Weis inspires early morning crowd

Coach's first full day begins on the right foot

By PAT LEONARD
News Writer

Charlie Weis began his first full day as the Notre Dame head football coach at 6 a.m. with 207 early-rising students eagerly awaiting his arrival. Weis greeted the crowd in the Joyce Center arena Monday morning and introduced himself as the full-time Irish coach.

Charlie Weis speaks to 207 early-rising students at the Joyce Center on Monday. These avid fans gathered to greet the new Irish head football coach at 6 a.m.

Group debates Monologues, proclamation

By MADDIE HANNA
News Writer

The Campus Life Council passed a "Rape-Free Zone Proclamation," controversial due to its support of the Vagina Monologues, and discussed last week's "Flex 10" resolution and task force reports at Monday's meeting.

This is a huge success for this campus," student body president Adam Istvan said. "I'm thrilled that the CLC stepped up to support this and the Vagina Monologues."

The proclamation, which began in the Senate Gender Relations Committee and passed in the Senate last week, was described by student body vice president Karla Bell as a "vote of support for V-Day, a symbolic gesture."

"Obviously, we can't just make our campus automatically rape-free," Bell said.

Some council members were opposed to the proclamation based on its support of the Vagina Monologues, the high-flyer political success and often debatable feminist play by Eve Ensler.

"I think from an administrational perspective, particularly in Student Affairs, I agree with everything in this proclamation except the Vagina Monologues," said David Moss, assistant vice president for Student Affairs. According to Moss, the Vagina Monologues is currently performed on campus solely as an academic production housed as an academic freedom issue.

"We just don't think it represents us as a Catholic institution," said Moss, who did not vote this year.

Turnout up, skepticism remains

By JULIE BENDER
News Writer

Though Dave Baron and Lizzi Shappell were officially declared the winners of the student body presidential elections last week, student perception of this year's campaign season did not prove to be as clear-cut as the election results. Voter turnout was lower than expected, and apathy and negativity toward student government remained strong undercurrents.

The winning margin was slim in this year's runoff, with Baron and Shappell 235 votes ahead of the runner-up,

James Leito and Jordan Bonigiovanni participate in the CLC discussion concerning the Vagina Monologues.

James Leito and Jordan Bonigiovanni, Baron and Shappell finished with 52.88 percent of the vote, claiming majorities in the freshman, junior and senior classes.

In total, 4,287 votes were cast in this year's election, which represents 52.7 percent or just more than half of the student body. This year's runoff election saw an increased voter turnout over other recent elections, with 763 more voters participating than last year's election, and 574 more voters than in the 2003 election.

President-elect Dave Baron credits the increased voter turnout to the recent U.S. presidential election.

"Student interest at the national level of politics was high this year, and I think that carries over to the most local political process — our school elections," Baron said.

Despite the closeness of this year's election and the increased voter turnout, many students remain apathetic to the election process and cynical about the role of student body president. Though reasons for apathy surrounding the election were varied, a recurring sentiment among students was student government's apparent lack of power.

"I didn't vote this year because I hadn't paid much attention to the campaigns," said a student.

Page is named FYS dean

By EILEEN DUFFY
Assistant News Editor

After 15 years of steady improvement under current dean, Eileen Kolman, Notre Dame's First Year Studies program gained its new leader Monday.

Rev. Hugh Page was appointed the dean of the FYS program. University Provost Nathan Hatch said in a press release.

A panel of five faculty members and one senior student selected Page, with Hatch as panel chair. According to Page, the appointment came as "a total surprise."

"I am tremendously honored and humbled," he said in an e-mail. "I am delighted to have been given the opportunity to serve the University and its students in this capacity." Page is the fourth dean to lead the first-year program since its inception in 1962, following in the footsteps of William Burke, Emil Holfman and most recently, Kolman. Kolman, who has served in the position since 1990, announced in October that she would retire this June. Although Page has some big shoes to fill, Hatch believes he is ready for the challenge.

"Over the last 12 years, Hugh Page has distinguished himself as a teacher, scholar, and vice president-elect Lizzi Shappell campaign in the Feb. 8 runoff debate, where questions about student government's productivity led to discussion.
**A new found nostalgia**

In a navy blue Volvo station wagon evolved a scrapbook of my entire childhood. Inside, memories rested alongside the harden French fries and squashed fruit snacks that lined the plastic leather interior.

Growing up I had two older brothers. Brian was two years my senior, and we flat out did not get along. At the root of our constant fighting were our intrinsic similarities—we repelled each other like two homocline poles. Much older than Brian, I had an incredible knack for doodles. I was always a spectator during our petty battles, never taking sides or responding to the action. I often pondered how it was possible for him to ignore Brian’s and my constant quarreling. In time I realized this trait evolved a scrapbook of my entire childhood.

One subzero February day our car began to resemble a bus. It was time to pull out of our driveway something felt away. The Volvo was making strange noises—that had been the case with similar models.

A short time later, we purchased a spacious new Honda Odyssey. No longer crammed in the backseat, arguments between Brian and I dissipated and finally ceased. We pretended to love the new found maturity, yet in our hearts we all wanted to go back to the days of pulling hair and licking to no end.

The Volvo represented our youth, and the Media: An Examination of the Ethical Aspects of the Internet and Mass Media. The Observer represents the views of the author and is not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Katie Perry at kperry@nd.edu.

**Question of the Day: What did you do for Valentine’s Day?**

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**Students donated a dollar Monday to make Valentine’s Day cookies in support of Operation Smile, an organization to provide facial reconstruction surgery in the United States and underdeveloped countries.”

|**OFFBEAT** |

**Wild turkeys push luck, move to BBQ town**

NETA, N.D. — A wild turkey flock may be crazy for moving to this town, which claims it holds the world’s largest turkey barbecue each summer.

Wayne Sharp’s back yard is a popular hangout for the turkeys. He said he thinks the big birds have been misinformation.

“When they find out we’re having turkey barbecue instead of a barbecue for turkeys, they’ll be gone like a shot,” Sharp said.

The Turkey Barbecue and Summer Festival is held each June and attracts thousands of people to this town of about 245 people. Last year, organizers cooked 296 turkeys.

The turkeys showed up in October. They roost in the trees in Sharp’s back yard every night and wander through the town during the day, he said.

Short believes that three of the turkeys in the flock serve as lookouts and leaders.

Alligator on way to becoming state reptile

M. Jackson, Miss. — It might not have the hard bite of some other legislation, but a bill to designate the American alligator as Mississippi’s state reptile is on its way to the governor.

The bill cleared the House 106-10 on Monday. It passed the Senate by a wide margin Feb. 2. House Rules Committee Chairman Joe Warren, D-Mount Olive, said he had been imputed with letters from Gulf Coast school children pushing for the bill.

Mississippi already has several official symbols. The mockeringbird is the state bird. Petrified wood is the state stone. The teddy bear is the state toy.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

**IN BRIEF**

Professor Ralph McNerny will be having a Mystery Writing Workshop from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the McNellie Room today. The event is cosponsored by the Student Union Board and the Notre Dame Literary Festival.

Notre Dame alumna Todd Tucker will give a talk about his books “Notre Dame vs. The Klan: How the Fighting Irish Defeated the Ku Klux Klan” and “Notre Dame Game Day” today at 7:30 p.m. in the Oak Room of South Dining Hall.

Jean Ann Linney, vice president and associate provost, will give a lecture entitled “Discriminatory Harassment” today at 5:30 p.m. in DeBartolo Hall. The event is co-sponsored by ND Watch.

Ron Koperski from Bradley University will be giving a lecture on “Sports and the Media: An Examination of the Ethical Aspects” at 12:30 p.m. Thursday in Giovanni Commons in Mendoza. The lecture is part of the Mendoza College of Business’ Ethics Week.

Father Joseph Komonchak from the Catholic University of America will be giving a lecture entitled “Vatican II: Historical Relevance for 21st Century Believers” at 7:30 p.m. in the Stapleton Lounge in Le Mans Hall at Saint Mary’s on Thursday. The lecture is co-sponsored by the Center for Spirituality.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information on an event to onews@nd.edu.
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Members approve new treasurer, funds

Mike Marshall named, money allocated to clubs

By MARY KATE MALONE
New Writer

Before closing their meeting to the press Monday, the Council of Representatives approved the new student union treasurer. Mike Marshall will replace current treasurer Claire Fadel beginning March 1.

Fadel praised Marshall for his dedication to the student union during the past year. "Mike has a lot of experience," Fadel said. "He is very dedicated and he is going to be a great fit."

Student body president Adam Istan said after closing the meeting the Council voted to allow two clubs to receive money for events that exceeded their respective budgets.

Istan said information regarding the clubs appealing for money, but would not reveal specific details of the allocations.

Silver Wings was given money to help stage an Easter Egg Hunt for South Bend children in the spring.

A Life Uncommon was also allocated funds to help pay for Jessica Weiner to speak on campus during Eating Disorders Awareness week.

The money given to the clubs comes from the $16,000 collaboration fund — money set aside to help groups stage large events that might exceed their budgets. The Council encourages clubs and organizations to collaborate and then ask the Council for money to cover the remaining difference.

"The fund is set aside for clubs throwing events that are co-sponsored by another student organization," Istan said. "If they throw larger events than they have funds for, it allows them to still pursue it."

Istan said the meeting was closed because the student union constitution demands that issues regarding allocating money not be discussed in an open meeting.

"The constitution says the meetings must be closed for collaboration fund appeals," Istan said. "If we end up denying money to a group, we don't want people to be quoted because that can cause conflict."

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Bog

Board discusses campaign progress

By KELLY BALE
News Writer

With Valentine's Day marking the halfway point of the "Love Makes the World Go Round, Show Your Love" tsunami relief campaign, Saint Mary's Board of Governance met Monday night to discuss its continued relief efforts.

"There was an much better effort this week," executive treasurer Molly Welton said.

Bog altered campaigning slightly this week by changing the types of collection bins that are used and adding a donation table in the Muddapel classroom building.

"We added the table and the new canisters around campus in hopes to raise more money," Bog chief of staff Susan Melusha said. "The new canisters have seemed to be very successful."

Welton announced the unoffi­cial total of the campaign so far as $525.65, out of a $1,341 goal. Bog members attributed this increase in donations to a second door-to-door dorm collection, which raised approximately $100, and the donation table, which collected $47.50. Welton said the door-to-door collections have been the most successful thus far, and a third collection night is scheduled for Feb. 27.

"I really think that we can and should reach our goal," Welton said. Bog will continue collecting for the "Show Your Love" cam­paign at upcoming events such as Junior/Senior Bowling Night, Senior Parents Weekend, Little Sils Weekend and the Saint Mary's women's basketball game this Saturday.

Bog approved the co-sponsor­ship of a committee comprised of members of the Saint Mary's Justice Department, Notre Dame Center for Social Concerns and members of the community, which will aid in bringing former Illinois Governor George Ryan to the Saint Mary's and Notre Dame community.

As part of the Denial Penalty Symposium, which will be held from Feb. 23 to March 2, Ryan will speak on the Notre Dame campus about the fallibility of the death penalty and will also hold a panel discussion at Saint Mary's.

"The committee has come from different parts of the cam­pus and community," junior Katie Kelly, who spoke as a rep­resentative of the committee, said. The symposium is not so much focused against the death penalty, but looking at the differ­ent dynamics surrounding it.

Members of Bog expressed concern over how the provided funds would be used and whether other funds for the symposium would come. Welton said if the committee is serious about get­ting donations then they would need to provide Bog with a more detailed budget. Further

BOG concerns stemmed from the publicity of the event.

"No one knows anything for an event that is happening in two weeks," sophomore Bog mem­ber Monica Linblin said.

But some members felt publicity was not the issue at hand.

"Our choice should not be based on our publicity... if should be based on how many Saint Mary's students will find this valuable," student body president Sarah Catherine White said.

Bog approved the co-sponsor­ship, with the stipulation that the funds coming from Bog be used specifically to help accom­modate Ryan's trip to the Saint Mary's campus.

In other BOG news:

• The Student Honoring Women committee selected Carrie Call, Astrid Henry, Mary Connolly and Lynn Kachmarik as nominees for the Women Honoring Women award, which will be handed out at a dinner March 23.

• The Student Diversity Board will sponsor a cultural taste fest Thursday at noon in the dining hall. The first 15 off-campus stu­dents will get in free.

• A small group forum enti­tled "The Many Diverse Voices of Saint Mary's" will be held tonight at 5:30 p.m. in the Stapleton Lounge.

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"The higher-ups dominate University policy no matter what. Student government has proven over the years that they can't bring back Everclear kegs or SYBs even though that's what the majority of students want," Tutaj said. "They just don't have the power." Ampel said students who did vote in this year's election, many were still skeptical about the candidate promises and the role of student government at the University.

"I voted for the Baron-Shappell ticket," said junior John Harrington. "but overall I feel the election was irrelevant. During my time at Notre Dame so far, I haven't noticed the changes the candidates say they'll make, and I doubt this year will be any different. And anyway, it seems to be a guy-girl ticket that usually wins the election regardless of the actual campaign strategy and promises."

Erin O'Neil, a freshman who also voted for Baron and Shappell, said that she put much faith in the campaign promises. "I thought the Baron-Shappell ticket had some good ideas, but most were pretty unrealistic," she said. "For example, their concert endorsement idea doesn't seem very probable." A few students said that it is this perception — of candidates proposing improbable campaign ideas year in and year out — that has decreased their faith in student government.

"I think ideas like the Flex-10 meal plan that many candidates offered is a great idea, but in reality, I don't feel that student government has the influence to make that sort of change," freshman Jessica Lau said.

Senior Mary Laski agreed that student government's solid platform as essential in giving students a voice on these promises, which makes me think that they don't have the power to implement change," she said. "One example is if you look at something like the University's ban on hard alcohol and SYBs implemented a few years ago — students were outraged about this sudden change, but the student government lacked the power to do anything about it. I think that incident in particular has weakened faith in the government."

Baron himself acknowledged the overall negative opinion on student government, but he has faith in his ticket's ability to bring things to the table. "I think what students need to realize is that we're not just a government," Baron said. "Our legislation is not binding; we're not sovereign, but instead we function more like a labor union. The only way we can impact policy is if we garner the student voice collectively behind us. I think the frustrations students feel about student government are felt by those in elected roles as well — and actually, those frustrations are magnified at the higher level."

Even with the general negative view of student government, there were some voters who believe this year's winning ticket does have potential for change at the school. Many students said they don't cast their votes for Baron and Shappell because the pair's platform had the most realistic ideas.

For senior Michael McCormick, the dedication to volunteerism is what attracted her to vote for Baron and Shappell.

"That's an important topic, especially at Notre Dame, where so many students are involved in service-related activities," McCormick said. "To address those specific issues shows how in-tune Baron and Shappell are to the things that are important to students here. Plus, service is something that the student government realistically can impact."

April Garcia, another senior, also credited the pragmatic ideas of the Baron-Shappell platform as essential in giving them the win. "Baron and Shappell's ideas were pretty solid and seemed realistic enough to implement," she said, pointing out that Baron and Shappell addressed problems specific to Notre Dame students, such as diversity.

"Diversity is something the University is actively working on from year to year," Garcia said. "The fact that Baron and Shappell gave diversity prominence in their campaign, and that they had specific ideas for diversity improvement is why I voted for them."

With Baron and Shappell set to take office in April, their abilities to keep camp­aign promises and to prove they will carry weight at the University will be key in maintaining a high voter turnout next year. For underclass­men, and freshmen in particular, what this year's elected representatives accom­plish will impact students' voting patterns in the next several years.

Colleen McCaughan, a freshman this year, said she has faith in Baron and Shappell but that next year's results will speak for themselves.

"They got my vote because both candidates came to the door and visited rooms individual­ly before the run-off voted for them," she said. "If (Baron and Shappell) showed that kind of dedication during the voting process, I have faith they will continue to be dedicated to the students now that they've earned their offices. I guess we'll know for sure next year if this is true or not."

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Fire in mosque kills 59 Iranians

Tehran, Iran — A fire raged in a crowded mosque in Tehran during evening prayers Monday after a female worshipper's veil caught the flames of a kevasser heater, killing at least 59 people and injuring more than 250, Iran's official news agency reported.

The fire broke out Sunday night at the Jameh Mosque in Tehran and engulfed the worship area. The exact cause of the fire was not known.

Prime minister candidates emerge

MALBEEB, Iraq — A French-educated finance minister and a former London physician emerged Monday as the top candidates for a future prime minister, as leaders of the clerical-backed Shiite Muslim alliance launched consultations after failing to decide Sunday on a majority in the vote for Iraq's new parliament.

The prominence of urban, moderate, Western-oriented figures appears designed to counter concern in Washington that the Shiites in Baghdad's government-in-exile will favor a hard-line clier.

Mohammed Al-Mahdi, the interim finance minister, and Ibrahim al-Ibari, the interior vice president, were said to be the leading candidates for prime minister.

NATIONAL NEWS

Man indicated for mass suicide plot

KIAMATI, Java — An Oregon man accused of using the Internet to try organizing a mass suicide for Valentine's Day was indicted Monday, while one of his followers kept watch over his house to make sure no one arrived to kill themselves.

Eustace H Kevin Jr, 26, was indicted on one count of solicitation to commit murder and four counts of solicitation to commit manslaughter.

Investigators discovered last week that he had encouraged women to commit suicide as far back as 2000, installing them to die in groups at his home or while participants were all logged onto the Internet at the same time, said Klamath County Sheriff Tim Fonger.

Flu shots for elderly not needed

CHICAGO — A new study based on more than three decades of U.S. data suggests that giving flu shots to the elderly has not saved any lives.

Led by National Institutes of Health researchers, the study challenges standard government dogma and is bound to confuse senior citizens. During last fall’s flu season, the flu killed 45,000 elderly people, thousands of older Americans, bording the government’s public health message, aimed at long living to get their shots.

Is there a sense that we’re all going to die if we don’t get the flu shot,” said the study’s lead author, Lane Simenson, a senior epidemiologist at the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases in Bethesda, Md.

LOCAL NEWS

Romance blossoms even during war

CHICAGO — A romance between two lovers of the U.S. armed services began six months ago during training exercises but has thrived in the battlefield conditions of Iraq.

Sergeant First Class Nicole Jiricle, a medic, when she returned from Iraq a few months ago, was suffering during a two-week summer field exercise at central Indiana’s Camp Atterbury.

They say their relationship has grown since being deployed to Iraq.

LEBANON

Prime minister killed in bombing

Lebanon holds a second round of elections after the March 11 parliamentary vote failed to produce an agreement on new leaders.

The killing of former Prime Minister Rafik Hariri revived fears that the country — nourished after 15 years of civil war — might plunge anew into a period of political violence.

The blast that killed Hariri and nine others came, ironically, in the very downtown district he helped to rebuild. Just blocks from the blast site and its deep crater, tourists have returned in recent years to galler at sidewalks cafes under buildings rebuilt in warm yellow stone.

Whether Beirut can resume its old role as the Paris of the Middle East, however, now seems more uncertain.

Yet the blast Monday and the setback it represents do not mean civil war, not as it was between 1972 and 1990, when religious and sectarian groups fought bitterly.

Instead, the political debate over Syria’s influence that turned ugly on Monday cuts across religious lines. For Syria’s Sunni Muslim, had many allies in the Christian camp.

Still, a small vehicle packed with 1,500 pounds of bomb exploded at the spot where Hariri, an antibombing motorist, was waiting his turn at a flyover.

The United States called the attack “a terrible reminder” that Lebanon still must shake free of occupation by Syria — the neighbor that keeps 15,000 troops here and influences virtually all key political decisions.

Syria denied any role and called the assassination a rumour. Opposition leaders in Lebanon said he held both the Lebanese and Syrian governments responsible and demanded that Syrian troops withdraw.

A U.S. official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said it was too early to know who was responsible, but said any list of suspects “would have to include the Syrians and their surrogates in Lebanon.”

Hariri, 64, left office in October but had the wealth and the prominence to maintain some degree of independence from Damascus while never moving toward total defiance.

His shift toward the opposition in recent months had given a boost to calls for Syrian withdrawal — and his death silenced an influential and moderate voice that could prove hard to replace.

It was unclear if his killing would delay parliamentary elections that had been expected in April and May.

Top government officials met in emergency session, then instructed the army and internal security forces “to take all necessary measures to control the security situation.”

The Supreme Council for Defense, which groups the president, Cabinet ministers and military officials, also declared three days of national mourning.

Later in the day, the army command — announced forces were on maximum alert and that soldiers and officers were being recalled from vacation or leave. It also said troops were setting up checkpoints and patrolling the streets.

The official National News News agency said Hariri’s funeral would be Wednesday in a Beirut mosque.

President Emile Lahoud, a longtime rival of Hariri, called his killing “a dark point in our national history.” He promised the assassins would be brought to justice.

There were no credible claims of responsibility.

A previously unknown group, Support and Jihad in Syria and Lebanon, said in a video broadcast on Al-Jazeera television that it carried out the bombing.

Associated Press

Lebanese women in Beirut grieve outside the hospital where former Prime Minister Rafik Hariri was taken after he was killed by a bomb blast on Monday. The bombing has raised fears of a new cycle of violence in Lebanon.

Bush requests more war funding

WASHINGTON — President Bush asked Congress on Monday to provide $81.9 billion more for wars in Iraq and Afghanistan and for other U.S. efforts overseas, saying the total was needed for the conflicts and anti-terror fight past $300 billion.

Republicans hope to push the plan through Congress by early February, reflecting both parties’ desire to keep US forces in the field and give Iraqis more responsibilities following their national elections.

Bush asked lawmakers to pay for the new spending by borrowing the money — which will make huge federal deficits even larger.

“Two-thirds of this request will ensure that our troops continue to get what they need to protect their selves and complete their mission,” Bush said in a statement accompanying his request.

He also said the money would help continue the pursuit of terrorists and help the United States “ensure the opportunity to build peace and democracy in the Middle East.”

The request was the latest demonstration of how the soaring costs of Iraq and Afghanistan have exceeded the administration’s early characterizations. White House officials decried former Bush economic adviser Lawrence Lindsey’s early estimate of a $100 billion to $200 billion price tag.

About $77 billion of the total was for the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, while about $53 billion was for aid to U.N. allies. Of the total package for the wars, the vast majority — $74.9 billion — was for the Defense Department, with other agencies sharing the rest.

Some $12 billion was requested to replace or repair worn-out and damaged equipment, including $3.4 billion for extra armor for trucks and other protective gear.
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The Vagina Monologues is more powerful than some
shirt that just says "Stop the Violence," Randall said.

Despite the opposition, the resolution still managed to
pass by 11 affirmative votes and five abstentions, meeting the
CLC's requisite two-thirds majority only with the addi­
tion of Istvan's vote.

"I'm really happy that the resolution passed with [some] rector support!" Istvan said, noting the proclamation met
with adequate support even without the presence of two

students at the meeting.

Regarding the continuous discussion of meal plans, Istvan said Father Mark
Poorman, vice president for Student Affairs, had received the "Flex 10" resolution, which
the CLC passed at their last meeting.

"I would expect that we'll get a response to that resolution by our
next meeting on the 28th," Istvan said.

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A judge approved the deal on Wednesday, and the bankruptcy court will confirm it at a later date.

Court cases will continue, but the deals will allow the companies to boost their financial positions. Thanks because many consumers and businesses already are making advance of money-saving alternatives - especially cell phones and Internet-based phone services from cable TV companies like Comcast Corp. and Time Warner Corp. I doubt any of these deals will have an adverse effect on residential customers, said Robert C. Atkinson, director of policy research at the Columbia Institute for Tele-Information in Washington. "With cable companies and wire-language companies, there's plenty of opinions coming. There will be plenty of opportunities to succeed or fail."

The Verizon-MCI and AT&T-SBC deals leave Qwest Communications International Inc., a Denver-based Baby Bell whose stock-based bid was rejected by MCI, isolated in a highly competitive market. Verizon, the country's largest regional phone company, declined to say what will become of the MCI brand. It is a storied name due in part to its role as the first major rival to AT&T's national long-distance monopoly, and then as a legal opponent in the case which led U.S. Judge Harold Greene to order the breakup of the Bell System in 1984. MCI was acquired in 1990 by Bernard Ebbers' WorldCom Inc., which then took over the consumer side of the company's business in 2002. It was then acquired by Sprint Corp. and then by MCI.
Togo

One person killed at strike in capital city

Citizens protest dictator’s son as president

Associated Press

LOME — Police shot and killed one demonstrator Monday as an opposition group long used to repression tried to stage one more against the army’s installation of the late dictator’s son as president.

Pressure from other countries mounted on Togo’s leadership as crowds in the capital blocked roads and intimidated residents to enforce an opposition call for a general strike.

Regional heavyweight Nigeria, which has spearheaded West African demands that Togo reverse the constitution-al changes that were pushed through to make Faure Gnassingbe president, said it would do whatever is needed to ensure peace in the region.

It did not rule out the use of force.

Femi Fani-Kayode, a spokesman for President Olusegun Obasanjo, did not say if Nigeria or any regional group was considering sending troops to Togo, a country of 5.5 million people.

But he warned: “Nigeria has the most disciplined, the most well-equipped and the most cohesive and effective fighting forces in the African continent.”

Fani-Kayode also reiterated a warning to Togo not to harm the sizable Nigerian community in the country.

The 15-nation Economic Community of West African States, or ECOWAS, is expecting a response by the end of Tuesday to its demands that Togo roll back the constitutional changes. ECOWAS spokeswoman Adrienne Diop said from Nigeria.

She said a first stage of sanctions would include a ban on participation in ECOWAS meetings and that ECOWAS could impose trade sanctions.

“Trots are always the last option,” she said.

The United States, Britain, France and the 52-nation African Union, currently headed by Obasanjo, have condemned the constitutional changes.

The killing of the protester Monday took place in the restive neighborhood of Be, an opposition stronghold, where mobs of young people blocked roads and taunted security forces. Togo’s Interior Minister Akila Esso-Boko said police shot the demonstrator as he tried to steal an officer’s gun.

The slaying brought the official death toll to four during three days of protests.

Opposition leaders said security forces killed 11 people Monday. Those claims could not be verified by The Associated Press.

In Be, the streets remained largely deserted and stores were shuttered Monday in response to an opposition strike call and tensions that have grown since President Gnassingbe Eyadema died of a heart attack Feb. 5 after 38 years in power. Central Lome was buzzing by early afternoon, however, with motorcycle taxis cruising and shoppers milling around the market.

Japan

Teen attacks at his former school

17-year-old boy kills teacher with a sashimi knife, wounds two others

Associated Press

TOKYO — A 17-year-old boy armed with a sashimi knife stabbed a teacher to death and wounded two other adults Monday at his former elementary school, then stood in the faculty lounge with a burned-out cigarette and blew whistles, the bloodied body of his victim.

No students were injured in the midafternoon attack, the latest in a series of rampages in Japan involving knives and children.

Police said the teen, who refused to talk after his arrest, used the 8-inch knife usually reserved for cutting raw fish. Such blades are extremely sharp and are normally only accessible to trained chefs.

Terrified teachers watched the boy from the edges of the room where he was found, as he held the knife in one hand and a cigarette in the other, said a police spokesman.

The attack panicked the 600 students and 30 teachers at the public school in Nsyegawo City just outside Daaka in western Japan. TV video showed small children, guided by adults, running from school buildings.

Coffee and Conversation

For Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Questioning Students at Notre Dame

Tuesday, February 15th

7:30 - 9:30 p.m.

316 Coleman-Morse

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5:30 pm

126 DeBartolo Hall

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To all the books I’ve loved before

Around Feb. 14, harried Viewpoint columnists at The Observer begin to hammer out a plethora of columns related to love and Valentine’s Day. Let’s be honest — there’s not much else going on at Notre Dame at this time of year. As an English major and therefore a romantic (who among us ranks is not?), Valentine’s Day has always brought forth ideas from my favorite plays, novels and films.

At all ages, our perception of love is aided by the arts. From a seven-year-old obsession with “The Sound of Music” and the romance between the characters of Julie Andrews and Christopher Plummer to my current undying love for the movie “Annie Hall,” I learned both how to be constant and how to adapt. Practically every day of second grade when I came home from school, I would start “The Sound of Music” where it had left the day before. If that’s not a crash course in fidelity, I don’t know what is. Although I still retain my affection for the film, as I grow older, the quirky sarcasm of Woody Allen grew more and more appealing, showing me that in love, as in life, it’s all right to grow into something new, and perhaps better, yet view the past with a pleasant nostalgia.

How an author defines or captures love has always been fascinating to me, and the dreary South Bend mists left the day before. If that’s not a necessary gift for hope, a crutch — rather than describing yourself as a hopeless romantic, perhaps the term should be hopeful. As I said before, read “Gone with the Wind,” but unlike Scarlett O’Hara, don’t call life, it’s one of the things that makes it all worthwhile.

As Erica Jong once queried, “Do you want me to tell you something really submissive? Love is everything it’s cracked up to be. That’s why people are so cynical about it. It really is worth fighting for, being brave for, risking everything for. And the trouble is, if you don’t risk anything, you risk even more.”

So risk it. Risk love. In literature and in this vast cosmos we call life, it’s one of the things that makes it all worthwhile.

To all the books I’ve loved before.

Katie Boyle

For What It’s Worth

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Video

Protection of free speech

When you think of free speech, what rights come to mind? The core of free speech, should not speech concerning political and social concerns be the most protected? Should not the attempts at censorship on these types of speech alarm the most? A few days ago, the Supreme Court refused to correct reversal of the lower courts that restricted speech aimed at political and social concerns. In many states, people wished to put slogans on their license plates, the type of which they have all seen before. Any interest group, if it could come up with enough signatures, wishes to purchase a license plate, and are willing to pay a fee to offset the cost to the state, then they are engaged in expression in this forum. Slogans such as “End the war in Iraq” or “Save the wildlife are some examples.

Recently, however, Planned Parenthood got a雏在 the necessary signature and paperwork introduced “Choose Life” or “Respect Life” type plates.

First, they demanded that a practice like that is not something similar be allowed, despite the fact they never met the necessary signatures for their project. They could not meet their agenda goals because of a lack of interest or not enough people who signed them for it legally. Seeing this effort fail, they said again to the Supreme Court that the provision would be “view-point discrimination.” Last time I checked, when people choose to express one message instead of another message, it is still viewpoint discrimination, and the Supreme Court said there was no ground to claim viewpoint discrimination. When a government message is printed on a license plate, either the government or not discriminating people are voicing their opinion.

Ironically, Planned Parenthood’s president, Gloria Feldt, said on the issue, “Free speech does mean muzzling opponents of view.” America’s pro-life majority deserves a fair chance to be heard in any venue. If you are unable to collect the necessary signatures for the required shows of interest, a neutral requirement dating long back before the abortion debate entered this venue for expression, you had, and still have, a fair chance. Your message is not being muzzled just because fewer people are interested in proclaiming it. Disabling others to express their respect and love for life is muzzling your opponent’s point of view.

This justification for this censorship ironically came from the First Amendment. There is only one reason such a restriction on judges in our federal courts is willing to spend $100 million to advance their political support for abortion. When they inside-out free speech protection, it is because they have simply gone way too far. We should all take note of this organization that purports to choose individual value as a paramount value, even over it has engaged in censorship of the political and social concern. The Amendment was foremost enacted to protect. Planned Parenthood has also fought against fetal pain notification laws, despite their character. Zogby, an independent pollster, has polled Americans supporting the measure by 76 percent to 18 percent against. As a majority, we currently do less about the horrible pain suffered by a mother being forced into abortion or to prevent pain for livestock. Without delving into the gruesomeness details, one measure we should immediately take is to at least provide the unborn babies with anesthesia so their deaths will not involve excruciating, highly-inhumane pain, and mothers should have the right to know the level of pain involved for the unborn babies.

Brian Noonan
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Feb. 13
The ensemble cast of the hit series "The O.C." poses for a picture to promote the show. The first season of the show is now available on DVD.

By MOLLY GRIFFIN
Senior Critic

Ryan, Seth and crew shine in pop culture phenomenon

If you take the setting of "Beverly Hills '90210," the "teens-using-SAT-calculator-verbosely" dialogue of "Dawson's Creek," the attractiveness of the people in your average Abercrombie ad and the non-stop scandal of a soap opera, you'll end up with a show like "The O.C." The Fox hit manages to combine these seemingly incompatible elements into a highly entertaining, highly addictive show — and "The O.C.: Season One" DVD set offers enough extras and insights to make any obsessive-compulsive "O.C." fan happy.

The show follows 16-year-old Ryan (Benjamin McKenzie), a kid from the wrong side of the tracks with an alcoholic mother and a father who's in jail. After he is arrested as an accomplice to his older brother's car theft, he moves to Newport Beach with his lawyer, Sandy Cohen (Peter Gallagher). Sandy, his wife Kirsten (Also Gabrielle Anwar) and their three adopted children - a daughter, Taylor (Mischa Barton), a rich socialite who is living proof money can't buy happiness and Seth's chum of Summer (Rachel Bilson), the almost-unattainable girl of his dreams. Along with their friends, family, co-workers and fellow students, the four main characters manage to get into a great deal of trouble, which at times can be ridiculous but is, on the whole, extremely entertaining. The show seems to pack in as much scandal, romance and drama as is humanly possible into one hour. Yet it never manages to completely shake free of a solid base in realism. The balance between the ludicrous and the reality that "The O.C." maintains is what draws viewers back week after week.

The set is filled with great extra materials, but its case is flimsy and easily broken. This DVD set, like so many other, is pretty much designed to pack in as much scandal, romance and drama as is humanly possible into one hour. Yet it never manages to completely shake free of a solid base in realism. The balance between the ludicrous and the reality that "The O.C." maintains is what draws viewers back week after week. Yet it never manages to completely shake free of a solid base in realism. The balance between the ludicrous and the reality that "The O.C." maintains is what draws viewers back week after week.

The first six discs of the set include four 44-minute episodes per disc and the seventh DVD includes the final three episodes of the season. The set-up includes a "Play All" feature, language options including subtitles in English, Spanish and French and the obligatory special features. The special features are spread among the seven discs, so there is no one disc that includes all of the bonus material.

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Overall, "The O.C." is a major phenomenon in entertainment, and the DVD set, though weak in spots, proves to be a fitting vehicle for this hugely popular show.

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By CHRIS KEPNER
Senior Critic

"Napoleon Dynamite" is pretty much the best movie ever made. How can anyone argue with that? It just is incredible! And now that it's out on DVD one would have to be an idiot not to buy it.

If anyone uses these euphemisms around campus lately, don't be surprised. They are a staple for the title character in "Napoleon Dynamite" and add a certain charm to this hilarious film.

It all started as a student film called "Pulsera," written and directed by Jared Hess in 2002. Recognizing the potential of this big idea, he pitched it to his friend, the film's lead and co-director, Jerusha Hess, who wrote the script expanding the concept into a feature-length film. Supposedly by coincidence, Napoleon Dynamite was the pseudonym that Elvis Costello used on his 1986 album "Blood and Chocolate."

Seriously though, anyone who hasn't seen this film really needs to. It will at least explain the one-liners that have become shooting incessantly around campus.

What can be said about "Napoleon Dynamite"? The title character, played by Jon Heder, is classic. He's a high school kid going through awkwardness' awkward stage. He draws unicorns and lizards, which are probably his favorite animal. It's a lion and a tiger mixed, bred for its skills in magic. Napoleon wishes he had some skills other than computer hacking skills, charm to this hilarious film.

Napoleon's older brother Kip (Aaron Ruell) chats online with babes all day. He considers joining a dojo called Rex-Kwon-Do, where he'll learn to fight with the strength of a grizzly, the reflexes of a puma and the wisdom of a man. Eventually he helps his Uncle Rico (Jon Gries) sell Tupperware knock-offs door-to-door instead.

Napoleon and Kip (who, by the way, is 30 years old) live in rural Idaho with their grandma, who keeps a horse and a pet llama named Tina. See where this film is going yet? It's completely absurd but undeniably funny. The Hess brothers fashion a nice little plot that moves at a very relaxed pace, allowing subtle humor to thrive along the way to a very uplifting ending.

One caution is the added wedding scene after the credits. The Hess brothers made this film independently, and Fox Searchlight bought it at the 2004 Sundance Film Festival, later partnering with Paramount Pictures and MTV Films to distribute it. Now, what usually happens time and time again when independent films go corporate? They're changed and often ruined! Granted, it could have been a great deal worse for "Napoleon Dynamite." The corporate meddling has been confined mostly to the promotional spots and the wedding scene, which ended up costing about half of what the entire film cost. And it's terrible! Its grotesque-ly bromidic Hollywoodification should infuriate fans of the actual film. Luckily, all you have to do is stop the DVD before this scene starts and you'll have a brilliant, original and hilarious film. The DVD includes a very entertaining commentar disk as well as the original short film, "Pulsera.""
MOVIE REVIEWS

Smith's comedic talent shines in fresh film

By EMILY IAROCCHI
Scene Critic

Will Smith is best known for his light-hearted comedic style in film and television. While he is capable of versatility, comedy is certainly his forte. "Hitch," the feature-length installment of Smith's comedic film roles, all the hype preceding the release of this film is well deserved, which is rare these days in Hollywood. Movies that are greatly anticipated generally fall short of their ambitions. "Hitch" proves to be an exception to the rule.

In this film, Smith combines his comedic talent with that of Kevin James, the lead character in the television show, "The King of Queens." "Hitch" grabs the audience's attention right from the beginning and does not lose it at any point. The two actors, along with Amber Valletta, an heiress (Amber Valetta), an heiress (Amber Valetta), Virginia Madsen, and Nathan Lee Graham, who is desperately in love with Allegra (Amber Valetta), an heiress with her own foundation out of her ears. Albert hires Hitch to help him woo her. On his own, Albert feels completely unromantic and certainly doesn't have the confidence to make himself noticeable, much less to ask her out. Albert is an alcoholic loser and suddenly decides to get her to notice him. Allegra does indeed become interested in Albert.

While Hitch is helping Albert win over the woman of his dreams, he finds his own in the film's narrative. On his first encounter with Sara, played by Mendes, Hitch goes out of his way to catch her attention. When they actually start going on dates, however, Hitch becomes just like every man that he helps — anything but smooth and suddenly awkward.

The real comedic value of this movie comes from the disastrous events that occur for the two leading men as they date their dream women. Along the way, Hitch learns it is often those disastrous events and clumsy moments that make men more endearing to women and help them figure out if they do love the man they are dating.

The screenplay for "Hitch" is hilarious and first-time screenplay writer Kevin Bisch deserves praise for his successful foray into screenwriting. Director Andy Tennant, who has directed such films as "Sweet Home Alabama," "Fools Rush In" and "Ever After," did a great job working with the actors and creating seemingly perfect comedic scenes that leave the audience in stitches.

Finally, the actors and actresses chosen for this film could not possibly have filled their roles any better, and the character development makes watching "Hitch" very enjoyable. If you are in the mood to laugh and watch a couple of men make fools out of themselves for the women they love, the movie to see this month is "Hitch."

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Acclaimed dramatic comedy lives up to expectations

By BRIAN DOXTADER
Scene Critic

It's difficult to go into a film like "Sideways," without any expectations. The most acclaimed film of 2004 is already experiencing backlash, to the extent that the Times' A.O. Scott declared it the most overrated picture of the year. But the truth is, Hitch makes a perfect film for director Alexander Payne's latest — and best — film is completely warranted. "Sideways" is his most fully realized, sensitive film to date and a great character study of mid-life angst.

The plot revolves around failure author Miles Raymon (Paul Giannatti), who takes his best friend Jack Lapate (Thomas Haden Church) on a road trip through California wine country in the hopes of making a comeback. Along the way, they end up meeting Maya (Virginia Madsen) and Stephanie (Sandra Oh), which leads to many unexpected events. This simple plot forms the framework around which Payne and his crew work to bring the film's characters and their middle-age sense of failure. In effect, it is the kind of buddy-road movie that turns its conventions inside out.

Giannatti was unfairly robbed of an Academy Award nomination for "Sideways." He balances the "divorced alcoholic loser" aspect of his character with the more sympathetic facet of Miles as a sensitive, struggling author. It's a difficult role, and Giannatti plays it perfectly — the audience is able to identify with a writer who really isn't a nice guy, but who is self-aware of his personality flaws. Church gets the flashier role as Jack, but manages to keep the character grounded. Madsen is an Oscar frontrunner for her role as "Sideways." Miles' love interest, Maya, and it's easy to see why. Her character provides the heart for this plot, especially in a phenomenal monologue about how she became a wine connoisseur.

"Sideways" is a film of simple pleasures. It is an often funny, often uncomfortable comedy/drama that reveals itself slowly. It is witty, poignant and carries a surprising amount of emotional weight. The film is small and intimate and the audience comes to be attached to the characters. Everything works in this film — the acting, the directing, the scriptwriting and the wonderful cinematography. It is a well-written and skillfully directed by Payne, who realizes that the characters drive the film and allows the actors enough room to play their parts. It is hard to judge a film like "Sideways" precisely because there doesn't appear to be anything wrong with it. First impressions indicate it is a very good film, but not quite a masterpiece. Although it is a very good film, its longevity seems to be in question. It is really hard to tell whether or not a film like "Sideways" is a classic for all time.

Perhaps this is because the film is so small and intimate. It doesn't leave the audience with the feeling of having been blown away by a modern classic. Instead, it is like the fine wines in the film that Miles critiques — only upon close examination and careful perception does it distinguish itself. Once it does, however, audiences realize they are watching a modern classic, a minor masterpiece that reveals itself as one of the best pictures of the year.

Go into it with an open mind, devoid of expectations and allow yourself to be blown away in the zooey, wine-soaked world Payne and Giannatti have created.

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NBA

Iverson drops 38 as Philadelphia tops New York 106-105

Amare Stoudamire scores 42 points to lead Suns to victory in high scoring, 136-128 contest against the Jazz

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA—Allen Iverson made a nifty pass to Marc Jackson for the winning layup with one second left, and the Philadelphia 76ers moved back to .500 and into a tie for first place in the Atlantic Division with a 106-105 victory over the New York Knicks on Monday night.

Iverson was tapped on the baseline when he found Jackson charging through the lane. The All-Star guard fired a perfect pass to Jackson, who scored from the right side.

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Associated Press

LUBBOCK, Texas—Darryl Dora hit a 3-pointer with 3.6 seconds remaining in the second overtime to give Texas Tech an 86-79 victory over No. 2 Kansas on Monday night, the Jayhawks' first conference loss this season.

A desperation shot by Aaron Miles bounced off the backboard as the buzzer sounded and the fans flooded the court and began to chant "Hobby, Bobby," for coach Bob Knight, who beat Kansas for the first time in his four seasons at Texas Tech.

Keith Langford scored all five points in the second overtime for the Jayhawks (20-2, 10-1 Big 12).

The 6-foot-9 Dora, who had missed his four 3-point attempts, got the chance to take the game-winner for the Red Raiders (16-6, 8-3) when Kansas' Aaron Miles was called for traveling with 7.9 seconds left after grabbing the rebound of a missed shot by Jarrius Jackson.

Kansas forced the overtime when Langford scored on a drive with 4.1 seconds left to tie it at 69.

The Jayhawks went the game to a second overtime when Christian Moody tipped in a missed layup by Wayne Simien with 1 second to play to tie it at 74.

Martin Zeno led Texas Tech with 24 points, while Ronald Ross had 21 points and 11 rebounds.

Langford led the Jayhawks with 24 points and Simien added 20 points and 13 rebounds.

No. 17 Pittsburgh 68, No. 9 Syracuse 64

Gerry McNamara had the game in his hands, and Carl Krauser took it back.

Just 22 seconds after McNamara's 3-point attempt from the right corner went in and out with Syracuse trailing Pittsburgh by a point with just over a minute left, Krauser drained a long 3 from the top of the key to send the 17th-ranked Panthers to a victory over the ninth-ranked Orange.

"It was one of those games you just want everything to go right in crunch time," said Krauser, who hit three 3-pointers in the final 6:33 to lead Pitt back from an eight-point deficit. "I was real happy that things did go right because we battled back from hard adversity being here in the Carrier Dome. Honestly, I didn't even know where I was when I shot the ball."

Pittsburgh (18-4, 8-3 Big East) won for the sixth time in seven games and completed a season sweep of the Orange (22-4, 9-3), who were coming off their best game of the season, a 90-75 win at No. 25 Villanova on Saturday.

In their first meeting just over two weeks ago, Syracuse raced to a 22-5 lead midway through the first half and seemed poised for a lopsided road victory. Krauser had other ideas. Held scoreless for 23 minutes, he scored 19 points in the second half and the Panthers won 76-69.

This comeback was even more impressive because it came very late and in the not-so-friendly confines of the Carrier Dome, where Syracuse has been nearly invincible in the past year.

Connecticut broke the Orange's 16-game home winning streak a week ago and Pitt made it two straight.

"If I make that shot, we're in pretty good shape," said McNamara, who had 16 points and 10 assists but missed 10 3-point attempts. "We shouldn't be losing these games at home. We're supposed to win them. It shouldn't have come down to the end. We should have put them away. I guess it wasn't meant to be."
Jose Trevino-Duer won the short on solid performances. Sprinters and hurdlers to send everyone up for this sending only a few runners to week, and we didn't want to better known for his exploits in Ontario, where Notre Dame competed against the University of Detroit, the University of Windsor, Western Ontario, the University of Guelph and York University. Assistant coach Tim Connolly explained the reason behind sending only a few runners to the meet. "The conference meet is next week, and we didn't want to send everyone up for just the Big East meet this season." Nurudeen and Geoff Bennett provided a similar 1-2 punch in the 60-meter hurdles. Nurudeen won the race in 7.96 seconds, while Bennett finishing in 8.24 seconds. With his Big East qualifying time, Nurudeen will now look to win the Big East 60-meter hurdles championship for the second year in a row. Last year, Nurudeen ran a time of 7.70 seconds to claim the title. "We had some pretty good performances up there on the smaller track, and that's encouraging," Connolly said.

Despite the low number of performers, the Irish were not short on solid performances. Trevor McClain-Duer won the 600-meters in 1 minute, 20.79 seconds. Dwight Ellick, perhaps better known for his exploits in the Irish football team's second-
Fowler will be first black owner

Businessman plans to buy Vikings in deal worth $625 million

Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Arizona businessman Reggie Fowler agreed to buy the Minnesota Vikings in a deal that would make him the NFL's first black owner.

Fowler declined to say how much he would pay for the team. Published reports and a rival bidder, Timberwolves owner Glen Taylor, put the price at about $625 million.

Owner Red McCombs had the team on the block since 2002. Taylor had offered about $600 million, though some of that money was contingent on a new stadium being built. If the league approves the deal, McCombs will make a huge profit — he paid $246 million for the team in 1998.

Asked about becoming the league's first black owner, Fowler said Monday in a seeming contradiction that he thought it was "a great thing" and not that big a thing. He said race didn't figure in negotiations with McCombs.

"He didn't discount the price because of that," Fowler said, laughing.

NFL owners are to meet March 20-23 in Hawaii. League rules require 24 of the 32 owners to approve a sale. The NFL also mandates that a general partner must put down 30 percent of the cash portion of any franchise purchase.

The league said Fowler met Saturday with commissioner Paul Tagliabue and will meet with the league's finance committee in Florida on March 9-10. The committee's report will then go to all the owners, who could vote during the Hawaii meetings.

Fowler's ownership group — he said he had three limited partners — faces the same problem that McCombs did: the Metrodome doesn't generate as much revenue as other NFL stadiums.

Fowler brushed aside questions about pressing for a new stadium and rejected any thought of moving the team.

"We want to focus today on just acquiring the team," he said at a news conference.

Fowler's ownership group faces the same problem that McCombs did: The Metrodome doesn't generate as much revenue as other NFL stadiums. Opposition to a publicly-funded stadium has been strong, and with the Vikings' Metrodome lease running through 2011, the Minnesota Twins and University of Minnesota football team are thought to be higher priorities with the Legislature.

State Senate Majority Leader Dean Johnson said Monday that Taylor, a former state legislator, would have had a better shot at money for a stadium.

"Fowler would have to start in first grade," Johnson said before the deal was announced.

Fowler is a former University of Wyoming football player. He now owns Spiral Inc., a company that supplies grocery stores with bags, cups, containers, labels and janitorial supplies.

The Arizona Republic reported Saturday that Fowler's personal net worth is estimated at more than $400 million — far less than Taylor's $1.9 billion.

Garcia released after one season

Quarterback never really fit into the system in Cleveland

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Quarterback Jeff Garcia was released Monday by the Cleveland Browns, who cut ties with the three-time Pro Bowler after four years.

Garcia signed a four-year, $25 million free-agent contract with the Browns last March after spending five seasons with the San Francisco 49ers. But almost from the time Garcia arrived in Cleveland, there were problems.

In 10 starts for Cleveland, Garcia completed 144 of 253 passes, with 1,731 yards, 10 touchdowns and nine interceptions. Even before the preseason, he criticized former coach Butch Davis' offense and never really fit into Davis' system.

Garcia's release— league rules prevent it from becoming official until Feb. 21 — comes after he was benched in the aftermath of a 4-12 season by the Browns, who last week hired Romeo Crennel, New England's former defensive coordinator, as their coach.

On Sunday, Crennel named Maurice Carthon his offensive coordinator and the two didn't waste any time coming to an agreement on their first personnel move, deciding that Garcia didn't fit into their plans.

Garcia is likely to be one of a number of veteran quarterbacks on the market this spring.

Two-time MVP Kurt Warner, who signed with the New York Giants last spring to help mentor Eli Manning, has asked to be released after losing his job to Manning after a slow start.

Buffalo also could release Drew Bledsoe, a longtime starter with the Bills and Patriots.

Davis, who resigned on Nov. 30 with five games left in the season, brought in Garcia thinking he was the answer to their problems at quarterback. But Garcia never seemed to click with teammates and admitted to having a hard time adjusting to Cleveland's cold weather after spending his entire life in Northern California.

During the exhibition season, the 34-year-old complained that he wasn't getting enough playing time and that he was having trouble adjusting to a new team and a new offense. Garcia made things worse by criticizing former Browns coach Butch Davis during Davis' NFL debut.

Defensive coordinator Terry Robiskie, complaining that they weren't getting the most out of him, asked for his release.

At one point, Davis called Garcia "skidish" in the pocket, a comment that angered the quarterback and apparently split the rift between them.

After raffling the Browns' Batch 1, Garcia threw three interceptions the next week in a loss at Dallas and recorded a 0.0 quarterback rating — only the fifth NFL quarterback since 1970 to do so.

Garcia's season was also hampered by injuries. He strained his shoulder on a sack against the San Jose 49ers on Nov. 21 and tore a knee ligament on Dec. 12 in Buffalo.

Off-season distractions further strained Garcia's relationship with the Browns and Cleveland fans. Garcia had been involved in a trial for his girlfriend, a Playboy Playmate, who was accused of kicking and punching one of Garcia's ex-girlfriend's friends during a fight at a downtown nightclub.

With Garcia gone, the Browns still have to sign free agent Kelly Holcomb or trade for a veteran quarterback. The team also has the No. 3 pick in April's NFL draft, though it is unlikely they would want to start over with a rookie qb.

Meanwhile, Bobiskie, who went 1-4 as Cleveland's interim coach after Davis quit, will stay with the Browns as defensive coordinator. That was his position for three seasons before being named offensive coordinator last year.

Crennel also added interim Jeff Davidson his offensive line coach will retain Jerry Rosburg as Cleveland's special teams coach. Davidson has spent the past eight seasons with New England. Rosburg has been with the Browns since 2001.
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Denver at Atlanta, 8:30 p.m., Altitude

NHL owners, players fail to save season

NEW YORK — With no miracle save in sight and a weekend deadline long gone, the NHL made plans for a news conference Tuesday to cancel what little remained of a season already decimated by a lockout.

A public relations executive, speaking on condition of anonymity, told The Associated Press that planning was under way Monday for NHL commissioner Gary Bettman to make the announcement at a news conference in New York.

The Canadian Press, citing an unidentified source, said Bettman will cancel the season at the news conference.

The NHL would become the first major professional league in North America to cancel an entire season because of a labor dispute. This would mark the first time the Stanley Cup was not awarded since a flu epidemic canceled the finals in 1919.

Asked about The Canadian Press report, NHL spokesman Frank Brown said the league had no immediate comment.

After vowing not to reach out to each other after two days of talks broke off Thursday, the sides met Sunday at the request of a high-ranking federal mediator. Neither Bettman nor players' association executive director Bob Goodenow attended.

But that round of talks in Washington was also unsuccessful, with both sides saying that no progress was made.

Neither side has been willing to budge on the salary-cap issue — the NHL has said it is necessary in any new deal, and the players' association has routed it as a weapon.

NHL chief legal officer Bill Daly was joined Sunday at the five-hour meeting by outside counsel Bob Buttermann, with players' association senior director Ted Saskin and outside counsel John McCambridge on the other side.

The sides were assisted by mediators twice before, as recently as a Feb. 2 negotiating session in Newark, N.J. Sunday's meeting was requested by Scott B. Beckenbaugh, the acting director of the U.S. Federal Mediation & Conciliation Service.

Neither side thought mediation would help end the stalemate that has lasted five months. The lockout reached its 152nd day Monday, a day after the NHL was to hold its All-Star game in Atlanta.

IN BRIEF

Santana agrees to contract after record season

MINNEAPOLIS — AL Cy Young Award winner Johan Santana and the Minnesota Twins agreed Monday to a four-year contract.

The 25-year-old left-hander, who had been scheduled for a salary arbitration hearing Tuesday, led the league with a 2.61 ERA and 265 strikeouts last season. He became the first Venezuelan to win the Cy Young and the first unanimous winner in the AL since Pedro Martinez in 2000.

He set a Twins record by winning 13 consecutive games and didn't lose in 15 starts after the All-Star break, going 13-0 with a 1.21 ERA to help Minnesota win its third straight AL Central division title.

Santana, who would have been eligible for free agency after the 2006 season, had asked for a raise from $1.6 million to $6.8 million and had been offered $5 million by the Twins.
Women's ice hockey tops Michigan State
Figure skating takes fourth place in Bowling Green Invitational Saturday and Sunday

The Irish dominated the novice flat with Kristen LaSota and Britanny Gragg each taking first in their novice flat classes. Catherine Linn placed second, Marta Ascardi and Megan Murphy both finished third, with Fiscal in fourth and Katie Ryan in fifth completing the scoring in the event.

The Irish completed the show with strong efforts in two events. Heather LaDue's second, Katy Booth's third, Laura Hale's fourth and Caitlin Mahan's sixth dominated the advanced walk/trot/canter. In walk/trot, Nicole Gonsalves took third.

In Sunday's action at Purdue, Claire Freeman placed second in open fences, with Katie Kuczak sixth.

In intermediate fences, Andrea Oliverio's third and Molly Schmieg's fourth were top Irish finishes.

Allie Montana captured first place in intermediate flat, while teammates Oliverio, Marina Cardona and Schmieg finished second, fifth and sixth respectively. Mary Dorgan and Hayden Flavel gave the Irish a first-second finish in novice fences.

For a full recap of the weekend, see the Irish Observer's sports section.

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Carrie Drew, top, is one of the nation's best defenders. Rebecca Mendoza, bottom, will join Drew next fall at Notre Dame.

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rings stuck out on his right hand that held a cup of coffee.
"Usually the change is made because expectations weren't met. So, when the [players] are winning to the administration well, 'You let the head coach go,' I said. 'We'll fallas, if you weren't 6-0 they wouldn't have let the head coach go.'"

In his first interactions with the Notre Dame campus, Weis entertained the crowd with a combination of his humor and a non-nonsense attitude that he first introduced when he was hired Dec. 12.

"It's easy as the student body to say 'This is what we're looking for,' but here's what we can tell you," Weis said. "I've never been in a program that's lost. I'm 48 years old. I've never been in a program that's lost. Everywhere I've been, we've won. It hasn't been because of me, but I've been part of the reason we've won."

Weis briefly talked about his past coaching experiences for the Super Bowl champion New England Patriots. Weis also said he only really wanted two other jobs besides the one at Notre Dame — the head coaching job of the New York Giants, for which he interviewed last year and didn't get, and the head coaching job at South Carolina, where he coached previously.

"There were only a couple jobs in this country that I really coveted," he said. "When I didn't get the Giants head coaching job, that kind of crushed me at the time."

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home. The team is 9-1 at the visitor's arena and 13-2 inside the Joyce Center.

"I really think it is maturity. Our upperclassmen have just done a heck of a job all year long of letting the underclassmen know that this is how it's supposed to go," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. "They've set the tone in every game and the underclassmen have just followed their lead. I'm really proud of our leadership this year."

Notre Dame is on a season-high nine-game winning streak, which began with an 86-69 victory against Purdue Jan. 16. The Irish, now 22-

3 and 10-2 in the Big East, hold a half-game advantage on first place in the Big East standings over Connecticut and Rutgers, who are both 9-2.

McGraw has regularly used an eight-player rotation and usually starts Megan Duffy, Jacqueline Batteast, Taire Allen, Brooke Gray and either Crystal Erwin or Courtney LaVere. Freshmen Charel Allen and Tyalah Gaines come off the bench for significant minutes as well.

But the Irish start and end with Batteast. The All-American picked up her fourth Big East player of the week award this season for averaging 21.5 points, nine rebounds and 4.5 assists in Notre Dame's wins against Providence and Georgetown last week. She had 23 points and 10 rebounds against the Friars and followed that performance with 20 points and eight boards against the Hoyas.

Against Georgetown, Batteast also passed Alicia Ratay for fourth on the all-time scoring list. Following the game, she said the team is much more confident this season than a year ago, especially on the road.

"I think we're not as intimidated as we were last year," she said. "We're just coming in and treating each trip more business-like and just trying to go take care of business and do what we practiced — trying to get rebounds and trying to take care of the ball."

Notre Dame faces three road tests, including the Boston College and Rutgers games, in its next four matchups. The Irish have next week off before facing West Virginia in the home finale Feb. 26 and Seton Hall in New Jersey March 1.

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Allen hasn't just earned playing time — she's made the most of it. Heading into Sunday's matchup against Boston College, the freshman has played in all 25 games and averages 24.7 minutes per contest. She posts 8.1 points and 4.5 rebounds per game, good for fourth and third on the team, respectively. After averaging 12.5 points and four rebounds in two Notre Dame victories the week of Feb. 2, she received Big East Freshman of the Week honors — the first Irish player to accomplish such a feat since Courtney LaVere did during the 2002-03 season.

Allen's production doesn't stop at points and rebounds, either. Despite having a slim build, she frequently bumps her way around the paint for a loose ball or ends up on the floor after diving for a steal.

"I just try to get back up," she said. "I'm little, and I know I'm going to get hit, but I just try to brush it off."

Allen's thin frame has even earned her a nickname — "chicken."

"Crystal [Erwin] gave me that nickname. She says my legs are really little. At first I didn't like it, and I don't like it still," Allen said. "Coach doesn't like it either. I'm going to try and get them back to saying 'Charel.'"

After such an impressive start to her Notre Dame career, Allen has already drawn comparisons to another Irish great — teammate and all-American, Jacqueline Batteast. Batteast agrees with the resemblance.

"She reminds me of me in a way," Batteast said. "I was a skinny little kid, too. People underestimate her and she comes in and she shocks a lot of people. I don't think she scored 3,000 points in high school by accident."

Allen said she's made the most of playing beside Notre Dame's fourth all-time leading scorer. Jackie — just look at her. You could learn a whole bunch from her by just watching her," Allen said. "At practice she's working hard all the time. When you're around her, you pick up little things she does.

In three years, a new freshman may be saying the same thing about Allen.

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Panel Discussion

V-Day and The Vagina Monologues at Notre Dame: Contextualizing the Controversy

with

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Charles Schulz

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Tuesday, February 15, 2005

ACROSS
1. Philosophical
William of_______
2. Kid around with
3. Kosher
4. Amount left after expenses
5. "Naughty you"
6. "Good buddy"
7. All smiles
8. "Guppies" party
9. "Elephant Boy" boy
10. "Crooks"
11. "Circus"
12. "Good buy"
13. Home (out)
14. In alignment
15. "Cape Cod Yellow"
16. "Post Ponds"
17. "Poetry Muse"
19. "Part of a Fifth Ave.: Address"
20. "A bit stupid"
21. "Fathers house"
22. "Acting out of a mood"
23. "Cheese in a ball"
24. "London or Lisbon"
25. "Sharp left or right"
26. "Shootout"
27. "Hatchling's"
28. "House of Sherry, say" 15 wheel shaft
29. "Feted with a home portrayer"
30. "Bugs"
31. "Loathe"
32. "Houlihan"
33. "One of the Mambo king films"
34. "Good buy"
35. "Jaded team"
36. "Ready to turn in "Steenwepen"
37. "VTV hosts, briefly"
38. "Mother-of-pearl source"
39. "Hoster's grub"
40. "In a cranky mood"
41. "And Milano Mi.
42. "Not spoken"
43. "Prepared to shoot in a shootout"
44. "Bo Jackson, Ben Stiller"

DOWN
1. "Circum in form"
2. Acting out of a phase
3. London or Lisbon
4. Sound boosters
5. Mob figure
6. Lansky
7. Sharp left or right
8. Yoked team
9. "Ready to turn in "Steenwepen"
10. TV hosts, briefly
11. Mother-of-pearl source
12. Hosters grub
13. In a cranky mood
15. "Not spoken"
16. "Prepared to shoot in a shootout"

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Football

Good morning, coach Weis

New Irish football coach speaks to students at 6 a.m.

By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN
Sports Editor

To start his first full day on the job, new Notre Dame football coach Charlie Weis received a standing ovation seven months before even stepping on the football field.

Weis met with Notre Dame students at 6 a.m. Monday in the Joyce Center to talk about his aspirations for the football program.

"Everything for me is Notre Dame," Weis, who comes to Notre Dame full-time after winning the Super Bowl Feb. 6 as the offensive coordinator for the New England Patriots, told the group of students gathered in the Joyce Center.

"There, and in New England we have the same mindset. Energies are here."

Weis briefly touched on the coaching change, saying the only reason former coach and current Washington head coach Tyrone Willingham was fired was because he didn't win.

"Anytime there's a change, there's a chance for a reason," Weis said as one of his gaudy Super Bowl rings he received a standing ovation.

Top, new Notre Dame football coach Charlie Weis speaks to about 200 Notre Dame students. At left, Weis talks to students Monday morning about his plans for football.

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ND Women's Soccer

Team inks four top recruits

By DAN TAPETTILLO
Sports Writer

After winning the national title just two months ago, the Irish have announced four outstanding national letter-of-intent signees.

These players will join an experienced and talented team, as the Irish lost only starting center Melissa Tancredi and Gudrun Gunnarsdottir to graduation.

This recruiting class is comprised of three national-team players, including midfielder Brittany Bock, who was recently rated by womensworldfootball.com as the world's top female soccer player for her age group.

Bock is currently completing her senior season at Neuqua Valley High School after not playing high school soccer her four top recruits.

ND Women's Basketball

Flying into the Eagles' nest

No. 5 Irish try to maintain conference lead against No. 19 Boston College

By JOE HETTLER
Sports Writer

The first time Notre Dame and Boston College matched up — two weeks ago in a game the Irish won 64-57 in South Bend — the Eagles lost leading scorer and 3-point shooter Jessalyn Deveny to a ruptured Achilles tendon early in the first half.

Boston College hasn't been the same since.

After Deveny went down, the Eagles dropped their next three games before beating Syracuse 75-56 Feb. 12.

In the victory, Boston College had four players score in double figures, including forward Brooke Queenan, who had 16 points. Queenan has stepped into a starring role for the injured Deveny, and the junior is averaging more than 11 points per contest.

Meanwhile, the Irish begin a tough two-game road stretch against the Eagles and Rutgers on Saturday. Unlike last season when Notre Dame struggled away from the Joyce Center, going just 5-8, the 2004-05 Irish have posted a better road mark than last season when Notre Dame struggled away from the Joyce Center, going just 5-8, the 2004-05 Irish have posted a better road mark than

Freshman guard Allen has exceeded expectations in her first year for ND

By JOE HETTLER
Sports Writer

Muffett McGraw had concerns about freshman guard Charel Allen handling the pressure of big-time college basketball earlier this season.

"I'm not going to worry about her anymore," McGraw said. "I was worried about her going to Connecticut and playing in front of that huge crowd. I was worried about her in big games and all that. But now I haven't had any worries."

Allen, who was Pennsylvania's player of the year twice during high school and scored more than 3,000 points during her career, has been a spark for No. 5 Notre Dame all season off the bench. She routinely ignites the Joyce Center crowd with her athleticism and all-out play and has been a crucial component of the 22-3 Irish.

"I figured coming into the season I could step up and try to work hard for a position," Allen said. "I thought, 'go out and do your best and you might get playing time.'"