Demand high for concert
1,231 students enter ticket lottery for New York Philharmonic

By TERESA FRALISH
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Despite high demand from Notre Dame students for tickets to the Feb. 3 New York Philharmonic performance at the University’s performing arts center, organizers still have not decided exactly how many tickets they will allocate to students.

According to PAC Director of Audience Development Tom Barke, 1,231 students entered the lottery to purchase tickets, which cost $25 early. The performances will be held in the Lynoid Concert Hall, which seats 961.

He said that the PAC was setting aside tickets for multiple groups including faculty, community members and others, and organizers needed time to determine exactly how many tickets each group would receive.

Barke said he primarily worked on organization of the lottery, so PAC Executive Director John Haynes would likely decide final numbers and specific distribution methods for all groups. Haynes was not available for comment Monday.

"There's a list of different groups out there that are rep-

ND contributes $173,000 to tsunami relief

Various organizations sponsor charity events

By EILEEN DUFFY
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Whether by bidding on a Sri Lankan craif, buying a cookie or dropping some money into a collection box, many Notre Dame students and faculty have responded to the tsunami relief efforts in the Asian International Student government, Campus Ministry, the Center for Social Concerns and the Student government.

Members debate programming endowment

By MARY KATE MALONE
News Writer

The Council of Representatives met Monday night to discuss the possible creation of an endowment to bring high-profile speakers and performers to campus.

Chief executive assistant Dave Baron said a fund would allow the University to attract big-name concerts and speakers.

"What we would do is create a fund of $1 million, so that every year we're making $50,000 to be used for concerts and speakers," Baron said.

According to Baron, an endowment fund of $1 million would be created for better programming on campus. The $50,000 it would generate annually would be used to help pay for major concerts or famous speakers.

The idea stems from last year's student body president Jeremy Lin's Board of Trustees report in May. Lin requested trustee support for a $1 million fund that would generate $50,000 per year.

The endowment fund would begin with a $100,000 donation from student government. The money would be taken out of the "carry-over fund," which has served as a buffer fund for student government, in the event an office exceeds its budget.

Because of accumulation from previous years of leftover funds, the account now includes $160,000.

Student body president Adam 

Saint Mary's closes Haggar Center snack bar

Cyber cafe to open in new student center

By MEGAN O'NEIL
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The Haggar Snack Bar, a popular destination for hungry Saint Mary's students and staff, closed during winter break in anticipation of a cyber cafe set to open at the new student center in March.

The closure temporarily reduced the number of eateries on campus from four to three — the Noble Family Dining Hall, Dalloway's Clubhouse and the Cafe a la Carte in Madeleva Hall.

Dining Hall Manager Berry Bowles said he and other food service workers have made adjustments to accommodate students' appetites and schedules.

"Dalloway's has expanded it hours to cover all the hours Haggar would have covered," said Bowles.

The news operating hours at Dalloway's are Monday through Thursday, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m., Friday 11 a.m. to midnight and Saturday and Sunday from noon to midnight.

Bowles also preserved the most popular item at the Haggar Snack Bar, the double-cheese burger. Students can now request the burger in the grill section of the dining hall.

While Dalloway's is located much farther from any of the residence halls than Haggar, Bowles said he has received

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B.A., B.S., M.R.S.?

What is the first thing that a Saint Mary’s girl does when she wakes up in the morning? Puts her pants on and walks back to campus. What does a Saint Mary’s girl have that a Notre Dame girl doesn’t? A reputation letter. What a riot. These jokes came as quite a surprise to me. Before moving into Saint Mary’s, I did not know anyone who had ever attended.

I did, however, know a few Notre Dame alumni and my discussions with them, Notre Dame’s disjointedness makes that we have a reputation for being a great school as well. Does Notre Dame have that a reputation, so please, when you say the name of Notre Dame, I choose this school without any consideration for my goal in life is not to get my M.R.S. degree. I am not spending my time scouring Notre Dame for boys—I don’t want to steal them from you. They seemed just as proud as me.

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Group discusses student petition

By KELLY BAILE
New Wire

Saint Mary’s Board of Governance met Monday to discuss the petition from the student presidential ticket not allowed to run.

During 302 signatures were on the petition from junior Katherine Kelly and freshman Lauren McAlister, who student officials ruled could not run for office because they did not declare their ticket by the deadline, officials had not yet determined which signatures were from students.

Elections commissioner Anna Bauer said the elections appeal committee upheld the decision of the elections committee not to permit the ticket to run, but she expressed concern with the current Student Government, Association Constitution, which is new this year.

“I would propose that we form another Constitution Committee to look at these issues,” Bauer said. “When you get it tried, you find weaknesses in it.”

Bauer suggested looking at the exact wording of certain issues regarding election policies.

“Things need to be a little more clear cut for us,” Bauer said.

The BOG eventually decided its committee should review the constitution, and the possibility of setting up a form of education for the student body on the work involved with BOG should also be considered. Because only two months remain in the current BOG’s term, members voted 15-4 to pass this responsibility on to the next administration.

Members also continued planning for a tsunami relief fund.

“The leadership on this campus is evident and if we can get pumped up about [donating], everyone can,” Student Body President Sarah Catherine White said.

The BOG plans to hold a collection campaign for the entire month of February with the theme of “Show Your Love.”

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The board voted to send all of the profits to one organization, the Sosialan Fishers, who have institutions in several areas in India that were affected by the tsunami and focus their efforts on helping to raise and educate children.

In other BOG news:

• Senior Meghan Scalise, a public relations intern for the College Football Hall of Fame, spoke to the BOG about working to promote activities the Hall of Fame will sponsor.

• Student Activities Board will sponsor “Write the Troops,” Wednesday at 8 p.m. at Hallows and will continue to sponsor the event every month for the rest of the academic year.

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BOG members talk about a student presidential election petition and debate election procedures at Monday’s meeting.

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Office of International Student Services and Activities. It also includes funds from other University charitable accounts that will be directed to this need, University spokesman Matt Storin said.

The largest campus effort was the Tsunami Relief Drive, which a variety of campus groups sponsored. The drive included collections in LaFortune, at athletic events and in the dorms. It concluded with a benefit buffet dinner of Asian food and silent auction of handicrafted goods from the Asian and African regions.

Donny Hanjaya-Putra, a Fisher Hall sophomore from Indonesia who was at Notre Dame when the tsunami hit, was a chief planner for the event.

“It’s so amazing to watch and experience how many people on this campus really care — enough to come together in this event of solidarity,” he said.

Hanjaya-Putra said he was motivated to help after enduring the painful experience of watching the tsunami from afar.

“At first, I thought it was a minor disaster,” he said. “Then every time I turned on the TV, the (number of victims) was climbing every minute.”

Lisa Lu, a Breen-Phillips sophomore who was born in China but now lives in Hawaii, donated some silk dresses to the silent auction, which included everything from chopsticks to wind chimes to jewelry.

“It’s a call for global unity in a time of disaster,” Lu said. “The U.S. is supposed to be an altruistic nation — that motivated me.”

Sophomore Cavanaugh Dean came to the event for symbolic reasons.

“It’s a good way of showing your friends affected by the tsunami,” he said, “that you and the rest of the campus care.”

In addition to the large dinner, smaller events took place all over campus, including a bake sale in Lewis Hall. Sophomore Valerie Atia purchased some baked goods and offered her thoughts on the relief efforts.

“Nothing we can do can really take away what the trauma of what happened in all those people,” she said. “However, it is important to do something, no matter how trivial, to help them start rebuilding their lives.”

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resonant," Barkes said.  "The Philharmonic wanted some seats — they did not know how many people would be coming." Freshman Francisco Castillo said organizers seriously underestimated student demand and he was not hopeful about receiving a ticket.

"I'm quite concerned. ... it's unfair. The University should try to just do more than one performance." Barkes said students and other individuals picked in the lottery would be e-mailed about their status during the next couple days. During winter break, the PAC sent an e-mail explaining the lottery process in which each student chosen would be able to purchase a single ticket. Students in the lottery had mixed reactions to the lottery system.

"At least we're getting a fair chance," said graduate student Belinda Byrne. "I would've preferred if there had been two tickets (per winning lottery number)."

Because this was one of the first high-profile events of its kind at the PAC, Barkes said it was difficult to anticipate student interest exactly but organizers expected it to be high. "I'm certainly pleased with the numbers of students that responded," he said.

The performance marks the first time the PAC has used a lottery for student tickets, Barkes said. "With the exception of very few events, students have been able to get into everything they've wanted to get into," he said.

Although not particularly concerned about the lottery process, sophomore Margaret Auer said she intended to wait for the results and hoped to be chosen.

"It's something I personally was really interested in," she said.

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Istvan said the excess money in the carry-over fund would comfortably cover the cost of student government's initial investment in the endowment. "We will never run a $160,000 debt," Istvan said. "We could easily take $100,000 and still have more than enough protection.

Council members debated how to raise the remaining $900,000 for the endowment. Siegfried senator James Leito endorsed the idea but emphasized the need for research before further action is taken.

"The problem is that a lot of work still needs to be done before we can write a charter for this. Who will manage it?" Leito said. "What groups will be able to withdraw from it and how much will they be allowed to collect?"

Leito told representatives that he met with Father Mark Poroman, vice president for student affairs, to discuss the matter but it was not received well. "From his perspective, we have just recently come up with the idea," Leito said. "He doesn't think we've done enough research, and he said it will not be part of his tenure plan." Council members also expressed concern whether the endowment would draw speakers or musical guests to campus.

Student Union Board Manager Jimmy Flaherty noted a $1 million endowment providing $50,000 a year would not necessarily be adequate enough to bring large concerts to campus.

"To be honest, if we're talking about bringing in Dave Matthews, it's not enough money," Flaherty said. "To put on a show the way it should be for him would cost between $250,000 and $500,000.

Flaherty said choosing to allocate the fund to speakers instead of musicians would be more beneficial and practical. "It is going to be harder to demonstrate to donate money for a big U2 concert," he said. Leito agreed, but said that if the endowment fund could be increased, then the likelihood of bringing big-name musicians would increase.

"This is a 100-percent academic campus and speakers will serve an academic purpose. But I don't think we should completely avoid concerts," Leito said. "If we are going to get the big names, then we need to shoot for the moon."

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James Leito

Siegfried senator

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no complaints.
"It is a little bit farther of a walk for students and that was my biggest concern," said Bowles. "The students have just been very cooperative and very supportive.

Business at Dalloway's, both from students and staff has increased, said Bowles. "Traffic has been increasing steadily to the point where it is almost as good as what was at Haggar," Bowles said. "The bigger concern for me is the students. [The wait time at Dalloway's] should be getting shorter because the students over there are getting trained.

Some of the cooking appliances in Haggar will be moved and used in the new cyber café, said Bowles, but most of it will be sold and replaced with new ones.

No decision has been made on future use of the space the snack bar previously occupied.

Employees that had formerly worked in Haggar were re-assigned to other positions on campus, said Bowles. Some moved to Dalloway's while others now work in the dining hall of housing services.

"The opportunity was given to students as well that if they wanted they could pick up hours at the dining hall," said Bowles.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Palestinian militants hurl attacks
GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip — Militant groups have agreed to temporarily halt attacks on Israel, a trial period before a formal truce agreement, to give Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas time to appeal to Israel to stop targeting militants, Palestinians said Monday.

The movement toward a cease-fire, coupled with efforts by Palestinian police to stop militants from firing rockets from Gaza into Israel, has raised hopes that a deal can be reached to end four years of bloody conflict between the two sides.

In the only serious incident Monday, soldiers shot and killed a Palestinian, who was in a no-go zone near the Karmei crossing between Gaza and Israel apparently planning to plant a bomb. Army Radio and the military said on Jan. 13, Palestinian attackers killed five Israelis at the crossing.

Saddam's lawyer receives threats
AMMAN, Jordan — An Iraqi lawyer on Saddam Hussein's defense team has received several death threats in the last three weeks and has gone into hiding, the chief defense attorney for the deposed Iraqi leader said Monday.

Khalil al-Zubiri, one of 25 attorneys representing Saddam, told other lawyers on the team that the threats followed his Dec. 16 meeting with the ousted Iraqi leader, according to chief defense attorney Zaid al-Khalasawawi.

Saddam was arraigned in a Baghdad court in July 2004 on charges of war crimes and genocide. He is awaiting trial.

Al-Zubiri claimed that several messages were delivered to him by armed men. Suicide cells had been formed specifically to liquidate Saddam so that he would set an example to all other attorneys who have volunteered to defend him so that the public's support will not fail.

Prez predicts turmoil in Iraq
WASHINGTON — President Bush predicted Monday the Bush administration will not reflect the public's support for the military called the U.S.-led invasion.

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Critics linked the two and criticized the delay in reporting the incident. “When you have suicide attempts or so-called self-harm incidents, it shows the type of impact indefinite detention can have, but it also points to the extreme measures the Pentagon is taking to cover up things that have happened in Guantanamo,” said Alastair Hodgey, a spokesman for Amnesty International in Washington, D.C.

“There's no way did I get honest or accurate information. I feel like I was being systematically misled.” He criticized some prac­­tices, and said it was “appalling” that medical professionals shared detainees' medical records with interrogators.

Forces capture ‘lethal’ al-Qaida leader

Associated Press

Baghdad, Iraq — Security forces have arrested the “most lethal” top lieutenant of al-Qaida's leader in Iraq — a man allegedly behind most of the car bombings in Baghdad since the undeclared invasion, including the 2003 assault on U.N. headquarters that killed 22 people, the prime minister's office said Monday.

Sadiq Mohammed Ali Said al-Jaafar, also known as Abu Omar al-Kurdi, was arrested during a Jan. 15 raid in Baghdad, a government statement said Monday. Two other milit­an­tis linked to Jordanian-born Abu Musab al-Zarqawi's terror group also were arrested, authorities announced Monday.

Al-Jaaf was “the most lethal of Abu Musab al-Zarqawi's lieutenants,” the statement said. Al-Zarqawi heads al-Qaida in Iraq, the terror network's local affiliate. The group is behind many of the car bombings, beheadings, assassinations and other attacks driving the insurgency in Iraq.

The suspect was linked to the Aug. 2003 bombing of U.N. head­­quarters in Baghdad, which killed the top U.N. envoy in Iraq, Sergio Vieira de Mello, and 21 others. The U.N. attack was “planned and directed by two others affiliated with Abu Omar,” the statement said.

Al-Jaaf was responsible for 32 car bombing attacks that killed hundreds of Iraqis, the statement said. Al-Jaaf "confessed in building approximately 75 percent of the car bombs used in attacks in Baghdad since March 2003,” said Tamer al-Naqbi, spokesman for interim Prime Minister Ayad Allawi.

“I wanted to stop this, but my life was too valuable,” he said. But the military said Al-Jaaf "admitted to building more than 90 devices in 2003.

The military has reported 34 suicide attempts since the camp opened in January 2002, including one prisoner who went into a coma and sustained brain damage.

The 2003 protests came as the camp suffered a rash of suicide attempts after Maj. Gen. Geoffrey Miller took command with a mandate to get more information from prisoners accused of links to al-Qaida or Afghanistan's ousted Taliban regime, which had sheltered Osama bin Laden.

Experts have assessed the death toll at 350 to 400 in the past three weeks, including 120 so-called "hanging gestures," at the secretive prison that opened after the Sept. 11 attacks, according to Lt. Col. Leon Sunburnt, spokesman for the detention mission.

In the Aug. 18-26, 2003, protest, nearly two dozen prisoners tried to hang or strangle themselves with clothing and other items in their cells, demonstrating "self-injurious behavior," the U.S. Southern Command in Miami said in a statement. Ten detainees made a mass attempt on Aug. 22 alone.

Last year, there were 110 self-harm incidents, Sunburnt said.

The prisoners were in steel mesh cells and they can talk to neighbors. It was not possible to pass notes, and they are allowed to exercise only once a day.

Any of the 23 were considered suicide risks — requiring hospitalization and psychiatric treatment. Officials said they differi­entiated between a suicide attempt in which a detainee could have died without intervention, and a "gas­­tric" aimed at getting attention.

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"There were many things I wanted to see that I was precluded from seeing, particularly with the interrog­­ation issues," Matthews told The Associated Press in a tele­phone interview. "In no way did I get honest or accurate information. I feel like I was being systematically misled.” He criticized some prac­­tices, and said it was “appalling” that medical professionals shared detainees' medical records with interrogators.

Some 558 prisoners are at Guantanamo Bay, many held for more than three years without charge or access to attorneys.

LOCAL NEWS

Hoosier soldier killed in Iraq
TERRE HAUTE — A soldier from Terre Haute has been killed while serving in Iraq, his family said.

Army Sgt. Kyle William Childress, 29, died on Friday at a Fourier Heights hospital in Fort Hood, Texas, his family said.

Military officials immediately released by the Defense Department.

Soldiers from the 1st Cavalry Division are among the 35,000 troops in a task force working in the Baghdad area on security and other missions in Iraq.

NATIONAL NEWS

March held to protest Roe v. Wade
WASHINGTON — Abortion protesters marched Thursday chily Washington on Monday to protest the 1973 Roe v. Wade Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion.

For generations, colleges have embraced lower costs for students, but through the Federal Student Aid office "may be unaware of practices that have been limned specifically to place the two and congressional auditors say.

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WASHINGTON — Regulators rejected 36 complaints of indecency Monday against popular TV shows including "Friends" and "The Simpsons.

Theobjections had been filed with the Federal Communications Commission by the Parents Television Council, a watchdog group that frequently complains about sex and violence on television.

"In context, none of the segments were patently offensive under contemporary community standards for the broadcast medium, and thus not indecent," the agency said in a statement. The FCC also ruled "the material was not profane, in context.

Three members of the five-member FCC approved the order. Chairman Michael Powell and Kathleen Abernathy, both Republicans; and Democrat Jonathan Adelstein. The two other commissioners, Democrat Michael Copps and Republican Kevin Powell, Martin, disagreed on parts of the ruling.

Copps said in a statement that the council should have performed a more thorough investigation. "I believe that some of these broadcasts present a much closer call," he said.

Powell announced last week he was leaving the FCC in March. Martin, who has been rumored to be among candidates to replace him as chairman, did not comment Monday but said he would issue a statement at a later date.

An FCC officialsaid the 36 complaints were grouped together because they all dealt with the Parents Television Council, but the official did not comment about why complaints filed by one group over other shows were not included.

Lara Mahaney, a spokes-woman for the council, said her group has complaints about dozens of other shows pending.

"In what community in America are graphic terms for genitalia decent?" Mahaney said. "The commission's rulings added no clarification and added with indecency decisions."

The council alleged in the 36 complaints that the programs which aired between Oct. 29, 2001, and Feb. 11, 2004 contained sexually explicit segments or used obscene or profane language that violated indecency standards.

One complaint involved an episode of NBC's "Friends" that aired in May 2003. In it, a female character, her husband and the husband's ex-girlfriend talk about a fertility treatment at a medical office.

Another complaint was about "The Simpsons," which airs on Fox. It included a scene from a November 2003 episode in which students carried picket signs with phrases "What would Jesus glue?" and "Don't cut off my pianissimo."

Federal law bars nonsatellite radio and noncable television stations from airing references to sexual or excretory functions between 6 a.m. and 10 p.m. with children more likely to be listening and watching. The FCC said the segments in "The Simpsons" were not patently offensive within the context of the shows. The FCC's responses to indecency complaints have been extra scrutiny since singer Janet Jackson's "wardrobe malfunction" at last year's Super Bowl halftime show.

The FCC received more than 1 million indecency complaints in 2004, most of them involving the exposure of Jackson's breast during her performance. The indecent programming exceeded $7.7 million last year, a huge increase from the $48,000 imposed in 2000, the year before Powell became chairman.

Powell has said the crackdown was in response to mounting complaints from consumers and Congress.

Copps criticized Monday's rulings as "rather cursory decisions" that did not address the objections of viewers nor those of skittish broadcasters worried about what may be too tary in air. He singled out concern for a movie that aired on ABC in May 2002, "The Diary of Ellen Rimbauer."

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**Market Recap**

| Stocks | Dow 10,042.08 | +0.09 |

| AMEX | 1,142.87 | -1.71 |
| NASDAQ | 2,016.30 | -17.87 |
| NYSE | 7,000.14 | +34.58 |
| S&P 500 | 1,167.64 | -0.23 |
| Nikkei (Tokyo) | 11,729.49 | +51.12 |
| FTSE 100 (London) | 4,812.50 | +9.20 |

**In Brief**

Stocks loses blamed on Iraqi election

NEW YORK — Stocks slumped in listless trading Monday amid concerns about the upcoming Iraqi election and rising oil prices. The major indexes closed at their lowest levels of the year.

Market watchers were growing increasingly concerned about January’s slide in stocks, which was attributed to a sell-off in Wall Street’s strong fourth quarter performance. A car bomb attack in Baghdad, targeting the prime minister’s party headquarters, did little to ease the anxiety of investors ahead of Iraq’s Jan. 30 election. Oil prices declined early in the day, but settled up 28 cents at $48.81 per barrel, on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

"In general, the market is waiting for the elections in Iraq," said Barry Herman, head trader for Robert W. Baird & Co. in Milwaukee. "And oil prices have been on the move up for the past week.

The Dow Jones industrials seesawed in and out of positive range through much of the day, closing down 24.38, or 0.23 percent, at 10,368.61.

Former airline executive to help ATA

INDIANAPOLIS — The parent company of ATA Airlines Inc. named a retired Southwest Airlines Co. executive Monday to help ATA restructure its debt as it prepares to emerge from bankruptcy.

John G. Denison will be ATA’s co-chief restructuring officer, working with its management to restructure operations and prepare a bankruptcy reorganization plan.

He previously worked for Southwest Airlines in 2001 after 15 years with the Dallas-based carrier, which reached a $117 million deal last month under which it will acquire six of ATA’s 14 gates at Chicago’s Midway International Airport.

He will share that task with Sean Freck, ATA’s vice president of strategic planning, who was named to the co-chief post this month after the airline’s chief restructuring officer, Gilbert Veit, stepped aside.

Veit, a former Arthur Andersen executive, had been named to the restructuring post in 2001 as Indianapolis-based ATA neared bankruptcy.

**CEO asks to bar investor testimony**

**BURLINGTON, Vt. — A jury was selected Monday for Richard Scrushy’s corporate fraud trial as the fired HealthSouth CEO asked the judge to bar testimony about investor losses in an ongoing scandal at the rehabilitation chain.**

The judge had no comment on the latest Scrushy defense request.

The filing by Scrushy’s lawyers said the government is expected to show that a huge fraud took place, including testimony from all five former chief financial officers of the company that they had "direct conversations" with Scrushy about the scheme. Since Scrushy is not challenging the existence of fraud at HealthSouth, there is no need for victims to testify about the financial harm they suffered, the defense said.

"The only real issue for the jury to decide is whether or not Richard Scrushy was a knowing participant in the scheme to defraud," the defense said.
Reflection on the Inauguration

Despite long delays and Friday's blizzard, our small group managed to make it out to Washington for last week's Inauguration. It was great to be back out in Washington to see the spectacle of thousands of Texans getting in the way of native Washingtonians on the Metro, as well as the glare of some liberal clerks clanging to their "Kerry Edwards" buttons in some form of therapy.

From my experiences of the city in our Washington Program, I could easily pick out the D.C. natives against the throngs of tourists. Sometimes I could not help but get mad myself as large groups of various fellow red state voters clawed up the escalators and visited many parts of what I learned to be the unwritten rules of east coast etiquette. As I began to notice some trends in the behavior of the two groups, I began my own version of an informal social science study through observation.

Despite all this, the throngs of red states had some very surprising and redeeming qualities that I didn't see in their D.C. counterparts. At many random times on the Metro, some would say hello and start a conversation. They felt very comfortable dressing in some of the tackiest souvenir sweatshirts and hats I have ever seen. All of these traits were very stereotypically American, and in our grand traditions of being the ever annoying tourists.

With the exception of a few privileged donors, the people attending this inauguration were not a group of aloof tourists. They were the kind of friendly Midwesterners and Southerners I have learned to love in my experiences of America. Collectively, they share in the pain of those who have unfortunately lost loved ones in Iraq. As many of the Inaugural Balls, Veterans were honored with service and given free invitations. Denouncing yet another myth of Republicans, we did not celebrate this inauguration aloof to the sacrifices that brave heroes have made.

At the Indiana Ball, the so-called "evil corporations" sponsoring this event paid for veterans and their families to attend for free. The Toyota Corporation has even started a program under which employees called to Iraq for service will keep their full pay and benefits for the duration of their tour of duty. Although expensive, these parties were not the obscure elitist playgrounds liberals wish to depict them as, but places where service and volunteerism were celebrated.

The efforts of the left to simplify our party to radical Christians and heartless slaves to corporate interests are just not true. Republicans celebrating in Washington last week all shared somehow in the service of their country. Indeed, there was some of the wealthy minority in attendance who could best help the party through generous donations. Aside from that, many of these people have used many volunteer hours in on campaigns, worked phone banks and walked door to door to push for an agenda we believed in.

Before I ramble on any longer, I should draw to the conclusion of my experiment in observation. What sets the red state voters apart from others? I draw the difference as optimism in America itself. This optimism thanks God we are not standing idly by waiting for the terrorists to take the first move on us. It is an optimism that does not think itself above manifesting itself in tacky merchandise and cowboy hats to show pride in the greatest country on earth. It screams they are proud to be American and do not care about the opinions of the world community while doing what is right. It is an optimism that was foolish enough to believe over 200 years ago that 13 colonies could challenge the British Empire. That optimism and hope for the future is what has made the United States the superpower it is today. When the rest of the world turns their back on the hard road of doing what is unpopular, the United States will be there to roll up her sleeves and do what is necessary. The war in Iraq will not get any easier, but once again we will show the world the folly of the cowardice of those who hid behind the banner of the League of Nations before World War II, and hide as well today behind the United Nations in the face of terrorism and global weapons of mass destruction proliferation.

I happened to turn on an HBO documentary after the Inauguration about the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. It is, in Israeli leader Benjamin Netanyahu explained that, "The only true test of leadership is risking failure in the pursuit of doing what you believe is right." Last week, we celebrated the fact President George W. Bush has placed his entire political career on the line to pursue something we believe will spread the banner of freedom and increase the security of the world.

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Johnny Carson, the famed NBC "Tonight Show" host of almost a quarter century, died on January 23. His death brings the story of news broadcasts for most, if not all, of Sunday afternoon.

The date of his retirement (many of us were still in elementary school), some may argue how much his death actually affects this generation.

"More than you think," we respond. It is likely that any of us knew Carson's work personally; even then, how many people in this youth-oriented crowd could recall a "favorite" moment they saw on Carson's show?

Not many, we bet. Carson passed off the "Tonight Show" laugh-master duties to current host Jay Leno in the spring of 1992. To put things in perspective, at the time of Carson's last evening, he was nearing the end to third season, airing the now well-known episode "The Pez Dispenser." (Many fans were still making their way to late-night viewers up until his death, we learned just last week.) Carson, occasionally treasured over to the guest chair, may be seen a lot of laughs from those entertainers today.

We might not be able to recall any personal memories of Carson's sitcom, but his effect on late-night can still be felt this day. As for Carson the man: we were not above a few moments.

In actuality, few people knew Carson well. He was known as a good man who led a private life. Joan Rivers, who often filled in for Carson, told CNN that, "Nobody got to know him... He was very private."

Why are students liberal?

What makes college students liberal? The liberal answer is they want to make the world better. Then again, just about everyone in the late 1960s and early 1970s, groups such as the Students for Democratic Society harassed professors and other students; burned books and took over buildings, fearing nothing more than an occasional expulsion from college; and administrators (as for National Guard troops, that's another story). Liberals know this, which is why they romanticize the Vietnam War era. Every today, liberal acting out is often rewarded in the long run. Librals know that Michael Moore is a liar and a propagandist, but they echo his arguments and buy his movies anyway.

Stability: Liberalism offers a form of love in Detroit: University Daily News

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"Good job" sometimes carry, as the presumption that professors are powerless about discouraging students' health. Upon keeping students active, they can provide students with a foundation for health. Much of the late P.E. class, according to CNN.com.

P.E. needed in schools now more than ever

A weak body is a poor home for a strong mind. Schools across the country should remember this before cutting physical education programs.

In the face of tight budgets and increased demands for "results"—i.e., good test scores—some schools have cut or decreased P.E. programs in elementary and secondary schools. Illinois is the only state that requires daily physical education for students through senior year. Other states should take note. In Tennessee, for example, only 18 percent of high school seniors take part in a P.E. class, according to CNN.com.

About 30 percent of young people are deemed overweight or obese, according to a Dec. 27 article in the Washington Times. Extra pounds can lead to greater risks for a number of ailments, including diabetes, hypertension, cancer, heart disease and depression.

The Institute of Medicine of the National Academies has called for increased "opportunities for frequent, fun, active and engaging physical activity during and after school" to improve students' health.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has even declared obesity an epidemic.

With this in mind, physical education is more than important. Keeping students active through senior year is vital in keeping them fit for college. In contrast, universities only offer compensatory physical education programs in the form of fitness centers and cooking classes. It may be that the schools should ditch the gym and focus on the cafeteria.
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**Movie Reviews**

**'Closer' seduces with dark outlook on relationships**

By MARY SQUILLACE

Trust. Honesty. Forgiveness. While these traits are generally closely associated with love, they have no place in director Mike Nichols’ ("The Graduate," "Angels in America") examination of relationships. In his film "Closer," love is not blind. It’s naked and complicated and often wielded viciously. The film is an adaptation of Patrick Marber’s hit play. Following its 1997 debut in London, the play received rave reviews and continued to garner awards when it opened in the United States.

The cast consists of only four characters and does not feature one central protagonist. Instead, the emphasis is placed on the characters’ interactions with each other. Jude Law plays Dan, an obtuse writer and aspiring novelist. At the start of the film, Dan falls for Alice (Natalie Portman) who immediately charms him with her youthful spirit and subtle seductiveness. However, when Dan meets Anna (Julia Roberts), a photographer, his relationship with Alice becomes severely complicated.

The flirtation between Anna and Dan quickly evolves into a full-blown affair, and their lives are intertwined with each other’s. Their respective lovers, turn to each other as they simultaneously combat this infidelity.

The film tracks the deeply entwined and overlapping characters through as they thrive, falter and ultimately fail in love. The story unfolds at a rapid, but steady pace. This way the film manages to address the taboo topics like sex and adultery without sensationalizing them. Additionally, to do justice to the intensity of Marber’s screenplay, Nichols creates palpable tension and depth with deliberate and unique stylistic tacts.

Because the narrative hinges on the dialogue, effective and high-quality acting is essential. Additionally, each character is both virtuous and villainous, which requires elasticity in each actor’s portrayal. Fortunately, all four cast members rise to the occasion, and turn-out complex, compelling performances.

For her role as Anna, Roberts sheds her toothy grin and typical charm, and instead relies on her ability to subtly convey guilt and deceit. Similarly, Law exhibits his range, as he takes on a role that is vastly different from his recent roles in "I Heart the Huckabees" and "Cold Mountain." Portman, a rising star in Hollywood, proves herself worthy of her recent Golden Globe with a focused and convincing performance.

However, in spite of being the least recognizable of the cast, the film’s other Golden Globe recipient, Owen (who originally played Dan in the London stage production) arguably delivers the film’s best performance. At times his character teeters on the brink of self-destruction, and Owen appropriately adopts an air of raw desperation, gaining the audience’s trust and sympathy.

In other scenes, he changes his approach in order to capture Larry’s calculating and vindictive side. Overall, Owen’s seemingly effortless mellifluousness effectively embodies the complexity of the character. The collective work of the cast lends itself to a powerful finished product.

With "Closer," Nichols creates a seductive starkness that tempts the viewer to fully engage him or herself, by making assumptions, evaluations and judgments. The nature of this tale is one that undoubtedly lingers long after the screening, as it presents a disconcerting but gripping commentary on relationships.

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**'Noise' fails in hackneyed attempt at success**

By MARK REMENDERFEVER

In many instances, Hollywood is a lot like a math course. For instance, Hollywood directors and writers often theorize, test and debate with their films. "White Noise" is one such example. The movie is a raw, unscripted, formulaic piece of Hollywood designed to capitalize on the success of "The Ring," "The Sixth Sense" and most recently, "The Grudge." And while it succeeds on some levels, it fails miserably on others.

The plot revolves around a recent widower, Jonathan Rivers, as he tries to contact his dead wife. Michael Keaton, a capable actor who can’t save the film by himself, plays Rivers. The viewer follows Rivers as he delves into taboo areas while trying to contact his recently deceased wife. The film is a take on the wealth of recent films with a twist at the end. "White Noise" tries to shock the audience with an unexpected ending. And while the twist isn’t quite as bad as the one in "The Village," it still seems hurried and poorly done. The ending is the most important part of any movie, and a poorly written one will cause many people to leave in frustration. So while the first half of the movie was actually pretty good, the second half faints the entire movie.

Some credit has to go to the writer, though. Johnson has seen enough successful movies to attempt his own and follows their formulas pretty closely. Some of his plot points are fulfilling towards the end of the film. However, other situations that arise near the end, such as rivers making a decision, are not set up or at least, diminishing the ending. They feel simply tossed into the mix for shock value, which itself wasn’t that great.

The ending does make sense if you think of the films "White Noise" tries to emulate. When you look at the formulas of this film’s predecessors, the ending becomes mandatory.

In the case of "White Noise," the ending rings counter to what the movie had previously spent so much time setting up. But who wants to let little details like plot get in the way of proven formulas?

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Unoriginality keeps sequel from 'Parents' greatness

By CHRIS KEPNER
Scre Critic

Ah, the sequel. Hollywood's favorite dirty little trick. Take a good film (or at least a bad,纵 though good, film) and raise the standards on this variety to include some real stinkers,) sign on as many of the original actors as possible, extend the original plot, add a few twists and presto: Terrence Malick (proverbially) got yourself another blockbuster!

"Meet the Parents" was a great film. It explored a comedic situation that hadn't been overly explored in previous films of the same genre, like war epics. And even though it wasn't the most original film of all time, "Meet the Parents" had a unique vibe in it that couldn't help but suck you in.

Now for some reason, the excitement over "Meet the Fockers" was uncommonly high given the circumstances. The Fockers, a sequel enjoying a very rare situation where the public wanted it more than the studio wanted to show it down our throats. This record was no stranger to the hype.

"Meet the Fockers" meet expectations? Well, first you have to decide what your expectations are. If you expect a sequel with recycled jokes and a strikingly unoriginal and teeth-gnashing predictable plot continuation, then the answer is yes. If you expect an adequately entertaining film with a healthy amount of laughs, then the answer is also yes.

So maybe it's not original. So maybe it isn't significantly funnier than "Meet the Parents." So what? In short, if you lower your expectations you will probably enjoy "Meet the Fockers."

Hoffman really is hilarious. If for no other reason, he makes this film worth seeing. He plays Mr. Focker as an outgoing, physically affectionate man that shares his wife's forwardness about all things sexual. Could you see the opposite to Robert De Niro's Jack Byrnes in any other way? Hoffman and De Niro, two brilliant actors with previous experience playing together, are a special pair to watch in these two roles. Their chemistry, or their characters' lack thereof, is the driving force of "Meet the Fockers."

Barbra Streisand probably will surprise moviegoers with her portrayal of Mrs. Focker. For her eareer, it wasn't there really an urgency you had to outdo the most over-the-top bit in "Meet the Parents?" You know, the one with the cut peeling on the underside of Jack's mother? And if you absolutely had to do so, was dropping Greg's shriveled foreskin from the scrapbook into the fondue the best that you could come up with? It's trite, sloppy and lazy.

Meet the Fockers

Director: Jay Roach Writers: John Hamburg and James Herzfeld Starring: Robert De Niro, Ben Stiller, Dustin Hoffman, Barbra Streisand, Blythe Danner and Owen Wilson

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But the writing is another matter. You've got Stiller, De Niro, Hoffman, Streisand and a brilliant supporting cast. Why does the audience have to listen to the film's unnatural, sophomoric dialogue?

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Unoriginality keeps sequel from ‘Parents' greatness

Quirky film anchored by Murray's performance

By BRIAN DOXTADER
Scre Critic

Alfred Hitchcock called them "macguffins" — objects being pursued in a film whose function was to set in motion the action. "The Life Aquatic with Steve Zissou" is a unique example of a macguffin itself was less important than its ability to motivate the characters and drive the plot.

The title character of "The Life Aquatic with Steve Zissou" spends most of the film half-heartedly hunting the Leopard Shark which is his friend and mentor. When he finally finds it, the moment is simultaneously transcendent and deflating, a scene which seems to work, but for all the wrong reasons. Such is the stuff of director Wes Anderson's new film, which rewards back toward insular filmmaking after the critical success of "The Royal Tenenbaums."

Even more idiosyncratic than his previous work, "The Life Aquatic" is a truly eccentric film — a love story, a sea-faring adventure, a complicated meditation on paternity, a romantic comedy or an action film. Instead of being annoyingly tepid and grand, the scope of the film serves to make it seem cluttered and unbalanced.

The film's performances are equally quirky, but uniformly excellent. Murray is one of the few actors who could pull off a role like Steve Zissou, perceptively winking at the audience with a completely straight face. He even manages to evoke sympathy in what should be a mostly unsympathetic role. Wilson, who co-wrote the film, is likable and convincing in a fully-realized character. Blanchett proves herself to be one of the most versatile contemporary actresses. One of the funnest turns comes from Willem Dafoe, who demonstrates a welcome comedic knack as a reserved German scientist.

Thankfully, neither the actors nor the director "dumb down" any of the characters for comic effect. All of the characters are intelligent and most have a surprising degree of self-awareness, which helps keep the film from completely sinking under its own pretensions.

"The Life Aquatic with Steve Zissou" is one of Anderson's more esoteric outings. It's impossible not to get the sense he is making exactly the film he wants to make, but it comes at the cost of plot and momentum. Much of the worst part about the film is how startlingly close it comes to being a great film. There are genuine and wonderful moments throughout.

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Syracuse escapes Rutgers with strong finish

By DAVID MCNAMARA

Syracuse coach Jim Boeheim didn't feel as though he had won from a 18-point deficit and then watch a final shot by Rutgers roll out and go in as the Orange were bordering on posting an 86-84 victory on Monday night.

"It was a great finish, a great comeback, one of the best I have been a part of," Boeheim said. "There is no doubt at halftime that the game was there and we took 25-point game the wrong way."

Terrence Roberts' three-pointer with 2 seconds left capped the comeback, but the win wasn't secure until Quincy Douby's 3-point shot with just over a second left spun around the basket and the selout crowd in silence.

It was the 13th consecutive win for Syracuse (20-1, 7-0 Big East), which is the first Big East team to reach 20 victories this season.

"If we would have lost that game the last play I would have been upset with myself but I don't feel I communicated the message well," Boeheim said.

Boeheim added, "They, him 20 victories for the 37th in his 29 seasons as head coach. Half of them came in a row between Nov. 29 and Dec. 17. Boeheim moved into a tie with Texas Tech's Bob Knight for second place among coaches with 20-win seasons, three behind former North Carolina coach Dean Smith.

None of that matter after the point that would have given Boeheim his biggest win ever. The highest-ranked team the Scarlet Knights have beaten was No. 6 West Virginia in February 1997.

"If we would have come out with that win it would have given us the momentum to finish the season and boosted our confidence," said Garnett Green.

Joe McManaman and Karami Warrick each had 21 points for Syracuse.

Rickie Shields had 20 points and 11 rebounds for Rutgers (7-9, 1-5), which has lost six of seven.

"It didn't look like Syracuse would have any chance at the 20th win when Rutgers led 54-36 after closing the first half with a 21-3 run."

"We could have been very discouraged and very down but we weren't. We were mad," Boeheim said.

And the coach didn't get on his players. The players got on themselves.

"Great teams are going to have big deficits and we all dishes it out to each other. That's what's about," McNamara said. "If you can still love each other and care and support each other after you screamed at each other's face, that's what's going to make a team."

Warwick said the players challenged each other to play their best basketball of the season.

"We have been in comebacks but not that fast," he said. "To be do or die, turn it around and actually go up six says a lot about this team.

"We stayed with Rutgers to a full court press and forced turnovers on the Scarlet Knights' first three possessions to open the second half with a 9-0 run. Banding its vaunting matchup zone defense for man-to-man, Rutgers had the deficit to 58-53 in the first 2-1/2 minutes.

The Orange started to dominate on the offensive boards to keep climbing away, and a 3-pointer by McManaman with 10:01 to play brought them within 70-65.

"Rutgers scored four straight points to get the lead back to 10, but they had an 11-0 run that was capped by McManaman's fifth 3-pointer. The Orange were ahead 80-74 with 5:56 to play.

"The game really turned the game around," Warwick said. "We forced them into things they didn't want to do and they rushed things."

But Rutgers didn't go down.

The Scarlet Knights managed to take the lead two more times, the last at 94-88 on a free throw by Dan Hurley with 27 seconds left. The 6-foot-11 freshman was 0-for-2 from the line for the season before then.

Josh Pace missed a shot in the lane, the elf-foot-10 freshman took in the right place and Roberts put in the rebound and was fouled. His free throw gave him five points for the game and made it 86-84.

"I made a good swing, up and in," Roberts said. "It was in the right place and it's all a ball can do as well.

Warwick took a timeout, and its final play was the 3 that Douby did that came close to going in as a ball can without counting. Douby, who had 11 points, was 3-for-10 on 3s, missing three in the final 2 minutes.

"It hit a little quick and I thought it still was going down," Douby said. "I had my follow through, it just wasn't enough."

Boeheim, who made the pass to Douby, had a good look at a 3-pointer with 29.3 seconds left, but it didn't hit the backboard. The ball was one of those weird shots, it was in, rolled around and out.

Kevin Boonker scored 23 points and Taj Gray added 22 as No. 13 Oklahoma exploited a weak-up front with its talented tandem and beat ninth-ranked Oklahoma State.

The Sooners (16-2, 5-0 Big 12) had to hold off an early 17-point lead before taking over again in the second half and giving coach Kevin Sampson his 250th win at Oklahoma.

Gray and Boonker accounted for the first 19 points for the Sooners, and the big duo was there with the game on the line, too.

"If we allowed 24 wins or 20 wins on the board I would have been upset with myself, but they didn't want to do and they actually go up six says a lot about this team," Boeheim said.

Gray converted a three-pointer for Oklahoma's lead the nation in rebounding and double-doubles, also had nine rebounds. Nick Welch had 15 points to lead the Falcons (12-7, 3-1), who lost for just the second time in eight games.

Brogan scored seven points in a 14-2 run at the start of the second half that gave Utah a 46-32 lead after Air Force closed within 12 points. The Falcons, outscored 23-13, couldn't get within single digits the rest of the way.

No. 13 Oklahoma 67, No. 7 Oklahoma State 59

"Great team. The players got on themselves."

Boeheim said.

"It's the message that we have to get through the season."

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"Rutgers scored four straight points to get the lead back to 10, but they had an 11-0 run that was capped by McManaman's fifth 3-pointer. The Orange were ahead 80-74 with 5:56 to play.

"The game really turned the game around," Warwick said. "We forced them into things they didn't want to do and they rushed things."

But Rutgers didn't go down.

The Scarlet Knights managed to take the lead two more times, the last at 94-88 on a free throw by Dan Hurley with 27 seconds left. The 6-foot-11 freshman was 0-for-2 from the line for the season before then.

Josh Pace missed a shot in the lane, the elf-foot-10 freshman took in the right place and Roberts put in the rebound and was fouled. His free throw gave him five points for the game and made it 86-84.

"I made a good swing, up and in," Roberts said. "It was in the right place and it's all a ball can do as well.

Warwick took a timeout, and its final play was the 3 that Douby did that came close to going in as a ball can without counting. Douby, who had 11 points, was 3-for-10 on 3s, missing three in the final 2 minutes.

"It hit a little quick and I thought it still was going down," Douby said. "I had my follow through, it just wasn't enough."

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Australian Open

Williams falls in tournament's fourth round

Australian native
Molik upsets Venus

7-5, 7-6(3) to move on to quarterfinals

Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia — Venus Williams was out of step and out of time. Facing three match points, she stumbled chasing a ball, and her off-balance forehand flopped into the net, giving Alicia Molik a 7-5, 7-6(3) upset Monday in the fourth round of the Australian Open.

A group of women in the crowd of 14,225 unfurled a banner reading: "Venus, you've been eclipsed."

But Williams didn't see it that way, even if she hasn't been past the quarterfinals at the past six Grand Slam tournaments.

"I feel like that was one I definitely should have won. I just was off of my rhythm," the eighth-seeded Williams said. "I definitely didn't produce my best tennis, that's for sure."

She made 28 unforced errors, two more than the 10th-seeded Molik, who faced top-ranked Lindsay Davenport in the quarterfinals. Davenport cruised past No. 13 Karolina Sprem 6-2, 6-2 and has dropped just one set in four matches.

Williams insists she's just as competitive now in big matches as she was when she won the 2001 U.S. Open final for the last of her four major titles.

"Absolutely!" she said. A string of injuries that hampered her last year couldn't be blamed for this loss.

At times, she showed glimpses of grace, a leaping overhead winner in the fifth game of the second set was a prime example. But Williams clearly wasn't at her best. She swatted at one of Molik's looping forehands as if it were an irritant insect, missing the ball twice before it landed behind her.

"This is a huge feat; I beat Venus," said Molik, the singles bronze medallist at the Athens Olympics. "I beat her playing my tennis, and I didn't wait for her to make mistakes, and that's something I can be pretty proud of."

Molik is the first Australian woman in the Open quarterfinals since Anne Minter in 1988.

Two other top women lost: French Open champion Anastasia Myskina and No. 6 Elena Dementieva, the runner-up at the French Open and U.S. Open. In men's action, No. 2 Andy Roddick, No. 3 Lleyton Hewitt, No. 5 David Nalbandian and No. 6 Nikolay Davydenko moved into the quarterfinals.

Myskina and Dementieva were among seven Russians to make it to the round of 16, but only Williams managed to advance.

"I actually had a little trouble getting used to a serve coming from a right, as weird as that sounds," Molik said.

Andy Roddick

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No. 12 Tar Heels upset top-ranked Blue Devils

After 12 straight losses to nemesis in ACC, UNC triumphs 56-51

Associated Press

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. — For a change, North Carolina made Duke look rattled, and not even a spectacular individual effort by Monique Currie was enough to save the top-ranked Blue Devils.

Led by Tricia Altice, North Carolina played with a pair of clutch baskets and Ivory Latta sealed it with two free throws in the final seconds, helping the 12th-ranked Tar Heels end nearly five years of misery in this Tobacco Road rivalry with a 56-51 victory Monday night.

North Carolina (15-3, 5-1 Atlantic Coast Conference) snapped a 12-game losing streak in the series by limiting Duke (18-2, 4-1) to a season-low point total, which included only 13 in the first half. That was more than the school record set against Maryland in the 1981 Atlantic Coast Conference tournament.

The loss ended the nation's longest winning streak at 16 games, and it was the first win for the Tar Heels against a top-ranked team.

"They pressure really bothered us, their traps," Duke coach Gail Goestenkors said. "We didn't do a good job adjusting. The tougher team won, and they played tough. They were the aggressor for the most part.

Latta led North Carolina with 13 points, and Nikki Bell and LaTangela Atkinson added 12 apiece.

Currie, held to two points in the first half, scored 17 of her 24 in a 5 1/2-minute span down the stretch. She made two free throws with 1:42 left to cut the Tar Heels' lead to 53-51.

Later, after Metcalf missed a 3-pointer, Duke's Allison Fales clanged two free throws off the rim that would have tied it, and Latta, the smallest player on the court at 5-foot-6, came down with the rebound. She converted both shots from the line to increase the margin to four, and Duke missed their final three shots.

Atkinson added another free throw with 10 seconds left to account for the final score.

"Beating the No. 1 team, and it's Duke?" Bell said. "It's a double victory for me. I'm really excited.

Jessica Foley had 13 points for the Blue Devils, who didn't lose to North Carolina since Feb. 27, 2000. Freshman point guard Wanisha Smith had a miserable night, missing all seven shots and finishing with eight turnovers.

The Tar Heels took control from the start. In the first half, they held Duke to 5-for-30 shooting (17 percent) and without a basket for the final 6:52 to take a 26-13 lead. The margin was 15 points midway through the second half after Duke's steady and subsequent layup, but Currie was just getting started.

"We knew they were going to go to Carrie down the stretch. She's a great, great player," Sylvia Hatchell Duke coach

Kathryn Reiss scored 19 points and Duke's Kedra Williams added 13 to lead No. 14 Boston College to a victory over Providence.

Reiss made eight of 11 shots and added five rebounds for the Eagles (14-2, 5-Big East). They forged a 42-17 halftime advantage with a 26-0 run that began after the Friars got a 3-point basket in the opening seconds.

The Friars (11-6, 0-6 Big East) shot a dismal 29.2 percent in the first half, failing to score for a stretch of 12:59.

Boston College built on its lead with a 17-9 spurt to open the second half. The Eagles enjoyed their largest lead of the night at 43 points late in the game.

Shauna Snyder hit five of 10 3-point shots in pacing the Friars with 17 points. Jill Ferrenburgh added 14 for the Eagles.

Aja Parham added 12 points in just 13 minutes for the Eagles.

Boston College's previous high output this season was 82, set on Dec. 4 in a 90-63 win over Northeastern.

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Eagles ready for tough game

After finally bringing home the NFC title, Philadelphia prepares for Jacksonville trip.

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — The celebrations hardly were muted in Philadelphia. Fans stood atop snow banks on Broad Street, waving Eagles banners and hats. Cars honked their horns late into the evening. Taxis were raped to Donovan McNabb, Brian Dawkins, Andy Reid — even to sweep the streets.

For the first time in 24 years, the Eagles are NFC champions. It's not nearly enough.

"There were some tears of joy, definitely," All-Pro safety Brian Dawkins said Monday, looking back at the locker room scene following Sunday's 27-10 victory over the Atlanta Falcons. After three straight title game losses, the Eagles were headed for the Super Bowl.

"It's something we worked for a long time and went through a lot of bad situations — 1-2-3 of losing — so that comes flowing out," Dawkins said. "After the tears have ceased, we're ready for the next step. This wasn't our Super Bowl. We didn't approach it like it was our Super Bowl and they won't approach the next two weeks as anything but business. "We didn't do what we set out to do yet," Dawkins said. "I have a lot of confidence in our defense." Beating the defending champions, New England Patriots, winners of two of the last three NFL crowns, will take the very best the Eagles have to offer. But they won't bring their full complement offensively. Tight end Chad Lewis, who caught two touch- down passes against Atlanta, is out with a foot injury. And receiver Terrell Owens, their offensive spark plug, is uncertain because of an ankle injury that has kept him sidelined since Game 14.

What they will bring, the players swear, is the right attitude. No way are they going full into the trap of premature satisfaction that hurt past Super Bowl teams such as the 1998 Falcons, 1994 Chargers and 1985 Patriots.

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**College Basketball**

**Illinois No. 1 for eighth consecutive week**

**Associated Press**

ILLINOIS — No. 1 in 1 in the Associated Press college basketball poll for an eighth consecutive week, earning all but one first-place vote. That ballot was cast for the new No. 2 team, Duke.

The Blue Devils (15-0) moved up two spots to second, replacing Kansas (14-1), which dropped to sixth following its 83-62 loss at Villanova on Saturday. The Jayhawks fell below No. 2 for the first time this season.

The Illinois (19-0) received all but one of the 72 first-place votes from the national media panel Monday. The last unanimous No. 1 was Duke.

The Blue Devils have reached No. 1 twice this season, first on Dec. 16. They also were No. 1 on Jan. 11 in 1963. Duke received 1,704 points, behind Illinois and 130 more than North Carolina, which jumped from sixth to third.

The Blue Devils are 3-0 in the Big Ten, 5-0 against ranked teams and 10-0 against Big Ten opponents.

Illinois, which beat Iowa at home in overtime in its only game last week, will play at No. 18 Wisconsin on Tuesday night. The Badgers (14-2) have the nation’s longest home winning streak at 38 games. That is one of six games involving two ranked teams this week.

Syracuse moved from seventh to fourth, one spot in front of Wake Forest, which fell two places following its overtime loss at Florida State.

**In Brief**

**NHL, Players’ Association continue lockout discussions**

NEW YORK — The NHL and the players’ association will resume talks this week in a bid to save the season — and they’ll meet yet again without commissioner Gary Bettman or union head Bob Goodrow.

“The league contacted our office to arrange for continued small-group discussions. We agreed to this request,” players’ association senior director Ted Sakson said Monday.

The sides met twice last week without Bettman and Goodrow. Those meetings, over two days in Chicago and Toronto, were initiated by Resorts World Chicago, center Trevor Linden, the NHLPA president.

Linden, Sakson and outside counsel John McCambridge represented the players. NHL chief legal officer Bill Daly, Calgary Flames part-owner Harley Hutchnson, and outside counsel Bob Batten took part for the league.

The sides had hoped to sit down in secrecy. But word got out Monday that, just like last week, the same representatives from each side will meet in Toronto on Wednesday.

Eagles lose Lewis to injury

PHILADELPHIA — The Philadelphia Eagles’ trailing corps has lost another key member, and whether its star makes it back for the Super Bowl is still uncertain.

 Tight end Chad Lewis, who caught two touchdown passes in Philadelphia’s 27-10 victory over Atlanta in the NFC championship game Sunday, will miss the Super Bowl with a foot injury.

Meanwhile, All-Pro wide receiver Terrell Owens’ status is uncertain. Owens has been sidelined with an ankle injury since Dec. 19. Eagles coach Andy Reid said Monday that Owens has made “great progress,” and will try to run on the ankle this week.

Lewis, a three-time Pro Bowl selection, will have surgery on Wednesday. He was hurt on his second TD grab, a 2-yard catch that sealed the win.

Pacers’ Artest returns to practice court

INDIANAPOLIS — Ron Artest prac- ticed with the Indiana Pacers on Monday for the first time in over two months since he was suspended for fighting with Detroit fans.

Artest did not comment as he left the practice court at Conseco Fieldhouse, but teammates and coach Rick Carlisle said his presence gave the struggling Pacers a much-needed lift.

"Having a guy like Ron in practice helps raise the level of practice in terms of intensity because he’s one of the real warrior-type players we have in this league," Carlisle said.

Commissioner David Stern sus- pended the All-Star for the remain- der of the season after he bolted into the stands at The Palace on Nov. 19 and exchanged punches with Pistons fans, who showered Artest and the rest of the Pacers with debris.

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**Women’s College Basketball**

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**Men’s COLLEGE BASKETBALL**

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Adjenman went 8-2 and freshman Greg Howard compiled a 7-2 record for the Irish epee squad.

"I was nearly surprised by the results," Bednarski said.

Sophomore sabre Matt Sourwine played well for the Irish, defeating All-American Alexander Krull. The Irish held a narrow 11-9 margin before three consecutive wins by Howard, freshman foil Diego Quemeneur and sophomore epeeist Patrick Gietz secured a victory for the squad.

After a close victory over Centre 22-15 over New York University and 24-3 over Stanford, the Irish women struggled against the Lions for the same reason that the men triumphed over them: the epee. Columbia’s All-American oarsman swept the Irish, and the Irish won only one bout out of nine in the epee on their way to losing 16-11. The loss ended a 41-match win streak for the Irish, who couldn’t gain back the ground lost on the epee.

During the match, freshman Olympic Gold Medalist Mari Zagunis lost her first match as a collegian, falling to Olympic teammate Emily Jacobson.

"They knew each other very well," Bednarski said of the Team USA teammates.

Bednarski was very pleased in Zagunis, who won her other 10 matches, for how she performed both with and without her saber in hand.

"Not only greatness makes something useful in a team interaction with friends [and teammates] made her first time with the team so positive," he said. "She was able to keep group together by showing example for others despite being a freshman.

Zagunis certainly performed well in the highlight match of the duals, when the Irish faced the No. 1 Buckeyes, sweeping her three bouts. Senior All-American fencers Alkira Kreza and Andrea Ament had strong showings, each winning their first two bouts against Ohio State and going 11-1 and 12-2 overall, respectively.

The Irish were in a good position going into the end of the match, needing to win only one of the last three bouts to win. However, Melia Thomsen beat Ament and her twin, Hanna, defeated Kreza before Kaetel Bednall beat senior epeeist Kelly Walton in the final bout.

Despite their success in the end, the men were beaten quickly by Ohio State. The Buckeyes got the match-winning 14th point while the Irish had only 3 points before cruising to the final 16-11 victory. The epeeists again were impressive, posting a 1-3 mark including a 6-7 sweep by Adjenman, but the sabers and foils both struggled to 2-7 finishes in the match.

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for nine points on 4-for-8 shooting and pulled down five rebounds in 25 minutes. She improved her rebounding percentage to nine in the gym.

"I needed to get more in the rhythm of the game but wasn’t practicing that much when I was coming back for the games, but once I practiced more, I knew the rhythm of the game and the flow. Once I get out there it’s more natural to me."

LaVere was also Sunday beating the Rutgers posts down the floor consistently. She ran well for a post, not to mention some fresh off the bench and surgery.

"I feel like if I can improve my speed to an advantage with other posts running the floor, I really don’t have any problem running the floor," she said. "Really, it’s more bilateral movement that I’m still trying to get back."

Since her return, LaVere has yet to earn a victory in the starting lineup. However, in her performances and during practice, Bednarski is seeing her first game back.

"It’s really a bilateral movement that I’m still trying to get back," said Courtney LaVere Irish forward.

"Boating, squash teams compete

Club Sports

Bowling, squash teams compete

Special to The Observer

Despite a winter blizzard that forced 16 teams to curtail their trip to South Bend, Beacon Bowl hosted the 8th Blue & Gold Classic this weekend. However, in the match for the top spot, the Buckeyes got the match-diminishing 14th point while the Irish had only 3 points before cruising to the final 16-11 victory. The epeeists again were impressive, posting a 1-3 mark including a 6-7 sweep by Adjenman, but the sabers and foils both struggled to 2-7 finishes in the match.

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the place for me,” McCarthy said. “I’ve pitched last winter, so commitment in the 2005 Irish recruiting class, becoming the total to 14 players. He is the lone cornerback commit so far.

At Cardinal Mooney High School, the 6 foot-1, 190-pound, McCarthy played both quarterback and defensive back. In 1,800 yards of total offense in his senior season, 1,100 rushing and 700 passing, while leading the state championship.

“Being on campus with all the tradition and the people at Notre Dame, I just felt like this was the place for me.”

Kyle McCarthy
Irish commit

Rated 71st nationally at cornerback, McCarthy is not the high-profile recruit that Zbikowski was coming out of high school. He turned down Ohio State to come to Notre Dame in 2002. With Northwestern and Toledo also showing interest, McCarthy is a two-star recruit (out of a possible four) by Scout.com.

McCarthy’s older brother is a current junior at Notre Dame. However, his commitment had nothing to do with family connections.

“I think that if you have my brother, then I do,” McCarthy said. “But for me personally, Notre Dame has just been the best fit.”

Another fac­

tor, McCarthy’s Irish was the decision of coach Charlie Weis. McCarthy said, “I actually am excited to be a part of what he is doing at Notre Dame.”

“Lidge was asked and his friends play baseball for his high school this spring. Then it’s off to the ACC. But he is going to be playing for a coach who has just won his fourth Super Bowl ring.”

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Banquet
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Astronaut Brad Ladge at the Feb. 10 event in the Joyce Center.

“We’re very fortunate to have two of the state’s stellar pitchers, Brad Lidge and Roger Clemens come to Notre Dame and help us claim another title,” Mainieri said.

The dinner will feature classic ballpark foods, such as hot dogs and nachos, to complement games played and player introductions. This banquet’s schedule is set with over 1,700 tickets going in just two weeks. The event sold out in six weeks last year.

At the 2004 dinner, best-sell­
ing author and baseball fan John Gahanna gave a speech to the audience. For the 2005 event, Los Angeles Dodgers manager Tommy Lasorda spoke in 2002 and the Chicago Cubs general manager Jim Hendry did the same a year later.

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Men’s Track

ND stars off season on right foot Saturday

Numerous Irish shine in first home meet of 2005 indoor campaign

By JOHN EVERETT

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The men’ track and field team proved to be a showcase for the many superb athletes on the Fighting Irish squad. Competing against runners

from Michigan State, Western Michigan, Loyola Chicago and Hillsdale College, the Irish showed signs of good things to come.

The meet, a non-scoring event, was highlighted by the performance of senior cyclist Brad Lidge and Roger Clemens, certainly no stranger to the spotlight. Lidge took home first place in the 60-meter dash, the 200-meter dash and the 60-meter hurdles. Clemens and sophomore Timme Lee combined to be a formidable 1-2 punch, as Lee finished right behind Lidge in the 60 and 200-meter dashes.

Several freshmen made impressive contributions in the meet, winning the 800-meters in 1 minute, 54.19 seconds, just

one-hundredth of a second in front of fellow freshman Jake Watson. Other stellar freshman performances included Robert Kary, who won the 400-meter dash in 50.13 and Austin Wendt, who won the first 1,500-meter dash in 4:10.62.

Sophomore Kurt Beningher won the mile in a time of 4:11.21. Afterward he was presented with his performance award that of his teammates.

"It was a good first meet for the distance runners, and a good chance to see where we’re at, also to go to work on a few things race-wise," Beningher said. He was also optimistic for the upcoming season.

"It’s shaping up pretty well," he said. "The Meyo Invitational is in two weeks. Our biggest home meet of the season before the Big East."

Complementing the performance if the Irish on the track were the noteworthy marks set by Notre Dame’s field squad, which contributed four first place finishes to the meet. Chip Roberts won the weight throw at 16.87m, and Chris Stargon cleared 2.01m to take the high jump. Justin Oppel won the pole vault at a height of 4.6cm, and Michael Schubert was the victor of the shot put, with a throw of 14.76m. The Irish will compete at a meet later this season with the Notre Dame Invitational.

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

LaVere sheds brace, finds old form in last two Big East games

By HEATHER VAN HOREGARDEN
Sports Editor

After arthroscopic knee surgery in December, Courtney LaVere is finally getting back to her old form. "I have a lot more confidence," LaVere said after No. 6 Notre Dame's win 63-47 win over Rutgers Sunday evening. "I think it affects me more than I would ever know."

LaVere had to break out of the game to start the season, scoring 13 points and 10 rebounds. Ironically, her first double-double came in the game when she hurt her knee. Nov. 17, against Duke. "I played well at Syracuse, that gives me a lot more energy and playing without the knee brace really helps because I feel like I'm more and more physical," LaVere said.

Sunday against Rutgers, the 6-foot-3 junior was a key contributor off the bench as well. She was good

FENCING

Men top Columbia, women fall to OSU

By ERIC RETTER
Sports Writer

Only one match in the new year, the Irish may already put their toughest regular-season opponent behind them. In a move that may pay big dividends down the road, Notre Dame wasted no time before squaring off against the best in the NCAA, squaring off against a tough field that included Columbia, ranked in the top-five in both the men's and women's polls, and No. 1 Ohio State. In this early season, the Irish, whose men's and women's teams are ranked No. 2 and No. 4 in their respective polls, have already tasted defeat. The men defeated both Columbia and Ohio State en route to a 2-2 overall record, while the women, who are stronger in both the men's and women's polls, have lost to both Columbia and Ohio State.

BASEBALL

Clemens, Lidge will speak at banquet

By JOE HETZLER
Sports Writer

In the middle of the regular season, Roger Clemens and Ryan Lidge were getting ready to have dinner with President Bush and wife, Laura Bush. But before the seven-time Cy Young award winner left to meet the Bush's, he made a phone call. Needless to say, Irish baseball coach Paul Mainieri was a bit surprised when arguably the greatest pitcher of all time asked if he could join his cell phone.

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Irish forward Courtney LaVere fights for a rebound against Duke's Mistle Williams Nov. 17, the game where she was hurt.

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MEN'S TRACK

The Irish opened their home season with strong individual performances from Selim Nurudeen and Tommie Lee.

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FOOTBALL RECRUITING

McCarthy commits to Irish

By MIKE GILLOON
Sports Writer

When he walked around campus, it looked right. When he talked to the coaches, they sounded right. So when Kyle McCarthy decided which school to attend, he felt right about Notre Dame. "Everyone kept saying you would get a good feeling when you found the right place," McCarthy, a defensive back from Youngstown, Ohio said, "Being on campus with all the tradition and the people at Notre Dame, I just felt like this was the place."