leslie Barker. The fresh-faced teens were there to have their nipples pierced - a procedure that's become trendy since Janet Jackson's Super Bowl flash.

"It's an on-the-edge kind of thing," Barker says, adding that they didn't have to have written parental permission - required in Hennepin County since last summer.

Teenagers have laws that prohibit minors from getting tattoos and piercings at parlor shops. However, parents can't just outlaw it.

"You can't just outlaw things," says Hansen, who said he could not have afforded a professional tattoo even if he'd wanted one. "It's like prohibition. It doesn't work."

Gail Dorrance - the Hennepin County commissioner whose age-limits ordinance prompted the safety campaign - disagrees.

"We're not telling kids they shouldn't get tattoos or piercings," says Dorrance, who also is the mother of five teenagers.

"We're just saying, 'Be smart about it.'"

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She also notes the case of a 19-year-old who had pleasured a guillotine to a mistake that had resulted from an unlicensed tattoo artist.

Meanwhile, the Texas Department of Health library offers a video for teens and young adults titled "Tattoos and Body Piercing: Thinking Smart About Body Arts."

Connecticut is among states with a brochure that has similar information.

The Oregon Health Licensing Board sends out brochures about tattoos and piercing.

And the American Medical Association's website, www.ama-assn.org, has health concerns. The cases - and resulting legislation - were documented in Wednesday's Journal of the American Medical Association.

"We're bullish," said the Texas Department of Health library's program director, Kathy Ritter. "We're trying to get people to think about it, get some information and maybe think twice before they get a tattoo or piercing."
With all the media attention focused on the Presidential election, it’s easy to forget that Congress is still in session this year. Here’s a little reminder. Over the next few weeks, Congress will be voting on two very important bills that will have serious ramifications for a long time to come. First is the Unborn Victims Violence Act, a bill that would make it separate federal crimes to injure or kill both a woman and her fetus. If passed as enacted, this bill would effectively re-define the term “life” in this country. In turn, this could provide the legal pretense for parallel birth abortion fees to win their fight to criminalize such a heinous “medical” procedure once and for all. The Unborn Victims Violence Act would bring federal law to line with 28 states that have laws covering the unborn. A similar federal proposal has already twice passed the House in 1999 and 2001, but the U.S. Senate has refused to touch it, afraid of the potentially stormy political aftermath. That is about to change as new Senate Majority leader and licensed physician Bill Frist (R-Tenn.) has promised to make the bill up in the near future. It would be impossible for any Senator — even for the most vehement of abortion rights supporters — to justify voting against this bill, for a vote in this direction would effectively mean that if a gunman shot a woman, killing her fetus but not the woman herself, the gunman could only be tried for attempted murder. Under this arrangement, the fetus is reduced to nothing, as if it never existed in the first place. According to an Associated Press article published Monday, a recent poll conducted by the National Right to Life Committee cites that 80 percent of the American public believes there should be a law recognizing the killing of a fetus as a homicide. Following basic logic, the following question must be asked: If shooting a fetus becomes a federal crime, as it should, then in what order should torture be recognized as something that is worse? The human fetus is dead in the end. “Human” is the operative word, because abortion rights activists and the judges who side with them conveniently leave that out of their political and legal arguments. No matter how they want to define the term, the following is indisputable: Without any serious or outside interference, the human fetus would have matured into a human baby the exact same way a human baby grows into another human baby and later into an adult. It’s called the cycle of life. Abortion rights supporters like to argue that for the fetus it is not an entity that can exist independently by itself and therefore does not deserve to be treated as life. Well, has it ever occurred to them that babies and children cannot survive without their parents or an adult caretaker? Does this mean they are not life, either? While we’re on the subject of life, the Senate also has a chance to do what the House recently failed to do — prohibit innocent Americans from gun violence by voting “no” to the controversial NRA-backed Gun Industry Immunity Bill designed to eliminate so-called frivolous lawsuits. Under its terms, licensed gun makers and distributors would be totally immune from any lawsuit filed against them by victims of gun violence. In other words, negligent gun makers and distributors would suffer no consequences for selling or passing large quantities of arms under the table to known black market dealers intending to re-sell them to individuals prohibited by law from purchasing a gun. If passed, this bill would most likely dismiss standing lawsuits against irresponsible gun dealers across the country including the sniper case. “Godfather” Johnson v Bull’s-Eye Shooter, et al and the others filed against the Washington state dealer. What this bill would do is inexplicably disappear from the Tacoma gun dealership, without any record of them being sold. Included a Bushmaster XM-15 rifle that ended up in the hands of the alleged murderer of John Muhammad and his 17-year-old accomplice Lee Boyd Malvo, neither of whom could have legally purchased a gun (Muhammad because he was under domestic restraining order, and Malvo because he was a juvenile). In his testimony, Malvo has claimed that he simplified the gun. Even if this is the truth, should not Bull’s-Eye still be held responsible for not providing proper security measures to prevent shoplifting, especially after this happenings 238 times, as the dealership is claiming? Bars are held liable for serving the underage and the heavily intoxicated who later sit behind the wheel, so why do gun dealerships deserve immunity? The immunity bill would not only prevent victims from seeking monetary justice but also from getting seek settlements of corrupt dealers. Without the gun industry to be accountable for negligence, what incentive does it have to take stronger safety precautions in its manufacturing and distribution methods? Guns should be in the hands of badmen like Malvo and Muhammad or people like the alleged murderer of Chicago Police Officer Michael Ceriale, who was killed by a trafficked handgun, and neither case likely to be dismissed by the passage of this bill. No wonder the Major Cities Police Chiefs Association, led by current Los Angeles Police Chief William Bratton, has vehemently opposed the passage of this legislation, even taking out a full-page ad in The Washington Post. If that name sounds familiar, it should. Bratton is the former Police Chief of New York City, the man, along with Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, responsible for rolling back crime in the Big Apple. Maybe, just maybe, the Senate should listen to him, instead of the NRA.

As it stands now, the bill has 59 senators on board, only one away from defeating any filibuster. Hopefully, some of those Senators will see the error in their ways and join the minority. It’s the only way justifiable justice can be delivered to the victims of gun violence. This vote is just the tip of the iceberg. Two gun-control laws are waiting in the wings: the Omnibus appropriations bill proposed by representative Todd Tiahrt (R-Kan) that would effective-ly eliminate crucial parts of the current UN gun-control efforts by reducing the amount of time to conduct criminal background checks for prospective gun buyers and the Assault Weapons Ban, which is up for renewal after 10 years of the sale of certain military-style, semi-automatic assault weapons, including AK-47s and Kalashnikovs.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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Feb. 22 to 28 is National Eating Disorders Awareness Week (BEDAW), and a time to celebrate every body. It’s a time to depart from calorie counting and dieting and to thank our body for all the wonderful things that it lets you do each and every day. So, go ahead and live your life. There’s a message for you, too.

You may be thinking, “That’s life!”

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So, what can you do? Well, for starters, believe in your power to make a difference. If you see an ad that negatively portrays men or women, please act. Do you support projects that perpetuate unrealistic body types, e-mail the company.

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Displaying true passion

The Passion of the Christ, Mel Gibson's epic and controversial portrayal of the last 12 hours of the life of Jesus Christ, is the most emotionally powerful cinematic experience since Schindler's List. There are moments when even the strongest-willed will wince or look away and moments when the hardest heart will tremble. This is a movie that cannot help but affect all who see it. It is not, however, a movie to be seen by all. Some critics have decried The Passion as the most violent film ever made. These critics have a point — the film is almost a Dante's Inferno of Roman-style torture. To take one example, the Roman whip — with its sharp tips that imbed in the flesh and tear skin on their way out — is accurately reproduced in sickening detail. Anyone who cannot handle such portrayals of human torture need not purchase a ticket.

That proviso aside, this is a beautiful film — a film made with love and true religious feeling. Gibson draws upon the Gospels, tradition, the Stations of the Cross, Christian mysticism and, drawing it all together, the basic principles of the Spiritual Exercises on St. Ignatius of Loyola. Intercutting scenes of torment with flashbacks to the Last Supper, the Sermon on the Mount and Jesus' childhood, Gibson accentuates and deepens the story. In the most beautiful of these moments, Christ stumbles for the second time while carrying the Cross, and, as He falls, Mary (Maia Morgenstern, who deserves an Academy Award for her role) sees, for a moment, the young Jesus stumbling. When Mary reaches her Son, she murmurs "I am here," and He replies, "See, mother, I make all things new."

There are many, many moments like this. Gibson does his best to underscore the connection between Christ's suffering and our salvation. In the most Christ is the suffering and redeeming Son of God, first and foremost, not the "nice man who taught good values" Buddy Christ of much modern presentation. Let all balance be lost, however, other scenes involve the Eucharist, baptism, love for our enemies and the ethic of serving, all of which Gibson ties directly to the Passion. Gibson is careful to include the Eucharist, Christian baptism, love for our enemies and, as He falls, Mary (Maia Morgenstern, who deserves an Academy Award for her role) sees, for a moment, the young Jesus stumbling. When Mary reaches her Son, she murmurs "I am here," and He replies, "See, mother, I make all things new."

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Critics' other primary target is the film's alleged anti-Semitism. Anti-Semitism is a form of racism and is condemned by the Roman Catholic Church, especially in the context of the death of Christ, which is not a crime that can be attributed to any one historical person or group of people. To call this film anti-Semitic is to ignore the fact that it portrays the suffering and death that Christ endured for our sake and our salvation. Gibson has given the world a great gift.

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The film follows Jesus from his condemnation to his death by crucifixion, and it is interspersed with moments from his life and ministry. The story begins by the Passion accounts of the four New Testament gospels, and thus adheres to Biblical and not historical accounts, making the film more concerned with spirituality than accuracy. Controversy has arisen from the film's apparent blaming of the Jews for Christ's crucifixion and the sympathetic portrayal of Judas Iscariot. In the film, no one is explicitly blamed for the death of Christ. The film reveals the tension between the Roman government, the Jewish people and the religious belief that Jesus has begun. Mob mentality and Pilate's wish to avoid rebellion lead to Jesus' crucifixion rather than the fault of an entire race of people.

The strength of the actors in the film emerges as one of the most powerful elements of the movie. Jesus, Mary and Mary Magdalene exude complicated emotions with their facial expressions and intonations, even while speaking other tongues. James Caviezel, who plays Jesus, gives the spiritual leader an aura of serenity and peace amidst chaotic surroundings. Maia Morgenstern's portrayal of Mary evokes the speechless pain of a mother losing her only son in a gruesome way, but she also exudes serenity and strength despite the crying sense of hopelessness that overwhelms her. Another woman reeling from Jesus' death is Mary Magdalene, played by Monica Bellucci, who adds another layer to the sense of absolute helplessness and sorrow that envelops those who followed Jesus.

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**NBA**

Trail Blazers outlast Magic in '94-'91 overtime victory

Associated Press

**ORLANDO, Fla.**—Zach Randolph had 24 points and 12 rebounds as Portland scored 11 of his 18 points in the final period to give the Trail Blazers a 94-91 victory over the Orlando Magic on Saturday night.

Randolph scored 12 points, and Tinsley added five points and three assists. The Pacers finished with a 10-2 run to take an 80-74 lead into the final period.

The game was a complete turnaround from the Pacers' frustrating, foul-laden win over Utah on Sunday. Indiana shot 49 percent in the first half, led by O'Neal's 12 points on 5-of-7 shooting, to take a 52-51 lead.

**The Sixers, losers of three straight and four of five, were without leading scorer Iverson, who remained in Philadelphia with a right shoulder. Glenn Robinson, the team's second-leading scorer, missed the second half with a sore elbow.

Kevin Garnett, Philadelphia's third-leading scorer, wasn't in uniform because of a sprained right thumb.

Indiana played the second half with only eight players after guard Derick ROse tore his right knee. Wesley Matthews tore his left thumb. Center Ron Artest, and the bench have increased since the oft-injured Bender tore ligaments in his left thumb.

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Last season Wilson was voted defensive captain by his teammates and played in his third straight Pro Bowl. Broncos general manager Ted Sundquist said the sides were "very, very, very close" to an agreement before the Pro Bowl on Feb. 8. Wilson rejected that offer, however. When talks reached a stalemate, it appeared likely the Broncos would apply the franchise tag to Wilson.

Wilson earned $1,095 million last season in the final year of his original 1999 rookie contract. A first-round draft choice out of Tennessee, he has led Denver in tackles for the last two seasons. He had 128 tackles (99 solo) in 2003, and a career-high 199 tackles (158 solo) in 2002.

"Al is happy with this deal," Wilson's agent, Norm Nixon, said. "He has played with these guys for five years, has a great relationship with his coaches and knows the system. There's something about having a comfort level."

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Bucs consider Johnson trade

Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — Keyshawn Johnson could be headed for the Dallas Cowboys and a reunion with coach Bill Parcells.

The Tampa Bay receiver said Tuesday that his agent has been granted permission by the Bucs to talk to the Cowboys about a possible trade that more than likely would bring receiver Joey Galloway to Tampa Bay.

Johnson, who played three seasons under Parcells with the New York Jets, declined to elabor­ ate. The Bucs had little to say, either.

"We won't comment on rumor and speculation," club spokes­ man, Jeff Kamis said.

Johnson, who has four seasons remaining on an eight-year, $56 million contract he signed in 2000, was deactivated for the last six games of 2003 because of differences with Tampa Bay coach Jon Gruden.

Bucs general manager Bruce Allen informed Johnson's agent, Jerome Stanley, at the Pro Bowl on Feb. 8.

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DENVER — Kobe Bryant's attorneys will get a chance next week to tell a judge why they should be able to use the accuser's sexual history against her at the basketball star's sexual assault trial.

State Judge Terry Ruckriegle said Tuesday that attorneys should be prepared during the two-day hearing that begins Monday to discuss whether the information is relevant to the case.

The defense has argued the 19-year-old woman had sex with two other men in the days before her June 30 encounter with Bryant at the hotel near Vail where she worked. They say those men may have caused injuries found by a nurse who examined the woman the next day.

Under Colorado's rape-shield law, Bryant's attorneys would be able to present evidence about the alleged victim's sexual past only if the judge determines it is relevant. Bryant, 25, faces four years to life in prison or 20 years to life on probation if convicted of felony sexual assault. The Los Angeles Lakers star has said the woman consented to sex with him.

The judge said he has reviewed information submitted by Bryant's attorneys and believes it is enough to justify a hearing. To determine whether the information is relevant, he said, he will need to hear specific evidence about the woman's sexual activity.

Chambers, the European 100-meter champion, tested positive in an out-of-competition drug test in August. UK Athletics suspended him, and he was given the minimum ban available in the circumstances and continues to assert he never knowingly took a banned drug.

"Dwain has been given the minimum ban available in the circumstances and he continues to assert his innocence," said Shear in a statement.

Shear said the tribunal noted there was "no clinical evidence" of a performance-enhancing effect of THG in the human body.

The ban was widely applauded by international sports and doping bodies.

International Olympic Committee spokeswoman Giselle Davies said last month that THG served as a warning to athletes that the world of sport takes the fight against doping very seriously.

"It's an exceptionally sad day for Dwain and an exceptionally painful day for the sport," said David Moorcroft, UK Athletics chief executive.

"But Dwain and his lawyer have been working hard to prove his innocence," Moorcroft said. "It is a very painful day for the sport, however."
Tennessee defensive end not franchised

Titans allow Pro Bowl Bowler Kearse to test the free market

Associated Press
NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The Tennessee Titans decided their best chance to keep Pro Bowl defensive end Jevon Kearse is by letting him test the free agent market and refuse to tag him as their franchise player.

"It's almost going to serve as an arbitrator if you will," general manager Floyd Reese said Tuesday. "Let the market decide what's out there, then go from there.

"I'm not sure what the market holds, I'm really not." Reese said.

But Reese has been talking for months with agent Drew Rosenhaus about a long-term contract for Kearse, who led the Titans in sacks four of his five seasons. But Reese said the two sides were never really close to an agreement.

"We had a lot of good talks, it was just that it didn't budging much, and we had what we felt was a very strong deal and didn't feel we had to haggle much, so that's kind of where we got stuck. It just didn't worth it," Reese said.

Both sides agreed that using the franchise tag would be unproductive. Reese said that would have been a disruptive force for a team working to reach the Super Bowl, and they want to keep their negotiations moving.

"The fact they've not franchised Jevon is a good move for both sides in terms of eventually getting a long-term deal done," Reese said.

Now Kearse probably will test the free agent market starting March 3 to gauge the price for a player who had 36 sacks and 11 1/2 sacks in his first three seasons.

His best defensive end just had 11 1/2 sacks in the past two injury-plagued seasons. He missed 12 games with a broken bone in his left foot in 2002, sprained the same foot in 2003 and missed nearly three games.

Rosenhaus anticipates several teams looking at Kearse, but he said there's mutual interest in keeping the defensive end in Tennessee.

"Till certainly keep them in the loop, and I will work very diligently to make a quick resolution here once Jevon gets into free agency, so the Titans are still very much in the picture," Rosenhaus said.

The Titans know it takes only one team with plenty of salary cap space to offer Kearse a contract they can't match. With Kearse's injury history, Reese said they felt it was a risk they couldn't run for a team with no space under the cap.

"Somebody can come in and throw down a deal we can't or won't match? Absolutely that's why they call it free agency," Reese said.

The franchise tag would have guaranteed Kearse a one-year salary of $6.5 million but created more problems than it solved for the Titans, including forcing the team to cut another $4.5 million under the cap.

Reese said they still handled the cap figure but didn't want the distraction that would have followed by angering Kearse. Now the veteran can answer any questions about his value.

Kearse finished 2003 with 67 tackles, third among defensive linemen.

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NHL
Francis' Coyotes fired

"We may have been hurt by not being part of managing partner Wayne Gretzky's inner circle. He was hired by former general manager Bob Stein on June 16, 1999, and was in place before Gretzky arrived.

After Gretzky and his partners acquired the team in Feb. 2001, I hired friends and former associates or teammates, including the former Islanders coach Pat Conacher, specialist-teammates consultant Paul Coffey, and Mark McInerney, coach of the Coyotes' top minor league affiliate in Springfield, Mass.

But Francis clung to the job by coasting 90 points out of the team's final two seasons, making the playoffs in 2000 and missing out on a tiebreaker in 2001.

"Francis is a good coach and we wish him all the best in the future," general manager Michael Barnett said.

Francis was the only coach in the NHL's history to take a team from last place in one year to franchise bests in victories and games coached — in just under five seasons. He got a four-year contract extension two years ago, and is owed about $1.7 million for the remainder of the contract.

He won the NHL's coach of the year award in 2002 after leading a team projected to finish last in the West by some to 40-24-16-1 record, 95 points and a playoff berth.

But Francis, who also coached the Jets into the playoffs in 2000, never got them past the first round. His overall coaching record is 120-277-92-60.

"We'll see what happens," Francis said. "We'll consult the materials on Italian Studies."

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Sosa shifts focus to World Series, not steroids

Associated Press

MES A, Ariz. — Sammy Sosa brushed aside questions about steroid use in baseball, saying he doesn't know what other players are doing and can't control anyone but himself.

His only concern is getting the Chicago Cubs to the World Series.

"I really don't want to make a comment about that because we've got a beautiful team here," he said when asked about steroids following his first spring training workout Tuesday. "We've got something else in mind, to come here and play baseball. I don't want to make a comment because I don't have anything to talk about."

Sosa has denied using drugs and pleaded innocent and no weight loss or gain raises eyebrows. Cubs manager Dusty Baker likened the suspicions to McCarthyism, and said all players are being tainted. Asked if he understood why the questions remain, particularly for Bonds, Sosa distanced himself.

"That's something that Barry Bonds has to deal with himself. I don't want to even think about it," said Sosa, who doesn't look any different than he has in recent years. "I don't really know and I don't want to know. I know myself. I know who I am and that's it."

The Cubs came within five outs of the World Series last year, and Sosa said it was one of the most "unbelievable" experiences of his career. It was only his second trip to the playoffs, and it left him wanting more.

Bonds can chase Hank Aaron's career home run record, Sosa said. He wants a ring.

"My goal right now is to win the World Series," he said. "We've got an awesome team. I think what we didn't finish last year, we're going to finish this year."

The Cubs made several improvements to last year's squad, which won the NL Central. They acquired Gold Glove first baseman Derek Lee and bolstered their bench by signing Todd Walker and Todd Hollandsworth.

They took what was already one of the best rotations in the NL and added Greg Maddux to the foursome of Kerry Wood, Mark Prior, Matt Clement and Carlos Zambrano. And they plugged the holes in their bullpen, signing LaTroy Hawkins and Kent Mercker.

"I feel that we have a better team this year than we had last year, and we played great last year," Sosa said. "We have a chance not only to go to the playoffs but to win the World Series."

Baker and the rest of the Cubs have gone out of their way in recent days to say this is still Sosa's team. This is his 13th season in Chicago, a tenure that dwarfs anyone else's. And with 539 career home runs, he's one of the greatest hitters ever.

But after so many years of being the only show in town when the Cubs were losing, Sosa is happy to share his spotlight. For a second straight year he joined the rest of the position players for the team's first full-squad workout rather than coming in a few days later and causing a scene.

"This is not about my team. No way. This is about winning," Sosa said. "One of the reasons why we won last year was because everybody was together. There wasn't finger-pointing from anybody. Dusty Baker was doing an unbelievable job. We were together like a family and we want to keep it this way."

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Sammy Sosa
Cubs rightfielder

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Big East Men's Basketball

Panthers overcome first half turnovers to beat Hoyas

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — From double-digits to dead even, Pittsburgh found plenty of ways to turn over the ball in the first half.

In the second half, they found 19 of them in a 19-0 run that rallied the third-ranked Panthers to a 68-58 victory over Georgetown.

"I sometimes get the idea that we have no solution for this," said Okafor, who had 20 points and 15 rebounds for the Hoyas. "We were supposed to dominate and we didn't, but just took a little longer." "I think we did a good job of making them work. We played with a lot of heart in the second half," Okafor said.

Tarrell Davis and Craig Robinson scored 16 points apiece for Pittsburgh. Darryl Hill scored 21 points and grabbed 12 rebounds for the Red Storm.

"When we get up by 30 we played the scoreboard and that happens. It's a long season," Calhoun said. "I think we did a good job in the first half. We were down but not out. John's still gave its home crowd something to cheer about.

Georgetown's mix of man and zone, but the Krauser-led run of 17-2 that held St. John's at bay until 5:13 left in the first half, helping the Hoyas build the first 10-2 run to go up.

Boston College's Taliek Brown had 12 assists for the Huskies. Kyle Cuffe had 16 points and 18 rebounds for the Red Storm, who shot 30 percent (21-for-70). St. John's has lost four of five since the trouble in Pittsburgh and 4-14 since Clark took over on an interim basis for the Final Four with stars Chris Mullin, Walter Berry and Mark Jackson.

"The Red Storm were wearing throwback jerseys like those worn by the 1985 team that went to the Final Four with stars Chris Mullin, Walter Berry and Mark Jackson.

"In the second half we decided we were going to attack," Clark said.

Even Krauser's airball from the baseline was tipped in by Seton Hall's Sean Jackson for a 62-59 lead with 8:12 to go.

Seton Hall 76, Miami 66

CORAL GABLES, Fla. — Andre Barrett scored 23 points to help Seton Hall beat Miami, handing the Hurricanes their 10th consecutive loss.

Kelly Whitney added 20 points, seven rebounds and three blocked shots for the Pirates. The Hurricanes could not find an answer for the inside-outside combination of Whitney (center) and Barrett (guard).

Seton Hall (17-7, 8-5 in Big East) trailed 11-5 early, but used a 14-5 run to take the lead for good on Barrett's 3-pointer midway through the first half. Barrett hit his first three shots, including three 3-pointers, and Whitney scored 18 points on dunks and lay-ups. Miami (13-15, 3-11) pulled to within 66-61 on a pair of Darius Rice free throws with 3:20 to play.

But Rice missed a long 3-pointer about a minute later. Barrett then sank two free throws to make it 68-61 with 1:13 remaining.

The Hurricanes have two games remaining and might need to win both to make the Big East Tournament, which begins March 10.


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Blues fire Quenneville, elevate Kitchen

**Associated Press**

ST. LOUIS — In danger of missing the playoffs for the first time in 25 years, the St. Louis Blues on Tuesday fired coach Joel Quenneville.

The Blues have not made the postseason since 1979 and are one point behind the Calgary Flames in the race for the eighth and final playoff spot in the Western Conference.

St. Louis' current run of postseason appearances is the longest in professional sports. It also is second-longest streak in NHL history behind the Boston Bruins, who made the playoffs in 29 straight seasons from 1968-96.

Quenneville had served as Blues coach since January 1997 and guided them to five seasons of 90-plus points. He is notching his way to a sixth straight playoff trip when St. Louis torched it to 20 win its first 30 games.

"We need to recharge and redirect our team," said St. Louis general manager Larry Fleis said. "Our current roster is the same team that went 20-6-1-1 through our first 30 games. Our expectations for this team remain high."

The Blues are 9-14-4-1 over the last two months, including a 3-2 overtime loss at last-place Chicago on Sunday. They are in third place in the Central Division with a 25-27-7-2 record.

Assistant Mike Kitchen was given a multi-year contract to replace Quenneville.

"Mike Kitchen has the familiarity with our current roster and our prospects that we believe will make a difference and ease in the transition as we push forward toward the playoffs," Fleis said.

He and Mark McGwire teamed in 1988-90. They won the 1988 AL MVP. Canseco gets another shot

Canseco revives dream with Red Sox

Oakland Athletics owner Billy Beane gave Canseco another shot by giving him a minor league contract. Canseco last played in the majors in the majors in 2000, when he hit .258 with 16 home runs for the Chicago White Sox.

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So does someone call 800-820-2000. Canseco plans to try out for the Los Angeles Dodgers, 2 1/2 years after his last appearance in the major leagues.

The six-time All-Star will attend the Los Angeles Dodgers' open tryout session on March 1.
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guides, Providence's needle had pipped Notre Dame's bubble. In what was arguably their biggest
game of the season, Notre Dame suffered their worst home loss in
Irish coach Mike Brey's four years at the helm of the Irish.
And now, Notre Dame's road to the
NCAA Tournament runs through Madison Square Garden, where the Irish have won exactly
two games in the Big East
Tournament in the eight years they've been a conference mem­
ber. "It's pretty much pointless," a disappointed Jordan Cornette muttered, "to talk about how
important this game was now."

What made the Irish fade away in their most important game of
the season? A team that
remained resilient enough to weather a 2-6 stretch in January
and early February and knock
off three teams ranked in the RPI top 30 uncharacteristically fell
apart in a game where a victory might have punched their dance
card.

Of course, credit is due to
Providence's ferocious, aggres­
sive zone defense that forced
Chris Thomas and Chris Quinn to
hoist 3-pointers from five feet
behind the arc. And the lack of
an inside scoring presence and Notre Dame's inability to drive
meant that if the Irish missed a
shot, they missed their chance.

Depth problems caused by the
loss of Torin Francis combined
with a whistle-happy officiating
crew fostered over to the point
that, when Jones became the
third Irish player to foul out,
anexasperated Brey barked at the
official, "I got nobody left!"
While Brey had praised his
team's ability to keep their com­
posure all season long, even he
wondered if the intense pressure
placed on his team before
Tuesday's game contributed to
Notre Dame's fish-out-of-water
performance.

To understand the Irish mood
after the game, one only had to
approach the normally jovial
Corneille. Instead of firing off
witty one-liners and clever analy­
sis of Notre Dame's play, the jun­
ior forward could only stammer
out bland, one-sentence respond­
es in a barely intelligible voice.

"We had big hopes coming into
this game," Jones said, summing
up the collective attitude running
through the Irish locker room.
"It's tough to put so much into it
and fail short."

Now, Notre Dame's players say
they must stop thinking about
postseason tournaments (some­
ting that must be really tough to
do, given that they've the Irish
have said all along they aren't
thinking about the NCAA Tournament). But for a team that
was the basketball equivalent of
the 2001-02 season is oci
Paul Mainieri-era pitcher to not
pitch a complete game (only one of note included sopho­
more Adam Sikorski's five
shutout innings vs. Florida
State and three others who
 tossed four innings without
allowing an earned run.

Thorton becomes the
10th different Irish player (and first left-hander) to
receive a Big East pitcher-of-the-week honor, since
Notre Dame joined the Big
East in the 1996 season.
The Notre Dame program
now has produced 24 Big
East pitcher-of-the-week
recipients in the last eight
years, the most from any of
the league's schools during
that stretch (Butgers is next
with 21, followed by West
Virginia's 16 and 10 from
St. John's).

Notre Dame's previous Big
East pitcher-of-the-week
recipients include 10-time
honoree Aaron Heilman,
from 1998-2001 (no other
Big East pitcher ever has
tossed more than four).
Two other ND pitchers —
Cavey ('97-00) and Danny
Tamayo ('98-'00) — are
tied for fourth on the Big
East list with three caree­
rs Big East pitcher-of-the-
week awards while current
junior Chris Niesel and
recent starter/closer J.P.
Gagne (99-'00) each own
two Big East weekly
awards.

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Bouts continued from page 28
and final bout of the 135-
 pound division. Michael
Feduska, a junior from Alumni
who lost in last year’s quarter-
finals to Brian Falst, is the No.
2 seed in the weight class and
awaits the winner of the
Hofman-Villano match-up.

The remaining two boxers of
the 135-pound. class, Pedro
Alves and Tim Jaeger, both
received first round byes and
but will meet each other in the
quarterfinals of the 145
pounds.

The 145-pound class is the
largest field of boxers in this
year’s tournament with 15 par-
ticipants. Luke Dillon, a senior
from Zahm with several years
of experience under his belt, has
received the lone bye for
the weight class and awaits the
winner of the James Russell
and Phil McNicholas tonight.

McConnell will move on to face
teacher Bob Hollowell and Matt
McLoughrey, a Dillon resident,
who defeated second-year
boxers’ first fight in the Bengal
Bouts and has already laid a solid
foundation in sparring sessions,
making four rounds of experi-
cence in his fight of the night.
The other boxer has previous
Bengal Bouts experience
and the fight should be
evenly matched.

Senior Joe Schmidlin faces
Mike O’Neill, who brings the
winner of this bout will move
on to face senior TJ D’Agostino
on Monday night. D’Agostino,
who returned to the Bengal
Bouts after studying abroad in
London last spring, has moved
up several weight classes to
fight in the 150-pound division.

As a sophomore D’Agostino
won two impressive battles against
Hollowell and Matt
Panzica, an experienced junior
from Alumni, who returned to the
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cence in sparring sessions,
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Senior David Harmon meets
noteworths’ first fight in the Bengal
Bouts, but each has a
degree of experience, including
one match against each other.
The winner of this fight will move
on to face St. Edward’s junior Bob
Peters and Al Hagan.

Another group of first
two boxers will match up in the
155-pound division. Notre Dame
sophomore Brian Garcia and
senior Don Zimmer will battle
to win a spot at the Championship
in Monday’s quarterfinals.

Zimmer has a few more
rounds of sparring experience
than the speedier Garcia.
Morrissey freshman Brian
Grissinger and Dillon sopho-
more Joe Rehmann are the
final fight in the 153-pound
class.

155 pounds
Kevin Loria and Paul Hagan
comprise the lead fight in the
155-pound division. Loria is a
junior from Alumni and Hagan
is a sophomore from Zahm.
Both are first year boxers.

While neither fighter has a
great deal of experience both
have received good reviews from
coaches during sparring
sessions. The winner of this fight
will move on to face senior Ted
Tucker. Both boxers have looked
strong in sparring, but neither
a bit of blood occasionally drawn
from Rooney. The winner of this
fight will move on to face Mike
Pantasia, an experienced junior
from Alumni.

The final fight of the night
is between Burn and Mike
Gigante. Burn is a sophomore,
and Gigante is a sophomore.
Both have fought their first
bouts in the Bengal Bouts with similar
scores or points.

The winner of this fight will
move on to face the No. 2 of
Notre Dame football player
Brandon Gasser. Gasser was a
Bengal Bouts finalist last year,
losing on a split decision to
Juan Diego Vargas.

The final fight will begin at
6:30 p.m. and 23 fights are
scheduled.

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going to be a mental challenge for us to get back in that mindset that we have to get our intensity back on defense."

The Hurricanes offense exploded in the team's last game — an 81-43 victory over Seton Hall. By comparison Notre Dame lost to Seton Hall 21-42 earlier this season.

"That's kind of scary," McGraw said. "To see our Seton Hall score and their Seton Hall score, I'm sure they were talking about that."

McGraw plans to use Monique Hernandez and Breona Gray more in the game to give the Irish a quicker defensive squad.

While the Hurricanes have many weapons, Notre Dame first needs to contain James. The sophomore guard is the reigning Big East Player of the Week. She averaged 24.0 points and 5.5 rebounds in Miami's wins over Syracuse and Seton Hall. Along with James, Chantavia Broussard, Yolanda McCormick and Shaquanna Wilkins all average at least 11.5 points per game. This game has significant con­sequences for the Big East stand­ings. Notre Dame sits 17-8 and 10-3 in the Big East conference, while Miami is 20-4 and 9-4 in conference play. The Hurricanes lost three straight games, start­ ing with their loss to Notre Dame a month ago, but have recovered to win their last four decisions.

Even though Notre Dame hasn't lost at home this season, and the Irish need the win to stay in sole position of second place in the conference, McGraw said the pressure isn't on her team.

"I think there's a lot less pressure on us," McGraw said. "We had to beat St. John's and Pittsburgh and Providence. We absolutely had to win those games because they're at the bottom of the standings."

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came with the Flyers, for whom Polin played 467 regu­lar season games over eight seasons (1982-83 to 1989-90). Polin collected 394 points (161 goals, 233 assists) for Philadelphia over that time span, which ranks him 17th on the Flyers all-time scoring list. From 1984 to 1990, Polin served as the team's captain.

While he was captain, Philadelphia captured three Patrick Division champi­onships and two Wales Conference titles. Polin was also named to the NHL All-Star Team twice that span, once in 1986 and again in 1988.

Following the 1986-87 sea­son, Polin became the second Flyers player in history to win the Frank J. Selke Trophy as "the player who best exudes leadership qualities on and off the ice and has made a notable­worthy humanitarian contribu­tion in his community." Despite coming into the league as an undrafted free agent, Polin's work ethic and drive allowed him to succeed at the highest level.

"When I received my first rookie card, it came out and I flipped it over, he said. "I had a very good year, and I turned it over and it said 'hard worker.' I wanted to laugh, because I wanted it to say 'fast skater' or 'great playmaker' or something.

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Irish guard Chris Quinn drives against Providence Tuesday night in a 73-59 Irish loss. With the loss, Notre Dame fell to 7-7 in the Big East.

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Fris quickly rotated around the perimeter and kept pres­sue on Notre Dame's outside shooters. Combine that speed with Notre Dame's lack of points from its inside game, and the zone could be extended toward half court forcing the outside shooters to come from way behind the 3-point line.

"We have to get a couple of buckets around the basket. Then they're not as aggressive. You have to make a couple of those so they respect the inside guys," Irish coach Mike Brey said. "You have to make a few more 3-point shots. Probably not all of those 29 shots were good shots. But they almost forced us to live out there."

The Irish was able to over­come its anemic offensive perfor­mance in the first half with playing solid defense and cleaning up on the boards. Despite shooting 46.3 percent in the first half, the Friars only led 23-28 thanks to the nine Notre Dame offensive rebounds.

But in the second half, Notre Dame's defensive effort was inconsistent, and the offense stayed productive. In both halves, the Irish had a nine­minute stretch where they didn't make a field goal. And that didn't include a four-minute period without a field goal to end of the first half.

On the night, the Irish shot 31.3 percent overall and went 7-29 from 3-point range.

"When you play against a zone and you can't get some stuff to go, then you start to wonder a little bit and I think that affected us defensively a little bit at times even though," Brey said. "I give them credit since they are a good offensive team."

Tuesday's game was Notre Dame's last chance in the regu­lar season to get a good "RPI win. All that's left for this team is three games to rebuild momentum heading to Madison Square Garden in two weeks.

"That was a huge opportunity for us," Brey said. "I told our guys we should use the last few games to get ready for the Big East Tournament."

"That's the only tournament we should be talking about."

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3-point goals: Notre Dame 7 (Corretto 2-4, Quinn 1-5, Falls 0-4, Timmerman 0-3, Jones 0-2, Carter 0-1), Providence 7-4 (McGrath 4-6, Sanders 2-3, Gears 1-2, Mortgage 0-1, Brewington 0-1). Fouled out: Corretto, Timmerman, Jones (ND), Brewington, Notre Dame 28 (Thomas 11), Providence 27 (Gears 11), Providence 21 (McGrath, Quinn). 4th quarter: Notre Dame 10 (Corretto. Thomas. Quinn), Providence 17 (Quinn, McGraw, Sanders), Providence 10 (Gears. Cornette). Total fouls: Notre Dame 28, Providence 21. Technical: Corretto (ND), Double (Prov).

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I plan on giving up chocolate.

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[President's Column]

[Answers tomorrow]
MEN'S BASKETBALL

Irish coach Mike Brey hangs his head and the rest of the Irish watch in the final seconds of their loss to Providence Tuesday.

No. 13 Providence knocks off Irish at home as postseason hopes darken

By MATT LOZAR
Associate Sports Editor

With NCAA Tournament hopes on the line, five frantic minutes at the end couldn't make up for the previous 35.

In arguably the biggest game of Notre Dame's season, the Irish turned in one of their worst efforts on the year and lost 73-59 to Providence Tuesday night at the Joyce Center.

The loss sends the Irish from the bubble to 13-11 overall and 7-7 in conference play with three games remaining before the Big East Tournament.

"Yeah, it was a must win. We didn't get it," Notre Dame guard Chris Thomas said. "We're not even worried about any tournament right now."

With star player Ryan Gomes being held to two points in the first half, the Friars made a concerted effort to run their offense through Gomes in the second half. Gomes finished with game-highs in points (25) and rebounds (12), showing why many consider him to be one of the top players in the Big East.

"Gomes is the best player in the league right now," Thomas said. "That's why they won, because they have him."

While the production from Gomes wasn't unexpected, the intensity of Providence's zone was a surprise to the Irish. The Friars turned in one of their worst efforts on the year and lost 73-59

Irish miss out on golden opportunity to make case for NCAA Tournament

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Senior Sports Editor

Irish coach Dave Poulin is just the 18th member to join the Philadelphia Flyers Hall of Fame, a list that includes such greats as current Flyers general manager Bobby Clarke and former NHL superstar goalie Bernie Parent.

He will be named to the hall in an on-ice ceremony at Philadelphia's Wachovia Center, prior to the Flyers' 7 p.m. game against the Nashville Predators March 3.

"It really caught me off-guard," Poulin said. "I was first contacted, it came as a big surprise. It's not something you really think about or prepare for. Certainly it's a great honor."

Following his graduation from Notre Dame in 1982, Poulin spent a combined 13 seasons in the NHL with the Philadelphia Flyers, Montreal Canadiens and Washington Capitals. The bulk of his playing career

ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Irish face tough home test

By JOE HETTLER
Sports Editor

They did it once. Tonight they'll try to do it again.

Notre Dame's defense shut down the high-octane offense of No. 21 Miami when the teams first met Jan. 28 in a 59-50 Irish win in Coral Gables, Fla. The Irish hope for a repeat performance when the Hurricanes visit the Joyce Center at 6 p.m. for a conference matchup.

"They're a great team," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. "I think the key is transition defense. That's what we really worked hard on, taking away their transition game, and we were very successful as it last time and that limited their points."

Miami has four starters aver-

BENGAL BOUTS

Preliminary rounds of bouts set to start

By LUKE BUSAM
Sports Writer

The 2004 Bengal Bouts Tournament will begin tonight with a quick touch of gloves between George Hay and Marty Curinka. Hay and Curinka are the first fight of this year's 135-pound weight class, the lightest group of boxers in this year's tournament. Hay, a freshman from St. Edward's meets another first time boxer in Curinka, a sophomore from Zahm. The winner of this fight will move on to face Fisher's Jon Valenzuela, who went the distance in a tough loss last year to three-time champion Shawn Schmitt.

Megan Duffy dribbles in a victory against Connecticut Jan. 13. The Irish face Big East opponent Miami tonight at home, averaging double figures and a fifth that averages 9.5 points per game. Tamara James leads the team with 16.9 points a contest. "I'm little concerned because, defensively, we haven't played that well the last couple of games," McGraw said. "Miami is just a powerhouse offensive team. They really can score. It's

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Bengal Bouts

Newburg in the finals of the 135-pound class. Another pair of first timers squares off in tonight's second bout, which matches sophomores James Larow and Michael Schmitt. Schmitt is a PLS major from Stanford and Larow is from St. Edward's. Andrew McGill, a sophomore from Zahm, awaits the winner of this fight in Monday's quarterfinals. Schmitt fought a number of good fighters in sparring sessions and he will need that experience to move on to Monday's semifinals. Senior Lawrence Hofman will meet Keenan freshman Kenton Villano in the third round.

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