Duerson resigns from Board of Trustees

Former ND football captain is charged with assaulting wife

By CLAIRE HEININGER
News Editor

Former Notre Dame football captain and two-time All-American Dave Duerson was charged Monday with assaulting his wife early Thursday morning at The Morris Inn, the St. Joseph County Prosecutor's Office said in a statement. Duerson, a trustee since 2001, voluntarily resigned his post Friday and is also expected to resign as president of the Monogram Club, a two-year appointment.

Students see profs as liberal

By MICHAEL BUSK
News Writer

Editor’s Note: This is the second in a three-part series exploring the role of partisan politics in classes at Notre Dame.

With the prevailing trend in academia leaning to the left, as many students and professors noted, Notre Dame’s always Catholic and often conservative tone can sometimes lead to tension within departments and even between professors and their students.

Last semester, philosophy professor Kenneth Sayre taught a class called Environmental Philosophy. Subjects discussed included Western consumerism, global warming, Alaskan oil-drilling and other controversial subjects. Sayre said although he generally keeps his political views to himself, he occasionally tuyênessed his liberal views in class.

"It's good not to let your own views enter into the discussion, if you can have any control over it," said Sayre. "I began the course with the point of view of keeping my own political views completely in the background. As time went on, that became less of an impossibility."

Sayre said that since many of his students who took the class were already concerned with the current state of the environment, many had more progressive political views. Nonetheless, he maintained that the classroom discussion never descended to the level of ser.
INSIDE COLUMN

Proud legacy child

When sitting down to think of what I could possibly write about for my Inside column (yes, ideas for these are harder to come up with than you may think), I was brought back to last week’s “town-
in” column and thought, what about the legacy of my parents?

Yes, I’m one of “them.”

Twenty-six years ago, my mom, a jock BP helped to lives for March Madness, and dad, a ROTC accountancy student, who
swears the dorm was different when he was here (no buns run back then, or at least let’s hope not) met via a mutual friend. My Notre Dame Law School class of 1988
and my parents moved back to South Bend to live during the school year, so that my dad could join the Notre Dame Law School class of 1988 and become a double darner (guess four years here just wasn’t enough for him).

However, the ND tradition didn’t just start with my parents. I have a picture of my mom’s parents standing in front of the dorm before a formal when my grandmother was a junior here. My mom’s sister, Tricia, is one of the names lining the wall of the JACC. (To this day, my mom swears that she had been a couple of inches taller she could have been a quarterback for the Irish too.)

Some people might hear my story and think that the only reason I’m here is because I’m a legacy. That may in part be true, but is equal to 4 billion pennies.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

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CORRECTION

An article in the Feb. 7 issue of The Observer said that the $40 million donated to the University by John Jordan translated into nine trillion pennies. That amount is equal to 4 billion pennies. The Observer regrets the error.

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE SUPER BOWL COMMERCIAL AND WHY?

Rob Lindley, freshman Kegough

Elizabeth Clifton, sophomore University Village

Esther Probst, junior Le Mans

Jason Perkins, graduate student off-campus

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“The one with M.C. Hammer. Those pants can do so much for you.”

“Ced, the Entertainer’s designated driver didn’t because it brings back fond memories.”

“Emerald nuts — all the pictures will die if you eat them.”

“Cedric, The Entertainer’s fantasy commercial because Ced is hilarious.”

“The local one with the guy running to Menard’s.”

“I liked the one where the pilot just jumped out of the plane because it is something I would do.”

IN BRIEF

The Notre Dame men’s basketball team takes on Boston College today at 7 p.m. in the Joyce Center Arena.

Four: 7 is sponsoring a showing of “The Passion of the Christ” in honor of Ash Wednesday at 9 p.m. in the Coleman Morse lounge.

Notre Dame will present its second annual Queer Film Festival beginning Wednesday and continuing through Saturday. The event takes place all day in the DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts and is sponsored by the department of film, television and theatre.

The class of 2008 is holding “Speed Dating” Thursday from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. at Legends.

Actors from the London Stage will stage a performance of “Othello” Friday and Saturday nights at 7:30 p.m. in the DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts. The event is sponsored by the department of film, television and theatre.

Chicago Samba, a Midwest-based music ensemble that performs authentic Brazilian music, will perform at the Palais Royale Friday from 8 p.m. until midnight. The event is free and open to the public.

It is sponsored by the Kellogg Institute, International Student Services and Activities, International Study Programs, La Alianza and WVPE 88.1 FM.

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

OFFBEAT

Mich, boy drives mother’s car into video store

SAND LAKE, Mich. — A boy drove his mother’s car to a video store in the middle of the night, police said — and he’s all of 4 years old.

Even though he was unable to reach the accelerator, the boy managed to put the car in gear and the idling engine provided enough power to take him slowly to the store, a quarter-mile from his home, about 1:30 a.m. Friday, Police Chief Doug Heugel said. Finding the store closed, the young­

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sorin sophomore Christopher Tracy votes in the student government elections Monday at La Fortune.

eder had taken off after he said he didn’t get what he ordered.

That’s when Osga discovered the boy inside.

Man fined for throwing breakfast sandwich

HOLLAND, Mich. — A man was fined $600 and put on probation for throwing an Egg McMuffin at a McDonald’s restaurant man­

ager after he said he didn’t get what he ordered.

Scott Rodgers, 46, was convicted Thursday of misdemeanor assault and battery. Besides prohibition, he was sentenced to three days in a work program and a fine and is banned from the McDonald’s.

Authorities said Rodgers and his 6-year-old son stopped to get four Egg McMuffins with ham on Oct. 9 but returned to the service window to complain that at least one of the sandwiches had sausage.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.
Tsunami campaign evaluated

By KELLY BALE
New Writer

Members of the Saint Mary’s Board of Governance (BOG) met Monday to discuss the results of the first week of its “Love Makes the World Go Round, Show Your Love” tsunami relief campaign. After the first week of campaigning, which consisted of a night of going door to door in dorms and leaving donation bags at several locations on campus, BOG collected $324,68 out of their goal of $1,341.

"This is a big project but I think it’s worth our time," said BOG executive treasurer Molly Wolyn. "All of us should be advocates for this campaign.

BOG focused its discussion on creating more success throughout the rest of the campaign, which lasts until the end of the month.

"I think it needs to be talked up a little more," Student University Board president Adriana Paez said.

Members discussed changing the type of collection tool from decorated bags, to a see through bowl so that donations would be more visible to students.

After deciding that donation bags alone were not bringing in the amounts that were hoped for, student body president Sarah Catherine White, along with other BOG members, brainstormed ideas for attracting further involvement from the student body. White said that one of the reasons the campaign was designed to last the whole month was so that if necessary, adjustments could be made.

"Any plan has to be reevaluated," student body vice-president Mary Pauliine-Munro said.

B OG decided to have more events set up for the rest of the campaign. It discussed putting tables in front of the Haggard Student Center and inside Mauelsev in hopes of attracting off-campus students. Members also suggested contacting resident assistants and setting up an event in the dining hall during lunch hours and creating an advertisement on the Saint Mary’s Web site.

"We’ve stepping up the publicity," Moran said.

B OG also approved two co-sponsorships through the Student Academic Council. The Galgo Republicans were allocated $100 dollars per student who attends the Conservative Political Action Conference in Washington D.C. from Feb. 17-19, with the stipulation that the group gives a presentation to the student body upon return.

The Social Work Department requested $1,250 for a group of 16 students, one faculty member and three community leaders to attend the National Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect in Boston from Apr. 18-23. The group will be putting together a formal presentation for the Center for Women’s Intercultural Leadership and the student body.

In other B OG news:

• B OG approved the founding of the Irish Club, which is a new club that hopes to bring aspects of the Irish culture to Saint Mary’s.
• SHG will hold a cultural taste feast on Feb. 17.

The Student Activities Board will sponsor a fundraiser tonight at Hacienda. Approximately 20 percent of each bill will be given to SAB to help fund upcoming spring events. Tokens can be picked up at the Student Activities office or from any SAB member.

• Freshman Class Board will be granted $1,250 for a week in the dining hall.
• Freshman bowling will be held Feb. 13 from 8 to 10 pm. The cost is $3 to bowl and tickets can be picked up at the front desk in Haggard.

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Council assesses fund for concerts or speakers

By MARY KATE MALONE
New Writer

In the midst of student body president and vice president elections, the Council of Representatives met briefly Monday to discuss the progress being made on the possible endowment fund for concerts or speakers at the University.

COR recently formed a committee to address the likelihood and logistics of creating such an endowment, which Council members predicted would be valued between $1 million and $5 million.

Though details are still being debated, COR considered contributing $100,000 from Student Government’s carry-over fund, which has accumulated an excess of money over the past few years. Dave Baron, chief executive assistant and a member of the newly-created committee, updated representatives about their presentation to the Board of Trustees. The report, which is the second of three presentations for the year, focused on issues of diversity on campus.

"The Board really liked it. They said that it was a problem when they were here in 1996," Bell said. "They said it was in the top tier of reports they had ever received because a lot of the time it’s just people asking for money.

Baron noted that meetings will be scheduled with the Office of Student Affairs, the Investment Office and the Student Activities Office in the next few weeks. Jimmy Flaherty, the Student Union Board manager and a committee member, told representatives that he hoped this fund could be modeled after other well-known endowments at the University.

"We are going to gather as much information as we can. We need to learn how they are started up and managed," Flaherty said. "We need to find a model."

In other COR news:

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"We met to discuss the concert endowment and whether it would go to concerts, speakers or both. We decided we need to talk to people to see which is the most feasible," Baron said.

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February 9, 2005
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Presenter
James Sullivan
Department of Economics and Econometrics

Commentator
Michael Kirsch
The Law School
Charat: France still uneasy ally

By MEGAN O'NEIL, Assistant News Editor

Sylvain Charat, a former history professor at the University of Paris-Sorbonne and assistant to former Finance Minister Alain Madelin, downplayed the strained relationship between the United States and France during a lecture at Saint Mary's yesterday.

Charat asserted that French-American relations are currently tense, but that the distrust born out of the 2003 invasion of Iraq is slight in comparison with past moments of crisis, including during the French Revolution, World War II and in the 1860's when France attempted to establish its power in Mexico.

According to Charat, French-American relations reached one of its worst periods during the 1960's when President Charles de Gaulle sought to build a strong independent France and European Union by seeking to obtain nuclear arms.

"This agenda was extremely worrying for the United States," said Charat. "In the 1960s the relations were not good at all, even if I would say, than right now.

Charat called the current uneasiness between the two countries "typical of the relations of the United States and France" since the birth of the French Fifth Republic in 1958.

"You have to know that France was not against an armed intervention in Iraq initially," said Charat.

According to Charat, French president Jacques Chirac, agreed to support the United States in Iraq under U.N. resolution 14, which granted the right to use force in certain circumstances.

From a business perspective, support for the American-led invasion would have been a wise decision, said Charat. French entrepreneurs and bankers would have had an easier time doing business in a world where France is controlled by other states.

However, the French president reversed his decision in January 2003, leaving the French public confused and the Bush administration splintered.

"We had a sense in Paris that a promise was made and not fulfilled," said Charat. "The question is why the French change their minds because it was very fast and it was rather unexpected.

The change in the French position of the invasion is very complex," Charat said, and stems from both internal and international sources.

Charat cited the first reason as changing demographics in France and Europe as a whole. "In France there is around five million Muslims," said Charat. "That's a huge power in a way.

The big problem is that the French society fails to integrate them into French society."

With a growing Muslim population, it would have been domestically unpopular to support the invasion of Iraq, said Charat. Such a stance would have alienated a demographic that already fails to identify with French culture. Further, those votes will be important to Chirac in the next presidential election.

Opposing the United States gave France an opportunity to act as a leader in the European community, Charat said. "France is a leading force in the European Union and wants a strong European Union in a multi-power world," said Charat. "Chirac doesn't want a world where France is controlled by other states.

The anti-war stance also reflected differences in political ideology. According to Charat, Chirac does not believe democracy will work for all nation states. Attempting to bring democracy to a place such as Iraq, therefore, would be a mistake.

The effects of two World Wars fought on French soil have colored its approach to international conflict, said Charat. "The Europeans prefer negotiating to going to war," Charat said. "It may be because of our history.

Charat said he was confident that French-American relations will improve in the future.

We have now to set up new relations. It is extremely hard, the Iraqi crisis helped show us that.

The United States will have to improve its relationship not just with the estranged French government, but also with the European Union.

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ment with the outcome, but remained upbeat about the situation. "I guess this proves that student government is not a popularity contest," Powers said. He said that the election could be described in three words: "Dewey defeats Truman."

To this statement, White added one word: "Recount.

He later exclaimed that the pair did better than Ross Perot.

When asked about his plans for the future, Powers said, "I'm thinking of making myself available for more SYFs."

My e-mail address is on your campaign Web site. I really like wildflower," and I have pastel shirts to match every occasion.

Mark Healy and Bob Costa said that their experience had been very positive. "I'm thankful to and appreciate of everyone who supported our campaign," Costa said.

Healy, who plans to continue

"It was always our goal to beat 'abstain.'"

Will Marra former presidential candidate

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The Observer • CAMPUS NEWS

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Any full time undergraduate or graduate student at Notre Dame, Saint Mary's or Holy Cross is encouraged to apply.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Bush seeks peace in Middle East

WASHINGTON — President Bush faced the political dilemma of running for re-election in a presidential election season that aired an ad attacking his Social Security reform while the Democratic front-runner, former Massachusetts Gov. Bill Clinton, has vowed to vote for a bill that would expand Social Security benefits.

Mayor faces gay marriage dilemma

The administration plunged back into the peace-making business on Monday, on the eve of a House vote that could make gay marriage legal in the nation's capital.

Detainees speak of abuse at camp

Washington — Nearly a dozen detainees at the Guantanamo Bay prison camp contended they were wrongly imprisoned after being repatriated to the United States.

LOCAL NEWS

TV station responds to complaints

The major networks were not pleased with a new system for scheduling programs that is designed to attract younger viewers.

IRAQ

Kurdish ticket advances in election

Associated Press

Baghdad — A Kurdish ticket pulled into second place ahead of U.S.-backed Prime Minister Ayad Allawi's candidates in Iraq's national election after votes were released Monday from the Kurdish self-governing region of the north. Insurgents struck Iraq's security forces with suicide bombings and mortar fire, killing more than 30 people.

Kurdish, estimated at 20 percent of the population, gave most of their votes to a joint ticket made up of the two major Kurdish parties, which the United States hopes can assume a greater role once a newly elected government takes office. The bombings and kidnappings have shattered a brief détente in violence since the Jan. 30 elections, the first nationwide balloting since the fall of Saddam Hussein in April 2003.

CARDINAL ANGELO SODANO

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Associated Press

HOME — From inmates in prisons to diplomats from one of the few countries that hasn't sent well messages and gifts have been pouring in for Pope John Paul II, who the Vatican said Monday will stay hospital for the long-term as a precaution.

Papal spokesman Joaquin Navarro-Valls told reporters that the pope could end up getting better a week after his emergency admission to the Gemelli Polyclinic with breathing problems that developed with the flu, but that "his doctors have advised him to stay a few more days."

Navarro-Valls refused to be pinned down on a discharge date for the 84-year-old pope, who is also weakened by Parkinson's disease. "Doctors have suggested several more days," he said.

The next medical bulletin from the Vatican is sched­uled for Thursday.

The good wishes started pouring in last week, Wednesday, when pilgrims from John Paul II's native Poland brought red and white flowers in the colors of their country.

Hard to miss was a nearby 6-foot-high arrangement of red, yellow and white, the official colors of the Vatican, sent last week by the 84-year-old pope's family.

Libya is one of the few nations that the pope hasn't toured in his papal globe-trotting, which has taken him to 124 of 194 countries. Libya is the only African nation that has neither toured in his papal globe-trotting, which has taken him to 124 of 194 countries.

Hospital staff quickly di­patched a truck to fly over the crowd and arrangements to Rome's Paul VI, the pope's country, who decorated the hospital in the colors of the Vatican.

The tributes were testi­mony to the special regard many in the world hold for the pope, among both Catholics and non­Catholics, as well as to the widespread concern for his health.

With the new health cri­sis, the pope is again stimulating talk about whether the frail pontiff should or would retire, the Holy See's No. 2 official, Cardinal Angelo Sodano, took the unusual step of responding to a reporter's question Monday about whether the pope had thought about resigning.

"Let's leave this hypothe­sis up to the pope's con­science," said Sodano. "He is Italian who was Vatican Secretary of State.

"If there is a man who loves the church more than anybody else, who is guided by the Holy Spirit, if there is a man who has a marvelous wisdom, that's him. We must have great faith in the pope. He knows what to do," Sodano added.

Only a few minutes eari­er, Sodano had expressed a wish that John Paul — now in his 27th year as pontiff — would surpass Pius IX's 32 years in office as the longest papacy.

But while he rooted for the pope to continue, Sodano's addressing of a lung-tuberculosis subject could indicate there is a debate within the Vatican over whether the pope might step down.

"Pope may resign but cannot be forced to do so," the official said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Shortly after John Paul was taken to the hospital, The Associated Press that the pontiff's aides decided on urgent hospitalization because he was having a breathing "crisis."
Politics
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monitoring.
But by the end of the course, according to the observers, there were a couple of students who became agitated about the leftist orientation of the course, he said.
"And I was stand where that was coming from." Although many science students felt their professors were liberal worldviews, they also generally say their professors' opinions did not hinder class participation or lessen the class' intellectual rigor.
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"I will think this generation has got this Republican move- liberal movement rhetoric, but that's very new," said Tillery. "University is about freedom because the orthodoxy is not quite strictly enforced on certain issues.
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"We are appreciative of his past service to the University and we are grateful for his many contributions in which he finds himself clearly make this the proper course of action. Our prayers are with Mrs. Duerson, Dave and the entire family." It remains to be seen whether there will be any changes to the university's awards and titles at the University, Sturm said. In 2001, Dave Duerson received the Notre Dame Alumni Association's Lumen Award, which has also served as a leading member of the athletic department's mentoring program, according to und.com, Notre Dame's official athletics Web site.
Dave Duerson is also presi- dent, CEO and founder of Duerson Foods, LLC, and he and his wife are both on the company's Board of Directors. Duerson Foods, LLC did not release any comments seeking comment Monday.
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Engineers unveil new PC chip
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**IN BRIEF**

**GM to spend $98 million**

**INDIANAPOLIS**— General Motors Corp. plans to spend $98 million over the next three years in upgrade equipment at its Indianapolis Metal Center.

The company announced Monday it would install the new equipment for future product programs at the 1.7 million-square-foot plant. The equipment will include a new progressive press to stamp automotive components for GM vehicles and weld assembly systems to unit stamped components, the company said.

"By upgrading aging equipment with a new progressive press and weld assembly systems, we will improve the plant’s flexibility and be able to offer more diverse components more efficiently," said Jim De Luca, manufacturing manager for GM North American Manufacturing Operations.

The new equipment will retain jobs in the plant, which opened in 1930, manager Max Miller said.

In the last two years GM has invested $72 million at the plant for several weld assembly cells and tools for product programs. Coupled with the new spending, GM has targeted almost $171 million for the Indianapolis Metal Center since December 2002.

**WellPoint reports lower profit**

**INDIANAPOLIS**— WellPoint Inc. said Monday its fourth-quarter profit dropped nearly 12 percent primarily due to expenses related to debt retirement and the merger that created the nation’s largest health insurance company.

For the three months ending Dec. 31, profit fell to $185 million, or 92 cents a share, compared with $208.8 million, or $1.47 a share, a year ago. Revenue rose to $6.7 billion from $4.2 billion a year ago.

It was the company’s first earnings report since its $16.5 billion merger with Anthem Inc. and WellPoint Health Networks Inc. The quarter included just one month of combined results since the Nov. 20 merger. Year-ago figures were based on Anthem’s 2003 results.

Wall Street was not impressed, however. In late morning trading Monday, Wellpoint shares fell $3.82, or 3.1 percent, to $121.07 on the New York Stock Exchange. The stock has traded in a 52-week range of 72.20 to 124.95.

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**SAN FRANCISCO**— Setting up a battle for the future of computing, engineers from IBM, Sony and Toshiba unveiled details Monday of a microprocessor they claim has the muscle of a supercomputer and the power everywhere from game video consoles to business computers.

Devices built with the processor, engineers say, will compete directly with the PC chips that have powered most of the world’s personal computers for a quarter century.

Cell’s designers say their chip, built from the start with the burgeoning world of rich media and broadband networks in mind, can deliver 10 times the performance of today’s PC processors. And it also will not carry the same technical baggage that has made most of today’s computers compatible with older PCs.

That architectural divergence will challenge the current dominant paradigm of computing that Microsoft Corp. and Intel Corp. have fostered.

The new chip is expected to be used in Sony Corp.’s next-generation PlayStation game console in 2006. Toshiba Corp. plans to incorporate it into high-end televisions that year as well. And IBM Corp. has targeted a workstation with the chip starting this year.

Beyond that, companies are remaining tight-lipped where it might be used and whether it will be compatible with older technology.

Supercomputer claims are nothing new in the high-tech industry, and over the years computer companies have steadily improved microprocessors’ performance even without altering chips’ underlying architecture.

And while its competitors may well match the Cell chip in performance by the time it debuts, it differs considerably from today’s processors in constitution.

Cell is comprised of several computing engines, or cores. A core based on IBM’s Power architecture controls eight “synergistic” processing centers. In all, they can simultaneously carry out 10 instruction sequences, compared with two for today’s Intel chips.

The new microprocessor also is expected to be able to run multiple operating systems and programs at the same time while ensuring each has enough resources.

In the home, that could allow for a device that’s capable of handling a video game, television and general-purpose computer at once.

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ND’s Hatch in need of economic experience

Wake Forest has previously led the post-industrial revival for the city of Winston-

Associated Press

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. — Wake Forest University economics professor Mark Eagan is largely untested in one area that may define his tenure at the school: a leader of regional economic development.

The decision to choose the city of Winston-Salem and Forsyth County has both looked to Wake Forest for help in its efforts to revitalize the area's post-industrial economy.

That's not been part of Nathan O. Hatch's job description at the University of Notre Dame, where Hatch, 58, has been provost — the No. 2 official — since 1996.

A member of the Notre Dame faculty since 1975, Hatch also is considered an expert in the history of religion in America.

But a local corporate leader who has worked with Hatch on a range of regional economic development efforts to revitalize the area's post-industrial economy.

"I think one has to be creative, opportunistic and collaborative — not in a way that diminishes the role of Wake Forest as a private university," he said. "The key goal of a university is not economic development, but it is an important component of its mission."

Hatch will now have to adapt to a new setting and new colleagues. "Before, when problems arose, he had dozens of people he could go to for input who he trusts," said Richard Jenson, the chairman of the economics and econometrics department at Notre Dame.

"He doesn't have that at Wake. He'll have to learn who to trust." Teresa Chiarello, an associate professor in the economics and policy studies department at the school, said that she saw Hatch perform both in the academic and engineering departments.

"He doesn't shy away from controversy. I believe he embraces it as a way for a solution to emerge," she said.

Witness gives suprise testimony

Retired stuntman says Blake complained about relationship with wife

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — A key prosecution witness who was expected to say that Robert Blake solicited the murder of his wife testified Monday that the actor never directly asked him to murder Bonny Lee Bakley.

Gary McLarty, a retired stuntman, also acknowledged he was a heavy user of cocaine and had experienced paranoid delusions that people were tunneling under his house, that he was being chased by police and was being watched by satel-

Under prosecution questioning, McLarty said Blake com-

On Monday about what Blake had really said. "Mr Blake never actually said he wanted you to do something to Bonny Bakley at that time?" Judge Schwartz asked.

"Yes, that's true," McLarty said.

Blake, 44, was shot May 4, 2001, in Blake's car near a restaurant where the couple dined. The 71-year-old former "Baretta" TV star is charged with murder, soliciting others to commit a murder and lying in wait in the 2001 shooting death of Bakley, the woman he married after learning he had fathered her baby.

Notre Dame grad leaves DNC race

Tim Roemer bows out and offers the Democratic party a warning

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Tim Roemer, the only remaining opposition of Howard Dean in the Democratic National Committee, said Monday he's bowing out of the race — but he offered a warning to Democrats.

"Dean, the future," the former presidential candidate and governor of Vermont, is expected to win the DNC chairmanship at the election Feb. 12.

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tators view as essential to building a new economy in the area. Notre Dame has taken a less active role in economic development," said Chris Murphy, the president of Commerce, said that he saw Hatch embrace both in the academic and engineer-

"He's not a drum beater," said Chris Murphy, 1st Source Corp. and 1st Source Bank. "If people want him to jump to the front of the parade, he's not going to do that. He's a quiet, sen-

Hatch noted that many people in North Carolina have asked him
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2001 and the president of the Monogram Club since 2003. He resigned from the Executive Committee and will also resign his position in the Monogram Club, University spokesman Matt Storin said.

It is unclear what Duerson's future association with Notre Dame will be, Storin said.

Duerson has been outspoken about Notre Dame's handling of sex-abuse cases in the past year. Last spring, the Monogram Club wrote a response to a letter written by a group of Notre Dame alumni that criticized the way the football program was managed. In the letter written by the Monogram Club, the group claimed that the alumni letter should have never been released to the media because it hurt the University's image, impeded the overall administration of the University and athletic department and negatively affected revenue resources.

Duerson told The Observer in April that people needed to move on from Notre Dame's 5-7 finish in 2003.

"Every program has its ups and downs, but that is not indicative of the direction the program is head­ing," he said in a May 12, 2003 edition of "It's time to move on [from the criticism]. Nobody is more upset about last year's finish than those student-athletes and the coaching staff," Duerson also responded to Notre Dame's 1956 Heisman Trophy winner Paul Hornung's comments about Notre Dame's standards.


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I was doing my laundry at the laundromat last week because I like bigger washers and dryers than most places have. Also, I happen to be a big fan of throwing all of my laundry into gigantic washing machines and getting my ridiculous amounts of laundry done in record time. The laundromat being the multicultural and diverse income background environment it is, I began to think about multiculturalism and the recent efforts at Notre Dame to push it. Since I was dumb enough to forget to bring something to read while my laundry was being washed, I began to think about the roots of multiculturalism. Although many may consider me a heartless conservative, I do take into account 500 years of western world dominance. Of course, the icting on the colonialism cake came in the past century with apartheid, the holocaust, segregation and a spattering of proxy wars fought in the third world in which the United States and the Soviet Union used these nations as pawns in a game of bilateral global dominance.

For the past few hundred years, the world outside of the west has had some pretty raw deals in the games of international power struggles. Now, the formerly oppressed have the advantage of using the ideas of liberty originating from enlightenment thinkers to their advantage. In today's reality, the world's largest democracy is India and every nation is connected through a complex global economy.

In the backdrop of these world events, there is of course a special guilt placed on the United States. We were supposed to live up to a higher standard, but it was not until the past century that we really sought to become a colorblind society. All of this I realize and personally lament, but it must be taken with a grain of salt. I was thinking of this and many other things when I was trying to get to the roots of the multiculturalist movement and its politically correct supporters. As far as I can logically reason, I believe they feel the same guilt for the atrocities of World War II. Out of their guilt comes the modern multiculturalist agenda. Perhaps they felt guilt over the more quiet racism of the north, which was almost as effective but less messy than its southern counterpart. The guilt brings out the culture of over the top political correctness we saw in the '90s. It also made it en vogue for a university to have an equal spattering of every race in its brochures.

What happened to the colorblind constitution of Brown v. Board of Education? Why would an equal spattering of races and sexual preferences make Notre Dame any better if you truly believe that skin color and sexual preference are irrelevant? The multiculturalist game seems to be very inclusive with the exception of white kids. Our culture is already fairly well known and it just doesn't look good in university public relations campaigns. We're too culturally homogeneous to create a true university environment and everyone knows we are "born with silver spoons in our mouths" anyway.

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Abstain from storming the court

Today, the Notre Dame men’s basketball team has a very important game against Boston College for “Backups College” as Justin Tucker prefers. When, and I do mean when, our embarrassed band ofrishmen defeat number five, undefeated and overrated Boston College, I strongly urge my fellow students and fans to not storm to the court in celebration.

Normally, a victory at home over a top 10 team warrants a court storming. However, in the case of Boston College, normal conventions must be set aside. As Notre Dame Students we must be decent and not storm the court as a display of our common despi se for that institution.

Let us not forget that this is the same school that greedily and hypocritically stonked Notre Dame and the rest of the Big East in the back when it flew to the SEC not long ago. They left the conference scam­bling just days after denouncing similar moves made by Miami and Virginia Tech.

This is also the same school that claims to be our rival in football based solely on four consecutive last second wins over two of our program’s worst blemishes. Let’s not forget the disrespect their football players have shown to Notre Dame by ripping large clumps of grass out of our hallowed stadium in celebration.

This is the same school that also claims to be our academic counter­part in the world of higher education for reasons that I cannot com­prehend.

The point is that Boston College wants desperately to be Notre Dame, to be our rival and to be our peer both academically and athletically. They would not be able to storm the court if all students to defiantly abstain from storming the court following the Iourough victory. Such an action only legitimizes the claim to be our rival. Backups College deserves an “overrated” chant coupled with a few “We Are Nile.” I’d rather save the storming for Oct. 15.

Bill Colley
off-campus
Feb. 7

Do not support Coke

Recently students have been debating the merits and faults of the new Coca-Cola dorm competition and some very good questions have been asked. But we would like to bring to light another side of this debate that has as of yet not been dis­cussed: Coca-Cola’s human rights abuses. First and foremost, let us recall that as members of the Notre Dame community each of us is a beneficiary of the Coca-Cola Corporation, either through general dona­tions to the University or by way of individual scholarships and grants. As benefic­i­ents we are all called to understand the nature of our benefactor and to investigate the means by which it procures the resources that are ultimately used to build our dorms and fund our research.

We would like to outline the facts about just a few of the abuses committed by the Coca-Cola Corporation. So do we deserve to enjoy the comforts of Coca-Cola’s relationship with our University at the expense of the lives and livelihoods of others? More specifically, can we con­done such a situation and even go so far as to participate in it?

Some of the worse abuses have been committed in Colombian bottling plants, resulting in the death of at least 13 work­ers. A lawsuit filed against Coca-Cola charges that it “contracted with or other­wise directed paramilitary security forces that utilized extreme violence and mur­dered, tortured and unlawfully detained us or otherwise obstructed trade union leaders.” Many workers have suffered in sim­ilar ways.

Coca-Cola benefits from labor that takes place under hazardous conditions. In El Salvador for instance, thousands of chil­dren, some as young as eight years old, are working on sugarcane plantations where they often suffer from severe5893 mechanical wounds, smoke inhalation and burns.

Coca-Cola’s bottling practices in India have caused water shortages and groundwater pollution. Local communities have been exposed to toxic levels of waste and pesti­cides. In addition, Coca-Cola’s bottling plants draw so much water from the wells and groundwater sources that the local water supplies are depleted to the extent that thousands of farmers are left with an inade­quate supply for their own agricultural uses. These practices have only poi­soned the inhabitants of these regions, but also deprived thousands of local farmers of their livelihoods. Similar abuses have taken place in Mexico and Ghana.

We choose not to participate in the Coca-Cola dorm competition because we believe it is more important to ensure that all people have the right to healthy, dignified lives than it is to secure profits and share their comforts with a select few. As consumers, we understand that “money can mean approval.” We have decided to withhold our approval and we invite you to join with us in abstaining from this competition.

Stand in solidarity with the com­munities around the world who are no longer deserving of Coca-Cola’s benevolence than we are.

More information about Coke’s human rights abuses and how to take further action can be found at www.cokewatch.org and www.killercoke.org.

Jake Wedler, Joe DeGrazia, Melody Gonzalez
Feb. 4

U-Wire

Mediocrity rampant at Super Bowl

For $60 million a second, they could not make it up to the $100 million Super Bowl ads worth watching are the ones that didn’t run.

Several of the spots, which FOX sold for a record $2.4 mil­lion per 30 seconds, have never made it on the air — some were too negative, others too risque. So with all the guest stuff swept under the rug, most of this year’s ads were car commer­cials, movie previews and self-paro­dies.

FOX blocked a campaign that would have fueled the beer war between Miller and Anheuser-Busch, asserting that Miller’s anti-bud ads were too negative to show during the game. Anheuser-Busch is the Super Bowl’s exclusive beer sponsor and the biggest advertising customer with five min­utes of airtime.

Those five minutes were mostly mediocre Bud Light ads, one of which filled the first post-kickoff spot. As if to say, “Hey, dude, we’re extreme,” that ad told a reluctant skydiver who took the plunge after his pilot dove out of the plane in pursuit of a dropped Bud Light bottle. (It is phys­i­cally impossible for him to catch up to that bottle, unless Wonder-Man is somehow involved.)

Miller, a distant second to Anheuser-Busch in the commercial category, still ran a few spots during the pre­game show and tried to purchase local airtime, but the brewery was effec­tively locked out of advertising to the nation’s largest audience.

Among them:

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Rob Howard
Syracuse University
Daily Orange

For $10 million, the new Super Bowl spot from Anheuser­Busch put one of its ads because it has already been turned down by Janet Jackson’s nipple-bar­ing extravaganza, lust for the New Lincoln Mark Series.

The spot, which would have been far and away the fun­niest of the game, showed a frustrated Jackson throwing down her outfit a few minutes before half­time. Then a backstage employee grabbed a frothy Bud Light and tore the bosom of her costume to open the bottle. Let’s just say he didn’t have much time to fix the damage.

Too soon, Bud Light.

In a more reasonable move, Ford pulled an ad about a priest’s wedding.

The priest found a key to the new SUV in the collection box and ogled it in the parking lot for a few awkward moments before his owner and his small daughter showed up to claim the vehicle. The scene cuts to the priest adding the letters L to T and to the new message on the marque board: “JUST. Not real­ly funny, but def­initely weird.

The worst repercussion of the priest’s bad luck was that Ford filled the gaps with its awful Mustang spot. In the ad, a police car pulls up behind a red convertible waiting at a green light in a crowded tunnel. For some reason the cop sees something weird about this, so he waits behind the car and honks his horn before finally investigat­ing. He finds the driver frozen solid with a look of euphoria preserved on his icy face.

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DVD Reviews

‘Best of Fallon’ collects comedian’s finest moments

By KELLY DUOOS

Some Comic

Jimmy Fallon built up quite a fan base on Saturday Night Live because of his ability to consistently deliver fresh, faced performances week after week. Breaking into the late night scene in 1998, this featured player achieved cast member status and contributed to the show until his departure in 2004. His inability to keep a straight face has helped him charm viewers with his infectious smile and lovable personality.

Rarely a SNL scene-stealer, Fallon often times is not the shining star of his sketches. Instead, he gracefully provided a solid comedic foundation to glorify a hosting celebrity or an off-the-wall cast member. The sketches on this DVD are evenly split between Jimmy’s supporting and starring roles. This collection highlights his comedic ability where it might otherwise have been overshadowed.

While on Saturday Night Live, Fallon had the chance to develop some original characters that have stood the test of time. The best are showcased in this collection and include: Jarrett, a third-year college junior who hosts a movie cast show from his dorm room; Sally, a teenage Red Sox fan who has the tenacity to become extremely angry; and the Leatherman, who creepily dresses head to toe in leather.

From his performances, it is evident that Fallon grew up idolizing the players of Saturday Night Live, since his impersonation skills are quite impressive. The DVD’s opening clip is the unforgettable sketch that takes place in Mick Jagger’s dressing room, in which Fallon plays a feisty reflection of the real Rolling Stone. Though Darrell Hammond’s Sean Connery steals the spotlight in the Celebrity Jeopardy sketch, Fallon’s dead-on impression of former SNL player Adam Sandler deserves recognition. His knack for creating these truly remarkable caricatures is appreciated in a montage of various clips of celebrity impressions.

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Since this is a DVD, bonus features have of course been obligatorily included. Fallon’s audition tape for his spot on Saturday Night Live is priceless. He shows off his impersonation skills during a celebrity walk-a-thon and spoofs popular music with the help of his guitar. However, the other bonus features fail to live up to SNL potential. The Weekend Update camera test with Fey is pretty lifeless and the inclusion of the “Drinkin’ in the Woods” dress rehearsal sketch makes it obvious why it was cut from the live episode. The mediocre music video for the single “Idiot Boyfriend” and Fallon’s performance on the Carson Daly show round out the bonus features. Let this be a lesson: sometimes less is more.

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Visual splendor lifts ‘Sky Captain’ above its genre

By MARK BEMENDERFER

Scene Critic

It’s not every day that a movie is jaw-droppingly beautiful. “Sky Captain and the World of Tomorrow” is one of the rare movies where every scene looks like a work of art. Which in a way, they were.

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The movie is based on the radio broadcasts and stories of the early 1900s. That means that a new amazing image is presented every couple of minutes. Giant robots, flying fortresses and genetically created monsters grace the silver screen in all their computer-generated glory. Anyone with even the slightest bit of knowledge of the cartoons, comics and broadcasts of that age will find something familiar and nostalgic about the movie.

There is a downside to the nature of the movie however. This is not a typical action film and expecting it to be filled with the cliché look of an action film would be a disservice. Calling the movie cheesy, and the plot contrived would be valid criticisms, but would also be a disservice to the point of the movie. For many films of the film, those would be part of the reasons why it works so well as a tribute to old radio programs.

The actors do a commendable job, considering their unique situation. All of their actions are performed in front of a blue screen, so they have to react to things that do not exist. Jude Law does a great job in his role of the Sky Captain, acting serious on call and hamming it up when necessary as well. Gwyneth Paltrow gives a commendable performance as the reporter covering the Sky Captain’s exploits. Both act convincingly in front of the blue screen and meld into the computer generated backgrounds as well.

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Powerful performances drive 'Million Dollar' success

By BRIAN DOXTADER

Who would've thought that the greatest
of all time, Eastwood's career would
come this late? A new-renaissance that
began with "Unforgiven" continued with
"Million Dollar Baby." This latest film,
"Million Dollar Baby," is one of the best
films of 2004 and another winner in the
same vein of excellence as Eastwood's
previous works.

Eastwood has aged with remarkable
grace, and "Million Dollar Baby" is a
perfect example of the kind of
prestigious, difficult film that
Eastwood is so good at. The story
is about a young boxer, the ropes
of his career, and the people who
are involved in his life.

The supporting
cast of Frankie is perhaps the most
interiorized of all the characters, and
the film doesn't resolve or spell out
the problems of the plot.

Yet it is Eastwood himself who carries
the film's heart and soul. His portrayal
of Frankie is true to himself, and
that is the biggest
change. By the end of the film, the
audience cares very much for all of
Eastwood's characters. The film paints a
portrait that examines not just one,
but several unforgettable individuals.

If asked to describe "Million Dollar
Baby" in one word, a typical answer
might be "dark." And this would not be
an unreasonable response; the film is
dark, very dark, both literally (through
its excellent cinematography and figure-
ning) and (through its thematic elements).

A better word to describe Eastwood's
latest film, however, is "true." This story
is true to itself, true to its plot, true to its
characters. Even the controversial
ending is true in a way that few Hollywood
films would dare to be. Whether one
disagrees with how it ends, in this situation
with these characters, it's the only
logical conclusion and Eastwood handles it
unflinchingly.

Unoriginality grounds disappointing date film

By BECCA SAUNDERS

All of the ingredients for success are
present — the awkward girl, the suave
guy, a wedding and a crazy set of
circumstances. Yet somehow, "The Wedding
Date" still manages to fail on all of the worst
counts.

The romantic comedy starring Debra
Messing and Dermot Mulroney is
disappointing not only in dialogue and act-
ing, but also falls noticeably short in
the smaller areas of costume, make-up
and cinematography.

The story is cute, a trademark of the
typical romantic comedy. Messing
plays the main character, Kat, who is
a single New Yorker on the
circle to her sister's
wedding in London where her
e-fiancé will be the best man. This
information is all revealed very non-discreetly in the first
20 minutes of the film exchanged between
Kat and a messenger who never
appears in the film again, this is just
one example of the disappointingly
simple script writing in the film. Kat, not
being the literalist in the world at the
date, opts to hire a male escort, Nick
Mulroney, for the wedding.

Being a romantic comedy, at this point
it is quite obvious that the leads are
going to end up falling for
one another. "The Wedding Date"
offers no surprises here. While the
story is creative in and of itself and
although at times it seems a bit of a
spoof of "Pretty Woman," it is a
generally interesting precept. The biggest
problem with the movie is the script. It
seems that the screenwriter took what
may have been an interesting novel
and created a script that does not give
the audience enough information to
really believe in the budding romance
between Kat and Nick.

Overall the acting is not much more
different. Messing, in what is still
her first feature film, is not
captivating enough to command the
screen. Mulroney is the single redeem-
ing aspect of the film with acting
that is consistent with his character
and that is performed well enough to
captivate the attention of the big screen.
The supporting actors are largely
unmemorable, as
they have been running outside in the
rain. Kat is soaked and Nick has only a
couple drops of water on his tuxedo.
While this may seem like small points
picked at, they are all very noticeable
to the audience and point to a lack of quality for the overall
film. "The Wedding Date" is an
interesting concept but there is simply not enough
time dedicated to the development of the
characters' relationship to make
their feelings for one another believable.

The dialogue is poorly written and
delivered. Beyond a few cute
moments in the film, the main relation-
ship between Kat and Nick is entirely
unbelievable. "The Wedding Date" tries to win over the
heart of the audience, but in the
end it fails at this task as well.

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Late Delk free throws bury Lakers in Atlanta

Arenas scores 43 in Wizards win; Miami outscores Warriors

Aston L. Jamison added 20 points for the Wizards, combin­
ing with Arenas for all 19 of Washington's points in the final 8-65.

In the next three minutes O'Neal scored two more for a 103-96 cushion with 32 se­conds to go.

Wade threw way the Heat gave the Heat their biggest lead, 79 seconds to go. Two free throws by Wade helped the Heat snap a three-game losing streak.

Walker added a jumper over Lamar Odom with 47 seconds left. The Wizards trailed for much of the game, but Indiana overtook Washington as late as 10:44 into the fourth quarter and overtime.

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Kidd scored 27 points, two assists and 14 rebounds.

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Agassi to play in Davis Cup

American star will compete for first time in five years

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Andre Agassi is returning to the U.S. Davis Cup team after a five-year absence, persuaded by a 2 1/2-hour chat with captain Patrick McEnroe over dinner at a Las Vegas restaurant.

Agassi will try to help the United States win the Davis Cup for the first time in a decade, agreeing to play at least in a first-round match against Croatia on March 4-6 at Carlsbad, Calif., the U.S. Tennis Association announced Monday.

The eight-time Grand Slam tournament champion, who turns 35 in April and is a father of two, stopped playing Davis Cup in 2000 as part of a scaled-back schedule geared to peaking for the majors.

He told McEnroe he wasn't sure if he wanted to come back to the team unless he could commit to playing every match. But McEnroe flew to Agassi's hometown last week after the Australian threw to say, in effect: Hey, show up when you can.

"I told him, "Look, I'm not expecting you to do that. I just need any of the four or five matches on the team. Don't cut off your Options," said McEnroe, by phone Monday in a conference call.

"I just tried to convince him that he has the same four guys for every match and that's why he's here," McEnroe said. "He probably could have won it once or twice."

Andre Agassi reacts after his loss to Roger Federer

Agassi was a member of three Davis Cup championship teams, going 30-5 in singles.

Just last month, he sounded like someone leaning against playing in the 16-nation tournament. But Agassi spoke to members of the U.S. team and heard McEnroe's sales pitch.

"The captain and players know that my life will not allow me to play every day at this stage of my career," Agassi said in a statement released Monday by the USTA.

"Still, they all expressed encouragement, which was much appreciated.

Bringing Agassi back into the fold improves the team — and should help sell tickets, about 50 percent of which are unsold for Carson. The match is ranked No. 1 as recently as early 2003, is 10th in the world now and still the sponsor's most popular male player.

"In my opinion, he's playing top-four, top-five tennis," McEnroe said. "And because of his aura, because of what he brings to the table as a person, as a competitor, it quite obviously makes it a bigger event.

The United States has won the competition a record 31 times, but not since 1995 — the team's longest drought since the gap between titles in 1926 and 1937. The Americans lost to Spain in last year's Davis Cup final.

"Imagine if Agassi had played the last four years. He probably could have won it once or twice," McEnroe said.

Andy Roddick, who finished 2003 ranked No. 1, said the U.S. Open that season, is entrenched as the top U.S. singles player. The second singles slot for Davis Cup has been rotating, Mardy Fish filled that role against Spain.

Twin brothers Rob and Mike Bryan are the U.S. doubles team.

"I've let him know that I'm 100 percent supportive, if he wants to join us. You know, I definitely want him on the team," Roddick said last week. "Selfishly, I'd love to be around him and learn, be in that close contact with him for a week.

"Pete McEnroe, Patrick's older brother and predecessor as captain, cited an inability to get Agassi and Pete Sampras to play Davis Cup regularly as a reason for stepping down after just 14 months leading the U.S. squad.

USTA chief executive Arlen Kantarian credited Patrick McEnroe with creating a "player-friendly environment around Davis Cup. There's a new sense of camaraderie.

"This is really a dream team for the U.S."

Wisconsin-Green Bay rides streak to top 25

Associated Press

GREEN BAY — Returning to The Associated Press women's basketball poll is just part of the deal for Wisconsin-Green Bay.

Now that they're in, the Phoenix want to stay awhile.

While LSU swept all four first-place votes from a national media panel and the top six teams remained the same, UW-Green Bay joined at No. 24. The Phoenix (20-2) came in on the strength of a 14-game winning streak, the fourth-longest in the country.

"We're moving up," UWGB coach Kevin Borseth said.

"That's a good thing. That's what we want to do. Certainly it wasn't a goal of ours to get there and be happy and then get bumped out. We want to keep moving up."

The Phoenix did that last time they were ranked. They joined the poll for the first time in school history on Dec. 16, 2002, and stayed in the rest of the season, rising to as high as 16th. That team finished 28-4, the best ever for the program.

"I don't know if the polls will be quite as kind this time around. Borseth said. "We need to solidify our position a little more. Ultimately we want to get into the national tournament and see what we can do."

Florida State, which had been 24th, dropped out after losing two of three games this past week. The Seminoles (19-5) joined the poll two weeks ago, the school's first national ranking in 14 years.

LSU (21-1) was No. 1 for the second straight week and eighth time overall. The two-time defending national champion Tigers have won 16 straight games.

Ohio State (22-2) had 1,036 points and Michigan State (22-2) had 984 to sit more than No. 4 Stanford. Tennessee remained fifth and Notre Dame held at No. 6.

Baylor climbed one spot to seventh after beating Top 25 opponents Kansas State and Texas Tech.

The victory at Tech was Baylor's first in Lubbock since 1982.

North Carolina, Michigan State and Connecticut each moved up one place to complete the Top 10. A 57-44 loss at Connecticut dropped Rutgers from seventh to 11th.

Minnesota was 12th and Texas Tech 13th, followed by Iowa State, the No. 25 team. Texas, Georgia, Maryland and Temple.

The five were Vanderbilt, Boston College, North Carolina State, UW-Green Bay and Penn State.

Iowa State, the surprising leader in the Big 12, went from 19th to 14th for the biggest move of the week. The Cyclones (18-2), who already have matched their victory total of last season, routed Colorado and beat Texas last week.

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NFL

Despite changes, Patriots' goal is to repeat

Associated Press

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Deion Branch needed just five little words to explain why the New England Patriots have won three of the last four Super Bowls.

Asked Monday if he had any thoughts of leaving the team when he becomes a restricted free agent, the Super Bowl MVP replied: "My home is in Foxboro."

Then, referring to team owner Robert Kraft, Branch added: "I'm proud of the family that Mr. Kraft has built."

An emphasis on winning over money is what drives the Patriots to success in an era when free agency and the salary cap force major turnover at most teams each season.

Next season's Patriots certainly will be different than this season's. The biggest losses are not players but coaches: Offensive coordinator Charlie Weis is the new head coach at Notre Dame, and defensive coordinator Romeo Crennel accepted the Cleveland Browns' head coaching job immediately after Sunday night's game.

Crennel's move, which gives the NFL a record six black head coaches, was hardly a secret. As the Patriots' 24-21 win over Philadelphia was ending, coach Bill Belichick put his arms around his two top aides in a gesture of affection and appreciation.

They will be hard to replace. "Romeo and Charlie have done a great job. A lot of the success we've had should go to them," Belichick said Monday. "I've been with them both a long time. I go back to 1981 with Romeo and I'll miss both of them a lot."

The Patriots might, too.

Next season, they will be seeking to become the first team to win three straight Super Bowls and the first to win four in five seasons.

The San Francisco 49ers came closest to three NFL titles in a row, winning the 1989 and 1990 Super Bowls, then losing the next NFC championship game on a last-second field goal by the New York Giants' Matt Bahr.

That New York team, which went on to beat Buffalo in the 1991 Super Bowl, had a coaching staff headed by Bill Parcells and including Belichick, Crennel and Weis, along with future NFL head coaches Tom Coughlin, Al Groh and Ray Handley. Two of the players on that team are also coaches and are reported on Crennel's wish list for his staff with the Browns: Pepper Johnson, New England's defensive line coach, and Maurice Carthon, the offensive coordinator in Dallas under Parcells.

Belichick's first order of business, therefore, is rebuilding his coaching staff, although he will take at least a week off, traveling to California for the AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am.

Most of the core players, however, should be back, although some are getting up there in age, notably linebacker Willie McGinest and safety Rodney Harrison, both of whom have played major roles in the team's success.

Harrison, who had two interceptions in Sunday's game, will turn 31 next December, when McGinest will turn 34.

One member of the Patriots unlikely to return is cornerback Ty Law, who missed the second half of the season with a broken foot after quarreling with the team over his contract in training camp.

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SAILING

Woman sails around world in record time

Associated Press

LONDON — Ellen MacArthur has endured stormy seas, 65 mph winds, a broken sail, burns, bruises and exhaustion — even a close encounter with a whale. The payoff: a solo around-the-world sailing record.

The 28-year-old Englishwoman completed the 26,000-mile circumnavigation at 5:29 p.m. EST Monday by crossing an imaginary finish line between Ushant, France, and the Lizard peninsula in Cornwall on the south coast of England.

Her final time was 71 days, 14 hours, 18 minutes and 33 seconds, her control team said. Her 75-foot trimaran R&Q broke the record set by Francis Joyon, who set the mark of 72 days, 22 hours, 54 minutes and 22 seconds, in February 2004.

MacArthur, who planned to come ashore in Falmouth later, where a large media group was waiting, told supporters she was physically and mentally exhausted.

"I can't wait to get in. It's been a very, very long trip and an exceptionally hard one," she wrote on her Web site early Monday. "I'll be glad to be crossing that finish line and finally feeling a little bit of relief." When she was done,

by Prince Charles and British sailing great Sir Robin Knox-Johnson.

"We have all watched your progress with the greatest possible encouragement over the last 71 days ... the whole of the United Kingdom is, I know, delighted by your success," the prince said in a statement.

"Ellen has done superbly, it is an outstanding effort," said 62-year-old Knox-Johnson, who made history in 1968 when he became the first person to sail single-handedly around the world nonstop in 312 days.

When Francis Joyon beat the record last year he took three weeks off the old time and that was mammoth. Then I thought that record would stand for years and now Ellen has come in and broken it," Knox-Johnson said.

MacArthur's journey began Nov. 28. Since then, she has slept an average of 30 minutes at a time and four hours in any day.

She has reheated freeze-dried meals on a single burner stove while living area measuring 5 feet by 6 1/2 feet. Her water supply is desalinated from the sea. She spent Christmas Day in a storm, but after crossing the hallway mark at Cape Horn on New Year's Eve she built a four-day lead on the pace set by Australian Sydney. NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL

Upsets rearrange Top 25

Pacific moves into rankings for first time in school history

Associated Press

Pacific moved into The Associated Press men's college basketball Top 25 for the first time in school history Monday thanks to a perfect start in the Big West.

While Illinois was No. 1 in the poll for the 10th straight week, and an unanimous choice for the second time in a row, Pacific joined the rankings at No. 24.

The Tigers (18-2), who have won 14 straight games, are 12-0 in the Big West and off to their best start. Their only losses this season were at Kansas and to San Francisco, and they have a school-record 25-game winning streak in conference play.

"It's great for our town and our school and our papers," said Pacific coach Bob Thomason said Monday. "They worked hard the last two years. I think they were a little disappointed they didn't get in last Monday. Now we have to go to Idaho and Utah State. As soon as we get ranked, we have to go play our hardest game of the year, but that's a good challenge for us.

Pacific has made six appearances in the NCAA tournament, with a loss to UCLA in a regional final in 1966 in best two out of three.

The Tigers were a No. 12 seed last season and upset Providence 66-58 in the first round. Thomason, the 17th-year coach who played in the 1971 NCAA tournament for Pacific, also led the Tigers to the NCAAs in 1997. The current Minnesota Timberwolves center Michael Olowokandi.

Illinois (23-0), which beat Michigan State and Indiana last week, holds the longest streak at the top since Kansas’ 15-game run in 1996-97. Connecticut was No. 1 for 10 straight weeks in 1998-99.

North Carolina (19-2), Kansas (18-1) and Florida (17-2) rounded out the top five.

The ACC’s reigning champs — North Carolina, Wake Forest and Duke — are in the top seven. The other teams from the league to be ranked this season were North Carolina State and Virginia.

Maryland (13-7), which returned to the Top 25 last week after a three-week absence, lost to Clemson and

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Connecticut sends Syracuse to its third loss

Villanova wins match of Philly teams as the Wildcats knock off St. Joseph's

Associated Press

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — Charlie Villanueva experienced the ups and downs of college basketball in three days.

The sophomore forward had one of his worst games in Connecticut's win over St. John's on Saturday. On Monday night, he had 21 points, 10 rebounds and several big plays to lead the 19th-ranked Huskies to a 74-66 victory over No. 8 Syracuse, ending the Orange's 16-game home winning streak.

"This was a huge win for us," he said. "For me personally, it was as huge as it gets. This was a big game in a tough place to play."

Connecticut coach Jim Calhoun said Villanueva was in tears after scoring three points on 1-for-5 shooting in the home win over the Red Storm.

"I told him if he plays hard and does the right plays or miss a shot or not always going to make the right plays or miss a shot or two and that's what happened," Villanueva said. "I thought we played as hard as we played all year."

The game was a matchup of the last two national champions, and the defending champs prevailed. It also matched two of the winningest coaches in the sport's history.

The 6-foot-5 senior, who nailed three 3-pointers and scored 13 of St. Joe's next 16 points during a run that sliced the lead to 49-40.

The student sections taunted each other all night, but this was a pro-St. Joe's crowd and the fans cheered wildly with each basket. It was just too little, too late.

The Wildcats hit a few free throws, Villanueva dug his way through the middle for a tough inside basket and Allan Ray sank a 3-pointer that pushed the lead back to 61-44 and enabled them to hang on for their 10th win in six games.

Villanova's Allan Ray, on floor, and St. Joseph's Pat Carroll chase a loose ball in the second half of the Wildcats’ victory.
Crennel accepts Browns opening

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — After winning another Super Bowl, New England's Mr. Do-It-All issued a warning to the rest of the NFL: "Look out for Cleveland next year," said two-way standout Troy Brown. "They're getting a great coach.

Romeo Crennel, who borrowed Brown from the Patriots' offense to play cornerback this season, accepted Cleveland's offer to be their next head coach Sunday, fulfilling the longtime assistant's lifelong dream.

Crennel's agent, Joe Linta, arrived at the Browns' headquarters in suburban Berea on Monday morning and spent the day in contract negotiations with team president John Collins, the final step in making the 57-year-old defensive coordinator the 11th full-time coach — and first full-time black coach — in Cleveland history.

Lima, who was seeking a five-year deal for his client, was not immediately available for comment.

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Irish center Torin Francis posts up for the ball in Notre Dame's last home game on Jan. 30 against Connecticut.

Irish guard Chris Quinn drives the ball against Connecticut's Rashad Anderson on Jan. 30.

**Irish**

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San Francisco (29-3) in a 93-82 win.

Now, the Irish are in the middle of a four-game stretch against four ranked opponents, beginning with a loss to Syracuse Saturday and ending with a matchup in Pittsburgh Feb. 12.

As Mike Brey coaches his 300th career game (151 at Delaware; 148 at Notre Dame), the Irish are looking to repeat history while simultaneously making a statement in the conference.

Boston College is led by junior forward Craig Smith, who averages 18.9 points and 8.3 rebounds per game while shooting 53.9 percent from the floor. The most pleasant surprise for the Eagles has been sophomore forward Jared Dudley, who is averaging 16.2 points and 7.2 rebounds.

Notre Dame's frontcourt did improve over the past three games - freshmen Tony Battie (34.9 mpg) and Dennis Latlimore (8.5 mpg) playing up to the physical level that Big East games demand. The three-point shooting of Colin Falls (43 percent) and Chris Quinn (41.5 percent) has driven the Irish offense most of the season, but the success of both the interior and outside games is reliant on the play of senior point guard Chris Thomas (13.7 points, 6.4 assists per game).

Boston College has defeated Georgetown, Connecticut and Villanova — a few common opponents to the Golden Eagles and Irish. Boston College's 66-52 defeat of Seton Hall Saturday made it the first team in the history of the Big East to start a season with 20 straight wins.

The Eagles have games against Syracuse, Villanova and Pittsburgh waiting on their resumed schedule.

As of Feb. 2, ESPN.com classified Boston College, Syracuse and Pittsburgh as "locks" to reach the NCAA tournament from the Big East. Notre Dame (16-9, 601) has a lower RPI rating than Villanova, Georgetown and Connecticut, the three teams the Irish will most likely compete with for a spot in the Big Dance. The Irish are 2-2 against those three teams, with three wins and one loss against the Hoyas and Huskies remaining. And the way Notre Dame fares in big-time Big East games — beginning tonight with Boston College — may have a lot to do with how they fare on Selection Sunday.

Notre Dame and Boston College will be televised tonight on ESPN2, the first of six games to be televised nationally of the eight remaining Irish games.

**Notes**

- Chris Thomas needs just five points to become the second player in Notre Dame history to score 1,000 points in Big East regular season play. Thomas would be the 25th player overall in the Big East to reach the 1,000-point mark, joining former Irish forward Pat Garrity (1,107 points) as the only other Notre Dame member.

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State that helped launch them into the national doubles rankings.
The play of Langenkamp and Parbhu, on the other hand, has been a welcome surprise for the Irish. As freshmen, they've exceeded all expectations from both coaches and teammates. The pair's doubles record now stands at 9-2 this season at the No. 2 slot, including 6-1 in dual-match action.

"In Eric's case, he deserves a lot of credit because it was not natural for him and he's really made great strides," Bayliss said. "He has terrific hands, he's very quick and he's developed a great feel for the doubles game. He's playing with Sheeva Parbhu, who is a less natural doubles player but really is a terrific athlete and a great competitor."

The highlights for Langenkamp and Parbhu's consistent performance this spring came against Florida State's Jeff Grossmold and Chris Westerhof, ranked at No. 12 nationally. The duo's 8-4 victory marked the first time either player toppled a nationally-ranked doubles team. The doubles win was also the first for any Irish pair against a nationally-ranked team since D'Amico and Keckley's strong showing against Ohio State.

"I think the win over Florida State has been the highlight so far," D'Amico said. "I think that's the only match that everyone came together. It was a tough match and everyone fought hard and we ended up pulling that one out. Our No. 2 doubles team has been huge for us."

At the No. 3 slot, Bass and King have shown flashes of brilliance for the Irish. Both players are highly-touted singles competitors who have played at the No. 2 and No. 3 singles slots, respectively, for much of the season. As they continue to shape their doubles teamwork, Bayliss sees a lot of potential in the duo's team-work.

"The work in progress is at No. 3 and that's probably the most significant improvement of all," Bayliss said. "Barry and Stephen were 0-for-autumn in the fall. They didn't play particularly well, but through some hard work focusing on their volleying skills and improvements in the serving area, they are becoming a pretty darn competent No. 3 team."

Although the Irish have enjoyed a great deal of early success in doubles play, the team still feels that there's plenty of room for improvement. The team has dropped the doubles point in the last two matches, against No. 9 Duke and No. 34 Texas. If anything else, those losses justsolidify how important the doubles play has become to the Irish team dynamic.

"Anytime you're playing a top team in the country or a team that's comparable to our level, most of those matches will come down to a 4-3 or 5-2 finish," D'Amico said. "So that one point is huge and everyone can feel it. The break in between playing the singles and doubles matches is a lot different when you win the point as opposed to when you lose it."

After playing four consecutive matches against nationally-ranked foes in the past few weeks, the Irish will have a little time to rest and regroup before their next match against Marquette. But on doubles play to continue to be a focus for the team's improvement as the season progresses.

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Diver
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Perry-Eaton was originally a swimmer, until, at the age of 13, she decided that diving would fit her personality better than swimming laps in a pool. The converted diver became a three-time diving All-American in high school, and qualified for U.S. nationals three times.

But upon coming to Notre Dame as a freshman, the Brandon, Fla., native competed in only two events before suffering a season-ending injury.

The diver refused to get down, and completed an intense rehabilitation process, to return to the pool her sophomore year. She was granted another year of eligibility because of the injury, and is now looking to make the most of the extra chance she was given. Since then, the fifth-year senior has earned an undergraduate degree in aerospace engineering, and is currently working on masters in mechanical engineering.

This season, Perry-Eaton has won 17 of the 18 competitions she has entered, and is 9-0 in three-meter diving. She has not been beaten off the higher board in a dual meet since November of 2002, claiming victory in 21 consecutive competitions. The fifth-year senior currently owns six of the top nine scores in three-meter diving in Irish history and holds the Big East record on the one-meter board.

After missing last summer's Olympic Diving Trials because of a broken foot, the five-time all-conference diver now has her sights set on a top-three finish off both boards at this year's NCAA Championships.

She is particularly motivated to do well in the three-meter competition after never placing in the top-20 at the national level.

Perry-Eaton and the rest of the Notre Dame women's swimming and diving team will take center stage at the Big East Championships, scheduled for Feb. 16-19. Then all eyes will turn to the NCAA Championships, set for March 17-19 in West Lafayette, Ind.

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Eagle hunting
Irish look to knock off undefeated Boston College

By PAT LEONARD
Associate Sports Editor

Notre Dame has a 5-4 conference record, a desire to return to the NCAA tournament and only eight regular season games to prove that it deserves a postseason bid. So, at arguably the most crucial point in Notre Dame's season, the Irish are hosting an undefeated, No. 5 nationally ranked team in the Joyce Center tonight.

Notre Dame (13-6, 5-4), who sits on the bubble of most post-season predictions, including those of ESPN.com, hosts Big East foe No. 5 Boston College (25-0) tonight at 7 p.m. While the past 20 teams have failed against the Golden Eagles, the Irish hope having history on their side can help them succeed.

The last time Notre Dame hosted an undefeated team, they jumped in the high jump, leapt and cleared the bar. This was not surprising for Notre Dame's senior diver Meghan Perry-Eaton. It's been an adventurous senior year of high school that has battled through injuries to become the most accomplished diver in Irish history.

Senior diver Meghan Perry-Eaton has already made her name as the most accomplished diver in Irish history.

By RYAN KEEFER
Sports Writer

Two weeks ago Stacey Cowan ran down the high jump runway, leapt and cleared the bar. This was not surprising for Notre Dame's All-American high jumper, who had just cleared a season best 1.80 meters (5 feet, 10 3/4 inches). What Irish coach Scott Wissor told her after the jump was quite a surprise to Cowan.

"That would have easily cleared six feet," Wissor told his star high jumper.

Six feet, 1.829 meters, 72 inches.

Whatever you call this height, Stacey Cowan now knows she can clear it, and this is the stated goal for Notre Dame's top high jumper.

Clearing six feet would place Cowan among the elite high jumpers in the NCAA, and would take Cowan to what Wissor refers to as the "next level."

"What is remarkable about Stacey is her consistency at a very high level. She's ready to take it to the next step and compete at the highest level of competition," Wissor said.

Cowan, a native of Ferndale, Wash., started jumping in the seventh grade, but it wasn't until her freshman year of high school that she discovered her natural ability in the event. That year she made 6-foot jump a natural for him and he did not play doubles as a freshman.

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By RAMA GOTTUMUKKALA
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The well-known maxim of "if you fall short, get up and try again" can be applied to any aspect of individual or team sports. It can certainly explain the resurgence of the doubles play for the Notre Dame men's tennis team, transforming a liability last year into an ever-growing strength this spring.

The Irish, who claimed the doubles point just 10 times in 23 attempts last season, have won the doubles point in five of their eight spring matches. Not surprisingly, the Irish have a 5-0 record in those matches.

After only sporadic success in doubles matches over the past few years, the Irish coaching staff targeted the team's doubles play as a key area for improvement.

"We've really worked hard on our doubles," head coach Bobby Bayliss said. "It was cer­tainly not a strength in the fall. I just think that the guys deserve a lot of credit. They've put a lot of time in and we've spent an inordinate amount of time in practice on our dou­bles."

The Irish have relied on three principal duos to drive their doubles success this spring. Senior captain Brent D'Amico and sophomore Ryan Keckley have faced some tough compet­ition at the No. 1 slot. In the last four matches, the two play­ers competed against two top-15 doubles opponents: Junior Eric Langenkamp and fresh­man Sheeva Parbhu have occu­pied the No. 2 slot, with sopho­more Barry King and Stephen Bass rounding out the doubles teams at the No. 3 slot.

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Irish center Torts Francis backs down Connecticut's Josh Boone in Notre Dame's 78-74 win over the Huskies on Jan. 30.

By MIKE TENNANT
Sports Writer

It's been an adventurous and successful journey for senior diver Meghan Perry-Eaton, but this All­American is not ready to throw in the towel just yet. As the regular season draws to a close, Perry­Eaton comes face to face with one more conference championship and then a final chance to make waves in the NCAA champi­onships.

Since coming to Notre Dame five years ago, Perry­Eaton has battled through injuries to become the most accomplished diver in Irish history.