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By CLAIRE HEININGER
News Editor

A Saint Mary’s student was allegedly assaulted by a former boyfriend in her 10th Mans Hall room Sunday night, College officials said Monday.

The incident was not a sexual assault, but further details about its nature are being withheld for security and privacy purposes while Saint Mary’s Security investigates.

College spokesman Melanie McDonald said McDonald would not comment.

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Judicial Council hopes to increase turnout

By KAREN LANGLEY
News Writer

To help combat traditional student apathy toward campus government elections, this year election organizers have initiated a Rock-the-Vote campaign-style effort to increase voter turnout.

The Judicial Council, which oversees the elections, will hold primary debates Thursday at 7 p.m. in LaFortune. They will be presented by “meet and greet” with the candidates at 6:30 p.m.

Judicial Council president Erin Anderson.

“We are trying to target the student body with publicity. Students will be invited to get involved in the debates, as they will provide the questions that the candidates will discuss,” said Anderson.

“A lot of these candidates, there will be an ‘O.C.’ watch with refreshments,” Anderson said she hopes these moves will increase interest in student government campaign issues and ultimately motivate students to vote in the upcoming elections.

“If you walk through LaFortune while the debate is taking place, you have to take the opportunity to stop in and inform yourself. We hope that the student body is willing to hold their leaders responsible,” said Anderson.

With the student government presidential primary election less than a week away, several students expressed little interest in the student government elections.

“My interest in the election is to Daniel Kish,” he said.

“Dan was a really energetic, really nice kid, and he was obviously very smart,” said Anderson.

“His death has served as a wake-up call to all of us, and it has brought to the table all of these issues that are really important to students,” Anderson said.

“We are trying to get people to be involved in the election,” she said.

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Cavanaugh Hall assistant rector Kate Leahy, left, discusses candidate platforms with students Valerie Aguilar and Stephanie Zurek.

COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES

Group discusses College Park

Clash between ND students, managers considered

By MARY KATE MALONE
News Writer

After recent problems between College Park management and Notre Dame students living at the off-campus apartment complex, the Council of Representatives met Monday to discuss the issue and possible solutions.

Senior class president Darrell Scott spoke for students whose apartments were damaged during the winter break from broken water pipes at the off-campus apartment complex run by Paramount Management.

The Observer reported Jan. 12 that eight units, housing 22 Notre Dame students, were severely damaged when pipes burst above second-floor units. The Observer then reported Jan. 28 that in the last three months, three residents, who were without a place to live for a week and half after classes resumed in January, decided to pursue a lawsuit against Paramount.

Scott provided representatives with a packet of information describing the situation in greater detail and said he hoped a plan could be implemented to assist students who might face similar problems in the future.

Scott said students who are currently having problems with the management have been able to use their connections with student government and their concerned parents to confront the management directly.

“My fear is that a senior or junior in the future will not have direct access to OIR, or the University Student Union, and their solution designed to install a ‘Flex 10’ option because the side effects could include limited dining hall options.

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The Campus Life Council passed a resolution urging Student Affairs and Food Services to research a “Flex 10” meal plan option and discussed the upcoming Board of Trustees meeting and task force reports at Monday’s meeting.

“This is to get the dialogue between Food Services and Student Affairs going,” Sarah Bites, chair of the Senate residence life committee, said.

Since the resolution has already passed through Senate, the next step in the process, according to Bites, is to send it to Father Mark Poorman, Vice President of Student Affairs. He would ultimately decide on a course of action, and Bites said her committee would try to discuss the plan with Poorman.

J.T. Arsenault, co-chair of the Student Affairs Council, said many hall presidents were concerned about passing a resolution designed to install a “Flex 10” option because the side effects could include limited dining hall options.

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Kish, who received a heart transplant while he was a student at Penn High School in Mishawaka, was on the waiting list for a new heart when he died.

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GROUP PLANS TSUNAMI FUNDRAISER

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Saint Mary’s Board of Governors met Monday to discuss upcoming events to finalize plans for the February fundraiser "It’s a Love that the World Go Round, Show Your Love," which will aid children left orphaned and homeless by the Asian tsunami.

“The month of February is centered around Valentine’s Day, sharing love and celebrating love as a community and with the world," student body president Sarah Catherine White said. “I think [the fundraiser] is a great way to celebrate Valentine’s love and lend our support as a community.”

The fundraiser, which will be sponsored by BOG and led by the Student Government Association, will last the entire month. BOG has set the initial goal of the drive at $1 per student.

“We plan on keeping up with publicity and continuing to report in our students where we are with our goal,” White said.

BOG will set up collection boxes in all dorms, the Angelo Athletic Facility, the dining hall, the bookstore, Bonnycastle, and at all SGA sponsored events throughout the month.

Women’s bears Commissioner Katie Kelly announced that a Saint Mary’s Pride Appreciative Inquiry will be held Feb. 15 from 5 p.m. to 7 in the Stappleton Lounge.

“We hope to get an idea about how we can celebrate who we are as Saint Mary’s women,” Kelly said. “It will really be a great way to celebrate the pride we saw during the Inauguration Week.

Although plans are being finalized, Kelly said the inquiry would be led by a faculty or staff member and students who have experience in leading these types of discussions.

“The main focus is to strengthen our community by realizing our unique gifts and talents at Saint Mary’s,” Kelly said. “From the Identity Forum, we saw a need to continue with forums, but to look at them from different angles, and the inquiry is a new angle we are trying.”

In other BOG news:

• Student Activities Board will host Dance Dance Revolution Wednesday at 8 p.m. in Dullaway’s.

BOG members talk about February tsunami relief efforts at Monday’s meeting.

It’s a lot of fun and you can probably your moves for the all school formal," SAB president Lauren Fabini said.

• Student Diversity Board commission Adrianna Paoite announced SAB would hold a Cultural Taste Fest Feb. 17 and is also working on creating events for Black History Month.

Sophomore class president Claudia Toth said the sophomore board would sponsor an Abroad Welcome Back event Feb. 8. The board will also sell “Kisses for Wishes” this week next week in the dining hall, with proceeds donated to the Make a Wish Foundation.

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ND students provide tax aid to community

Accountancy professor coordinates program to assist low-income South Bend residents

By STEF KERINS
News Writer

Accountancy students from Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s will be participating in Notre Dame’s 34th annual Volunteers in Harrington Gray Tax Assistance Program (ITAP) starting Feb. 7.

According to Ken Milani, accountancy professor and program coordinator, student volunteers will provide assistance with state and local tax returns to individuals in the local community who earned less than $35,000 in the past year.

Students involved are familiar with U.S. tax law and there is no charge for the service, which is supported by funds from the Mendoza College of Business and supplies provided by the Internal Revenue Service and the Indiana Department of Revenue.

ITAP will continue through April 14, but will not operate during spring break and the Easter holiday.

Currently, student volunteers are preparing in open sites and begin their work.

“We’re moving right along in schedule,” student director Zach Wiggins said. “We’re looking care of logisic things right now.”

This year, 11 centers will be open in South Bend, including locations at the Notre Dame Center for Social Concerns and Saint Mary’s Haggerty Hall.

“There’s one new center in the near northwest neighborhood — the River Park, La Salle downtown branches of the St. Joseph Public Library or the St. Joseph Public Library, and certified public accountants will be on hand at those locations. Additionally, individual on-site help is available in the tax return centers. Volunteers will provide a TAP location, according to Wiggins.

Last year, the program’s volunteers filed more than 3,300 tax returns for low-income residents, and organizers expect a similar turnout this year.

“I think the way professor Milani has it set up, it’s pretty consistent year to year,” Wiggins said.

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VIRUSES ADDED TO LIST OF KNOWN, SUSPECTED CANCER CAUSES

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The government is adding a new virus to its list of known or suspected causes of cancer, including hepatitis B and C and a third virus that causes sexually transmitted disease.

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New to the suspected category are substances that form when meat is cooked or grilled at high temperatures. Studies suggest an increase in cancer risk when foods containing them are eaten.

But “does that mean you have to throw out your grills?” the biological program, said adding that the viruses was important. “These are human carcinogens and very important carcinogens,” he said.

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There were no witnesses to the alleged assault, McDonald said, although there could have roommates. There was no indication that alcohol was a fac­
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French also said Jimm Flaherty, Student Union Board director, is looking into adding lighting around the D6 parking lot.
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any resources," Scott said. "Now the last thing you want to be dealing with when living off­
campus is mismanagement."
Istvan suggested the new off­
campus safety committee address the issue and com­
mented Scott for bringing the committee to the public.
"This is for the off-campus safety committee. There is no reason why the student union can’t help — this is a great issue to be discussed in the public arena," Istvan said.
Hall Presidents Council Co­
chair Liz Cain, one of the stu­
dents filling the lawsuit, suggested appealing to the Office of Residential Life for assistance.
However, off-campus repre­
Doyse McGowan noted the focus of ResLife is on-campus­
issues rather than off-campus.
"You want ResLife to stretch into off-campus," McGowan said. "I don’t feel of being off-campus is dealing with these types of things on your own," McGowan said. "It seems like ResLife is completely overwhelmed.
"COR members ultimately agreed to send the issue to the Student senate off-campus safety­
committee.
Additionally, Istvan updated representatives on the Board of Trustees report, the second of three reports student govern­
ment Web site Monday night.
Istvan also noted the need for the student body to stand behind the BOR report.
"We encourage students to wear their green shirts on Thursday because it is impor­tant that the report comes from the student body, not just stu­dent government," he said.
The third Board of Trustees report, to be presented in April, will attempt to offer solutions to the diversity problem described in the second report, Istvan added.
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Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq — An Iraqi interim leader called on his countrymen to set aside their differences Monday, while the U.S. military stationed in Iraq formally ended the first phase of count of ballots from the weekend election that many Iraqis hope willusher in a new era of peace and stability.

From the counts by individual stations, local centers will prepare tally sheets and send them to Baghdad, where vote totals will be compiled, election Commission official Adel al-Lami said. Final results could take up to 10 days.

With turnout in the vote still unknown, concern was focused on participation by Iraq's Sunni Arab minority, amid fears that the group that drives the insurgency could grow ever more alienated. Electoral commission officials said turnout in hardline Sunni areas was better than some experts expected, though they cited no numbers. A U.S. diplo-
matic warned that Sunni par-
ticipation appeared "considerably lower" than that of others.

Meanwhile, guerrillas claimed to have shot down a British military C-130 Hercules transport plane that crashed north of Baghdad just after polls closed Sunday. Al-Jazeera aired insurgent videos showing a missile being fired and flaming wreckage purported to be that of the plane. No missile impact was shown, and the footage's authenticity could not be confirmed.

All 10 military personnel on the flight were missing and presumed dead, with the war being Britain's heaviest single loss of life in the war, the British defense Ministry said Monday.

"We are entering a new era of our history and all Iraqis — whether they voted or not — should stand side by side to build their future," he promised to work to ensure that "the voice of all Iraqis is present in the coming government." In new violence, three U.S. Marines were killed in fighting south of Baghdad on Monday, after two Marines were killed on election day. At least 44 people were killed in vio-
lence Sunday, when there were nine suicide attacks, most near polling sites in Baghdad.

The country was already focusing on goals almost as challenging as the election itself: forming a new gov-
erning coalition once the vote is known, then writing a constitution and winning trust.

The main Shiite clerical-backed faction in the race was already claiming a strong showing in the elec-
tion. Officials of the United Iraqi Alliance said they expected to win at least 45 percent — and maybe even a slim outright majority — of seats in the 275-member National Assembly. Local officials of the parties with-
in the alliance said the list swept some southern cities, winning 90 percent of the votes in Najaf and 80 per-
cent in Basra.

The claims could not be confirmed, and the Alliance had been expected to run strong in the Shi'ite heart-
land. Going into the vote, the list headed by Allawi was also considered a main contender.

It was a powerful show-
for the Alliance, endorsed by Shi'ite Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani.

Rule judges in favor of detainees

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Bush adminis-
tration must let foreign terror sus-
pects challenge their confinement in U.S. military courts, a federal judge said Monday in a ruling that found unconstitutional the held in the military's system set up by the Pentagon.

U.S. District Judge Joyce Hens Green also raised concerns about whether detainees have been tor-
tured, a key legal investigation judges, she said, should make sure people are not detained indefinitely based on coerced and unreliable information.

Foreigners from about 40 different countries have been held at the U.S. Naval base in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, some for more than three years — without being charged with any crimes. They were mainly swept up in the U.S.-led war in Afghanistan. The government contends the pris-
ers are dangerous "enemy combat-
ants" who, because they are foreign-
er, are not entitled to the same consti-
tutional protections as Americans.

Judges are trying to sort out detainee rights following a landmark Supreme Court ruling last summer that federal courts are open to appeal of behalf of the foreigners.

Green's ruling conflicts with a deci-
dent about two weeks ago by another federal judge in the same court who considered a similar lawsuit brought by a different group of detainees. Judge Richard Leon found that while the Supreme Court gave detainees access to courts, it did not provide them the legal basis to try to win their Freedom.

Viet Dinh, a Georgetown Law School professor who worked on ter-
rism issues as an assistant to Attorney General John Ashcroft, said because the two decisions are "are so stark, it's more likely than the Supreme Court will have to weigh in,

that would mean many more months of legal wrangling, including hearings at an appeals court.

An Iraqi election officer checks ballot boxes at a counting center in Amman, Jordan on Monday. Sunday was the country's first free election in a half-century.
Organization fires founder, wife

Harassment allegations plague Foundation for Humanity's president

Associated Press

ATLANTA, Ga. — Habitat for Humanity International said Monday it had fired a former president after months of dispute over allegations of his inappropriate conduct toward a female staffer.

In a statement, the board’s executive committee said it found insufficient evidence to substantiate the sexual harassment allegations stemming from a 2003 business trip, but that it could not continue to work with the board over the past several months to resolve differences in a spirit of respectful confidentiality.

Fuller has been accused of impropriety before. In 1990, several women who had worked for him in the wake of a then-board of directors investigation accused him of sexual harassment. Former female employees said his behavior was the result of growing up in rural Georgia, where people are more physically demonstrative.

So they decided they would take to fire not only me, but my wife," he said.

Millard Fuller, founder, president

Habitat for Humanity

Fuller was fired on Monday after months of dispute about his conduct toward a female staffer.

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Consigned by the voters to another season of political bickering, it’s easier to lay down markers for President Bush and congressional Republicans on Iraq, Social Security and more at the same time they try to absorb the lessons of last fall’s elections.

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SBC acquires AT&T in merger

Deal pressures Verizon and BellSouth to keep pace by purchasing MCI Corp.

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The purchase of AT&T Corp. by SBC Communications Inc. saves "Ma Bell" from a nosedive into irrelevance as it veers into the 21st century. The deal, in the industry it created more than a century ago. It also gives SBC the name and the network to fulfill its goal of being viewed by a truly national player rather than just a local telephone company.

The $16 billion marriage of long-time rivals, which may take until mid-2006, to clear intense regulatory scrutiny, would add long distance and business services to the list of markets where SBC builds a dominant role. It is the first and second largest U.S. provider of local calling, wireless and Internet services.

The deal announced Monday also spurs immediate speculation as to whether two other largely regional powers, Verizon Communications Inc. and BellSouth Corp., will need to keep pace by purchasing MCI Corp. for its national network infrastructure and roster of corporate clients.

While both SBC and Verizon are by far larger than bankrupt Baby Bell AT&T on many fronts, the business customers served by AT&T and MCI include far more major corporations with national communication needs. Many of those customers are by nature hard for switch providers for a life­line as vital as communications, making it hard for the Bells to lure away AT&T's clients.

For that reason, SBC­ made what the globally recognized AT&T brand name would not disappear as a result of the deal.

The companies declined, however, to say whether the AT&T name might be used for specific services or possibly even replace SBC, which formerly stood for Southwestern Bell.

Communications and therefore carries some non-national connections which San Antonio-based SBC has strived to leave in the past.

"We obviously need a few days to figure all this out because this deal came together kind of quick," said Edward E. Whitacre Jr., SBC's chairman and chief executive, said in a conference call.

"But," he stressed, "it's a great name. It's not going away.

While it's doubtful the valuable AT&T brand would ever have been abandoned, AT&T's company has been rapidly decaying as a viable busi­ness for five years, bat­tered by multiple financial traumas.

First came an overpriced binge of acquisitions in the cable TV industry designed to give AT&T its own direct wire into the homes of consumers for the first time since it was forced to spin off its local phone lines in 1984, creating Southwestern Bell and six other "Baby Bells."

Then came the collapse of the technology bubble and its briefly insatiable demand for telecommuni­cations services; criticism over its inability to match the fraudulent numbers being reported by WorldCom (now MCI); and regulatory changes that will end AT&T's ability to lease local Bell lines at low government-set rates.

AT&T's revenues have been on a steady slide, from nearly $50 billion in 1999 to $30.5 billion in 2004. Its residential cus­tomer base has fallen from a peak of 60 Million to about 24 million at the end of last year. In their quar­terly update two weeks ago, AT&T executives declined to suggest either trend might end any time soon.

The agreement calls for each share of AT&T to be purchased for SBC stock worth $18.52 at Monday's price, plus a cash payment of $1.30, for a total value of $19.82 per share.

That represents little premium over AT&T's share price, which rose sharply last week.

Gain in stocks credited to election

David W. Dorman, AT&T chairman and chief executive, reacts to a call in his office on Monday, SBC Communications Inc. has acquired AT&T Corp. for $16 billion.

In Brief

Lee Enterprises buys Pulitzer Inc.

ST. LOUIS — Lee Enterprises Inc. is buying Pulitzer Inc. — publisher of the St. Louis Post­Dispatch founded by famed newspaperman Joseph Pulitzer — in a $1.46 billion deal that Lee says would give it the nation's fourth biggest roster of daily newspapers.

Lee and Pulitzer said the deal, unanimously approved by both boards, would mesh two newspapers serving similar readers with similar cultures and values, beginning with their long past. Lee is 114 years old and Pulitzer dates to 1878, when Joseph Pulitzer merged the St. Louis Dispatch and the Post. Lee currently has 44 daily newspapers in 19 states.

"Today begins a new chapter in the long and storied history of Pulitzer," declared Robert Woodworth, Pulitzer's president and chief executive.

MetLife makes Citigroup purchase

NEW YORK — The insurance giant MetLife Inc. is buying Travelers Life & Annuity Co. for at least $11.5 billion from Citigroup Inc., the nation's largest financial institution.

The two companies, both based in New York, said in a statement that the deal will make MetLife "the largest individual life insurer in North America, based on sales."

In addition to buying Travelers Life, MetLife also announced that it would acquire a significant share of the nation's largest individual retirement and insurance business, the companies said.

The deal already has been approved by both companies' boards and is expected to close by the fall of this year, the statement said. It said the price is subject to closing adjustments.

MetLife shares fell 19 cents to close at $39.75 in Monday trading on the New York Stock Exchange. Citigroup shares rose 67 cents to close at $49.05 on the Big Board.

Citigroup had retained Travelers Life & Annuity in 2002 when it spun off Travelers Property Casualty Corp. in a $5 billion initial public offering. Travelers Property merged with St. Paul Cos. Inc. in 2003 to create The St. Paul Travelers Cos., based in St. Paul, Minn.

The flurry of new deals, meanwhile, showed corporate America's confidence in the economy, which further cheered Wall Street. Among the deals announced Monday, MetLife said it would purchase Citigroup Inc.'s Travelers Life & Annuity division for $11.5 billion.

"Not a bad Monday to wake up," said Jay Suskind, head trader at Ryan Beck & Co. "We've had a lot of positive catalysts here, and I think people are seeing that January has been very oversold, so we're moving forward, and the market is now focused back on growth and earnings."

The Dow Jones industrial average closed up 62.74, or 0.6 percent, to 10,489.94.

Broader stock indicators rose sub­stantially. The Standard & Poor's 500 index was up 9.91, or 0.83 percent, at 1,181.27, and the Nasdaq composite index gained 26.58, or 1.31 percent, at 2,062.41.

Monday's move higher was actually less than many analysts had expected, given the success in Iraq and the wave of merger deals. But a handful of issues remain for Wall Street in the week ahead, including the Federal Reserve's decision on the nation's benchmark interest rate, due Wednesday, and Friday's job creation report from the Labor Department. By the end of the week, investors are likely to have a very clear picture of the economy and can invest with more confidence.
As I walk through the parking lot on the way to DeBartolo or drive the streets of South Bend, I can’t help but notice the array of bumper stickers. Rather than the spiritual emptiness, “Kerry-Edwards,” to the collegiate, “University of Notre Dame Fighting Irish,” this rainbow of messages boldly declares anything from political/social/shady political party to the fact you brake for animals.

Besides providing me with reading material at red lights (highly important), what purpose do bumper sticker serves? Do other drivers really need to know that “President of a Whitefish Bay Middle School Honor Student” is navigating your equivalent main road?

Has anyone actually changed their vote after looking at a bumper sticker? Well, I don’t know about you, but once I saw that snazzy Bush-Cheney ‘04 logo on the back of a Ford Explorer on Juniper, I was convinced “W” was the man. There was something about the font.

The sheer number of bumper stickers on the streets of America reflects the needs of a culture that demands instant gratification. Their one-liners fit our hurried lifestyle, distilling complex arguments to a five-second read. They also provide me with justification when I find myself cursing at other vehicles. “Of course you’d cut me off... libertarian driver!”

Such easy labeling defies the complexity of who we are, Sure, the contact information at the bottom of this column may say I support the Democratic party. But unequivocally? Absolutely not.

So why do we feel the need to define ourselves in such a limited fashion? In a world catered by the Value Meal, what choice is there? OC is an intellectual experience, these labels provide enough definition so others generally know our alignment without forcing any of us to be able to work through our actual philosophies.

How incredibly different would America be if its citizens did not define themselves as Republicans or Democrats but had to puzzle out the best possible solution to each national idea, such as health care or education?

(Cue a cappella version of John Lennon’s “Imagine.”) If politicians were forced to address an audience of well-informed constituents imagine how different their campaigns might be, rather than their characteristic overarchingly promises, perhaps they would seriously discuss the crises and the best ways in which to manage for the future.

Politics in America needs a reality check, and this wake-up call can only come from her electorate. Running for public office should be able to offer a specific and feasible plan of action for each of their campaign ideas.

Also, they should not feel compelled to toe the proverbial party line on each and every issue.

Of course I’m not advocating the abolishment of political parties, but I do believe it is often all too easy to choose one side of the spectrum and blindly follow their positions. Neither am I trying to denounce bumper stickers, although there are only so many times the phrase “As Long As There Are Trees We Will Be Frayer in Public Schools” will strike me as new and innovative.

Once.

Katie Boyle
For What It’s Worth

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QUOTE OF THE DAY
“"The artist is nothing without the gift, but the gift is nothing without the work.””

Emile Zola
author
LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Definitely worthy of a storming

In the inside column of Monday’s paper, Matt Lozar offered his opinion of Notre Dame’s win over the University of Connecticut — more specifically, his opinion of the court-rushing that followed. It was apparent by his statement, “I became disillusioned to be a Notre Dame student” that he might not have liked it.

Lozar’s take on the situation was that field or court-rushing should be saved for a win that “defined the season,” which is the examples of our last two home football meetings with Michigan and the previous upsets of Pittsburgh and Connecticut in basketball.

In his estimation, this win did not fit into that category.

I am not here to attack Lozar personally or his opinion. He presents one idea on court-rushing; I just wanted to present another. There are plenty of people who should have been made big enough to warrant a celebration as a few hundred students stormed the court. Some people think this win may be the boost of confidence our team needed after two letdowns on the road and with a daunting stretch of games against the Big East’s best teams right in front of us.

At this point in our season, beating Connecticut was an “unbelievable win” for the program. We struggled from 3-point range but our big men played their best collective game of the year, doing so against one of the best frontcourts in the conference.

In fact, this may indeed be a win that “defines our season.”

Lozar supports his case by pointing out the team members did not wait around for the students after the game. The JACC has a policy of letting the opposing team clear the court before letting the students on, delaying the rushing. Even after that delay, Tom Franci was still around long enough to be happily mobbed by some appreciative fans.

This event has little bearing in the big picture. However, if the show of energy and support from the students contributes in any small way to winning a game, then I say we rush the court more, not less. And that includes Boston College.

I understand the nearly unanimous attitude on campus toward that particular institution, and I fully agree with it — my hatred for Boston College started on the same day as my love for Notre Dame, on that infamous November day in 1993. But let us not pretend that going undefeated thus far in one of college basketball’s toughest conferences is an easy task. When their season’s momentum and their ego’s take a hit next week, let’s all be right there to comfort them … or say whatever else might come to mind.

Brian Tracy
Kocos Hall
Jan. 31

U-WIRE

Save a plant, eat a cow

I’ve done most things in reverse of normal. Either out of a generic predisposition or spite. I was a fundamentalist turned agnostic and wasted most of my youth on vegetarianism, discipline and exercise.

I was an undercover vegetarian myself, so I feel like I know these people intimately. I ate tofu and beans upons with the rest of them. I was a falafel-eating fool, cried, I felt superior in doing it.

No, I was just plain rude, but I have improved.

I look back and realize that inviting a vegetarian to a potluck party is like going to a time-share presentation just to kill time.

The questions are unrelenting.

“Does that have any meat in it?” “Has that pan had any meat in it?” “Is your home haunted by the spirits of decapitated chickens?”

“I don’t know. I could get it back from you if the next time you’re, like, on this planet?”

At this point we ought to discuss exactly what “meat” is. Sounds elementary I know. Although Webster’s dictionary states meat is “the flesh of animals used as food,” there is quite a bit of disagreement among the eating public.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture routinely talks about food groups such as meat, fish and poultry. Since things that swim and have wings are animals, they are then also meat. So the USDA’s listing is not only redundant, but repetitive and superfluous.

There are people out there who call themselves vegetarians because they don’t eat red meat. So maybe if you could teach cows to swim or pigs to hang glide it would be OK to eat them?

Then there are the vegetarians who don’t eat the animal, but they do eat the animal products such as milk, eggs and cheese. They obviously have some romanticized notion that these happy, hard-working farm animals are somehow living more rewarding lives producing these products after which they then retire with a pension to a farm somewhere in Vermont.

I know what all you veg-bruds are thinking.

“That’s why your writing is so angry and bitter. Man, you’re so, ingesting all the bad vibes from animals and all these dead animals you know? If you just became a vegetarian again, you’d mellow out.”

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The hard truth, however, is that stress can do harmful things to bodies if health isn’t a No. 1 priority.

More often than not, people deviate from their normal eating habits when they’re stressed. You may be eating everything in sight while filling out those applications or are so busy setting priorities and thinking about how you want to present yourself, falling into a stressful pitfall, bringing unwanted weight gain.

If you know you are going to be extremely busy all day and may not have time to eat lunch, eat a big breakfast. I know this sounds cliche, but breakfast gets your metabolism going and gives you the energy you need to conquer the massive to-do list, not to mention that it prevents you from snacking in between meals or eating way too much for dinner.

If you absolutely have to have a snack, prepare some things ahead of time such as sugar-free jello, carrot and celery sticks, pickles or sugar-free popcorns.

I understand how working out can become quite a challenge. You may have a schedule that makes it nearly impossible to go work out during the day, and by the time you can get to the gym everyone else has decided to go at the same time. What I have found to help this situation is to go jog or walk whenever you get a chance.

If you are sitting at the house and about to get started on some accounting homework, get on the floor and do a few sets of crunches. You may not feel like you are getting much done, but if this is all you can squeeze in for the time being, it can’t hurt.

Give school a few more weeks to settle down, and you may find you have an hour here and there to plan on going to the gym regularly.

Until then, do the best you can to keep your health in check and when tempted to grab fast-food or order a late-night pizza to give in to stress, think about how you want to present yourself in your upcoming job interviews. You want to feel as confident as you can and most people would agree that sheding a few pounds can definitely do the trick.

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Your new “stress mode” eating plan probably doesn’t correlate with however many pounds you planned on dropping as soon as you got back to school and hit up the gym. Going through this myself, I had to sit back and figure out some ways to prevent myself from falling into a stressful pitfall, bringing unwanted weight gain.

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Until then, do the best you can to keep your health in check and when tempted to grab fast-food or order a late-night pizza to give in to stress, think about how you want to present yourself in your upcoming job interviews. You want to feel as confident as you can and most people would agree that shedding a few pounds can definitely do the trick.

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The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
Carrey's wacky antics drive 'Unfortunate Events'

**By RYAN ROGERS**

There is something uniquely delightful about Lemony Snicket's A Series of Unfortunate Events, and the book-to-film adaptation of "Lemony Snicket's A Series of Unfortunate Events" delivers exactly that. The series of unfortunate events begins with the three wealthy Baudelaire children, Violet (Emily Browning), Klaus (Liam Aiken) and Sunny (Anna and Shelby Hoffman), who are orphaned after their parents die in a mysterious fire. In turn the children are forced to live with the villainous Count Olaf (Jim Carrey).

The greedy count then attempts to kill the children in order to inherit their fortune, but the Baudelaires are a clever bunch. Violet is a brilliant inventor while Klaus, as an avid reader, knows just about everything. From here Olaf and the Baudelaires match wits across fantastical settings alongside odd characters. Everything about this film is imaginative. The costumes, the sets and the predicaments the Baudelaires find themselves in are truly innovative. In fact, the very method of story-telling is refreshing. The film is based on three books in the literary series, and the viewer gets a real sense of that as the film's format is three familiar and linear yet distinct episodes. No matter how it is all presided over by Lemony Snicket (voiced by Jude Law himself), although he is perpetually silhouetted.

The big-budget actor of this film is obviously Carrey. His performance is strong as the very nature of "Lemony Snicket's A Series of Unfortunate Events" allows Carrey to show his ability and range. Count Olaf is an actor who takes on many different personas during the course of the film. The role is so diverse it leaves one wondering how much of a necessity it was to cast Carrey. While Carrey ultimately is very entertaining, there are occasions where Carrey goes a bit too far, and the viewers are left rolling their eyes.

The style of "Lemony Snicket's A Series of Unfortunate Events" is wondrous. The film looks and feels dark in an original sort of way yet it is still family friendly. This is a very fine and difficult line to walk because it is a children's film, but there is a lot of death and malevolence. This provides for a very interesting and endearing experience. However this darkness against family-friendly notion ends up causing a few problems for the film. The tone of the film is very difficult to place, and there are more than a few moments that seem tremendously out of place. For example Sunny, the youngest Baudelaire, speaks in a series of baby-goof-goof and gaa-gaa which are subtitled into cringe-inducing one-liners. The subtitles are so out of place that you get the impression the filmmakers were a little scared to make the film totally dark. This is also evident with all of the implied violence in the film. No one dies onscreen yet the story requires a lot of dying. This is not necessarily a problem, but it leaves one wondering how committed to darkness this film really is. "Lemony Snicket's A Series of Unfortunate Events" suffers from a mild identity crisis. In a time where most believe you cannot tell an original story, "Lemony Snicket's A Series of Unfortunate Events," even with its flaws, feels original.

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**DVD REVIEW**

Updated 'Troy' epic fails to conquer on DVD

**By MARK BEMENDERFER**

When Hollywood decides to remake a classic film, it inevitably runs the risk of offending long-time fans. In some instances, the literature has been around for thousands of years, passed through the generations. Hollywood then picks these tales up and tries to sell the story on its recognition and established fan base. While the resulting epics aren’t usually terrible, they still tend to stray far enough from the principal literature to farm.

Such is the case with the movie "Troy," directed by Wolfgang Petersen. Considered purely as a stand-alone film, disregarding its source as one of Homer’s epic poems, it has all the makings of a terrific summer blockbuster. The cast is full of A-List stars, including Brad Pitt, Eric Bana, Orlando Bloom and Brian Cox, among others. It is action-packed with two great ancient kingdoms fighting, and oddly enough the film itself is quite enjoyable, despite the wooden acting from some of the stars.

It’s too bad the story isn’t the same tale originally envisioned by Homer. When one sets the film and the epic poem side by side, the liberties taken in "Troy" become pretty obvious. Certain characters were changed, while others were outright cut from the film story. Key characters to the tale are gone completely, such as the Queen of Troy. Her exclusion wouldn’t bother the average moviegoer, but for fans of Homer’s tales, the omission is noticeable.

The acting in this epic varies from great to atrocious. For being one of the central characters, Bloom’s performance seems unoriginal and leaves a little to be desired. He played a role too similar to the character he played in "Pirates of the Caribbean," so people know what to expect. Pitt doesn’t show much range in his role either, although his performance is towards the middle of the spectrum. Diane Kruger’s performance as Helen was also lacking and mediocre at best.

The best characters within the movie are the two leaders of the warring factions, the Greeks and the Trojans. King Agamemnon (Cox) and his eyes, King Hector (Peter O’Toole) are two of the most interesting characters within the movie. O’Toole displays a decent performance as the king of Troy while Brian Cox turns in another decent role as a slimy villain. Bana also did a commendable job as Hector, the tragic hero.

Unfortunately, the "DVD extras" are not much to write about. There is a wide gamut of locales within the movie, both in daytime and during night settings. Each of these locales are well represented within the movie and shine due to the superior video quality. It’s pretty much everything you would expect from a summer blockbuster DVD.

Unfortunately, that standard of quality does not hold true for the DVD extras. The extras are on the light side, to put it nicely. The most immediate, and surprising omission would be a director or cast commentary track. There are three special features though, basically consisting of making-of documentaries. The odd-ball of the trio would be the "Gallery of the Gods," which showcases the Greek gods absent from the film itself. "Troy" is by no means a bad movie, certainly not one that deserved critic Roger Ebert’s Worst Movie of 2004 award. The film was made as a modern version of the Troy legend, true to the heritage while updating it for the times. However, there is still no excuse for the poor acting on the part of such well-paid stars. And as a DVD, the paltry extras hardly make the movie any more enticing.

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DVD Review

Extended ‘Rings’ DVD fit for a ‘King’

By JONATHAN RETARTHA

After four Golden Globes, two Grammy awards and a clean sweep of 11 Academy Awards, it would be easy to think everything about Jackson’s ‘Lord of the Rings’ was Britan. But to say about director Peter Jackson’s operational finale, “The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King,” is a massive miss.

Peter Jackson, apparently, disagrees.

Following in the tradition of Jackson’s first two films, “The Fellowship of the Ring” and “The Two Towers,” is a massively extended edition that adds close to a full hour of extra footage, pushing the total running time well over four hours. As with the other extended editions, Jackson interweaves the added scenes into an entirely new cut of the film, complete with additional musical scoring by Academy Award winner Howard Shore. The extended cut, while extremely long for those who are not die-hard fans of the film, serves as an incredibly rich presentation that will be cherished by both fans of cinema and fans of J.R.R. Tolkien’s source material.

While the extended editions of the first two films served primarily to incorporate scenes that purists of the novel would appreciate, Jackson’s extended cut of “King” thoroughly addresses almost all of the major criticisms of the theatrical cut released in December 2003. One of the biggest concerns among fans and critics was the apparent lack of action by Saruman (Christopher Lee), a lead villain for the trilogy, from the third film.

Fans know well in advance of the theatrical release that Jackson shot several scenes with Lee additional in the third film. Lee knows well in advance of the theatrical release that Jackson shot several scenes with Lee additional in the third film. Lee has returned to reprise his role for the extended cut, and it is a welcome reedit because it details the demise of Saruman (though slightly different from the novel).

Another major criticism of the theatrical release was the underdevelopment of Denethor (John Noble), the steward of Gondor. While the motivation for his apparent madness is a bit cloudy in the theatrical cut, Jackson has used the extended cuts of both “The Two Towers” and “The Return of the King” to properly flesh out Denethor’s character. The new scenes detail the backstory of Denethor’s lineage and the drastic decline of the kingdom of Gondor through the centuries.

The extended cut also adds significant depth to the characters of Aragorn (Viggo Mortensen) and Faramir (Stuart Townsend). Additional scenes offer insight into the motivations of the characters as well as into their eventual relationship.

The Return of the King
Widescreen Edition
New Line

Aragorn (Viggo Mortensen) accepts his lineage and the accompanying responsibility as the King of Gondor in “The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King.”

The most significant addition to the extended cut, however, is the appearance of the Mouth of Sauron (Bruce Spence), the enemy’s emissary who greets the armies of Rohan and Gondor near the film’s finale. The appearance of this character entirely alters the emotional setup and payoff of the scene. In the theatrical cut, the armies charge into Mordor in order to divert the enemy away from Frodo (Elijah Wood) and Sam (Sean Astin) as they make their way up Mount Doom to destroy the Ring.

The appearance of the Mouth of Sauron at the gate, however, introduces the twist that Frodo is dead, when in actuality he is not. Therefore, Aragorn’s (Viggo Mortensen) climactic line, “for Frodo”, takes on a completely different context in the extended cut. Instead of fighting for Frodo to have a chance to destroy the ring, they are fighting in memory of Frodo, and the scene becomes filled with a sense of despair and utter hopelessness as the armies charge towards what they believe is now certain death.

Never before in the brief history of "extra footage" DVDIs has the addition of a scene so drastically altered the tone and emotion of a scene than at the climax of “The Return of the King.”

The biggest complaint across the board of “The Return of the King” was undoubtedly its litany of successive endings. Just when the screen fades to black and the film appears to be over, another scene begins that lengthens the finale. Jackson has always resistently stood by his ending, professing that such a finish is needed for the sheer weight of characters and plot lines involved in such a trilogy.

Therefore, he does not touch the ending of the film in this extended edition, neither shortening it nor lengthening it, which should please film purists.

This decision will probably delight fans of the films who have no problem with the ending, but will continue to galvanize the legions of book purists. Many continued to hold out hope to the bitter end of seeing at least a small portion of “The Scouring of the Shire,” the series of final chapters that details the hobbits’ return to Hobbiton, only to find it overrun by orcs.

Such scenes, according to Jackson, were never filmed in their entirety and will never be seen in any further DVD releases. Jackson insists there is even more footage that should be added to the separate “extra” section of the eventual 25th anniversary release.

As with the other extended edition DVDIs, the presentation of King is unparalleled. The digital transfer is stunning, especially on high definition televisions. The clarity of the picture and the rich, colorful visuals give the experience just as good, if not better, than the theater experience.

Such perfection also serves as a testament to the special effects, which continue to be flawless, even when shot in such a strikingly clear format. The character of Gollum (Andy Serkis) truly is a benchmark in visual effects, and deserves to be placed with the T-1000 character of “Terminator 2” and the “Jurassic Park” dinosaurs as a landmark that will continue to amaze and convince audiences decades into the future.

The two discs of extra features included with the extended edition serve as landmarks in their own right, continuing the rich cut of the first two extended edition DVDIs. They also provide some of the most comprehensive look at the process of filmmaking ever created. Disc 1 contains hours of video and hundreds of stills detailing the pre-production aspect of the film. Some video features, such as “J.R.R. Tolkien: The Legacy of Middle Earth” and “From Book to Script,” are continuations of features in the previous two extended DVDIs. When combined, these documentaries are long enough to produce feature length documentaries of themselves!

This leads with the shooting of the film, and the insanity that ensued as the deadline quickly approached for the final cut in time for the release. The fans are very entertaining and exciting, it makes one wonder what the fans have been like if they had two years in between to perfect them instead of just one.

“The Return of the King” extended edition carries on the standard of high quality from the two previous DVDIs in the trilogy. The hours of extra footage truly show the amount of love and effort put into these films by everyone involved. The DVD serves as a fitting tribute to the filmmakers, as well as the fans. So many people have developed a love for cinema and literature from these films.

It is appropriate for such historic films to be documented and honored in these extended edition DVDIs. They will ensure that generations from now, viewers of all ages can watch them and be able to reflect on these masterpieces.

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Hawks end losing streak; Rockets hold off late Boston run

Iverson returns, leads Sixers over Pacers 89-88

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NBA

PHILADELPHIA — Allen Iverson did something surprising — he nailed a potential winning shot when he knows the ball is going off the rim.

Korver made a go-ahead jumper with 8.1 seconds left, and Iverson returned from a three-game absence to score 27 in the Sixers’ 95-92 victory over the Boston Celtics.

"You see a guy in his second year who’s able to hit a big shot like that, it says a lot about him as a player," Ivey said. "I think it says a lot about his confidence and the confidence the coaching staff and we have in him.

Korver hit five 3-pointers and scored 17 points, while O’Neal had 20 points and 10 rebounds for the Pacers, who lost their fifth straight game.

The Sixers are 1-0 since losing home court to the Pacers.

Iverson scored a career-high 24 points against the Hawks on Nov. 26, and the Atlanta franchise had three consecutive wins against the Hawks in a long losing streak.

Iverson scored 15 points in the fourth quarter to lead the Los Angeles Clippers to a 100-97 victory over the Houston Rockets. Iverson finished with 16 points and 11 rebounds.

Jarron Collins scored 17 points and 10 assists for the Spurs, who have the NBA’s best record at 37-10.

The Hawks played without All-Star guard and top scorer Josh Smith and other key players, including Iverson.

Tony Parker had 15 points and 10 assists for the Spurs, who have the NBA’s best record at 37-10.

They were also without coach Nate McMillan. He was not expected to return from a knee injury.

The Hawks also were without guard Mike Bibby, who was out with an ankle injury.

Korver made a go-ahead jumper in overtime.

With Boston focused on stopping Iverson, the Hawks were able to make shots from outside.

In overtime, Boston scored 76-76 with 3:20 to play. Tony Delk led the Hawks to a 76-74 lead with 2:54 left.

The Hawks played without Allen, who is eighth in the NBA in scoring at 24 points per game, the Sonics are 58-23.

Without Allen, who scored 27 points in an 89-88 Sixers victory.

The Hawks have lost their last three games in the Pacific time zone since beating the Lakers on Feb. 16, 2003 — thanks to Houston’s career-high 53 points.

The Clips improved to 6-1 without Corey Maggette, who was sidelined for the second game of the season because of the flu.

The Clipper’s improved to 2-1 on the road in the last 10 days.

The Knicks have lost 13 of 15 and six straight on the road since a 119-111 win over Orlando on Dec. 27. They are 1-4 since Lenny Wilkins resigned as coach on Jan. 22 and was replaced by Herb Williams.

New York has dropped all six games against the Clipper. Since the building opened in 1999, before that, the Knicks won each of their previous five road games against them.

New York has lost its last 13 games in the Pacific time zone, since beating the Lakers on Feb. 16, 2003 — thanks to Houston’s career-high 53 points.

The Clips, who never led in an 11-16 loss at Madison Square Garden on Nov. 12, didn’t take their first lead in this one until Marko Jaric’s 3-pointer put them ahead 58-57 with 7:34 left in the third quarter.

Neither team led by more than three over the next 13 1/2 minutes before the Clippers pulled ahead 87-81 with 3:56 to play. Jaric converted his midcourt steal against Martin into a breakaway layup, and Kaman followed another Knicks turnover with a dunk, then added a free-throw.
And Still We RISE...
Reflecting on MLK Day

As CONCERNED STUDENTS of this Notre Dame student body having recently reflected on the life and legacy of DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., we would like to offer the following thoughts, suggestions and questions to our wider campus community:

- On the topic of RACISM AND INTEGRATION, we call for the promotion of a wider community of acceptance and encourage cross-cultural dialogue and greater celebration of cultural difference.
- On the issue of STEREOTYPES AND RACIAL PROFILING, while recognizing the tendency to stereotype, we call for an end to acting on these prejudices and encourage that the dignity of all people be assumed and respected. In the words of one MLK event participant, “What do you see when you look at me?”
- Regarding FAITH AND THE PUBLIC SQUARE, we appeal for the responsible use of our faith traditions, that they may inspire us to more critically ponder the issues at hand rather than limit our discussion.
- Concerning ECONOMIC JUSTICE, we call for equality of opportunity and assert the right of workers to receive fair and more equal compensation. Why are some peoples’ lives worth more than others’?
- With reference to our own community, WHO IS THE “WE” IN THE NOTRE DAME NARRATIVE? How are people of all different races, classes, viewpoints and life experiences being represented here?

And finally,

WE ENCOURAGE ALL INDIVIDUALS OF THE NOTRE DAME COMMUNITY:

to think critically about how their actions may be contributing to deeper divisions and iniquities in our world and on our campus

and

to exercise their power and responsibility to create a community of peace and respect by confronting unjust structures and practices.

Sincerely,

The MLK Planning Committee (Elizabeth Adams, Colleen Case, Aislinn Doyle, Justin Gray, Melissa Hentges, Michael Paffenberger, Kamaria Porter, William David Williams, Chandra Johnson, Iris Outlaw, Priscilla Wong), with contributions from the wider student body during the MLK dinner on January 16th and the open town hall meeting on January 17th.

“...I submit to you that if a man has not discovered something he will die for, he is not fit to live.

Martin Luther King, Jr.
Philadelphia receiver Terrell Owens makes a catch during the team's first practice Monday in Jacksonville, Fla. Owens has not played since ankle surgery in December.

**NFL**

Associated Press

**JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — T.O. is almost a go.**

Terrell Owens, the Philadelphia Eagles' All-Pro receiver, practiced Monday for the first time since injuring his ankle last month, moving closer toward returning for the Super Bowl.

"I won't say anything outside of 'He looks great. He looks great. He looks great,'" Eagles safety Michael Lewis said.

Owens took part in less than one-third of the team's 30 plays, getting a pass each time he ran a route. Just last week, Dr. Mark Myerson, the surgeon who operated on Owens' right ankle in December, said he would not clear him to suit up against the New England Patriots on Sunday.

"We limited what he did, but he did it well, and he did it with the team," Eagles coach Andy Reid said. "He moved around pretty well. I'll have to see how he does before we decide whether he'll play."

Owens hasn't played since he severely sprained his ankle and broke his leg in a game against Dallas on Dec. 19. He's expected to be on the field when the Eagles resume practice on Wednesday.

In his first season with the Eagles after eight years in San Francisco, Owens led Philadelphia with 77 catches for 1,200 yards and 14 TDs.

"It's always a lift when you can get anyone out there, an added weapon," quarterback Donovan McNabb said. "He did make some big plays for us.

**IN BRIEF**

Spadea, Mello advance in Millennium International

**BETHAYNE Beach, Fla. — Top-seeded Vincent Spadea defeated Hugo Armando 6-2, 6-3 Monday night to advance to the second round of the Millennium International Tennis Championships.**

Also advancing was defending champion Ricardo Mello, fifth-seeded Mello defeated Tomas Zib 7-6 (4), 6-3.

The 21st-ranked Spadea eliminated the unseeded Armando in an hour. In their only other meeting, Spadea needed three sets to defeat Armando in the quarterfinals of the 2004 ITF. Spadea went on to lose to Brazilian Ricardo Mello in the final.

"I had a little bit better game plan," said Spadea, who has one ATP victory.

"I stayed back a little bit on my return. He gets a lot of first serves in. I was able to control some points off his serve. I executed pretty well."

**Owners and players make no progress in NFL lockout**

**NEW YORK — The NFL and the players' association are now disputing whether they have anything to talk about.**

The sides have had just limited contact by phone since Thursday, when the league presented more salary-cap concepts in an effort to reach a new collective bargaining agreement.

But even that talking stopped Monday, leaving even less optimism that the hockey season could be saved.

Bill Daly, the NHL's chief legal officer, expected to hear from the players' association on Monday, but that call never came.

"I'm somewhat surprised that I haven't heard from the players' association today," Daly told The Canadian Press on Monday.

"We broke up on Thursday and both agreed to keep the lines of communication open."

Hoosiers hire former QB coach Lynch

**BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — Bill Lynch is returning to Indiana as an assistant head football coach, the school said.**

Lynch had been the Hoosiers' quarterbacks coach in 1993-94 and won 8-2 last season as the head coach at Delaware. He also was the head coach at Ball State from 1992-2002 and Butler from 1985-90, the school said.

Lynch, who has coached for 25 years, also will be the offensive coordinator/right ends coach for the Hoosiers. Lynch, a 1977 Butler graduate, joins his son, Billy, who is the wide receivers coach for Indiana and his hiring completes coach Terry Hoeppner's staff.

"First of all, I am so happy to join Coach Hoeppner's staff," Lynch said in a news release. "We have a great relationship. He's a great football coach and runs a quality program."

Hoeppner was enthused about the addition.

**around the dial**

**Men's NCAA BASKETBALL**

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Florida at Mississippi State 8 p.m., ESPN2

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NFL
League aims to avoid 'wardrobe malfunction'

Associated Press

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Oh, what the NFL would have given for a marching band. Instead, it got what will forever be known as a "wardrobe malfunction," an ever-so-slight shot of Janet Jackson's bare breast — barely discernible at first, but easy to see after the replays had been slowed down, digitized and dissected a hundred times over.

In a flash, Janet's halftime debauchery last year lost all the watercolor conversation about the Super Bowl — and to an extent about the bigger issues of morals and decency — and made the powers in the NFL realize they had failed in their never-ending quest to micro-manage things down to the millicent.

"Disappointment and embarrassment" was how NFL spokesman Brian McCarthy described the scene and its bombastic aftermath. "An unprecedented event and an unprecedented reaction," said Charles Coplan, the man who put in charge of making sure nothing like that happens at the Super Bowl.

Jackson, who declined interview requests for this story, will be in Jacksonville this week, attending a fund-raising party the night before the big game. Clearly, she will be persona non-grata at any NFL-sponsored event.

But her impact on the Super Bowl will never be forgotten — not in this day and age of instant news, instant analysis, instant overkill. Her breast, after all, was much more than a broad, and we're not just talking about the silver sunburst nipple shield that was revealed when Justin Timberlake tore open her black leather top — accidentally, he said.

The Federal Communications Commission got involved. The debate over decency standards on TV — long considered a dying issue by all but the most vigilant — re-emerged. Radio personality Howard Stern, tried of having the FCC breathing down his neck, moved the censor-free Sirius radio satellite network to the same company that, ironically, broadcast each NFL game across the nation each week.

"All these people were acting as though Western Civilization had taken a major hit," said Ron Thompson, television expert for the University of Notre Dame.

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Volleyball upsets Ball State

Special to The Observer

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MLB
Bonds to miss early spring training games

Giants slugger had arthroscopic knee surgery Monday

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Barry Bonds is expected to miss much of spring training following arthroscopic surgery Monday on his left knee, the San Francisco Giants slugger showed up at a news conference to time to resume his chase of Hank Aaron's home run record in April.

The seven-time NL MVP had a "minister arthritis cleanup," the Giants said in a statement. Dr. Arthur Ting also reported a small tear in Bonds' meniscus.

Giants trainer Stan Conte expects Bonds to return for at least the final two weeks of spring training, and the 40-year-old would be back to full strength before opening day.

"It's not a situation where I'm concerned," Conte said. "It doesn't take him long to get going. It's good for him not to wear himself out during spring training, which he does sometimes.

Bonds often tires of the day-to-day grind of spring training, both mentally and physically, and his rehabilitation might even provide a respite. Bonds, who had a similar surgery on his left knee in 2001, will rejoin rehab Tuesday.

He will report to Scottsdale, Ariz., along with the Giants' pitchers and catchers on Feb. 17, but will concentrate on his six-week rehab program until mid-March.

"The fact is that Bonds' knees have responded well to similar arthroscopic surgery in the past, and that Bonds has a "very youthful body for his age," Conte said. "You never know when age is going to be an issue, but his surgery was not extensive."

Bonds' knee showed signs of arthritis during a similar operation in 1999, but this surgery was not as troublesome as the Giants feared. Bonds first complained of arthritis in his right knee last week.

Bonds finished last season 42 home runs short of breaking Aaron's record of 755, trailing only Aaron (755) and Babe Ruth (714) in the race to the title. Bonds hit .362 to win his second NL batting title in three seasons.
New England Patriots safety Rodney Harrison meets with reporters Sunday. Harrison was asked to respond to comments made by Philadelphia Eagles wide receiver Freddie Mitchell.

**Eagles talk, Patriots respond**

Associated Press

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Even without the pads on, New England safety Rodney Harrison delivered quite a blow. Asked whether he will say anything to Eagles wide receiver Freddie Mitchell, who dismissed the Patriots’ secondary last week, Harrison took his shot.

"What would I say?" he said. "It's Freddie Mitchell."

And with that, Super Bowl week was on.

The Eagles and Patriots, two teams with very little history or animosity between them, opened America’s big football celebration with a nice bit of trash talking Sunday at the first of the dozen or so news conferences that will take place during the week.

This was Harrison’s first chance on the Super Bowl stage to respond to Mitchell. Last week, the Eagles receiver said he couldn’t name any of the Patriots defensive backs except for Harrison, about whom he said, "I’ve got something for him."

Harrison, who has spent much of his 11-year career playing the us-against-the-world card to anyone who would listen, found his perfect foil in Mitchell, who let political correctness take a back seat and greased the wheels for this Super Feud.

"You’re always going to find one jerk out of the bunch. Just like Vanderjerk. Mike Vanderjerk," Harrison said, referring to Colts kicker Mike Vanderjagt, who earlier in the postseason suggested the Patriots were ripe for a loss.

"You’re always going to find one guy like that who wants some attention and wants to do something to try and stir up the emotions of the game."

Not surprisingly, Mitchell was unavailable at the Eagles’ media opportunity Sunday. Also not surprisingly, coach Andy Reid tried to sidestep the inevitable questions about how he reacted when he heard what Mitchell said.

"That’s between Freddie and I," Reid said.

**NCAA Women’s Basketball**

**LSU takes No. 1 spot in poll after Duke loss**

Associated Press

Duke stumbled and LSU and Ohio State were there to take advantage. LSU replaced Duke at No. 1 and Ohio State rose to second on Monday to reach the highest ranking in school history in The Associated Press women's basketball poll.

It’s the second time at the top for LSU, which was No. 1 for six weeks earlier this season. The Lady Tigers (19-1) beat Auburn 57-52 in their only game last week and received 43 of 45 first-place votes from a national media panel.

Ohio State (21-2) received one first-place vote and so did Duke (20-2), which slipped to third after a 56-51 loss at North Carolina. That victory, plus two others during the week, lifted North Carolina from 12th to ninth. LSU, the nation’s only Division I team with just one loss, had 1,123 points in the voting, while Ohio State had 1,052 and Duke 1,008.

Coach Pokey Chatman’s reaction to returning to No. 1 was similar to how she felt the first time her team got there: It’s nice, but there’s no time to celebrate.

"It’s one of those things that will always be more exciting for the fans and the community than it will be for the kids and the coaching staff," Chatman said. "It’s not a matter of downplaying it. It’s nice to know our program has gotten to the point where it’s recognized as a top program."

"But when the dust settles, it doesn’t factor in to how we’re preparing for the Mississippi State game," Harrison said, referring to next weekend’s game at North Carolina. "I think it’s probably there for discussion, for fans to discuss. But as far as the practical, day-to-day, where are you with the team, it just doesn’t come into play.

Road victories over Wisconsin and Illinois last week extended Ohio State’s winning streak to 10. Duke lost to North Carolina last Monday, then bounced back to beat two other Top 25 teams, Maryland and North Carolina State. This was the third change at No. 1 this season. Tennessee led the first three polls before losing to LSU, which lost its No. 1 ranking the first time after losing at Rutgers.

**Kansas overcomes double-digit second half deficit at home**

Associated Press

**NCAA Men's Basketball**

**Simien leads Jayhawks over Missouri 73-61**

Quin Snyder, who got the job six years ago over Bill Self and Kansas coach Hill. Self went on to win a national championship game in 1993, but lost to Kansas when his team got there: It’s nice, but there’s no time to celebrate.

"Not surprising," Mitchell was unavailable at the Eagles’ media opportunity Sunday. Also not surprisingly, coach Andy Reid tried to sidestep the inevitable questions about how he reacted when he heard what Mitchell said.

"That’s between Freddie and I," Reid said.
Associated Press --

Illinois was No. 1 in the Associated Press' college basketball poll for the ninth straight week Monday, and for the first time the Illini were an unanimous choice. An impressive win at Wisconsin and a home victory over Minnesota kept the Illini (21-0) unbeaten. Unlike last week when they received all but one first-place vote from the national media panel, the Illini were No. 1 on all 72 ballots.

They are the first unanimous No. 1 since Duke did it for nine pulls in a 10-week span in 2001-02. The Illini's nine-week run at No. 1 is the longest since Connecticut was there for 10 weeks in 1998-99.

Boston College (18-0), the only other unbeaten team in Division I, jumped from eighth to No. 5, the highest ranking in school history.

Maryland and Villanova moved into the rankings Monday. Maryland had been out of the Top 25 for three weeks, while Villanova was in for the first time since 1996-97.

Duke, which received the one No. 1 vote that Illinois didn't last week, fell from the ranks of the unbeaten.

Boston College, which stayed unbeaten with wins over Providence and Georgetown last week, was ranked sixth.

Eagles receiver Freddie Mitchell puts a pair of gloves on during the team's first practice on Monday in Jacksonville, Fla.

NCAI) MEN'S BASKETBALL

Illinois remains at No. 1

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The trade that would send Sammy Sosa from Chicago to Baltimore took a step forward Monday when the players' association approved a key change to his contract that his agent is required to complete the deal.

Chicago would receive Jerry Hairston Jr. and a pair of minor leaguers, including pitcher Dave Crouthers, in exchange for Sosa and $12 million. The trade is likely to be finalized Thursday or Friday.

Sosa's contract currently contains a provision that calls for the team's $18 million option for 2006 to be guaranteed if he is traded and for a $19 million team option for 2007 to be added, one that would carry a $4.5 million buyout. As part of the trade, Sosa will sign an addendum to his contract voiding that provision.

Commissioner Bud Selig also must approve the trade because more than $1 million will change hands in the swap, which the teams put in motion Friday. The teams started the process of submitting documents outlining the trade to the commissioner's office, but all the necessary paperwork had not been sent in as of Monday night.

To replace some of Sosa's power, the Cubs were in negotiations with free-agent outfielder Jeromy Burnitz.

Baltimore would pay out $5 million of Sosa's $17 million salary this year, with the Cubs paying $12 million. The Orioles would assume responsibility for the 2006 option, which Baltimore would be able to buy out for $4.5 million.

In addition, Chicago would get $6.5 million over three years, and the Orioles agreed to send that money plus an additional $23.5 million over three years to Atlanta, which received the pitcher.

The money in the Sosa trade tops the two other big deals Selig approved this winter. The Yankees are paying Arizona $9 million in the trade that brought Randy Johnson to New York and Los Angeles is paying $10 million in the deal that sent Shawn Green to the Diamondbacks.

Sosa hit .273 last year, his lowest average since 1997, and had 35 homers and 88 RBIs in 152 games. His 574 homers rank seventh on the career list.

While Cubs fans supported him after he used a corked bat in 2003, he was booed last year when he hit a backhand shot, 350 feet in the air, over the fence during the final regular-season game last October after the Cubs had blown a wild-card lead over the final week, and criticized manager Dusty Baker.

MLB

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Sammy Sosa hits a home run during a 2002 game. Sosa could be sent from Chicago to Baltimore in a proposed trade.
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